

GRATIOT COUNTY FIELD MEET AND EIGHTH GRADE EXERCISES AT ALMA COLLEGE TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, MAY 26

COLLEGE CONCERT

Commencement Concert This Year June 13 at College Chapel

PROGRAM BY THE MISSES SHARP

Who Will Return From Europe Sometime About June 7

The Music School of Alma college takes pleasure in announcing the engagement of the Misses Sharp for the Artists' Recital in June.

Miss Mary Sharp, also a former music student in the college, has spent the past two years (except the summer vacation) in Europe studying voice with the Frau Fina Giampietto.

M. A. C. BULLETIN

April Number Full of Valuable Information for Residents of Michigan

The Record office is in receipt of the April bulletin of Michigan Agricultural College which is, typographically speaking, a beauty.

BARN BURNED.

Monday afternoon lightning set fire to the barn of Wm. Haven, north and west of Forest Hill, and three horses as well as the contents of the building were entirely consumed.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAM

For Postmaster at Vestaburg Will be Held at Alma June 10

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on Saturday, June 10, an examination will be held at Alma, Michigan, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth class postmaster of class A at Vestaburg, Michigan, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it

shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$648 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Vestaburg or the secretary of the board of civil service examiners at Alma or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington within 7 days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applications.

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ORIGIN MEMORIAL DAY

First Official Observance Held 43 Years Ago Yesterday

Forty-six years ago, May 23-24, the "grand review" of the two main armies of the Union took place on Washington's chief avenue. It was said that 200,000 were in line.

Tuesday, May 30, will be the forty-third anniversary of the observance of Memorial day by the Grand Army of the Republic. While the veterans are entitled to the credit of founding Memorial day, women first conceived the idea of strewing flowers on soldier graves.

In 1863, April 26 was adopted as Memorial day in the south, where flowers bloom earlier. Gen. John A. Logan, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., in issuing his order, May 15, 1868, for observance of May 30 as Memorial day, used these words among others: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance."

SUPT. CHAS. F. PIKE

County School Commissioner Pike Will be Supt. of Schools at Ford

Commissioner of Schools C. F. Pike has been elected superintendent of schools at Ford, a suburb of Detroit, of about 4300 population, located on the Detroit river and about nine miles from the city hall.

LEAVES THE JOURNAL

Ray Griswold Disposes of His Holdings to His Brother Fred

Fred Griswold has purchased the interest of his brother, Ray, in the Gratiot County Journal and will hereafter assume the entire management of that paper.

VACCINATED MAY DIE

Eaton Rapids Man is Infected With Tuberculosis

NOW AT NORTH MICHIGAN LAKE

Supposedly Clean Point is Found to Have Been Carrier of Disease Germs

Under the above heading the following item appeared in the Grand Rapids Evening Press in a dispatch dated May 19:

"A vaccination campaign wouldn't take well right now in our town," said a well known citizen of Eaton Rapids today.

"Seth Tubbs of the hardware firm of Tubbs & Minnie is demonstrated to be a victim of vaccination and everybody in the town is wrought up over the case.

"Tubbs was vaccinated three months ago during the smallpox scare, by one of our own doctors, who got his point from a perfectly reliable drug house in Detroit. Our doctor now admits after careful investigation that the vaccine point was infected and Mr. Tubbs is on the verge of tuberculosis.

He used to be one of the heartiest men in town, weighing about 175 or 180 pounds. Now he is a nervous wreck, can't sleep nights, goes home to bed in the afternoon and is wasting away.

"He has been examined by experts in Lansing and Ann Arbor. Prof. Vaughn of the State University says there is a bad spot in one lung. His arm does not heal up. In the hope of saving his life he has been sent to a lake resort in the northern part of the state."

THE CLASS OF 1911

Entertained At the Home of President Bruske and Wife

The class of 1911 was entertained in the home of President and Mrs. Bruske on Tuesday, May 16. This is an annual function, and so far every class that has been graduated from Alma college has been entertained in the same home.

TO SUE MICH. CENTRAL

Shepherd Man After the Railroad Co. For Damages

J. E. Myers, living two miles north of Shepherd is about to bring suit against the Michigan Central railroad for damages amounting to \$100,000. Myers displays plans for the construction of a tubular tunnel involving practically the principle upon which the tunnel under the Detroit river was made, and alleges that they are copies of original drawings which he submitted to the Michigan Central engineering department seven years ago.

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me to leave my plans with them and they would look them over more carefully later. I went away and heard no more of the matter for three years.

"When I read in the papers that the tunnel was being built according to the method I had proposed, I again visited the Michigan Central offices. Nobody seemed to remember my former visit. I retained an attorney and he demanded to see the plans of the tunnel. 'Which plans, the old or the new ones?' they asked. 'Both,' we answered, and we found that plans had been drawn first for an excavated tunnel and later other plans had been adopted which were practically my own. I have demanded the return of my original drawings but have not been able to get them."—Central Michigan Times.

On Sunday, May 14, at 5 o'clock p. m., at the home of John Beery in Pine River township, a very pleasant social event occurred in the marriage of his son, James, to Miss Eva M. Wood. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The happy couple have the best wishes of their many friends.

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SECOND ANNUAL SCHOOL EXHIBITION

Held at The Ward Building Last Thursday. Proved a Great Success—Estimated Over Seven Hundred Citizens Visited Building At That Time

The second annual exhibition of the manual training, kindergarten and grade departments of the Alma schools was given with unqualified success Thursday afternoon in the ward building. While last year's exhibit was declared a great success by all those who had the pleasure of viewing it, this year's was much superior in many ways.

Thursday afternoon the ward building was crowded with parents and others interested from 2 to 4, while later on from 4 to 6 a great many guests were shown through the building. However, Thursday did not end it, as it had been planned, for the fame of the work displayed spread, and many who had not been able to attend at the regular exhibit Thursday asked for special permission to see it during out-of-school hours Friday.

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branched into color work and the illustration of various sentences containing references to nature, such as the robin and cherries, which told about the robin stealing cherries and pictured both the bird and the fruit.

A One, taught by Miss Turner, showed again the development of the training. The nature study was more complex and the work better executed. The writing was much more regular and mature. The special feature of this room was a cluster of flying birds and leaves hung in one corner of the room.

In Miss Chick's room there were many lessons shown, all of which were highly complimentary to the instructor and pupils. In this room the windows were decorated with imitation church windows of stained glass, cut out from colored paper by the pupils.

The third and sixth grades, taught by Misses Anna and Bertha MacLaren, exhibited their work in one room. Work by the third grade included baskets and brush holders and so forth woven by their graders.

The fourth and seventh grades, taught by Miss Frances Stitt and Miss Bertha Taggart, respectively, showed mottoes done by the fourth graders, the first specimens of freehand, muscular movement writing, charming Japanese lanterns done by the lower grade and a fine exhibit of sewing done by the seventh grade.

Four B and Eight, taught by Miss Beulah Martin and Miss Cora Dunlap, had lamp shades and window decorations done by the fourth graders. Here also, was a great exhibit of the third year sewing class, the eighth graders. There was a whole row of fine work, such as dresses, waists, and so on, done by Elaine Losey, Georgianna Gosset, and other girls.

Miss Winifred Trapp, the fifth grade teacher, and Miss Margaret Winn, of the seventh grade, exhibited their pupils' work in the same room. This room was very interesting, containing as it did excellent displays of baskets, designs, drawing, history work, maps and so on, and for the fifth grade, a bunch of patterns for sewing made by the girls in the second year sewing class.

Through all the work of the art department there can be traced the guiding hand of experts in her line. While each of the teachers of the grades have direct supervision over the work of their pupils, the entire art and music department is under the direction of Miss Cora Hearn, and to her especially is due the credit for the high quality of the work produced by all the pupils.

The teachers and guests of the school all have one man to thank deeply for a great deal. The exhibit entails a great deal of incidental work and for all this the janitor, George Hutchinson is a favorite among those by whom he is employed as he is extremely efficient and accommodating.

BUYS A CADILLAC

R. J. Fraker Has Purchased A 30 Horse Power Cadillac Automobile

Alderman R. J. Fraker of the Fourth ward has purchased through P. J. Adams a four passenger 30-horse power Cadillac automobile and he is already becoming proficient in the art of driving the same.

DECORATION DAY

Program of Events For Tuesday May 30th

LINE OF MARCH TO CEMETERY

Exercises at Cemetery Under Auspices of the G.A.R. and W.R.C.

The Committee on program appointed by the members of Moyer Post to formulate a program for Decoration Day exercises, present the following:

- Opera House, 2 P. M. 1. Song—"Under the Same Old Flag".....Wright Quartette 2. Address of Welcome.....Commander Gardner 3. Prayer.....Rev. H. L. Crane 4. Reading of Orders.....Adjt. Greig 5. Song—"Lenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground".....4th and 5th Grade Pupils of Public School. 6. Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech.....4th and 5th Grades 7. Recitation.....Geo. Olmsted 8. Song—"Silent Tents of Green".....Wright Quartette 9. Recitation.....Dora Townsend 10. Introduction of speaker by.....H. J. Winchell 11. Address.....Prof. J. E. Mitchell 12. Benediction.....Rev. W. E. Doty

Line of March to the Cemetery. Starting from corner State and Superior streets, thence to Riverside cemetery.

- Order of march will be as follows: Mayor and Officers of City. Fraternal Societies. Alma Fire Department. Alma Brass Band. Members G. A. R. Post. Members W. R. Corps. Pupils Public Schools. Citizens in Carriages and Autos. Exercises at Cemetery. 1. Song.....Fifth Grade Pupils 2. Recitation.....Junior Class 3. Ritualistic Exercises by G. A. R. Post. 4. Closing Song, "America," by All W. R. Corps, assisted by Second grade pupils, will give short programme at river and scatter flowers on water in commemoration of nation's sailor dead.

The following are the officers of the day: Commander—J. C. Gardner. Adjutant—John Greig. Chaplain—Rodney Parvis. Marshall of the Day—Maynard Pringle.

HONOR HOME TOWN

Kind Words For Alma High School Athletes

The Mr. Pleasant Enterprise of last week had the following regarding the recent athletic meet held at M. A. C. some time since: "Alma high school surprised the state at the recent athletic meet. She tied for first place with Detroit Central, and beat all the other cities of the state. This is a distinct honor to the school, the town, and themselves. It might be said further that these athletes are as good in their studies as they are in athletics and perfect gentlemen withal. This is what makes athletics worth while."

TO WESTERN LADIES

"Eddie" Brehm Alma College Student to Sell Books in the Far West

The Cadillac News and Express published in Brehm's home town, has the following to say of that gentleman's occupation for the summer months: "Eddie" Brehm, who is attending Alma college, will spend the summer in the west in the capacity of book agent, one of the favorite vacation pastimes of college students. "Eddie" is proving such a success in his college work that he undoubtedly will be able to talk the western ladies and gentlemen into buying his books."

BICYCLE OWNERS, ATTENTION!

There is an ordinance on the statute books of the city prohibiting riding of bicycles on the sidewalks. This is to give all users of same notice that on and after this date said ordinance will be strictly enforced. By order of CITY MARSHAL. Dated May 25, 1911.