

H. S. CLASS OF 1911

Attend Presbyterian Church For Baccalaureate Address

BY REV. J. FRANK JACKSON

Church Was Prettily Decorated by Juniors, in Wild Flowers and Potted Plants

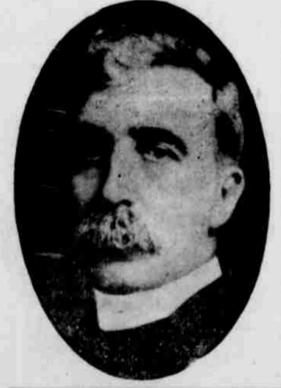
The baccalaureate services of the graduating class of the Alma high school were held in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening commencing at 7:30.

The order of service was as follows: Prelude—J. T. Ewing. Doxology—Congregation. Invocation—Rev. W. H. Cook, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Jackson chose as his text the fifteenth verse of the third chapter of second Timothy. He appealed to the graduates first to have the highest ideals of life, second to act as well as dream, and last to battle faithfully the fight of life.

Your thoughts are those of youth, of getting the most out of you; the best for yourselves and the best for others. Every larger thought, every flash of fancy, every throb of imagination is an invitation to you to come up higher.

But dreaming is not all. On the



tombstone of LaSalle are the words, Thinker and Fighter. Truly a noble epitaph. A man who is all thought and meditation degenerates into a self-centered creature cut off from the ways of the world and his thoughts die with him.

Turn from evil. Have no parley with it. This will prove the salt of your life and keep you sweet and wholesome. Keep alive the possibilities of your life, but do not be impatient.

Finally, let faith be the dynamic force of your life. There is a power that never fails, but perpetually renews itself and adapts itself to all changing circumstances and that power is nothing else than faith in God; and that alone you will find equal to all the demands of your life.

FIRE AT MIDDLETON

Six Stores Destroyed Last Saturday Night

BUCKET BRIGADE GOT BUSY

Families Living Over Stores Huddled Out Into the Street

Fire broke out from some unknown cause in living apartments over a barber shop shortly after midnight Friday, grew beyond control, and at an early hour Saturday had destroyed and burned six buildings.

The buildings were occupied by a barber shop, a doctor's office, a millinery store, a pool room, an agricultural implement store and a grocery.

FOURTH OF JULY

Celebration This Year at St. Louis—Good Time Promised

St. Louis has the honor and the responsibility of furnishing the amusement of Fourth of July for Gratiot county this year. Ithaca, Alma and St. Louis all take turns at the celebration this year it falls to St. Louis. That the little city will not be backward about doing so is evident from the advertising that the committee is doing for the day.

THE MICHIGAN PIANO TUNING COMPANY

Will be represented in this city for several days. All those desiring work done, please leave orders at Scattergood's store now in order to receive prompt attention.

ALMA'S NEW TEACHERS

Number of Old Instructors Will Not Come Back—Their Places Filled

GOOD TEACHERS ARE LOST

F. Currier, Misses Cameron, Taggart, Hurford, Cora Hearn, Farrell and Shaw

The year 1911-12 will see a number of changes in the personnel of the teachers of the Alma public schools, eight of this year's instructors leaving. The high school and the special departments are shown to be the heaviest losers each having to find new people to fill vacancies.

F. E. Ellsworth, superintendent High School. H. B. Ward, Principal. Arthur C. Luchtman, Mathematics. Olive J. Smith, English. Lena M. Gould, Latin and German. Jessie E. Potter, Sciences. Sena O. Potter, History. Special Teachers. Floyd A. Maxwell, Manual Training. Harriet E. McGreeham, Music and Drawing.

Grades. Cora Dunlap, Eighth grade. Margaret H. Winn, Seventh and Eighth. Laura B. Soule, Seventh grade. Bertha McLaren, Sixth grade. Winnifred G. Trapp, Fifth grade. Frances M. Stitt, Fourth grade. Beulah M. Martin, Fourth grade. Annette McLaren, Third grade. Pauline Chick, Second and Third grades.

Blanche Leisenring, Second grade. Pearl Turner, 1A grade. Etta E. Hearn, 1B grade. Allene Brown, sub-primary grade. Lena M. Drake, Kindergarten.

The new teachers are Mr. Luchtman, Miss Sena Potter, Mr. Maxwell, Miss Leisinger and Miss Drake. Mr. Luchtman is a graduate of the Mt. Clemens High school and of the University of Michigan Class of 1911. He comes here well recommended as a teacher of mathematics. Miss Potter is a graduate of the Alma High school and the Michigan State Normal College of Ypsilanti. She has been principal of the High school at Lexington up to this year and has given entire satisfaction. She is a sister to Miss Jessie Potter, who is now an instructor in the sciences in the High school here. Mr. Maxwell is a Mt. Pleasant man, a graduate of the High school there and of the Normal school. He has taken more manual training courses than any of their this year's graduates and is eminently fitted to take charge of the manual training here.

DR. BRUSKE HONORED

Adrian College Confers the Degree of LL. D. Upon Alma Citizen

President Bruske received the following communication from President Anthony of Adrian College on June 20: "Rev. A. F. Bruske, D.D., LL.D., Alma, Mich.

My Dear Doctor Bruske: It affords me pleasure to be able to notify you that by the faculty of Adrian College you were unanimously recommended to our board of trustees for the degree of LL.D.; and that this recommendation was unanimously adopted by the board at its session upon the 13th instant. It affords your Alma Mater great pleasure to have proven himself so worthy and so thoroughly entitled to it.

Wishing you continued success in your great work, I remain, most sincerely yours, B. W. ANTHONY."

WHERE THEY WILL BE

Alma College Faculty Plan Their Summer Outings

Miss Maude Hurford has established and developed Alma's manual training department in a way that is truly wonderful. She has brought it up from its inception until the present time, making it now one of the very best in the state. No one would doubt that who has seen the work done by the pupils in their annual exhibitions the last year or two, Alma owes her high-class manual training department to her. She has been here but two years, and goes to Coldwater where she will remain with her parents.

Cora Hearn is another instructor who has done much for her department. She has brought the music and drawing of the Alma schools up to a high standard and it will be no small task for her successor to keep it there. She goes to Holland, Michigan, to take a position as instructor in music, which is a decided promotion over her position here.

Miss Harriet Farrell is one of the best kindergartners that Alma has had the good fortune to secure and her absence from that department will be noticeably felt. She goes to her home at Elk Rapids to reside with her parents.

Miss Carrie Shaw leaves the second grade to take a similar position in her home town, Ludington. She has proved herself to be a very faithful and efficient instructor.

SCHOOL BANK SYSTEM

Average Deposits \$17.33 per Week—Total \$693.20 for School Year

The close of the school year sees the banking system in the public schools in an encouraging condition. It has for some time been known that the system was entirely satisfactory and it is but a repetition of an old story to say that every month proves it to be more and more so. For the first year the average deposits per week were \$17.33; for this forty weeks makes a total deposit for the year of \$693.20. The last twenty weeks has been even better than this average but at this rate the students have saved over one thousand dollars.

Most of this money is now in the hands of the two savings banks of the city, credited to the individual accounts of the pupils. As soon as the pupils get deposits of one dollar or over they are urged to withdraw it from the school bank and place it in the city banks, and practically all who have saved over a dollar have done this. No drawbacks to the system have appeared as yet. The bookkeeping is all taken care of by the book-keeping classes, giving them practical every-day experience in business methods, and but little extra effort is caused the teachers in the conduct of the department.

PRIZE ESSAY CONTEST

Civic Imp. League Awards Two Prizes—Dr. Bruske Makes Presentation

DONALD REID AND ARLO ECKERT

Women's Civic Improvement League Deserves Credit for Conducting Contest

For some time the Women's Civic Improvement League has been active in conducting sewing, darning and other contests for the school girls of the city, but up to this spring nothing has been done to promote activity among the boys of the schools outside of conducting of the reading room. A contest which would be of interest to all boys in the grades of the public schools and which would promote their love for nature study and birds in particular was arranged for. Its culmination came Friday afternoon when at the conclusion of the graduating exercises of the public schools, Dr. Bruske, president of Alma college, presented Arlo Eckert of the seventh grade and Donald Reid of the sixth with books upon bird study.

The contest was begun some two months ago. Essays upon the subject, "Birds I have Seen," to be of about five hundred words, were called for. There were two classes of contestants, those from the fifth and grades forming one class and those from the seventh and eighth grades forming the other. The object of the contest was mainly to promote individual research and bird study rather than to promote excellence in composition. Therefore, but twenty-five points were counted on composition, while twenty-five were given for excellence of general information shown and fifty for original observation and experience. The idea of the contest was not that of one in English work but rather in nature study. It was successful from start to finish, the interest that the pupils took in it being manifested by the fact that thirty-nine essays were submitted. From this number it was exceedingly difficult to pick the winners.

GRADE EXERCISES

The program of the pupils of the public schools commemorating their graduation Friday afternoon was very interesting. The exercises were held in the park and were very well attended. They were entirely unique and original and much credit is due to the teachers who trained the various pupils for their parts. The program was as follows: Bible reading—Psalm. Invocation..... Rev. W. H. Clark Songs—"The Fairy Revel," "The Little Tin Soldier."

J. B. SCOTT DEAD

Succumbs to Dread Pneumonia Wednesday Morning at 7:30

OF FIRM OF CRANDELL & SCOTT

His Early Life Spent in Ithaca Where He Was Widely Known and Highly Respected

Our citizens were startled Wednesday morning by the announcement of the death of J. B. Scott of the firm of Crandell & Scott of this city. Mr. Scott, accompanied by his wife and daughter, came to Alma from Fremont, Monday, June 12, and while on the way from Grand Rapids to this city Mr. Scott was taken sick. Upon arriving here he went directly to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. E. C. Crandell, where his sickness rapidly developed into pneumonia, which caused his death despite the tenderest care of physicians, friends and nurse.

J. B. Scott was born in Holly, Oakland county in 1878 and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Scott, moved to Ithaca in 1885. He was educated in the schools of that village, later entering the employ of the Ithaca Savings Bank where for seven years he was employed and his services highly appreciated. Resigning that position, Mr. Scott in company with his father purchased the furniture stock of Frank P. Merrill, which business they conducted with marked success for several years. Leaving Ithaca Mr. Scott went to Joliet, Illinois, thence to Fremont where he and his father again entered the furniture trade, the business being conducted by Scott & Son until the death of F. M. Scott some three years ago, since which time Mr. Scott has conducted the business alone. The Fremont business is a lucrative one and its steady growth speaks volumes for J. B. Scott's business ability. In January 1909 Mr. Scott in company with Mr. E. C. Crandell purchased the furniture and undertaking business of Convis & Convis, and while still retaining his home and business interests in Fremont he made frequent visits to Alma and was thoroughly interested in everything looking to the advancement of this city.

Mr. Scott was united in marriage to Miss Arabella Crandell at her home in Ithaca, and she together with one child, Dorothy, aged eight, are left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and indulgent father.

J. B. Scott was a man possessed of an enviable disposition. A good word for everyone he met, an ill word for none. A thorough going business man, a conscientious christian gentleman. It is no wonder that his friends were legion, and although he has passed from among them, his influence for right will long be felt in the communities where he has lived and had business dealings.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. W. H. Long of Mt. Pleasant assisted by Rev. H. L. Crain of this city, will be held at the home of E. C. Crandell on Woodworth Ave., Friday afternoon at two o'clock and the remains taken to Holly for burial, Saturday morning.

1911 SCHOOL CENSUS

Fifty-seven More School Children Than in 1910

The school census completed last week by Miss Kate Wynne shows that there are fifty-seven more children of school age in Alma at present than there were a year ago. The complete list now shows 830. This means that Alma will get some four or five hundred dollars more of state primary money than she did last year which will help some in expenses. It is also another of the many evidences which are brought to notice that Alma is both rapidly and steadily growing in population. No better criterion of the progressive business building growth of a city can be gotten than its school census, as it shows the growth in families and not in floating population.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the long illness and death of our husband and uncle. Mrs. Michael Koffenberger Peter Koffenberger

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