

PATTENGILL REUNION

Held At Wright Park Saturday. Many Return For Annual Outing.

The Henry R. Pattengill quarter-centennial reunion was held at Wright park last Saturday. Nearly 100 former students and friends of the pioneer school teacher, and the jovial "Pat" himself, graced the occasion with their presence and enjoyed a real old-fashioned dinner at the hands of the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom J. Fraker.

Following the dinner, which was served in the cool shade of the wide spreading maples of the city's beautiful resting place, the annual business session was held when officers for the ensuing year were elected and several matters of importance openly discussed. The election resulted as follows: Robert Comstock, Oconto, Wis., president; J. B. Gibbs, Ithaca, vice-president; L. J. Marvin, by virtue of his continual bachelorhood, was reappointed to act as secretary of the association. Mr. Marvin at the first meeting of the association was elected to fill the secretaryship until he had taken unto himself a wife.

The Pattengill reunion has occurred annually since 1888 and the membership comprises the men and women who were Mr. Pattengill's students during his years as an instructor in the public schools of Gratiot county. Mr. Pattengill was elected to the superintendency of the St. Louis schools in 1874. He remained there for two years. In 1876 he was offered a similar position at Ithaca which he accepted, and where he remained for eight years, leaving only to continue the same work in other parts of the state. During the ten years that Mr. Pattengill was active in the educational affairs of Gratiot county he made a host of friends who have remained steadfast to the present day.

The little army of school children which received instruction under his guidance have scattered to every corner of the United States, but once a year they gather to talk over old times and the days when "Pat" administered the rod. Not a year has slipped by but on this occasion the editor of Moderator-Topics has left his activities and hurried back to Gratiot to enjoy the annual outing with his pupils.

One attractive feature about the whole affair is that it is as informal as a country dance. Is it tame? Not a bit of it. Not when Henry R. Pattengill is on the program. It didn't take "Pat" long to start the ball rolling last Saturday. From the time he made his appearance until he left on the late train, it was "a continual round of pleasure" for everybody in shouting distance. And best of all, no one enjoyed it more than the originator of the association himself. He called everybody by name and made "jollied" the fairer sex with the enthusiasm of a twenty year old. He is the same old "Pat" just as congenial as ever and with the same appetite.

Letters were received from Mrs. Kitty Eagen Welling, Wheeler; Mrs. Clara Auteh, Little Rock, Arkansas; Charles B. Willoughby, New York City; and Mrs. Flora Roberts, Mountain View, Cal. Parties from Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Lapeer, Oxford, Wis., were among the former pupils present, besides those from the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Pattengill has just recently returned from an extended tour through the Panama canal zone. He was greatly impressed with the remarkable change the government has wrought in the conditions of the country, and more with the canal itself and the zeal and enthusiasm the engineers and others connected with its construction are putting into it.

In commenting briefly upon the present disturbances in Washington, Mr. Pattengill did not hesitate to criticize the attitude of Governor Ferris. "It would be better for Governor Ferris if he would keep out, if he wouldn't dabble," "Pat" said.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Alma College Summer School opened last week very auspiciously, fifteen students registering for the entire term of six weeks. The college authorities stated that the number would probably reach twenty-five within a few days as parties who have certified their intention of attending have not yet arrived. Several of the college students are among the list of summer school students and are taking extra work with the view of completing their regular college work next year. A few of the local high school teachers are also taking advantage of the summer session.

HOMES WANTED FOR COLLEGE GIRLS.

President Blaisdell of Alma College has received a number of communications from young women who wish to enter Alma next fall, but who are entirely dependent upon their own exertion for the means to pay their way through college. Some have expressly stated that they will be glad to go into a home and to assist in the housework or in the care of children for their room and board. Any women who perhaps might be willing to consider such help during the next college year, which will begin September 16th, are asked to communicate with President Blaisdell, in order that he may know whether it will be possible to offer encouragement to these young women. Naturally such students would do less college work than is regularly pursued, in order that they might have more time to assist in the home with which they are associated.

OVERCOME BY HEAT

Benton Zink Wanders About Grand Rapids In Serious Condition

Relating a story of whitecaps, and their torture of a woman, Burton Zink wandered into police headquarters yesterday and appealed to Police Clerk Nick Kick for protection. Nick turned him over to the county superintendent of the poor, and an examination may be held as to his sanity.

According to the man's story he went to Grand Haven last week to pick strawberries. He declared while sleeping, a band of men, masked, came into the same field and pitched a tent, in which they kept a woman securely bound. Zink became so frightened that he walked all the way to Grand Rapids, laboring under the delusion that the whitecaps were after him.

Zink is a resident of this city and according to a report from Grand Rapids, was prostrated by the heat, during the severe weather last week. Zink revived after a few days at the detention hospital and was later returned to his home in this city.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Festivities Closed Thursday Night With Annual Alumni Banquet Nearly 100 Alumni and Friends Present—D. L. Johnson, Toastmaster

The Grand Finale of the commencement week festivities at the High school—the annual alumni banquet, in honor of the present graduating class—was held in the High school building last Friday evening. Over 100 gathered around the festive board for the annual good time. The banquet was mentioned by many as the most delightful occasion of this nature in years and was a fitting close to the week's activities and the school year. Besides members of the faculty and friends fully 75 alumni were back to renew old friendships. D. L. Johnson, '05 acted as toastmaster and Superintendent F. E. Ellsworth, Ezra Smith, Floyd Smith, '10, Principal Ward, Miss Potter, Charles Goggin, '06 and Paul Cash responded to the toasts.

At exactly 9:10 the banqueters led by Superintendent Ellsworth and Mrs. Ellsworth, immediately followed by Toastmaster Johnson filed down the wide halls of the building and entered the commercial room which had been converted into an attractive banquet hall. The toastmaster and those participating in the program found their places at the toastmaster table at the east end facing the other banqueters and at a signal from John Dunham, president of the association, the Alumni of Alma High school sat down to the annual feast and jollification.

For an hour and a half the Alumni feasted on the good things prepared by the Presbyterian ladies. For an hour and a half they reminisced of the things that occurred in old days as well as in more recent years. Business affairs were completely forgotten, and once again the old "grads" met with the younger generations of school graduates. The spirit of the occasion was pronouncedly one of great interest in the welfare of Alma. While of course considerable time was spent in mentioning of the school day pranks yet much was also taken up in discussing the work of the school, which has been so ably carried on by the present administration, and the position that the Alumni wish to see their Alma Mater. Considerable has been accomplished during recent years

LAUNCH HITS BOOM

Six Drowned in Saskatchewan, Police Fail to Find Bodies

As noted in the telegram received by Mr. F. W. Hooper and published in the Record last week, six persons were drowned in the dark waters of the Saskatchewan river at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, last Thursday when a launch going at a terrific speed collided with a hidden boom in the main channel of the river. One member of the party, Everett Case, was rescued in a prostrate condition a few minutes following the accident. The accident occurred only a short distance from the boat house and was witnessed by several persons on shore who were powerless to assist immediately.

The drowned are Roden C. Hooper, Edmonton, formerly of this city, manager of the Marshall Wells Hardware company, Edmonton branch; Mrs. Roden C. Hooper; George Merrideth, Edmonton, superintendent of Marshall Wells Hardware company, Edmonton branch; Mrs. George Merrideth; Mrs. Everett Case; Mr. Prayton, an employe of the Marshall Wells Company.

Everett Case, manager of the West Side branch of the Imperial bank, was saved.

According to the detailed account of the catastrophe, the party numbering seven entered one of the Marshall Wells company's boat houses and procured a launch for an evening spin about the river. The party were laughing and were looking forward to an enjoyable time when they boarded the launch.

When they left the boat house the man at the wheel headed the launch up the river. An attendant at the boat house watched the party plow up and down the river. As the launch passed under one of the main bridges persons on the bank saw it suddenly stop. Those in the boat, it is said, at once started to remove their clothing realizing the seriousness of the accident and prepared to save themselves.

At this point the man at the engine threw out the anchor and cut off the engine. The force of the incoming

water and the sudden stopping of the propeller turned the boat turtle and the occupants were thrown into the water. The boat started down river and two of the party were seen hanging on to the side.

When the launch was over turned all the occupants were seen swimming and floundering about in the water. Mr. and Mrs. Case managed to grab the boat as the current headed it down stream. The others, Roden Hooper and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Merrideth and Mr. Prayton, struck out for shore. Eye witnesses saw the men gather the women in their arms and with strong strokes make an attempt to save their lives and the lives of their loved ones. The current was too swift and with the struggling women in their arms the men sank within a short distance from safety.

Meanwhile Everett Case and his wife were still clinging frantically to the edge of the boat; the bow was slightly tilted and emerged from the water. Gradually Mr. Case reached the bow and had a firm hold on it. Clinging desperately he reached back to assist the woman who had been his bride for only a few weeks, but she was gone, overcome by the cold and swift water.

Mr. Case raised himself on to the bow of the boat and looked about him. It is said that he saw the others making a desperate effort to reach land. They were within twenty feet of the shore. He looked away and when he glanced back they were gone. The rescuing party took Mr. Case from off the launch a few minutes later.

According to the statement of an employe of the boat house from which the ill-fated launch was taken, it was about fifteen minutes after the party left in such gay spirits that he heard calls for help. He immediately started out in another boat and went straight to the scene of the accident and ran up and down for several hours but found no trace of the drowned persons.

Others on the bank stated that they were not aware that the boat was injured or of the seriousness of the accident until they saw the occupants of the boat cast into the water. They said that they saw the men jump up and throw off their coats and shoes, but this did not awaken them to the fact that a great catastrophe was about to occur. One of the men said that he thought that they were only fooling and made such a statement to his companion.

Searching parties were sent out immediately and the river is being dragged under the direction of the police, but as yet the bodies of all lie somewhere in the Saskatchewan river. A statement reached here the first of the week to the effect that there was little encouragement of regaining the bodies at least until the river receded considerably. The Saskatchewan was exceptionally high and swift occasioned by the recent heavy storms in that region.

Roden C. Hooper was born in Alma on the Riverside farm just west of the city limits. He attended the Alma public schools through the grammar grades, when he registered as a student at Alma College Academy, which then provided a four years' course. Mr. Hooper did not finish his education, but left the academy and went to Portland, Oregon, where he became connected with the Marshall Wells Hardware company. He left Alma in 1903. His rise was rapid and at the time of the accident he was manager of the Marshall Wells Hardware company's branch house at Edmonton. Roden was married to Miss Florence Meins of Seattle, Wash., October 14, 1911. He was the father of Philadelphia, and a nephew of the late Ammi W. Wright. Mr. Hooper was a member of the Episcopal church of this city and of St. Andrew's Brotherhood. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, three sisters, Mrs. Essay Hooper Sidebotham, of Brooklyn, Mich., E. Maude Hooper and Ruth Hooper, and one brother, W. Allen Hooper, who graduated from Alma college, June, 1913, and was looking forward to a business career with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hooper and family of this city. Mrs. A. W. Wright, Miss Emily Case, Miss Elizabeth Case and John Marchmont, besides a host of old friends and schoolmates.

Mr. F. W. Hooper, father of Roden, left Alma for Edmonton immediately upon receipt of the telegram.

MOORE-DUNHAM ENGAGEMENT.

Mrs. H. M. Dunham announces the engagement of her daughter, Sophia Estelle, to Prof. Floyd Wayne Moore of Winona, Minn. The wedding will take place in the late summer.

Postmaster C. F. Brown announced this week that owing to the continued increase in the business of the office that it was found necessary to install an electric cancelling machine. The machine has already been set up and will be utilized immediately. The machine is capable of stamping 400 letters per minute.

CLASS OF 1913

Graduated Wednesday Evening June Twenty Fifth

Last Wednesday evening, in the High school auditorium occurred the Commencement exercises of the class of 1913. The High School Glee Club both sang and were compelled to respond to encores. The invocation was given by Rev. W. E. Doty and the speaker of the evening was introduced by Supt. C. E. Ellsworth.

Superintendent Warriner of the Saginaw High school is one of the foremost educators of the state and his address was both interesting and instructive. He congratulated the class on being the largest ever graduated from the Alma schools, and the first to hold their commencement exercises in the new High school. Following the address Miss McGraham sang the Barcarolle from the opera "Jocelyn" and Mr. Ellsworth after a few words of welcome to the members of the eighth grade class, who will enter the High school in the fall, presented them with the eighth grade certificate.

Mr. Ezra L. Smith, president of the Alma Board of Education, congratulated the Seniors on having completed their High school course and presented them with their diplomas.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated in the colors of the class, yellow and white, and the same colors, together with numerous banners and pennants, were used in the gymnasium, where the Juniors held a reception for the members of the graduating class, yellow and white, and the same colors, together with numerous banners and pennants, were used in the gymnasium where the Juniors held a reception for the members of the graduating class, their parents, the school board and faculty.

The following young men and women comprised the class: Dick H. Rockwell, Daisy Elvira Slater, Bernice Novelle Sweet, Paul Rudolph Cash, Rodney B. Burgess, Efford Armona Beeber, Carrie Bailey, Tallula Bell Beebe, Lydia Brown, Ray Victor Beshtogor, Edna Arevella Campbell, Bethel L. Cummings, Clifford Nelson Cummings, Winnie Lela Cooper, Esther Mae Dunham, Lula Ella Ellis, John R. Gaffney, Grace M. Haner, Rose S. Judge, Lena Jane Jessup, Clarence Pressley Jessup, Harlow H. Raycraft, Reginald S. McClinton, Laura Marguerite Gossett, Donald Brainard Smith, Elfreda Mary Udelle, William Dwight von Thurn, Edna Verbell Wiley, Florence D. Wood.

PRESENT PILLARS

Graduating Classes of 1903 And 1913 Will Erect Memorial

At the final meeting of the class of 1913, of Alma College, it was unanimously decided to erect a pillar as a class memorial. The 1903 graduates will co-operate with this year's class and present a similar pillar to the institution. Plans have been submitted and are now on display at the college office. Work will begin at once in order to have the pillars in place at the opening of the fall term. The memorials will both be erected, one on each side of the street at the beginning of the college campus on Superior street. The construction will be of white sand stone and dark rough faced brick.

The class of 1913, and the positions they will occupy the coming year follows: Margaret Boag, teacher, Tecumseh; George Brilmyer, Western Electric Co., Chicago; Susie Brown, teacher, Marten; Lester von Thurn, Insurance, Philadelphia; W. A. Ewing, teacher, Charlevoix; Allen Hooper, business, Edmonton, Alberta; Maude Hooper, teacher, Carson City; Ruth Robbins, teacher, Iron Mountain; Clara Hanel, teacher, Crosswell; E. A. Thompson, pastor, Beaverton;

"SANDY" SLATED FOR FOURTH

Ithaca "Ind" Merrill Reds Couple Up In Big Game On Davis Field. If Its Sport You Want Be Present When, The Game Is Called

"Sandy" Duncanson, leader of the Ithaca Independents will be on the mound in tomorrow's engagement with Merrill on Davis Field. That is the last report from the Ithaca camp. "Sandy" has had wonderful weather to get into shape and if the weather man holds the mercury up around the boiling point the Merrill outfit will face a veritable gatling

Wade Frost, student, McCormick Seminary, Chicago; Leon Kolvoord, business, Allegan; Chalmers Montith, Western Electric Co., Chicago; Rex Van Duzen, student, University of Michigan; John Landon, student, Detroit; Beryl Broderick, Detroit; Marguerite O'Neil, teacher, Sault Ste. Marie; Bernice Walker, teacher, Bernice Latson, teacher, Howell; Marian Hartness, teacher; Marion Rounsifer, teacher, Eaton Rapids; Oral Misenar, teacher, Newberry; Claude Satterlee, student, University of Michigan; Della Struthers, teacher, Onaway; Andrew Clifford Edgerton, Cass City.

BORN IN CANTON, CHINA.

Miss Lois Fraker received a card Tuesday morning announcing the birth of Janet Elizabeth Allured in Canton, China, May 29th; weight 7 1/4 pounds. Part of the message on the card was, "A future Alma college student arrived at our home yesterday, she expects to graduate in 1935." Mr. and Mrs. Allured are former students and graduates of the college and were both very popular. Since their marriage they have been engaged in missionary work in China. They have the congratulations of the many friends in this city.

Mr. Robinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson of this city and an alumnus of Alma college, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1901.

SPECTACULAR EVENT

Aviator Barlow Is Here With Machine In Readiness For Celebration

The most spectacular event that has ever been witnessed in the county will occur tomorrow, when Floyd E. Barlow, the Birdman, will make two scheduled flights. Don't fail to be on hand. If you do the opportunity of a life time is gone.

According to press reports, Aviator Barlow is a real live "dare devil." He remains in the air thirty minutes during which time he plays all kinds of pranks with his pet, dipping and turning and sailing in hair-raising fashion. Barlow has been endorsed sufficiently to allow the Alma Fourth of July authorities to say that it will be "worth the candle" to take a day off and watch this human bird perform. Already the forerunners have arrived and set up shop. Three merry-go-rounds are ready to commence operations. All sorts of amusements are for you and it is a certainty you won't be disappointed for Alma citizens always give you just what they agree to. Think it over, read the program and come to Alma on the first train tomorrow. Join the happy throng and celebrate in a fitting manner.

CHATAUQUA MEETING.

Business Men Hold Meeting at City Hall and Arrange Details.

Last Monday afternoon a meeting of the Chautauqua guarantors was held at the city hall. The following officers were appointed: C. F. Brown, president; J. M. Montigel, vice-president; C. J. Brown, secretary; John Knoetzer, treasurer. Executive committee—J. T. Ewing, C. G. Rhodes, F. C. Thornburg.

The details of the Chautauqua week were gone over and a committee consisting of the treasurer and chairman of the executive committee was appointed to receipt for the season tickets which are now in the city. The prospects are that Chautauqua week, August 6 to 12, will bring thousands of people to our city as a most excellent program of twenty-one entertainments have been arranged, all of which can be enjoyed for the price of one season ticket, \$2.00.

The Chautauqua tent will be pitched on the one-half acre or more of land just north of the Masonic Home and adjoining the city park on the east, an ideal location for our citizens as well as strangers who will take advantage of the opportunity to see and hear the Ben Greet Players, Kryl Band, ex-Governor Folk, and many equally good attractions.

THE POST VAULT

Will Be Completed Within One Month According To Contractors

The Post vault, which has been under construction in Riverside cemetery for some time is nearing completion, thirty days at the most being the time required to finish the work. This statement was made this week by the contractors.

For several years the proposition for the city to erect a vault has received favorable criticism, but the matter has never been taken up directly with the city fathers, and as a result Alma has been lacking a dire necessity. A year or so ago following the enthusiasm created by the members of the Civic league over the vault idea, Mrs. Eliza Post made the statement that she intended erecting a private vault. Mrs. Post was approached upon the subject and a gift of \$2,000 was donated to the city, which in turn should have complete charge of the construction. The giver asked permission to retain two racks in the vault, one for her husband and the other for herself. Mrs. Post's requests were complied with and the city commenced operations at once. While Mrs. Post has relinquished all responsibility over the matter she has been consulted often relative to the arrangement and details, and has been a frequent visitor during the course of construction.

The Post vault is something new in this line of construction work. It is a two-compartment structure, 20x20 feet in dimensions, and is built of cobble stone of remarkable regularity. The chapel occupies the upper apartment while the vault proper is situated directly beneath it. Both are similar in size. Large retaining walls, also constructed of cobble stone, have been built extending outward in an angling direction from the front corners of the vault. While these walls are merely for protection from falling banks the arrangement is very attractive. The space between the two retaining walls will be cemented.

Entrance to the vault is made either at the east side into the chapel, or through a door leading directly into the vault proper. Drive ways lead to both entrances. The chapel will be finished in white plaster and light wood. At one end of the room there is an opening leading to the lower apartment through which the caskets will be lowered to the receiving rack by a mechanical device. Regular chapel seats will be installed later. The vault proper is divided into two sections, the Post section occupying one and the other to be utilized by the city. Two private racks have been set aside for the use of the family, while a space has been left for the installation of the family monument. The receiving rack is 8x16 1/2 feet and will accommodate eighteen. The vault will be finished in plain white plaster the same as that in the chapel.

The cost of erecting the vault as stipulated in the contract with Mrs. Post is not to exceed \$2,000, but according to a recent statement given with authority it will pass this amount slightly.

The situation of the vault is in the center of the cemetery and holds a very commanding position. It is built into the side of a small hill and is overshadowed by large maple trees.

During the past year the cemetery has been materially beautified by the addition of several monuments and statues. The most attractive of these are the two statues erected recently upon the Kimball lot. The two statues are both carved out of solid granite and rest on bases of pure Bedford marble. They are life size and are a perfect reproduction of the original. Mr. Kimball is still living but his wife has been dead for many years. The cost of these two statues approaches \$2,000. The work was done by Italian sculptors.

Clarence Jessup A High School Student, Loses Control Of Himself

NEAR DROWNING

Clarence Jessup A High School Student, Loses Control Of Himself

A drowning accident was narrowly averted yesterday at the annual senior-faculty picnic, when Clarence Jessup lost complete control of himself while enjoying a dip in the Pine. Jessup along with several other fellow classmates had taken a canoe out in the river intending to turn it over and use it as a temporary raft. The boat capsized unexpectedly throwing the occupants into the water. The shock was so great that Jessup lost his wits and had it not been for immediate assistance the result would have been disastrous. Jessup was an able swimmer.