

County Correspondence.

EDGEWOOD.
Leo Funk and sister Anna spent Sunday last week at the Nicholas Budden home at Petersburg.

Chas. Menge and sister, Martha, spent a few days of last week with relatives at Littleport area vicinity. Dr. Kirkpatrick, the dentist, spent Tuesday last week between trains at Strawberry Point.

Jake Lady and wife of Strawberry Point spent Sunday last week at the J. J. Schacherer home. Henry Wiley Jr., John Moran, and Mayme Wiley and Mae Taylor of Masonville spent Sunday last week at the J. H. Wedert home in Dryersville.

Jos. Thlip and wife were business callers at Strawberry Point last Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Ross and Miss Ruth Bolen were Sunday afternoon callers at the Frank Schacherer home. Frank says come again.

Harold Beckner had the misfortune of cutting a severe rash in his right hand with a razor on last Saturday afternoon. The injury, though not serious proves very painful at this writing.

Francis Funk was a business caller at Strawberry Point one day last week.

Miss Sadie Fowler of near Greeley spent several days of last week with her sister, Mrs. Henry May of this place.

Leo Way was at Strawberry Point on business one day last week.

Fred Brown of Oelweh visited under the parental roof over Sunday last week.

Dr. Breed of Rock Elm, Wis. has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jennie Breed and daughter, Lottie, the past week.

George Pilkington and lady friend were Strawberry Point visitors last Wednesday.

Henry Hesper has contracted the building mania so prevalent of late by purchasing Dr. Newman's lot where his old office stood. He says the structure will be a two-story brick 20x30. We are unable to say with certainty what business will be conducted therein, but are positively aware that our citizens who are not in direct sympathy with the prohibition move, are not backward in expressing their opinion of what business they would deem suitable.

Miss Sadie McGarvey was a Strawberry Point messenger Thursday morning where she spent the day with friends.

Ed Durlin of Marion, Indiana, who has spent several months past in the employ of his cousin, Floyd Hatch in the egg and poultry business here departed for his home on Monday last.

Ray Alcorn of Greeley was seen on our streets Friday night.

Frank Schacherer took in the dance at Littleport Thursday night.

Frank Stone who moved here from Updegraph last spring has purchased the Durston property in the south part of town.

J. J. Schacherer, a prosperous farmer living south of town had a bee last Wednesday for the purpose of robbing down his barn. It will be remembered that this fine structure was raised to the ground by the severe windstorm of June 20, 1908.

Since that time John has entertained the idea that it would be a wise proposition to secure the barn more firmly to the foundation. The work was superintended by Fred Peick sr.

Supt. T. R. Roberts of Elkader delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of the Edgewood high school at the Methodist church on Sunday evening of last week. The class though not under his charge since New Years has been under his supervision for the past four years and the interest he shows toward them is by no means small, and he, no doubt, enjoyed the privilege of giving this address which was a very well prepared speech.

Claud Barrett who has been attending school at Waterloo has been taking a two weeks vacation with relatives here.

Miss Zahendit of Elkader was a visitor at the home of her brother, L. Zahendit and family.

Mrs. Jas. Sharp was an Elkport visitor Friday.

The Excursion Business Men's train of Cedar Rapids which was scheduled for this place on last Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 p. m. was about one hour late and consequently their stop was hurried to a few minutes only but nevertheless they were treated hospitably while here and left in the hope that we might see them again at some future date.

George LillibrIDGE was at Littleport last Thursday.

John Schacherer sr. of Dyer'sville was a visitor here Saturday. On Sunday night, accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, J. B. Putz and wife, he left for Dawson, Minnesota, to spend a few days visiting his son, A. E. Schacherer and family.

On last Thursday a number of the neighbors and friends of Ed Hatfield, living southeast of town, dropped in upon him by surprise to help him celebrate his birthday. Although completely unaware of the event, Ed managed to show them all a good time. Before repairing to their homes they wished him many returns of the day.

On last Friday the school year closed until September. No more do we hear the imperative summons of the school bell morning, noon and night, but do expect to hear the wedding bells quite soon. Ask our primary teacher about it.

On Friday night the graduating exercises were held at the Opera house. The following were the graduates: Evah Maxson, Claude Firman, Beryl Cooldige, Sada McGarvey, Jennie Peet, Nellie Smith, Flossie Stone, Jessie Kidner, Grace Snover, Mildred Trip and Zella Farmer. The following program was efficiently managed: Invocation—Rev. Hubbell.

Music—High school chorus.

Symposium—The Ideal Democracy.

Oration—Characteristics of the American State, Evah Maxson.

Oration—Civil Service Reform, Claude Firman.

Oration—A Promise of Peace, Beryl Cooldige.

Oration—Primary Election Laws, Sada McGarvey.

Music—High school chorus.

Oration—American Statesman, Jennie Peet.

Oration—Municipal Reform, Nellie Smith.

Oration—The Typical Reformer, Flossie Stone.

Oration—Woman's Work, Jessie Kidner.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Hindenberger.

Oration—The Price of Progress, Grace Snover.

Oration—Education for Efficiency, Mildred Trip.

Oration—Improvement of the Races, Zella Farmer.

Presentation of diplomas by Hon. R. J. Bixby.

Music—High school chorus.

After the exercises a dance was given. Music was furnished by home talent force. The graduates were given a banquet at the Methodist church parlors. The class starts out on life's journey with the well wishes of all our citizens.

DELAWARE.

Mrs. J. P. Ball visited friends in Manchester Saturday.

Mr. Raymond Eiler of Chicago is visiting his mother, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meader and son, Amos, of Cedar Rapids are spending Sunday with Mrs. Meader's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kingsley.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Davis were shopping in Manchester Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mittelstadt gave a surprise party in honor of Miss Pansy's seventeenth birthday Thursday evening. A goodly number were present and all reported a good time.

O. H. Eiler of Dubuque is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Eiler and family.

Mrs. C. J. Simons and daughter, Ruth of Corning, Cal., have been visiting friends and relatives in town a few days.

Miss Ada Cramer transacted business in Manchester Monday.

Mrs. Eiler who has been to Rochester, Minn. for an operation returned home Wednesday evening, but we are very sorry to learn that she is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sackett entertained a few friends last Friday evening.

Our schools closed Friday for the summer vacation.

Mr. E. P. Coats transacted business in Manchester Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Mittelstadt were business callers in Manchester Saturday.

The Larkin club met with Mrs. J. W. Benda of Manchester Thursday.

Mr. Levi Kaster transacted business in Manchester Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James of Dubuque are caring for their daughter, Mrs. W. F. Eiler.

Mr. W. G. Smith returned to his home at Dubuque Saturday.

Miss Margaret Giew left Sunday for Denver, Colorado.

Miss Bertha Ryan will leave Tuesday for Seattle, Washington, making a few stops on the way.

BAILEY'S FORD.

J. W. Hartman returned from Garden City, Kansas, Tuesday last week.

Mrs. Clyde Thompson was shopping in Manchester last Thursday.

Mrs. Ed Johnson of Dell Rapids, S. Dak., visited with relatives in this neighborhood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Petton attended the funeral of Mrs. Chas. Manson last Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Sheldon visited at G. B. Davis's last Saturday.

Roy Grommon had business in Delhi last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Davis were in Manchester last Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Claus was a Delhi caller last Saturday.

THORPE.

Grandpa Works of Manchester spent Sunday with his son Ralph and family of Thorpe.

Mable Parson called on her friend, Mrs. J. Preussner last Sunday.

Dan Sark and Delbert Clark went fishing at Dundee.

David Heyer and Ben Zimmers went to Strawberry Point Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Barr were in Manchester Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence Schomock called on her sister Mrs. G. Stueck.

The ladies of the Cemetery Society mowed and cleaned up the cemetery and did a good job of course. Some of the men helped.

School picnic at Thorpe today. Dean Stone came down from Oelweh to help his mother clean house. Dan Sark made a trip to Littleport to see his daughter and family.

EARLVILLE.

The commencement exercises of the High School class of 1909 will be held in the opera house on Friday evening. Owing to the large number (14) in the class only four will deliver orations although all members have prepared them. All the members of the class will take part in the program which is as follows: Coronation march, Meyerhur, Adelle Ansel.

Invocation, Rev. Dawson, Chorus. Class history, Garth G. Dunn. Oration, "The Influence of Kind Words," Georgia Zeller.

Moonlight on the Hudson, Lizzie P. Miller and Gerald H. Schaller. Oration, "True Education," Frank E. Rogers.

Seniors Evening Gazette, Mary J. Dittmer and Glenn R. Carty.

Music—High school chorus.

Symposium—The Ideal Democracy.

N. Young. Oration, "The Star of Destiny," Alta B. Ham.

Vocal Duett, Gathering Flowers in May, Lizzie P. Miller and Alberta G. Hobbins.

Oration, "Our Possessions," Mabel R. Matthews.

Qui Vive, W. Ganz, Ruth M. Schaller and Gertrude B. Nieman.

Class Prophecy, William O. Walkon Class Song.

Presentation of Diplomas. Benediction, Rev. Patterson.

Born on May 28th to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hunt, a son.

The "booster" meeting resulted in the organization of a club which has been named The Earville Progressive Club which will meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month in regular session. A part of the constitution reads: "The purpose of this organization shall be to advance the interests of Earville and vicinity and its influence shall be constantly exerted to better the material and social conditions of every resident of the town."

The ordination of Rev. V. M. Patterson was postponed.

Mrs. E. H. Miller and son, George of Marion spent a couple of days last week with relatives.

Mrs. Leslie Tietge and son, Harold, of Des Moines are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Cousin. Grace Hersey spent Thursday in Dubuque.

Laura Werkmeister is expected home from Chicago this week.

Mrs. C. A. Kendall has gone to Fredericksburg to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. N. E. Eldred of Waterloo was here last week as a guest of Mrs. M. P. Everton.

David De Best of Hopkinton has been visiting at the C. M. Laxon home.

Rev. G. M. Orvis of Dubuque preached at the Congregational church last Tuesday evening.

Will Work and family of Manchester attended the Staehle-Hunt wedding on Thursday evening.

J. B. Hughes of Strawberry Point was a business caller Friday.

John Young sr. has gone to Nebraska and western Iowa to visit his sons.

F. M. Chase of St. Joseph, Missouri is visiting friends in the city last week.

Maud Robinson of Cedar Rapids is spending a few days at the home of her mother.

Mrs. Mary Walters of Strawberry Point is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Laxon.

Arthur Murley and family of Winthrop spent the first of the week with home folks.

Mrs. Anna Powell of Dubuque is visiting her son, Frank and family.

Rev. John Dawson preached the annual memorial sermon at the Congregational church Sunday morning. In the afternoon, Rev. Patterson delivered the memorial address after which the graves of departed veterans and members of the W. R. C. were nicely decorated.

Willie Stoner of Delhi was a business caller Friday.

Mesdames Cruise, Dunn, Lynch and Davis attended a special meeting of the O. E. S. at Waterloo last week.

Mrs. George Miller of Greeley was in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bock are spending a few days at Elkader.

Services were held at the Catholic church Thursday morning.

Gerald Staehle, Minnie and Marguerite Laxson, students of U. I. U. at Fayette came home Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. Cummings and son of Hopkinton spent the past week at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Turner.

Staehle-Hunt-Mr. Harry C. Staehle and Miss Eva M. Hunt, both of Earville, Iowa, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother Thursday, May 27, 1909. Mr. Staehle is a postoffice messenger at Oelweh and has a fine hardware business, is well and favorably known. Miss Hunt is a most estimable young lady, possessing a most lovable character. The ceremony was beautiful and impressive. After which a bountiful wedding supper was daintily served. The happy young couple received the hearty congratulations and best wishes of numerous relatives and friends who attended the wedding. The good people of Earville are much pleased to know that Mr. and Mrs. Staehle will not leave their home town.

HOPKINTON.

Mr. Patterson was down from Greeley last Monday.

F. D. Joseph was down from Manchester the first of the week.

Steve Larson spent several days here last week.

Mrs. Blanchard, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Guthrie, returned to Cedar Rapids Monday evening.

Mack Smith was calling on his old friends last week.

Mrs. McCullough went to Cedar Rapids last Thursday evening.

Mrs. John Green visited in Wyoming last Friday.

Mrs. Van Swearingen and daughter, Mrs. Prime, who had been visiting Mrs. F. C. Barker, returned to Strawberry Point Thursday evening.

The teachers and seniors of the high school were pleasantly entertained last Wednesday evening by the Junior class at the home of R. L. Wallace.

The promotion exercises of the first primary room of which Mrs. Earhart is teacher will be held in the Opera house next Tuesday evening. These little folks will undoubtedly give a very interesting entertainment.

Mrs. Stevenson of Lamont was here last week to see her aunt, Mrs. Burnham, who has been sick.

Mr. Landers has bought two lots of C. E. Reeve just west of his residence and will at once begin the erection of a fine dwelling.

High Pierce has made arrangements to open a store at Sand Spring which place is not one at present. Mr. Pierce will put in a stock of general merchandise. He has had a

good deal of experience and will no doubt be successful in his venture.

Mrs. Griffith of Greeley visited her daughter, Mrs. Irish, last week.

The Jolly dozen spent a very pleasant day last Friday at the home of Mrs. Ricketts as they have increased to a score they will need a new name.

Mrs. Brokan and son of St. Louis and Mrs. Miller of Litchfield were here several days. The ladies were daughters of Dr. Roberts, the first pastor of the Covenant church of Hopkinton and lived here many years ago. Mrs. Miller had not been here for forty years. There were but very few friends of olden days and the old town had changed almost beyond recognition.

Miss Mary Carson is ill with typhoid fever.

Memorial services were held Sabbath morning in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Stevens of the M. E. church preached the sermon. None of them had been taken in the last year and we hope the number will not be any less in the year to come.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the senior class of the high school on Sabbath evening in the M. E. church by the pastor, Rev. Stevens. The class number six and the graduating exercises will be held Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. L. Gearhart and children came up from Springville last Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Falcon, Mrs. Laycock, Mrs. Carrish and Mrs. Trippa, who spent the day with Mrs. Margaret Merriman.

LENOX COLLEGE.

John Porter visited for several days with his sisters at Monmouth, Illinois.

Eva Brazleton went to Monticello Thursday evening.

The Academy students went to Hillside Thursday for a picnic.

Miss Florence Babcock, a former student of Lenox, has been engaged as teacher in the Monticello schools.

President Reed will deliver the sermon to the graduating class at Greeley next Sunday.

It has been decided by those in authority that Lenox will open an agricultural department next fall.

The summer school opens June 21 and will continue six weeks.

Dr. Beckes will preach the sermon to the graduating class of the high school at Monticello next Sabbath evening.

The Lenox faculty with a few guests went to Buck Creek last Saturday for a picnic. There is no doubt whatever but that they had a jolly time.

Miss Anna Hawkins, '06, of Casado is visiting friends.

Harold Anderson, who is stenographer for Mr. Porter of Reinbeck, is at home.

On Saturday evening, June 5, the exercises of commencement week will begin with the graduation of pupils from the musical department. On Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon by President Reed, Monday evening, June 7th Junior orations, Tuesday, 3 p. m., missionary concert, 4 p. m., Y. W. C. A. reception, 8 p. m. an address before the literary societies by Rev. E. C. Reeve '94, Wednesday, 9:00, board meeting, 2:30 p. m. address to the alumni by Rev. Arthur Vaughn, 6:30, alumni banquet, Thursday, June 10th at 10:00 a. m. Commencement address by Rev. George Luccock, D. D. Class orations 2 p. m. base ball, 8 p. m. Reception by the departments of music and expression.

DEI HI.

Ward White has returned from Marshalltown and will assist her son, W. L. White, in them at market.

Miss Ida Anderson visited her sister, Mrs. Irvin Woodridge, at Edgewood last week.

Mr. White of Hampton visited last week with Miss Mattie Mullen.

Mrs. J. W. Swinburne and son Harry were Manchester visitors Thursday.

Miss Adelaide Jakelin is home from Tippon.

Miss Ida and James Duart went to Schaller last week to attend the funeral of their brother Tom.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Boudurant and daughter Dorothy of Waterloo are visiting at R. M. Pondurant.

Will Pradke's team ran away Saturday and made things look lively on Main street for a while. No damage, but a badly demolished buggy.

Mrs. Joseph Simons and daughter Ruth of California were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Simons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Porter were in Manchester Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Simons of Des Moines is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jakelin.

Miss Maud Holbert was a Strawberry Point visitor Saturday.

The young people enjoyed a picnic at Hartwick Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Minkler attended Memorial exercises in Edgewood Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Byrly. Miss Lizzie Oelch, Miss Vera Hartman and J. C. Maginias were Dyer'sville visitors Sunday.

E. G. Adams and family were in Manchester Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Manson of the Bay settlement died at Rochester, Minnesota, on Tuesday, May 25, 1909, from the effects of an operation performed for cancer of the bowels. Mrs. Manson's maiden name was Hannah Swanson. She was born in Sweden in 1862. Came to this country in 1885. She was married to Carl Manson October 19, 1888. She is survived by her husband, two children, Henry and Ida, both living at home. A step-daughter, Mrs. Ed Zederquist, of Ryan, two sisters and one brother in Sweden and one brother Elif Swanson of Ryan. The funeral services were held at the Bay on Saturday and were largely attended. Burial in Dyer'sville cemetery.

The graduating exercises will be held at the M. E. church on Friday

evening, June 4. The graduates are Frank and Rose Albrock, Clyde Doolittle and Oscar Kleespies. Following is the program:

Invocation, Rev. R. C. Lusk. Music.

Oration, "Christianity Compared with Mohammedanism and Buddhism," Oscar Kleespies.

Oration, "A Trip to the Philippines," Rose Albrock.

Solo, H. L. Stone.

Oration, "Our Navy," Clyde Doolittle.

Oration, "Prohibition," Frank Albrock.

Chorus, "Away to the Mountain's Brow."

Address, Rev. R. Q. Brown Epworth. Presentation of diplomas.

Chorus, "Farewell."

Benediction, Rev. R. C. Lusk.

MASONVILLE.

Henry Moore has accepted a position at Independence.

H. Henderson of Waterloo was a business visitor here last Wednesday. Dr. Graham was a Dyer'sville visitor last Friday.

Miss Hazel Barthoff of Cedar Falls is visiting with friends in this vicinity.

John McFarland sustained a severe injury last week by a kick from a horse.

Misses Hazel Tucker of Manchester and Edith Little of Coggon were callers here Saturday.

Miss Mame McMahon returned Saturday from Bankston, Iowa, where she has been for several weeks.

Rob Johnston and wife of Waterloo were visitors here last Saturday.

Miss Katie O'Hagan and her friend, Miss Logan of Manchester spent Sunday here.

The married men and single men played a game of ball here Monday afternoon and put up a good game. For six innings the married men held them 6 to 1, then the battery weakened and the single men won 7 to 0.

Maurice Maroney and wife of Earlville spent Sunday with friends here.

ONEIDA.

Mr. Fred Ferry and Miss Ethel Miller of Independence spent Sunday at the Geo. Cox home.

Miss Blanche Bishop and father were Sunday visitors at the Will Haddock home.

Miss Nellie Cox is quite sick with throat trouble.

Mrs. J. B. Howe returned home from Oelweh Saturday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Dodge.

Mrs. A. B. Holbert was a business caller here Saturday.

Mrs. Guy Smith had relatives from Delhi visiting her Thursday.

Mrs. Will Connell has a niece from the western part of the state visiting her.

BEAVERS' HOMES.

How the Ingenious Little Builders Construct Their Houses.

When the beavers' dams are completed, the animals separate into small companies to build cabins or houses for themselves. These are constructed of sticks covered with mud, and are round. They are of oval shape, resembling a beehive, and they vary from five feet to ten feet in diameter, according to the number of families they are to accommodate.

These dwellings are never less than two stories high, generally three, and sometimes they contain four apartments. The walls of these are from two feet to three feet thick, formed of the same material as the dams. On the inside they are made smooth, but left rough without, being rendered impenetrable to rain.

The lower story is about two feet high, the second is formed by a floor of sticks covered with mud, and the upper part terminates with a conical roof. Through each floor there is a passage, and the uppermost floor is always above the level of the water.

Each of these huts has two doors, one on the inside and one on the outside, leading out and seeking provisions through the water and below where it freezes to preserve their communication with the pond.—English Magazine.

FLOATING A WHALE.