

GREAT INTEREST TAKEN IN PUBLIC SCHOOL EXERCISES

Mercadel Class Will Dance For Benefit of Women's Fair Building

GRADUATES OF COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATTRACT LARGE CROWD TO COMMENCEMENT

Class President Clifton Keen, Valedictorian Bonnie Moses, Essayists Myrtle Sharp and Wynne Nourse, All Make a Showing That Reflects Credit Upon the Faculty.

HON. DELOS R. JOHNSON ADDRESSES THE GRADUATES WITH SOME EXCELLENT ADVICE

More Flowers Sent to Reward the Efforts of the Young Speakers Than They Could Carry Without Help. It Was an Occasion of, By and For the Graduates.

The large auditorium of the Covington school building was crowded to overflowing Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Tuesday night the exercises were devoted to the primary and grammar grades; Wednesday night, the high school graduating class. The stage was beautifully decorated with green foliage, Easter lilies, magnolias, potted plants and class colors.

PRIMARY AND GRAMMAR GRADES

Third Grade—Playlet, "Valedictory," by Frank Ellis, William Reeder, Mildred Ward, Frederick Sheffield. First Grade—Song, "Mother Goose Rhymes," by the class. Second grade—Dialogue, "Three Little Mothers," by Catharine Burns, Dorothy Brown, Irene Reeder. Fourth Grade—"A Doll Lullaby," by Alice Brooks, Sophie Segond, Dorris Sheffield, Inez Del Corral, Mariette Aouelle, Elvira Boes, Mary Champagne, Vera Pechon, Augustine Blow, Isabella Dutsch, Adrian Loyd, Ethel Jones, Josephine LeBlanc, Mamie Claude Denman. Fifth grade—Flowery Drill, by the class. Second grade song, "Eye Be Land," by the class. Sixth grade—Playlet, "Tom Sawyer," by Edward Del Corral, Earl LeBlanc, John Wadsworth. Fourth grade—Song, "Pickaninny Babe," by Alice Brooks, Sophie Segond, Dorris Sheffield, Inez Del Corral, Mariette Aouelle, Elvira Boes, Mary Champagne, Augustine Blow, Isabella Dutsch, Adrian Loyd, Ethel Jones, Josephine LeBlanc, Mamie Claude Denman, with James Bradley as the mammy. Fifth grade—"Our Examination Day," by the class. Alma Heintz teacher; Isobel Del Corral visitor, Edward LeBlanc had boy. Fourth grade—Recitation, "Corporal Punishment," by Ethel Dossat.

Seventh Grade Graduating Class. Class History, by Clio Clark; presentation of a pin to Miss Lucille Wilbur, for furnishing the music—Marshall Brown.

Presentation of Certificates by President N. H. FitzSimons of the School Board, to the following members of the class graduating to the High School:

Grammar School Graduates. Eddie Quayle, Joseph Ostendorf, Laura Perrand, Cleo Clark, Margaret Burns, Mollie Cooper, Thelma Quave, Dorothy Montgomery, William Ellis, Katie Seltzer, Aline Kennedy, Erub Brumfield, John Favaron, Jonas Hatch, Adolphine Frederick, Louise Meeker, Claudia LeBlanc, Marshall Brown, Elton Ranson, James Clann.

Commencement Exercises of High School Senior Class. The interest taken in the High School commencement exercises was greater than has ever been shown before, and the papers read have never been of a higher order. Several of the graduates were out-of-town pupils, which in an important fact, considering the usefulness of the school not as confined to Covington, but as an institution that is available to parish students who may find opportunity to attend. Clifton Keen, class president, who read an interesting address, lives near Abits Springs. He has made daily walks of quite a distance in order to catch the electric car to Covington, and the creditable showing he has made has won the appreciation of his faculty and class mates, and indicates how important it is that the school should remain an accredited school with nine months term, so that such pupils may have an opportunity to enter college without further preparation.

The essays of Miss Myrtle Sharp and Wynne Nourse were most excellent papers and won the applause of the audience. Miss Sharp was unable to gather in her arms the flowers that were showered upon her. Miss Bonnie Moses, the valedictorian, received her paper from memory, with an uninterrupted smoothness that was remarkable. The excellence of her valediction, her presence and delivery was an accomplishment of which she may well be proud. She was the winner of the scholarship at the State University having an average of 96 1/2, the highest for the year. We publish this paper in full, as follows:

VALEDICTORY.

When the greatest German poet and philosopher of the nineteenth century was on his death bed he looked up at the tear-stained faces of his loved ones surrounding him and with his last breath, loud enough for those nearest to him to hear, he spoke the two words so full of meaning and significance which we have chosen for our motto on our departure from our first alma mater—More Light.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Gabe's Tavern the Scene of Witty Sayings and Appropriate Toasts.

ADDRESSES MADE BY VARIOUS MEMBERS

Class Colors and Pennants Add Brightness and Loyalty to Scene.

The first annual banquet of the Covington High School Alumni Association, which took place at Gabe's Tavern Monday night, May 22, speaks a greater future interest in high school work and a closer binding of the friendships and associations of the alumni.

The dining room was beautifully decorated with pennants and blue and white colors of the school, and the atmosphere was full of the joviality and good spirits that make such occasions pleasant to the memory.

Whittaker Riggs, Jr., was master of ceremonies, and as toastmaster kept the graduates busy with responsive remarks that enlivened the evening and awakened a loyal feeling of comradeship.

When the excellent supper had been enjoyed to the fullest, and the appetite no longer responded to the temptation to take just another bite addressers were in order and Whitaker Riggs gave a cordial welcome to the "Class of 1916."

James Seymour wittily discussed "Why I'm Glad I'm Senior." Clifton Keen, in behalf of the class of 1916, responded to Mr. Riggs welcome. Bryan Burns spoke on "The Romance of School Life." Miss Bonnie Moses explained "What My Diploma Means to Me." Miss Myrtle Sharp read an interesting essay on "Preparedness," that showed that women could be logical as well as patriotic.

Miss Elise Ray, in an address on "Terpsichorean Art," showed that she was well versed on this enticing pastime. George Brooks led all into the secret "How I Intend to Rear My Future Family," and if he faltered in his discourse, the immense responsibility which he has shouldered may be depicted even unto the wisdom of Solomon. Miss Alice Ostendorf gave an appropriate toast, "The Class of 1916." Miss Amy Beaucaudray spoke of her "School Career." Prof. G. A. Smith closed the remarks with a talk on "The Benefit of a Good Alumni Association."

The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Miss Elise Ray; vice president, Miss Amy Beaucaudray; secretary-treasurer, Miss Myrtle Sharp; toastmaster, George Brooks. There were present at the banquet: Class of 1914, Miss Norma Weaver; class of 1915, Whitaker Riggs, Jr.; George Brooks and Elise Ray; class of 1916, Bonnie Moses, Amy Beaucaudray, Alice Ostendorf, Myrtle Sharp, Clifton Keen, Bryan Burns, James Seymour, Max Ranson, and Prof. Guy A. Smith, faculty member.

ABITA SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment and dance last Tuesday evening, given by the School and Mothers' Club was a marked success. The little actors acquitted themselves with credit, and the teachers, Misses Rayne, Abel and Walsh, who were so ably assisted in the music by Mrs. H. J. Thompson are to be congratulated. Special mention is due the leading character in the beautiful cantata, Marion Thompson as Dorothy gifted with imagination and longing to behold the little Woods People, singing her sweet songs that charm, later becomes Princess Forget-me-not at the court of the Fairy Queen (Ouida Gilson), who rules her flowery court with dainty assurance and grace, aided by the Herald (Marie Louise Rausch), every inch a princely courtier in conducting royal affairs.

The awarding of medals was a pleasant feature of the program. The interesting speeches of Mayor Nutt, Mr. Miller, president of the local school board, and Mr. Jno. P. Rausch, who, also, as master of ceremonies, adds zest to a program. These gentlemen earnestly urged the importance of a co-operative plan to

SENIOR CLASS, COVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, TAKEN BEFORE GRADUATION EXERCISES



Top Row, Left to Right—Clifton Keen, Octave Smith, Max Ranson, Bryan Burns, James Seymour. Bottom Row, Left to Right—Alice Ostendorf, Bonnie Moses, Raby Reeder, Amy Beaucaudray, Myrtle Sharp.

TWO HOUSES SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT ABBEY

The residence of W. B. Cooter, about four miles from Covington, on the Military Road, was destroyed by fire, last Wednesday. This pretty place was formerly known as "Tanglewood," and was the home of Mrs. Clark. The fire occurred just as the family had finished dinner. When they looked up from the table the whole roof seemed to be ablaze. It was the first warning. There was no time in which to save anything. Loss on the building is \$1200; insurance \$600. Loss on furniture \$500; no insurance. The house was occupied by C. E. Davis and family.

Thursday, May 18, a residence belonging to F. W. Fathere, at Tall-shock, burned to the ground. The house had been occupied by Martin Ponton. He had just moved out of the building two hours, it is said, when it caught fire. The loss is \$1500; insurance \$600.

AT PARKVIEW THEATRE.

The program for this Saturday night will include Lois Weber in a five part feature entitled "Sunshine Molly," with an admission price of 5 and 10 cents. Doors open at 7 P. M.

"The Governor's Lady" will be the program for Sunday night, featuring Edith Wayne Mathison. Admission 5 and 10 cents. The big feature for Monday night will be "The Comeback," a stirring drama from the Metro program, and will feature Harold Lockwood and May Allison. Doors open at 7 P. M. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Tuesday, May 30, has been sold out to the "Woodmen's Circle," the subject being "The Mammy and the Humming Bird." A vaudeville program has been arranged in connection with the pictures. "The Goddess" runs regular every Wednesday night. Special cartoon attractions for the kiddies. The big series from the Pathe company, "Who Pays," will start Saturday, June 17th.

The Druids Install Officers.

The following officers were installed at the meeting Friday, May 19th by District Deputy Ben Fontan: Robt. L. Aubert, Past Arch; F. J. FitzSimons, Noble Arch; Robt. A. White, Vice Arch; F. P. Marsolan, Secretary; Ben Fontan, Treasurer; Emile J. Lacroix, Conductor; W. D. Molloy, Outer Guard; D. W. Davis, Inner Guard; A. O. Pons, Chaplain; Dr. F. G. Marrero, Examining Physician; E. D. Kentzel and Robt. L. Aubert, representatives to Grand Lodge; Bards to Noble Arch, Jos. Lamoussin and Jas. Connaughton; Bards to Vice Arch, Joals Wehrli Jr., and N. J. Seltzer.

Southern Yacht Club Motor Boat Race, New Orleans to Old Landing, Today

Today at eleven o'clock, ten or a dozen of the finest cruising power boats in the fleet of the Southern Yacht Club will start in the first of a series of annual races for the two handsome loving cups recently donated by ex-Commander Thos. Sully of the S. T. C. The course over which the races will be sailed as before announced, is across Lake Fortchartrain, from West End to the mouth of the Bogues Falaya river and up this stream to what is known as the "Old Landing." The return trip will be made Sunday, starting at two o'clock. On the trip over, the boats will race "up and up," or everyone for himself and the first one in is the cup winner. This is for the Sully St. Tammany Cup. The return race will be run (Continued on page 2)

EASTERN STAR GIVES RECEPTION TO MRS. WORTHAM

The members of Southern Pine Chapter No. 81, Order of Eastern Star, gathered at the Masonic Hall, in Covington, Thursday evening, May 25, at a reception in honor of Mrs. J. B. Wortham, who was recently elected grand worthy matron of the State of Louisiana, the highest honor that can be conferred on a member.

The following program was carried out: The officers entered the chapter room, followed by the Marshal bearing the stars and stripes, the entire gathering singing "The Red, White and Blue," after which the associate matron, Miss Carrie Singleton, made an address of welcome.

Miss Adèle Perrand then played an instrumental selection and Mr. Allen sang.

Mr. A. L. Bear made an address in behalf of Covington Lodge No. 183, which was followed by an instrumental selection by Mrs. J. M. Simmons and a song by Mrs. R. A. White.

Mrs. E. J. Domergue then addressed the members and visitors in behalf of Southern Pine Chapter No. 81, after which the conductor, Mrs. E. R. Moses, escorted Mrs. Wortham to the altar, where Mrs. Domergue, as worthy matron of the chapter, presented her with a token of sincere friendship and true love, the sincerity of which was plainly visible on the faces of all present.

In the true spirit of her innermost feelings Mrs. Wortham responded, and with that self-abnegation that is characteristic of her proclaimed that she felt she alone was not responsible for the honor and that it was not entirely hers. That it was in truth a tribute to the chapter as a whole.

The program was continued with a song by Mrs. Glass, and instrumental selection by Miss Irma Domergue, a song by Miss Gladys Smith and a song by Mr. Allen.

After congratulations had been extended the "goodies" arrived and all present spent a very pleasant evening, eating and toasting to the success of Mrs. Wortham in her higher station. Preparedness and unpreparedness was plainly demonstrated by some, when called upon to address the gathering.