

THE LOCAL NEWS OF DELAWARE COUNTY

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

LENOX COLLEGE.

A. F. Nickless has been invited to deliver the baccalaureate address before the graduating class of the Wyoming high school.

Prof. Briedenthal and E. Reed, of the Y. M. C. A., conducted services in the Methodist church at Sand Spring last Sabbath.

Miss Ruth Trevor and Miss Miller were over Sunday visitors at the Trevor home near Walker.

The last number on the lecture course will be given May 14 by Adrian Newens.

The annual declamatory contest was held Wednesday evening. The contestants were Misses Agnew, Wickwire, Gearhart, Martin, Eggar, and Dunlap also Lynn, Probert and James Williamson. Miss Wickwire was given first place, Miss Agnew second, Miss Eggar third. The judges were Rev. Foster, Rev. Knuth and Prof. Laughlin.

Rev. Parkhill occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church at Earlville last Sabbath.

The Cascade students were all at home over Sunday.

Miss Peterson, who was a visitor at Clarke Hall last week, left for her home in Minnesota Friday.

The Athenians are preparing for their annual play to be given next week.

Two new tennis courts have just been finished on the northeast corner of the campus.

HOPKINTON.

Mrs. Ayle Davis and Mrs. Mabel Smith were Monticello visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Blanchard and little daughter of Mt. Pleasant spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

Mr. Robey and son of Rossville were visitors here Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Thorpe of Manchester was an over Sunday visitor with Mrs. S. P. Thorpe.

Miss Frances Earhart came home from Storm Lake Tuesday, the public schools having closed two weeks earlier on account of erecting a new building. Miss Earhart has a position for the coming year in Clarinda.

Judge Doolittle of Delhi and his son, Dr. John Doolittle of Des Moines were in town Monday to attend the annual meeting of the directors of the Hopkinton State bank.

Dr. Russell Doolittle of Chicago visited his mother last week.

J. D. Mac Allister was an over Sunday visitor in Dubuque.

Roy Jeffries was laid by last week. He was thrown from the delivery wagon at the depot and injured his knee.

Miss Amy Hands of Iowa City is visiting her brother, Dr. Hands and wife.

A. O. Stanger of Manchester visited Tuesday with his brother, J. E. Stanger.

Mrs. Frank Doan and Mrs. Oehler were in Marion last Friday.

F. E. Reed and wife of Manchester visited in town Friday.

Dr. S. G. Hands was in Burlington last week attending the annual meeting of the state medical society.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and Ralph and Wilk Milroy were at Monticello Thursday.

Mr. Tobin of Worthington was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison and Mrs. Brady and daughter Mamie attended church at Sand Spring last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cramer were in Manchester Wednesday. Mr. Cramer has the job of numbering all the bridges in Bremen, North Fork and South Fork townships.

Mr. Ellison stepped on a rusty nail the last of the week and it is feared may have a serious time.

George Harper and family went to Cascade Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Russell, a cousin of Mr. Harper.

H. B. Sill and family have moved to the house recently built by E. M. Loop.

It is reported that Mr. Sill has resigned his position as mail carrier and that Frank Wheelers has taken his place.

There has been a family reunion for the last day or two at the home of W. C. Lux and wife. Mrs. Clara Lux and daughters, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Anna Marble, husband and little son and Warner Lux and family. Mrs. Clara Lux expects to return with Mrs. Kelsey.

Rev. Couchman of Earlville preached two very excellent sermons in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath.

A rain came down over this region Saturday, not only giving the farmers all they wished for but much more, making the ground too wet for corn planting.

EDGEWOOD.

Although the showers of Friday made it necessary for the farmers to give up field work it was just the ticket for gardens, small grain and pastures which are making rapid progress. Seeding is finished and most of the farmers are plowing for corn. Several complaints have been made by farmers that their seed corn is no good. We understand that those who have seed corn to sell are getting as high as five dollars.

Miss Angie Bixby spent Thursday afternoon in the Point.

Anson Alger of Crosby, Minnesota, arrived here Wednesday evening to visit his father, Hawley Alger, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Puts and son were Friday visitors with C. S.

Puts and family at Elkport.

Chas. Roberts transacted business in this vicinity last Friday.

We regret to report the seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rohmick as seriously ill, suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Neola Squires returned to her home at Arlington last week after a pleasant visit with relatives at this place.

Prof. E. F. Wisdom spent Tuesday in Hopkinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Funk were Saturday traders at the Point.

R. J. Bixby spent Tuesday at the home of his friend, F. L. Minkler of Delhi.

Mrs. Maud McGovern of Sioux City is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank May and other relatives and friends.

Autos are becoming quite popular in our vicinity this spring. Messrs. Anton Funk, F. T. Pilkington, Clarence Barr and Lou Blanchard are the proud owners of new machines.

Miss Cowles of West Union spent several days at her parental home.

Mrs. Rudolph Jacobs and little daughter returned to their home at Manchester Tuesday evening after a pleasant visit with her brother, Francis and family.

Death Friday evening claimed as its victim Hawley Alger, a resident of our vicinity. The deceased had been in failing health for several years and last fall he went to California in hope that the climate might prove beneficial to him. He returned home about two weeks ago and since that time he had been confined to his bed. He leaves to mourn his untimely death his wife and seven children besides an aged mother and sister who reside in California. To the grief stricken wife, children and relatives is extended our sympathy.

ONEIDA.

Mrs. Carpenter and son Raymond of Almaral visited at the Chas. Kimber home the past week.

Mrs. Geo. Parker Jr. was seriously hurt in a runaway Tuesday. Her mother, Mrs. Davis, of Greeley is caring for her.

Mrs. Dunham and Mrs. Howe were shopping in Dubuque Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kernan returned home Tuesday from McGregor, Iowa, where he preached on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller and Mrs. Sarah Cox spent Thursday at Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dunham and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howe attended the play at Manchester Wednesday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ferrie and Mrs. Knox and son John and Miss Adella Cox were Manchester visitors Thursday. The made the trip in Mr. Ferrie's new auto.

Mrs. Fluke of Greeley called, on Mrs. Haven Thursday.

Mrs. Pearl Cox of Aurora spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Matfield of Marshalltown visited relatives here recently.

Mrs. J. B. Howe entertained a party of friends in honor of Mrs. S. T. Knox Saturday evening. The evening was spent playing cornet.

THORPE.

Herman Theel was a Manchester caller last Friday.

Myers & Spink were through our neighborhood last week.

Edna Boots of Stanley was a recent visitor at R. White's.

Mrs. Eva Bradley of Peoria, Illinois spent a few days of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Keith.

Mable Parsons is assisting Mrs. Frank Martin with house cleaning.

Mrs. Ada Ryan of Lamont was a caller at the A. Stone home last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson were called upon to mourn the loss of their seven year old daughter, who passed away at her home last Tuesday night. Services were held at the M. E. Church on Friday. Interment took place in the Union cemetery.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

John Thompson and wife are spending a few days at the George Thompson home.

DELAWARE.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Zitzman and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pelton of Manchester attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Wisdom of Strawberry Point was a caller in town Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Kaster spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Miss Vera Davis was shopping in Manchester Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sackett visited relatives in Manchester Sunday.

Misses Bertha and Maude Ryan visited friends in Dubuque over Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Carl Oberg is on the sick list.

Miss Alma Nickolson of Cedar Rapids spent over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Nickolson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kingsley were callers in Manchester Wednesday.

Miss Mary Maurer is visiting relatives in Dubuque.

Mrs. E. E. Mittagstad was shopping in Manchester Monday.

NORTH MANCHESTER.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Mrs. Minnie Skinner and Mrs. Julia Evans entertained a few of the old settlers at the home of Fred Skinner last Wednesday evening it being their birthday. A very enjoyable evening was spent. At 10:30 luncheon was served, ice cream and cake.

Many and useful were the presents received. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Acres, Mr. and Mrs. W.

O. Somes, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Davis and Mrs. Anna Bell, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Barnd and Kate, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Logan and Marion, Mr. and Mrs. Will Burk, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Magill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farley, Mrs. Geo. Acres, Mrs. Mary Trencard, Mrs. Lydia Smith, Mrs. Avery Smith and Miss Eva Smith.

EARLVILLE.

(Last Week's Letter.)

Died at the home of her son Edward at Almaral on Monday, April 20 Mrs. Eunice Strickland, aged ninety years. The deceased was one of Delaware county's pioneer settlers and leaves a large circle of friends who will regret to hear of her death. She had been ill for the past year. She leaves to mourn her death, three sons, Arthur of Cedar Rapids, Joseph of Manchester and Edward of Almaral. The funeral was held from the family residence on Wednesday afternoon and interment was made in Fairview cemetery at Earlville.

Don't forget the school election on May 25th at which time our citizens will be asked to vote on a bond of \$75,000 for the erection of an addition to our public school building.

A meeting was held in the council room Friday evening for the observance of Memorial Day. A committee of arrangements was appointed with power to appoint sub-committees that will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Radabaugh and two children of Graham were guests at the Perry Clemens home last week.

Dr. C. B. Rogers was a passenger to Chicago Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Young will entertain the E. W. C. and gentlemen contingent at their home Wednesday afternoon and evening.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Town Hall Co. was held in the City Hall on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Stumpf is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harrison Ellsworth at Britt, Iowa.

Jake Billmeyer has purchased the Fitzgeralds property in the east end of town. Consideration, \$12,000.

Word was received here last week of the death of John Inhelder, a former resident of Earlville, which occurred at Waterloo April 26, aged 70 years. The deceased was born in Switzerland and left no near relatives so far as known. He had many friends in Earlville who will regret to hear of his death. His remains were sent to Du Quoin, Illinois, where they were cared for by relatives.

Harold Baker, who has been assisting at the I. C. R. R. depot during the past year has gone to Oelwein, where he has been offered a position with the C. G. W. R. R.

Harry Cruise, who has been assisting at the local telephone office has resigned his position there and also severed his connection with the Rush Park Creamery Co. and will work for Andy Faust during the coming summer.

Joe Rayburn has taken the position with the Rush Park Creamery Co. Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Couchman are the parents of a son since Wednesday, May 1.

DELM.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hartman were in Manchester Friday.

Louis Hackbarth returned to Chicago Saturday.

Misses Comstock and Thompson visited the Strawberry Point schools on Friday.

Mrs. E. A. Segar of Manchester is visiting at E. R. Stone's.

The young people enjoyed themselves at a party on Louis and Elsie Hackbarth Friday evening.

R. J. Van Antwerp returned from St. Paul Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Haight of Ryan visited friends here recently.

I. C. Miller is having a large addition built to his house.

Mr. Stanger went home to Hopkinton Friday evening.

Will Toomer was a recent Dubuque visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Towler are the parents of a son.

Mrs. W. S. Skinner and daughter Loraine were shopping in Manchester Tuesday.

E. R. Stone was in Dubuque Thursday.

Miss Thompson went home to Center Junction Friday evening.

J. H. Frankfort has a new automobile.

Louis and Elsie Hackbarth visited in Monticello Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Le Gassick of Earlville visited at the Hecker home recently.

Thos. Keith has been a grand juror at Dubuque the past week or two. Alex Hackbarth's sister and her husband visited at his home Thursday.

Regular Habits.

It is a good plan to have a regular time for reading. One accomplishes so much more in this way, and besides establishes a kind of intellectual habit that is a good thing in itself. In an hour, or even half an hour given regularly each day to reading, a great deal may be accomplished. Do not confine yourself to serious books. Alternate light with heavy reading, and do not attempt heavy reading when you are tired. Do not read merely to be amused. Treat your books as friends. Do not follow blindly the teachings of any book.

Think Sharp Can Smell Death. There is an old superstition among sailors, which is still believed in, that when a shark persistently follows a vessel it is a sign that some person on board is going to die. The alleged reason is that the great fish can scent death.

His Chief Proficiency. Recently a letter of introduction was handed by an actor to a manager, which described the presented as an actor of much merit, and concluded: "He plays Macbeth, Richelieu, Hamlet, Shylock, and billiards. He plays billiards best."

OUR BEST LITTLE OPTIMISTS

People of Australia and New Zealand Persevering in Trying Out Plans for Public Good.

The people of sunny Australia and of misty New Zealand—the working people away—were persistent optimists. For 20 years they have been trying out one plan after another for the common good. The eight-hour day was an established institution over there before we thought of it, except as an ideal. State old-age and invalidity pensions have been paid for some years, and the first steps taken toward the establishment of a minimum wage passed on the Australian standard of living. Postal savings banks, the parcel post and state life insurance have not driven capital out of the country, telegraph and telephone lines and coal mines in New Zealand—has not convinced the capitalists that life is not worth living. Such paternalism as the furnishing of free transportation to men out of work and the loaning of money to enable those without means to take up public land have not only made valuable citizens of many who otherwise might have been idle, but have proved good investments.

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Paper Plates for Animal Pests.

Using paper plates for animal pests will be found to be a good plan. Some people do not take the care to wash their legs for dogs and cats, and though they should be kept scrupulously clean and be used for no other purpose. Paper plates, which may be bought by the hundred for but little money, may be burned after they have been used. It is also a good idea to have a place of the put on the back porch, where the pests are likely to be fed, and place the dishes within for them. The idea is easily learned.

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