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High School Graduates—A Pretty Scene
—Address by Dr. Phillips—Service the Word—Another Drunk—Gypsies.

The public hearing on the school question will be held before the joint board Monday night, June 28 at Town Hall at 8 o'clock. It should be the desire of all citizens to attend and be heard in relation to this all important matter.

A large church well filled with prominent citizens and most of the school children in town, was the feature last night of the graduating class of 1909 of the High school. The platform was decorated with flowers, and high up on the front of the organ loft there was a pretty panel of green containing the figures "1909" wrought in golden butters. The procession of the young ladies who were to graduate, with officials of the school board, and a number of ladies and gentlemen of the school bearing a daisy chain was pretty and effective. Those who bore the daisy chain formed in two lines and then allowed the graduates to pass through. Afterwards the chain was placed along the edge of the platform. The graduating class was crowned in the figures "1909" wrought in golden butters. The procession of the young ladies who were to graduate, with officials of the school board, and a number of ladies and gentlemen of the school bearing a daisy chain was pretty and effective. Those who bore the daisy chain formed in two lines and then allowed the graduates to pass through. Afterwards the chain was placed along the edge of the platform. The graduating class was crowned in the figures "1909" wrought in golden butters.

FAIRFIELD

Prof. Bowers—A Presentation—Hot Wave—Prize Winners—Personal Notes.

The schools in town closed yesterday. Perhaps the most interesting of these events took place at the Pequot school, in Southport, so long ably presided over by Prof. Bowers. He has been the principal of this school for nearly eight years, but hereafter will have charge of the school at Greenfield Hill. This is in the line of a well-deserved promotion, and carries with it a considerable increase of salary. While the people of Southport are very sorry to lose Prof. Bowers, his services will not be lost to the town, and the good folks of Greenfield Hill feel they are the gainers by his coming into their midst. Yesterday forenoon a very pretty ceremony took place under the elms in the school house grounds, when all the pupils with their teachers were drawn up in a large circle, and Mr. Bowers was presented with a handsome oak rocking chair, upholstered with Spanish leather. This was bought with the contributions of the school children and their beloved teacher is to leave. The presentation speech was made by Mr. Hawkins, the local resident of the School Board, and he spoke in very kindly and complimentary terms of Mr. Bowers, congratulating him on his promotion, and thanking him for the long and efficient work he has done in Southport. Supt. Wheatley also added his tribute of praise and felt that he could not say too much in behalf of the good work Prof. Bowers has done and his ability as a teacher. After the speeches all the children marched past and shook hands with their teachers. There is genuine regret over his departure. He will pass the summer at his place in New Milford, and begin his duties at Greenfield Hill in September.

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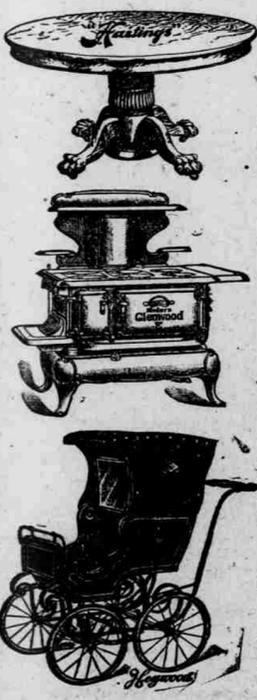
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Before asking Dr. Cogswell to present the diplomas Supt. Edward C. Andrews made a brief address in which he urged the parents of children to visit the schools, get acquainted with the teachers, and co-operate with them. He said the schools are for the benefit of the children, and not for the teachers and superintendent. After the bestowing of the diplomas there was more singing, and the very beautiful exercise testing.

Wednesday night Sheriff Stagg was routed out of bed to chase out of town a band of gypsies which had 54 horses, and had turned them into a meadow belonging to D. C. Wood. They were to feed on Mr. Wood's grass until morning, when they would proceed on their way. The sheriff made the Gypsies leave town in short order, and they drove on during the night to the circus grounds in Bridgeport, where the horses nibbled the grass on the banks of the near by stream.

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