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SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW PAST HISTORY

Exercises of Past Week Best in History of the School

TWENTY-ONE GET DIPLOMAS

Opera House Crowded to the Limit During the Various Exercises of the Week

THURSDAY EVENING.

The ball was started rolling last Thursday evening when the pupils of the Intermediate grades presented to an overflowing and delighted audience "The National Flower" an operetta in three acts. The daisies, the roses, the lilies, the naughty weeds and even the odorous onion were all there, each to claim its right as the nation's one flower. The old oak tree, the sweet clover and the downy thistle charmed its story of rightful claim as the Nation's favorite. "Even dear old golden rod once so dear to Uncle Sam, was made to stand aside. Beauty was no longer considered as two little pages came laden with flour, the product of man's skill, not nature's, and acknowledged and crowned the staff of life upon which Uncle Sam must depend to feed his many millions. The singing of Miss Olive Loveland as judge was fine and much enjoyed, as was the different solos and choruses. Each student was a credit to themselves and teacher.

The large and enthusiastic audience was more than pleased as was shown by the hearty applause that greeted each little singer.

Mrs. Beattie, Miss Chaffee and Miss Gould, the teachers of these grades, deserve much credit for the success of the evening.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Junior banquet has come to be one of the leading features of the commencement exercises of the schools each year, and this year has been no exception to the rule and has, possibly, eclipsed anything of the kind of previous years.

The gathering of the forces was at

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ANOTHER FACTORY FOR PAW PAW

Manufacturing Plant Desires to Locate in Maple City

Owners of the Doylair Co., Inc. were in conference with some of the Paw Paw business men last week in reference to erecting a large manufacturing plant. Messrs. Doyle, Bridges and Coffey of Chicago met with the Paw Paw business men last week in Dacker & Bailey's office and explained the desires and needs of the above company to induce them to locate in Paw Paw. While the business men of Paw Paw did not turn out and give them the hearing that they ought to have done, still there was a fair turnout and those who did meet with them were very enthusiastic in the nature of the concern, its prospects and the business-like proposition presented by these gentlemen.

Mr. Doyle is the sole patentee of the goods manufactured and has the same covered by over 200 patents. The proposed company are at present located in Chicago and manufacture the smokeless boilers, stoves, furnaces, also collapsible gas stoves, gas heaters, gas water heaters, etc., and already have more orders than they can supply, owing to limited capital and small plant.

It is proposed to erect a plant not costing over \$1000, and if the business men of Paw Paw can see their way clear to give the company such encouragement that it ought to give in the erection of said plant, they will locate here and start an industry that bids fair to soon out-rank any stove factory in the United States, for there is no question that Mr. Doyle has some wonderful inventions which will show a handsome profit.

It is to be hoped that the Paw Paw business men will not let this proposition go by default. It is just what we need to give men employment. Paw Paw with its beautiful location, nice prosperous country needs some good manufacturing industries to make it one of the best up-to-date towns in the state. Everybody boost, and keep a boosting.

Mrs. Minnie Hall and family of Lawton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shafer.

MASONIC MEMBERS VISIT PAW PAW

A Large Delegation from Surrounding Towns Attend Convention of Paw Paw Chapter.

At a regular convocation of Paw Paw chapter No. 34, R. A. M. last Monday evening the Royal Arch degree was conferred upon Prof. Murphy of the Lawton schools and Willard Warner and Ford Wilber of Paw Paw. Visiting companions were present from Schoolcraft, Allegan, Lawrence, Mattawan, Lawton, Bloomingdale and Gobleville.

The feature of the evening was the sumptuous banquet served by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reynolds in the banquet room below. Without doubt this was the most satisfactory "feed" the Masons have enjoyed in the home town in many years. The menu was complete, there was an abundance of everything and the courses were served to the satisfaction of everybody. Many meritorious compliments were heard on the excellence of the spread.

MARY SERVOSS AT THE FULLER

Talented Actress to Appear in Kalamazoo Next Week

Mary Servoss, the charming actress who makes her home here during the summer, will begin a week's engagement at the Fuller theatre in Kalamazoo on Monday night, June 17, in Thompson Buchanan's comedy "A Woman's Way" which had a run of over one hundred nights in New York City with Grace George at the head of the company.



This play will continue for three days and a Wednesday matinee. On Thursday a brilliant comedy "The Chaperon" will play and will continue for the balance of the week with a popular matinee on Saturday. Miss Servoss is supported by a brilliant New York company and the productions for the plays are extremely elaborate especially "The Chaperon." Summer prices will prevail during the engagement 25 cents to \$1.00, seats on the first floor 50 and 25 cents.

DEMAND FOR SEATS IS UNPRECEDENTED

H. A. Sherman, who is acting in the capacity of secretary to Hon. John W. Blodgett, national committeeman from Michigan, was home from the convention to spend last Sunday.

Mr. Sherman states that the demand for seats to this convention is unprecedented. A very small percentage of those who will clamor for admittance to the big show can be accommodated. It is an exceedingly embarrassing situation for not only Mr. Blodgett, but every other national committeeman. He would of course like to gratify every Michigan man who desires to attend the convention, but that will be a physical impossibility. In the allotment of admission tickets Mr. Blodgett received only 65 and that will not go far in taking care of his friends. He also had at his disposal 50 honorary appointments, which have been distributed as impartially as possible.

All roads will lead to Chicago for the big show next week and "fireworks" are promised both day and night, besides other spectacular features not down on the program.

FROM WISCONSIN.

A card from Miss Ione Reynolds tells of her pleasant situation in La Crosse, Wis. She says: "This is the most beautiful city I was ever in. Right on the banks of the Mississippi, parks, bluffs, etc. Everybody has a house boat." The summer term of the state normal school will commence July 1, and continue for nine weeks.

WELL KNOWN PAW PAW ACTRESS PRAISED BY GRAND RAPIDS PRESS

Mary Servoss, the Popular Actress, Receives Cordial Invitation to Again Visit the Furniture City. Established Herself as a Favorite.

The Grand Rapids Press of June 8, has the following to say of the popular little actress, Mary Servoss, and urges that she take to her heart the last line of the catchy little song, "Mary don't forget to come back home." We do not wish to quarrel with our big sister, Grand Rapids, but when Mary "comes home" the broad shade of the beautiful maples of Paw Paw will shelter her, so Grand Rapids please give her all the pretty little attentions in the way of invitations to visit you, but hands off—this is Mary's home, and we are waiting to greet her when she returns for her summer vacation.

"So long, Mary! Mary, we will miss you so.

So long, Mary, how we hate to see you go!

And we'll be longing for you, Mary, while you roam.

So long, Mary, don't forget to come back home."

So sings the chorus in "Forty-five Minutes from Broadway," and so will sing Majestic patrons in a great combined chorus next week, when they say au revoir to Mary Servoss and her band of clever players. And when they sing it we may be sure that they will place special emphasis upon the last line:

"So long, Mary, don't forget to come back home."

Miss Servoss in her three weeks at the Majestic last season and her ten weeks there this season has established herself as a favorite in the superlative degree. Her skillful acting, her graceful versatility, and her charming, wholesome

personality have won her a real "home" in the affections of Grand Rapids playgoers. They will be sorry to see her go, and they will give her a warm welcome back.

That she will come back is a popular hope. Manager Orin Stair of the Majestic and Manager Fred Kimball of the Servoss company are already negotiating a return engagement. There is possibility of Miss Servoss coming back for a few weeks this fall and for a long run in the spring.

It is a popular hope, too, that she will bring back the greater share of her present company. The players have entrenched themselves in the liking of local audiences to such an extent that they will be missed greatly. We have never had a stock company in which the atmosphere both during performances and behind the scenes has been so pleasant and agreeable.

A stock company of this caliber is of decided theatrical value in a community. It is too bad that Grand Rapids cannot keep the organization all the year around. If it could it would be assured of a series of the best available plays well presented. A stock company conducted along the lines followed by Miss Servoss can be made a means both of presenting satisfying entertainment and of assisting in a community's dramatic education. But if we cannot have all the year-around stock, the visits of Miss Servoss are the next best thing. For them we are thankful and of more of them we are expectant.

MANY FINE EVENTS IN GRAND CIRCUIT

Kalamazoo Meeting Next Month to be Finest Ever Held in State.

This is the fifth Grand Circuit meeting given by Recreation Park and as usual they will advertise a very elaborate list of classes and purses.

On Monday, July 15, there will be four classes, one for 2:16 trotters and one for 2:12 trotters for \$1,000 each. The American Hotel purse for 2:07 pacers, best 2 in 3 heats, \$2,000 will make up the first day's racing.

On Tuesday the great Michigan United Traction Co's purse for 2:08 trotters, purse \$3,000 also 2:08 pace, 2:18 trot, and 2:17 pace for \$1,000 each will be the Tuesday's program.

On Wednesday the third day of the meeting will be the great Paper Mill's purse for 2:11 trotters, purse \$10,000. This class has attracted an entry of very high class horses and no doubt will be one of the best classes on the Grand Circuit this year. The balance of the program for this day will be a 2:30 trot, 2:15 pace, 2:22 pace for purses of \$1,000 each.

On Thursday we have the 2:10 pace known as the Celery City purse for \$5,000. Other classes for this day are the 2:10 trot, the 2:05 pace, the 2:24 trot for purses of \$1,000 each.

On Friday the New Bardick Hotel purse for 2:15 trotters for \$2,000 will be raced, together with a free for all for both trotters and pacers, best 2 in 3 heats, purses of \$1,000 each.

The National Trotting Association rules will govern the racing to this meeting.

The management expects the entries of the fastest horses in the United States and the most noted drivers on the turf. The track has been put in lightning fast shape and with good weather this will be the greatest Grand Circuit meeting ever pulled off in Michigan.

LAWTON WINS FROM AUGUSTA

The two championship high school teams of Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties played at Lawton Saturday last, Lawton, defeating Augusta in a shut-out game, 7 to 0. The game was witnessed by the largest crowd that has ever turned out for a high school game in Lawton.

Willis, pitching for Lawton, featured the game by striking out 12 men, having the Augusta batsmen at his mercy at all stages of the game.

ILLEGAL VOTES HAVE BEEN CAST

School Electors Must Possess Certain Qualifications in order to Vote.

Hundreds of illegal voters participate annually in the school district meetings as many do not understand the qualifications of voters. There is absolutely no sex distinction, a woman having exactly the same privilege as a man if she is otherwise qualified. No person has a right to vote unless he or she is a parent or guardian of children whose names are on the school census or has properly assessed for school taxes. In addition, voters must be citizens of the United States, 21 years of age and residents of the district at least three months preceding the election. Only electors having property assessed for school taxes may vote taxes. If property so assessed is owned jointly by a husband and wife, both are qualified. Purchasers of land on contracts may vote if they pay taxes on the land and live thereon. A dog tax does not qualify and a soldier exempt from paying taxes cannot vote at all unless otherwise qualified.

The law excludes all men and women who are not parents or guardians of children on the census list or who do not pay school taxes regardless of their other qualifications. Ourservance of the law will disfranchise hundreds who have previously voted. Only tax paying school electors whose names appear on the assessment roll may hold office, the only exception being that both husband and wife owning property jointly may hold office, whether or not the name appears on the assessment roll.

Any two electors of a district, whether they are officers or not, constitute a legal quorum. Members of the school board must be elected by written ballots and there is no such thing as an informal or nominating ballot. Even with only one nomination, the written ballots are necessary.

CANNING FACTORY NEARS COMPLETION

The canning factory is progressing slowly towards the completion of the building and installing of necessary machinery to begin the season's business. Mr. Squires, the proprietor and manager of the business, is expecting to be ready to take care of the cherry crop, but owing to a number of delays, could not take the crop of strawberries.

The factory when completed will be able to do a large business and make a good market for the fruit and vegetables raised in this part of the community.

W. B. Shaffer has accepted the position of foreman for Mr. Squires and will be ready next week to attend to the demands of its patrons.

DORCAS SOCIETY ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

We'll Known Society of Presbyterian Church Meets with Other Societies at Lakeside.

The Dorcas society of the Presbyterian church splendidly entertained the other societies of the church and numerous friends at Lakeside, the pleasant home of Mrs. E. G. Thayer, Saturday afternoon from 2 until 5 o'clock.

A musical program was presented by Van Buskirk's orchestra, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the guests assembled. A guessing contest was an amusing feature of the afternoon's entertainment. The color scheme was green and white and carried out in a very pleasing effect. A two course luncheon was served to about 100 guests. These gatherings of the Presbyterian people are always looked forward to with pleasure as they have already established an enviable reputation as entertainers.

VERDICT OF JURY FAVORS VILLAGE

No Cause of Action in Case of W. J. Thomas Against Village

The case of W. J. Thomas against the village of Paw Paw was tried in the circuit court this week and resulted in a verdict of no cause of action. Mr. Thomas brought suit against the village claiming damages to the amount of nearly \$2,000 for overflowage, owing to the damming of Paw Paw river.

Mr. Thomas gave to the village a tract of 18 1/2 acres, in consideration of which the village contracted to do certain things among which was to construct the dykes so that there should be no seepage to the balance of his farm, and that all stumps and other obstructions that protruded above the water line should be removed.

It was claimed by Mr. Thomas that the dykes were not so constructed and the stumps were not removed, and as a consequence at least ten acres of the balance of his farm was destroyed.

As Mr. Thomas was president of the village council at the time of making the contract the opposing counsel argued that he was thus barred from entering into a contract with the village.

Judge Des Voignes, after taking the matter under advisement, decided that the contract was void, but that the case should go to the jury and that Mr. Thomas could collect for the 18 1/2 acres at whatever sum the jury might place upon it. The jury, however, rendered a verdict as stated above of no cause of action.

On account of its influence on other parties the decision was awaited with interest by the residents of Paw Paw.

A HAPPY EVENT AT EAGLE LAKE

Last Monday evening was the time. This is how it happened: Upon invitation two tribes, one from Kalamazoo and the other from Paw Paw, combined forces, armed to the teeth with most ravenous appetites, and made a raid on the peaceful tepee belonging to one William Wooden on the shores of Eagle lake. "Billy" is a splendid host and with a notorious cook, and the way that the loaves and fishes disappeared was a glowing testimonial to this fact. About 40 guests responded to the "appeal to reason" and it was an event to be remembered by the ones present.

The trip was made by automobile. The names of the guests follow:

From Kalamazoo: R. O. Brundage, Chas. H. Farrell, R. R. Brenner, Wm. H. Jones, Judge Geo. P. Hopkins, Marvin J. Schaberg, Ernest Wise, Richard H. Elwell, Frank B. Godfrey, C. C. Cutting, Al. Leonard, Richard Early, Geo. E. Martin, C. L. Miller, Cornelius Verberg, Carl Saunders, DirWooden, Robt. Cutting, Alfred Frost, A. E. Kettle.

From Paw Paw: Sheriff B. L. Sowles, County Treasurer Warner Stoughton, County Clerk H. A. Cross, Judge Des Voignes, Register of Deeds Henry Shafer, Prosecuting Attorney Glenn Warner, Assistant Prosecutor Earl Burbans, Abstractor H. M. McNeil, R. D. Loveland, O. W. Rowland, Daniel Spicer, E. G. Thayer, Ford Wilber, Emory, Ball and F. N. Wakeman.

TWO MORE FORD CARS.

C. D. Leach brought two Ford touring cars from Detroit this week. This makes five machines that have been placed in Paw Paw and vicinity this spring through the Leach agency.

NEW POSTMASTER TAKES POSSESSION

F. N. Wakeman Took Charge of Postoffice Wednesday Morning

ASSISTANTS TO RETAIN PLACES

Retiring Postmaster Will Again Embark in Business in Which He was Formerly Engaged.

F. N. Wakeman assumed his new duties as postmaster on Wednesday of this week. The commission authorizing him to act, arrived last Friday evening, just one week from the date the official bonds were forwarded to the Surety company. The first days of the week were spent in invoicing and checking up the office and the transfer was made Tuesday evening.

B. F. Warner the retiring postmaster, was first appointed January 9, 1900, and has therefore served something over 12 years. He has given the best of satisfaction to the patrons of the office and during his administration the business of the Paw Paw office has trebled. While it may be a welcome relief to Mr. Warner to be relieved of the exacting duties of postmaster, he cannot help but feel some regret at severing his connections with the office which has been his "home" for so many years. He takes the change philosophically however, and extended all the courtesies within his power to the new postmaster.

The assistant, Mrs. Mabel Warner and clerk, Arba Hawley, whose faithfulness and loyalty to the service has done much to bring the Paw Paw office up to its present standard, will remain with the new postmaster. No postoffice has more capable and efficient or more courteous and obliging assistants, and the patrons of the office will be grateful to learn that both are to remain in their present official capacities.

Mr. Warner announces that he will again engage in the hay business, with which he is thoroughly familiar and his Van Buren county friends join in best wishes for the health, prosperity and happiness of Mr. Warner and his estimable family.

YOU CANNOT VOTE UNLESS ENROLLED

Law Requires Every Voter to Enroll Prior to June 27th.

Perhaps half the voters of Michigan are not enrolled as required by law. Unless they obey the law they will be unable to participate in the August primaries—and these primaries will be as important as any ever held in this state. Every voter should take the situation home to himself. He can enroll with the city or township clerk up to June 27. If he fails to enroll he will have only himself to blame if he is refused a ballot at the polls in next fall's primary. Here is a section from the primary law:

"Any qualified elector may become enrolled and be eligible to vote at any primary election if he shall deliver to the city or township clerk or other officer in charge of the enrollment book a written request for said enrollment, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth that he is a qualified elector of said township, ward or precinct, and that it is his bona fide intention to affiliate with the political party in which he seeks to enroll; provided that no enrollment by notice and affidavit shall entitle any elector to vote at any primary that shall occur within two months from the date of said enrollment.

If you are not now enrolled and do not enroll before June 27, you disfranchise yourself from participation in next fall's primary.—South Haven Tribune.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

W. T. Davis, the general agent of the Bankers' Life Company for Northwestern Michigan, was in the True Northerner office Monday exhibiting a Chicago bank draft for \$2048.00 in favor of Phoebe A. Young of Berrien county, whose husband, Charles C. Young, died June 1.

Mr. Davis says that one of the greatest pleasures of the insurance men is delivering to the beneficiary for the benefit of her family this kind of a testimonial of the thoughtfulness of the family provider. While a man lives he can look after the family and the wise and thoughtful husband by the investment of a small sum annually can provide for them after he is dead. The Bankers' Life Co. is all right and so is Mr. Davis