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MAGNA CUM LAUDE

The title of this article has not been chosen for the purpose of displaying the editor's knowledge of Latin, nor for the purpose of introducing something new in the line of heads. The idea was suggested by the graduating exercises at Alma college last Wednesday, when these words appeared after the names of two young ladies on the program, and cum laude appeared after the name of another young lady. These young ladies are Mildred L. McConkey, Iva Elizabeth Nunn and Gertrude Rebekah Peters.

There were sixteen members of the class of 1919, ten young women and six young men. The term quoted, loosely translated, means "With great credit," and is significant of unusual accomplishment.

The reason for calling attention to this matter is the fact that in this class all the honors go to the young women of the class. Nor is this an unusual circumstance. In most high school classes more girls than boys are graduated, and the ratio is not far from two to one. Down in the kindergarten and first grade they start in about equal numbers, but more boys drop out than girls, and the result is as indicated at graduation.

This is significant of two things: First, that women and girls are fast demonstrating their entire fitness for the right of franchise and the exercise of all the privileges of American citizenship.

There was a time when the men very gravely questioned whether the women knew enough to entitle them to citizenship or not, when the woman's sphere was supposed to be the kitchen and her labor that of a menial; but that day has passed in the dawning of a new era of education and enlightenment in which women have demonstrated their equality of endowment, and their sincerity of purpose. There is not a field of endeavor in which the women of America are not achieving success, and they will continue to do so more rapidly than ever now that they are given equal opportunity.

The second thing of importance in this little discussion is the unfortunate fact that so many boys fall out of school without having completed a course of study worth while. They fail to learn to do things in a systematic way and as a result they go out into life unprepared to do and give their best. This is unfortunate because there never was a time in our history when American citizenship carried with it such great responsibility, and when it offered such splendid opportunity.

In these days of keen competition that demand a high degree of training, the tragedies of the unprepared are real tragedies, for skill of some kind is a necessity to the success of every individual.

We are glad to see the women of the country taking their rightful place, but we sincerely hope that it will be impressed upon the minds of parents as well as upon the minds of young men, that the young women are not to supercede the men but to work in conjunction with them.

If America is to continue her greatness, and do her full share in the new order of things the men and women must be developed on an equality. Every boy and every girl should be given the opportunity, and beside that, urged to develop his natural talents to the greatest capacity.

We men and women of today, have a great responsibility in the education of the men and women of the "Great Tomorrow."

THE BOOM IS STARTING

Rumors of business disaster in Alma, which have been afloat on the winds during the past few months, started without question by the idle tongues of pessimists of the deepest hue, enlarged upon and scattered 'round by gossip, have proven a bubble, which has burst and given birth to a new boom in Alma, which is yet in its infancy, but which is gaining in strength daily, and bids fair to assume, in the near future, the hold which the war-smashed boom had upon the people of the city.

That Alma is coming back to her pre-war days, perhaps slowly, but none the less surely, is indicated from several sources, the most noticeable of which, of course, is the constantly increasing production of Republic trucks in Alma.

This gigantic local concern has not yet, and probably will not for a few months still to come, reached its pre-war manufacturing basis, but the fact remains that since the close of the war it has each month been increasing its production nearer to the former mark, and is constantly putting on new men. It is not adding new men at any one time, it is true, and hence, the greater number is not being noticed as much as would otherwise be the case.

A great amount of business property has changed hands since the first of the year, showing clearly that cool-headed business men can see for Alma a still more brilliant future with the coming months and years. The construction of a number of new business blocks has been started and others are to be started in the near future.

Of late there has been a big activity in the construction of new residences in Alma, which continue in good demand, for renting at least, indicative of the fact that people are not leaving Alma as rapidly as Dame Rumor, would evidently have us believe.

Other industries in the city are showing an after-the-war revival, which is creating new business, and causing a demand for more workers in the city, and it is thoroughly believed, by those close in touch with the situation that Alma will continue the revival of the boom, which two years ago made her one of the most talked of cities in the state, and keep up the pace of the past few years which she established by her rapid growth from a farming community, to a throbbing, hustling, commercial and industrial city.

Abraham Lincoln didn't hold first place at the beauty show; tradition says his trousers bagged at the knees, and he wasn't long on soft talk, but when it came to real integrity and old-fashioned honesty. He was always right on hand.

If the president and congress will forget all about political differences now, and do the thing that needs to be done, right away, we will all begin to breathe easy, except the political agitators, who may wheeze a little.

Do you know what makes Ty Cobb a great ball player? Well, he pays strict attention to the game. You can be just as good in your line if you give it the same attention and pep. Why not?

The Civil war left with us the burden of the whiskey business and it took more than fifty years to get away from it. This war has brought us the cigarette. How long will it stay?

These are days when every man should be giving his best effort to his task, or else quit it and find a task at which he can do his best.

A postage stamp is valuable because it sticks to the job till it gets somewhere. Can you stick in the same way?

If Columbus hadn't had faith in himself, we would either be Indians or else we wouldn't be here. See?

No man has a right to be a lounge; there is too much to do in the world.

REPUBLICS WIN

Lop-Sided Scores Mark Week End Games of Big Alma Team.

The Republic baseball team had two big picnics over the week end at the expense of the Remus Colored Giants and the American Oil company team of Jackson. The first was taken into camp Saturday by the Truckmakers by a score of 13 to 0 and the Jacksonites by a score of 16 to 1 in an eight inning game.

There is little question but what each of the visiting teams found an aggregation far stronger than had been expected and that they suffered considerably from that familiar ailment known as stage fright.

In the Saturday battle both Blackhall and Stewart, a newcomer, worked in the box for the Gaswagon team, and were so effective that during the entire game only three balls were knocked out of the infield. Not a safe blow did the two men give the Remus team, and the strikeouts rolled up with startling regularity. In the first inning the Republics batted clear around and then some, gathering seven runs in this session. The following innings were tame affairs, with the Republics making a regular joke of the fray, except for the hurriers, who continued to pitch the entire route, bringing in the first no hit, no run game of the year.

The American Oil company team of Jackson came to Alma with a string of victories which had been unbroken all year, and until the fray started, the Prison City nine had visions of adding another scalp to its string, but O'Neil's offerings were anything but puzzling to the Truckmakers, who knocked his delivery to all corners of the lot, mixing them with errors of the enemy to aid in swelling the total of the Republic scoring column.

One Mr. Truckey did the hurling for the Alma nine, and was effective the entire route and would have had a shutout except for Smith's wild heave to center field in the third inning with a man on third ready to cash in when the opportunity offered. Three bingles was all that Truckey yielded, while fourteen of the visitors whiffed the breeze, while trying to solve his puzzling delivery.

The game was devoid of features, except for the clouting of Tooley who had a perfect day with the stick, driving out four hits in as many trips to the plate; and for the steal of home, which Baum pulled off in the seventh inning, a play that was highly successful in its execution.

Scores by innings—

Saturday:
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 r h e
Trucks 7 0 1 1 1 3 0 0 x—13 17 1
Remus 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 0 5

Batteries: H. Cross, Guy, A. Cross and Kennedy; Blackhall, Stewart and Dobbins.

Sunday:
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 r h e
Jackson 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 3 9
Republic 3 0 2 2 0 6 3 x—16 12 1

Batteries: O'Neil and Dunn; Truckey and Smith and DeVogt.

PURCHASES BUSINESS

Floyd Maxwell Has Purchased the Business of Frank Barnes.

Floyd Maxwell, for the past few years manual training instructor at the high school, has purchased the business of Frank Barnes of this city, including his plant at the foot of State street, near the bridge over Pine river, and took possession of the business yesterday.

Mr. Maxwell, who is well known as a highly capable special furniture and cabinet maker, expects to continue the various lines which were produced by his predecessor and to add new lines of wood manufacture to the business, including not only special furniture and cabinets, but screens, sash and patterns, increasing the business considerably. More men will be employed in the plant right from the start, and Mr. Maxwell has high hopes of building up a fine business in this section of the state during the coming few years. The concern will do business under the name of The Maxwell Manufacturing company.

APPOINTED TO BOARD

Dr. Ernest F. Barker, professor of physics at Western university, London, Ontario, has been appointed to the research fellowship board, according to announcement made by national research council at Washington. This board is operated under the United States government, and is financed by the Rockefeller Foundation for the promotion of scientific research. It is expected that this work will be done at the University of Michigan, which presented his name to the national research council. Dr. Barker is well known in this city, and is a brother-in-law of Ray Swartz of Alma.

ALMA RECORD SOLD

C. F. Brown has sold the Alma Record and printing business which he has conducted for 32 years in that city to Babcock & Grosskopf of Harbor Springs, who took possession of the property with the first issue of the publication for June. Charley Brown purchased The Alma Record the year previous to the time the editor assumed control of The Courier, and the two have been pretty good friends from that day to this, with the prospect of that friendship continuing for 30 or 40 more years without a hitch, even in politics, notwithstanding C. F. drew a post-office once while another man drew a salary for one which the editor of The Courier was fishing for. However, The Courier extends best wishes to the new proprietors of The Record and welcomes them to the fraternal fold so near the hub of Michigan which scintillates literary reflections to every quarter of this great commonwealth, and The Courier congratulates the gentlemen named in assuming possession of a printing concern equalled in equipment and importance by few in the state in such larger cities.—Isabella County Courier.

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SUMMER CONFERENCES

Presbyterian Churches and Sunday Schools Will Send Delegates.

Presbyterian churches and Sunday schools are planning to send delegations of young people to summer conferences one of which will be at Alma at which the local delegates will be given intensive training as crusaders in the Presbyterian New Era Movement's campaign to solve the critical community problems arising out of the world war.

These conferences are really training camps to officer the large army of Presbyterian soldiers who have enlisted for world work as Comrades of the New Era.

These local young people will be specially trained for practical service tasks to carry on the work of the church in this section. The expenses of the young people attending the conferences will be borne by their individual churches and when they have received their conference training they will devote their energies to the field of the churches that equipped them for service.

Some of the conferences already scheduled are as follows:

Emporia, Kansas, June 16-22.
Chautauqua, Ill., June 23-29.
Hastings, Neb., June 23-29.
Pocono Pines, Pa., June 30 to July 6.

Winona Lake, Ind., June 30 to July 6.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, July 7-13.
Jamestown, N. D., July 9-15.
Alma, Mich., July 9-15.

Lake Worth, Tex., July 15-23.
Buffalo, Minn., July 16-22.
Green Lake, Wis., July 23-29.

Hollister, Mo., July 30 to Aug. 6.
San Anselmo, Cal., July 30 to Aug. 6.

Wooster, Ohio, July 30 to Aug. 8.
Los Angeles, Cal., August 4-10.
Stony Brook, N. Y., August 4-10.

Oregon, August 13-19.
Grove City, Pa., August 23-31.

A BEAUTY SPOT

Mrs. Wm. Anderson's Flower Garden Very Attractive.

One of the beauty spots of Gratiot county is the farm home of Mrs. Wm. Anderson of Summer township, about seven miles out of this city. Mrs. Anderson, who is past seventy-six years of age, has a flower garden which would be very hard to equal in this section of the country. She has a great variety of shrubs and plants so carefully selected, as to bloom any time, that from early spring until fall her place affords great pleasure to lovers of the beautiful. Just at present her possey beds are in full bloom, showing a wonderful variety of color and delicate tints from the perfectly white through all the various shades to blood red.

Mrs. Anderson tends her own flowers and not only takes great pride in the work but finds it a source of great pleasure.

She is a pioneer of this section having come here sixty-three years ago from Canada and started a home in the wilderness; in the days when this county, which is now queen of the state in productivity, was known as "starving Gratiot."

A half century of activity is not given to many of us and it is more than possible that the love of beauty and the spirit of helpfulness shown by Mrs. Anderson through all these years, has added to her life as well as afforded pleasure to her many friends, who have had the benefit of her love of the beautiful, simply for the taking. The world is helped by everyone who tries to appreciate its beauty and add to it if possible and here's the wish that Mrs. Anderson may enjoy many more years with her beautiful flowers.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Republic Now Has New Vice President and General Manager.

Announcement was made Thursday, June 12, of the appointment of C. Fisher Hepburn, vice president and general manager of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., of this city.

According to the announcement it is the intention of F. W. Ruggles, president of the Alma company, to remain as active as ever in the business, but that his time will be devoted very largely to development work in connection with all of the company's extensive interests. Much of the routine work that has formerly been handled by Mr. Ruggles will be done by the new vice president, it is understood.

THIS IS FOOT COMFORT WEEK

To read the history of shoes furnishes a most pleasant pastime. When first worn, the shoe was but a plain object of utility on the street, later it became more elaborate, although little attention was paid to its fitting qualities. Most of these early shoes possessed very uncouth shapes and were so entirely unrelated to the structure of the foot that no one of us now could possibly endure walking about in them.

Foot discomforts and sufferings have developed and flourished from these primitive days. At that time there was an abhorrence of pedestrianism on account of the excruciating agony of badly designed and fitted shoes. Scientific correction was unheard of. Today the presence of springtime and the coming of summer is symbolized in remarkable displays of the prevailing styles in shoes. However, the foot is still incased in a rigid but stylish covering. The proper fit is overlooked. And most people nowadays, upon even the slightest provocation of walking suffer sheer exhaustion due to the pain of a corn, incessant throbbing of a bunion and everharmful crowding of crooked toes.

With many persons a reaction has set in with the spreading knowledge of scientific correction of foot troubles that means an easy, graceful carriage so necessary to health. This marks the real purpose of Foot Comfort week—a recognized National Event—that will be celebrated this week—June 16 to 21.

Foot Comfort Week stands out as an enlightenment to humanity as to

the proper methods to follow to alleviate their foot suffering. Its direct purpose is to banish needless foot discomforts by removing the cause of the trouble. And thousands of shoe dealers will participate in this concerted drive, put in Foot Comfort window displays and demonstrate to their patrons the scientific method of foot correction originated by Dr. Wm. M. Scholl, recognized foot authority. It brings positive and immediate relief, pleasure and happiness, to every person handicapped with aggravating foot troubles.

Many people are unconscious today, that they have weak or broken arch, developing more imperfectly each year that is causing such incessant discomfort and not the shoes they wear. Others think that their feet are so unaturally shaped as to have to wear ill-fitting, cramping and dis-

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Having acquired the services of another competent barber I have decided to give the public the benefit of a better service barber shop.

Hereafter the shop will open at 7:00 a. m. and close at 9:00 p. m. There will be two barbers to open the shop at 7:00 a. m. and work until 7:00 p. m. and two who will start to work at 9:00 a. m. and work until 9:00 p. m. In this manner we hope to give the public better service and the barbers better hours, so don't hesitate to come early or late.

Our Cigar Store

We have added a Humidore cigar wall case to our fixtures which gives additional space for handling our cigar business. Hereafter the smoker with the discriminating taste will be able to get his favorite cigar in Clara, Colorado and Maduro (light, medium and dark shades). We have increased our stock with this idea in view so that the buyer who knows can get his particular smoke without extra effort.

Specials for Saturday

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First Consul, "Regalia Londros" 13c 2 for 25c

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