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FITTING CLOSE TO SCHOOL YEAR

Commencement Exercises Thursday Evening Were Exceptionally Good

"OUR HAT IS IN THE RING"

Members of the Class of 1912 Acquit Themselves Admirably and Receive Well Merited Praise.

The 44th annual commencement of the Paw Paw high school was held last Thursday evening, in the opera house, long before time for the program to commence the house was filled with the proud parents and interested friends of the class. Standing room was not to be had and many a friend was obliged to turn away disappointed in not being able to gain admittance. The house was tastefully decorated in the class colors, black and orange, which made a very rich and showy decoration, pleasing to the eye. The curtain rose at 8:30 and revealed the class of 21 members grouped in a semi-circle, the sweet girl graduate in her dainty white and the handsome boy in his conventional black. Suspended above them hung the class motto "Our Hat is in the Ring" in letters of orange and black. All in all it was a very pretty scene long to linger in the memory.

The program opened with the anthem, "O Lord Most Merciful," by the High School chorus.

Miss Eva Longwell, as salutatorian, extended to all a hearty welcome in her ever pleasing and sweet manner.

The song, "My Rosary," by the sophomore girls' quartet was much enjoyed.

Class history by Gladys Stoughton was bright and full of good natured sarcasm. This production was also well received.

The class poem written and delivered by Dale Harrison was the product of genius. Dale was at his best and his delivery as well as the poem was heartily enjoyed. We predict for Dale a bright future.

The High School band of which we are so justly proud, gave several selections which were greeted with hearty applause.

Blanche Buckley read the class will for which the boys seemed very grateful. This was cleverly gotten up and was quite a change from the ordinary way of putting things.

Miss Lucia Russ delighted the audience with one of her charming solos.

Lottie Carr, as valedictorian of her class proved that this production was in the hands of the right person. She was very cool and collected and her delivery good.

Supt. P. F. McCormick presented to the class their well earned diplomas. His remarks were pleasing and contained much good advice to the audience as well as the class. And thus 21 more young people leave their happy high school days behind and enter the broader school of life, ready for what may befall them.

THAT LIQUID BAIT IS A WONDER

The many tests to which Ball's Liquid Fish Bait have been put and the remarkable success achieved by those who have used this alluring concoction has created quite a demand for the same and the following illustrates that it doesn't make much difference how you use it, the result is the same:

Messrs. Lou Jones, W. A. Wooden and A. B. Leonard were fishing for blue gills a few days since at Eagle lake. Mr. Ball had previously presented one of the trio with a bottle of the liquid allurement, but as no directions accompanied the can they were somewhat at a loss to know just how to use it. Upon the suggestion of one of the party, however, the can was lowered into the deep water and strange to say was forgotten. After diligent fishing which resulted in a small catch, it was decided to pull for the shore, the can of bait being left to trail along behind the boat. After landing, the string which held the can was discovered and pulled in, when millions of fish followed it and the trio had the fight of their lives to keep the fish from chasing them into their cottage. At least, that's the version of one of the party and this paper can vouch for him every time.

MEETING AT PARSONAGE.
The Epworth League held a business meeting at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday evening. "Business before pleasure" was observed, but the social part was diligently attended to also, and the games and music were thoroughly enjoyed. Strawberries and wafers were served.

HARTFORD FAIR CO. IS INCORPORATED

Our Neighboring Village Organizes Association Which Will Be of Great Benefit.

Our neighboring village of Hartford has organized a Fair Grounds association, articles having been executed at a meeting of the stockholders and recorded in the office of the secretary of state this week.

The association, which has a capital of \$5,000, is for the purpose of promoting and giving aid to agricultural and horticultural associations and owning real and personal property for that purpose, for erecting necessary buildings on said real estate and leasing such real estate to agricultural and horticultural associations.

The erection of the necessary buildings and the construction of the race course on the new fair grounds site in the north-west part of the village will be begun at once.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF H. S. ALUMNI

Old School Mates and Friends Meet Again in Maple City

The annual banquet of the Paw Paw high school Alumni association was held at the Maple City club rooms on Friday evening, June 14, with about 130 in attendance.

After an hour spent in social greetings among old schoolmates and friends, the members and their guests were invited to the spacious dining hall, where a most delectable banquet had been prepared under the capable supervision of Mrs. Carrie Briggs Chappell, an Alumna of the class of 1907 and more recently a domestic science graduate and teacher. Both in substance and in manner of serving this banquet was all that could be desired.

President Guy Warner then called the assembly to order for a short business session, after which the following program was presented:

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Essay—"What Next?"—Esther Stevenson, '11.

Piano solo—Miss Frieda Snow.

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Response—Dale Harrison, '12.

"What Woman Don't Know"—Bessie Streator Walter, '01.

Vocal solo—Miss Gladys Graham.

"Hobbies and Their Riders"—Carl Mosier, '04.

Violin solo—Miss Aileen Van Baskirk.

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ARE YOU ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE COMING PRIMARIES

Word has come to us from several different sources that there are a large number of electors in this vicinity, who have neglected to enroll under the provisions of the new primary law. There are two enrollment days for each year of the general primaries, the last Saturday in January and the first Monday in April preceding the general primaries, but any qualified elector, not otherwise enrolled, may become enrolled and be eligible to vote at the 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 intention to affiliate with the political party in which he seeks to enroll. This affidavit and application must be filed prior to June 27th, 1912. Any voter not already enrolled, must be enrolled prior to this date in order to be able to vote at the primaries August 27th. June 27th occurs next Thursday, one week from yesterday, and it will then be seen that the time is short in which to attend to this important matter. Call on your township clerk or the county clerk and see that you are properly qualified to take part in the primaries.

We desire to call the attention of voters to this matter more particularly as it is very necessary that every one should participate in the coming primaries. There are the congressional, state and county nominations to be made this year and surely no one would wish to be barred from casting his vote for some favorite candidate on account of a simple act of carelessness. As was foreseen by those who drafted the primary law, there are many who would, for various reasons, be unable to enroll on the days designated, but it was wisely determined that no one should be disfranchised on this account, hence the provision of enrolling by affidavit.

Please bear in mind that all enrollments previous to the enrollment of last January are invalid and of no effect, and that if you desire to take any part in the primary election it is absolutely necessary that your name is on the list.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Little Pearl McGrady Has Thrilling Experience Last Sunday

Pearl McGrady, the four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark McGrady had a miraculous escape from drowning in Maple lake Sunday.

The child was playing near the shore in the vicinity of the new pier put in by S. O. Kenyon, when in some way she missed her footing and slipped into the water. The water is deep at this point and the little one had small chance of saving herself, but used nature's convenient means of alarm and screamed until she attracted the attention of people living in the neighborhood. Mrs. Rawleigh, a lady living within hearing distance of the place where the accident happened, went to her aid but could only be of assistance by procuring other help. Leo Warner happened by good fortune to be in the locality and rescued the child. It is thought that she was kept on the surface by the waves created from a passing launch and the surging of water kept her tossing about. Her face only was visible, but she made good use of her lungs and her strength supported her. She was filled somewhat with water and chills followed the cold bath, but otherwise was apparently none the worse for the experience.

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MANY PAW PAW ADMIRERS.

The friends of Mary Servoss who went to Kalamazoo, Wednesday, to attend her matinee, "A Woman's Way," were the following: Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dibbie, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Longwell, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hoyt, Mesdames L. B. Des Voignes, Will Longwell, F. P. Grimes, Bangs Warner, Lottie Warner, J. C. Warner, R. W. Broughton, Harry Nash, Mabel Barber, Daniel Morrison, Chas. Wildey, Clarence Richmond, Wilbur Warner, Geo. Pierce, Byron L. Soule and Barber, and the Misses Agnes Morrison, Beth Richmond, Franc Warner, Adaline Smith, Grace Marshall, Dr. Verne Van Fossen, Rena Van Fossen, Sadie Busley, Marian Spencer, Laura Cole, Pauline Sallick, Marian Pierce and Master Frank Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dillie.

Miss Servoss is a universal favorite with many and makes friends wherever she appears, but the compliment she received Wednesday was the tribute of neighbors and old friends who rejoice with her in her popularity and prosperity.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Edward Scovel, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Scovel, was operated upon by Drs. Maxwell and Hoyt for adenoids Wednesday at the office of Dr. Maxwell.

The little boy is reported as doing nicely and the operation was pronounced successful by the attending physicians.

KIMBALL HOUSE AGAIN SCORCHED

Mysterious Blaze Breaks Out in House of Well Known People

At about 7:30 Wednesday Morning the fire bell rang vigorously, exciting people who ran in all directions looking for the telltale smoke, and finally located the fire in the new residence of Fred Kimball on East Pine street.

The cause of the blaze is a mysterious one. Decorators who have been working there said they locked the house securely Tuesday afternoon when they finished their work and no one knows of anyone being in the house after that until Wednesday morning when smoke was seen coming from the chimney and neighbors rushed to the scene and found the building to be in danger of being ruined by fire. The large reception room contained among other pieces of furniture, a davenport and this was where the trouble was centered. The upholstery of the couch was burned entirely and the woodwork was burned considerably. The floor was charred but not burned through. This was practically all the damage.

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REAL ESTATE CHANGES HANDS

That there is some movement in real estate in Paw Paw and vicinity is evidenced by the number of transfers that are being recorded each day and the changes that are constantly being made in the various farm and village homes in this vicinity.

The following sales have been recently made by E. E. Downing of this village: Mrs. C. Wallace to Miller and Smith, two cottages and three lots, Lake Cora; Mrs. Margaret Pepper estate to Mrs. Olive Smith, house and lot village of Paw Paw; Miss Marie Cooper to Henry Holt, house and lot, village of Paw Paw; Mrs. Olive Plank to Miss Nita Butler, one lot; Mrs. C. Wallace to Frank Nahser, one lot Lake Cora; J. T. Zrelic to Helen Lamos, 61 acres, Almena; J. Felter to William Vickers, house and lot village of Paw Paw; Julio Sheldon to Hattie Sanger and Hattie Gardner, house and lot, village of Paw Paw; William Vickers to J. Felter, house and lot and three acres, Paw Paw township; E. D. Bierce to Mat E. Maston 27 acres twp. of Antwerp.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. F. N. Cosner of Lawton will speak at 10:30 Sunday; Sunday school at 11:45; Epworth League at 6:30. There will be no evening service. Mr. Jowett will speak in Almena Sunday afternoon.

WOULD NOW VOTE FOR COUNTY SYSTEM

Voters of Certain District Are Now Sorry They Turned Down Good Roads Proposition.

A good roads man called at our office a few days since and in speaking of the result of the vote in Van Buren county on the good roads question last fall reminded us that Almena township gave only four votes for the county road system. He was rather curious to know why this was so and concluded to investigate. Upon inquiry he learned that a large per cent of the Almena people do their trading and sell their produce in Kalamazoo, and they found in Kalamazoo county one mile of very unsatisfactory road (contract) built by the county, and that last winter when Kalamazoo county drew gravel on this road it sometimes interfered with traffic (on account of the deep snow), and so they voted against the county system, as they did not want any of that kind of work.

But the snow finally disappeared and the unsatisfactory mile and the new gravel were put in shape and Kalamazoo county drew from the state treasury \$2,000 for that poor road (made good) and Almena township people now wish they had some roads like it and would now vote "Yes" for the county system.

HELP DEVELOP VAN BUREN CO.

Chinese Colony Locate Near Mattawan, to Engage in Farming

Van Buren county has within its borders almost every nationality under the sun, the latest addition being a number from the Celestial Empire who have located about three miles south of Mattawan. The Chung Yen Co. of Chicago has for several weeks been investigating the farm lands of Van Buren county with a view to purchasing and operating extensive truck gardens to cultivate after Chinese methods, with the result that the company purchased the rich farm of Harrison Glidden south of Mattawan and will put a force of 20 Chinese laborers to work immediately, erecting hot houses and draining and tilling the rich bottom lands of which the farm is composed.

John Loy of Salt Lake City, Utah, will be head gardener. He is an expert agriculturist and the method of raising the crops will be a combination of the American and Chinese systems. Already farming tools have been purchased and shipped to Mattawan, among the implements being plows, cultivators, rakes, hoes, shovels and spades and other gardening tools.

So sure are the representatives of the company that their investment will bring large returns that they entered into contracts to supply a number of the large wholesale dealers in Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and Cincinnati with the products of the farm.

The people of Mattawan are ready to welcome the Celestial farmers, believing that their operations will bring thousands of dollars into the community and will be a solution of the poor crop years in the grape and fruit orchards.

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RED LETTER DAY FOR EASTERN STAR

Three Hundred Members of the Order Meet at Bangor

FINE PROGRAM PRESENTED

Golden Rule Chapter Receives Much Praise from Those in Attendance for Fine Entertainment

Wednesday was a red letter day for order of the Eastern Star of Van Buren county, when nearly 300 members of the order met at Bangor for its annual picnic. The day was ideal and the trip was made in automobiles. The day being cool the picnic was held in the beautiful and well equipped rooms of the new Masonic temple.

The association was called to order at 10:30 by the President, Mamie E. Wake-man, Paw Paw. Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Worthy Matron of Golden Rule Chapter Bangor, in her always cheerful and pleasing manner, extended to all Bangor's hearty welcome. Mrs. Emma Runyan of So. Haven in behalf of the chapters of the county, made the response with words of appreciation and good fellowship. Delightful music was furnished by an orchestra from Grand Rapids, throughout the entire program of the day and was much enjoyed.

Dinner was called at one, and here every star had a chance to shine. The dining rooms were made beautiful with loads of flowers and the poor tables squeaked and trembled under their loads of good things. Not a thing was lacking. Ice cream and luscious strawberries even, greeted us with compliments of Golden Rule chapter; no matter if we were "too full for utterance" it was impossible to turn them down.

The association resumed order at 2:00 p. m. and the following charming program was listened to:

Orchestra; piano solo, Leland Gorton, Paw Paw, was greeted with a round of applause and he responded to several encores. Mrs. Faye Teitsworth Dunnington, Hartford, gave several readings which were highly enjoyed, she too, being obliged to respond to several encores. Hartford may well feel proud of this talented young reader. Mrs. Hattie Coleman of Mattawan sang a vocal solo which was highly appreciated. Mrs. Coleman has a sweet well controlled voice. She also, was obliged to respond to encores. Mrs. Metzger of Decatur sang several selections. She has a highly cultured voice of great volume and showed much training. She sang one selection in Italian and of urgent request sang as her closing number, The Rosary.

Early in the day the hearts of all were saddened by the news of the sudden death of our much loved and highly honored brother, George Atwood of South Haven, the husband of our first president of the association, Elvira Adams Atwood.

Our Worthy Grand Patron, Douglas McKeller, was present and gave some very good advice. Bloomingdale was chosen as our next place of meeting in November.

The day at Bangor was a most delightful one, and one long to be remembered for its many good things, Golden Rule Chapter being noted far and wide for its generous hospitality. About 20 members from Paw Paw made the trip in autos and all came home feeling well paid for the day's enjoyment.

AUTOMOBILE TRIP MUCH ENJOYED

Harvey Cooley, wife and little daughter returned home Tuesday evening, after a week's visit in Sheffield, Ill., at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mar. Cooley Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott came to Paw Paw with their party having driven through from Sheffield in Mr. Abbott's car and making the trip one of pleasure. They started Monday morning and spent Monday night in Valparaiso, Ill., arriving here Tuesday night. Mr. Cooley is very favorably impressed with the idea of motor travel and declares it to be the only way to go for pleasure. The week was pleasantly spent and the duties of the American Express Company were laid aside for a time. May he get the habit and take many more pleasant trips for the good of the American Express agent.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a reception to their new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Salyer, in the church parlors this evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of the church and congregation.