

COMMENCEMENT

AT WENTWORTH

Thirtieth Year of Famous Academy Finished in Splendid Shape

Wentworth Military academy held its thirtieth annual commencement this week. And a more satisfactory set of exercises the school in its long existence never had. Everything went off with a precision and smoothness and accuracy that was astonishing. Nothing was strained in the least. There was complete preparation for every presentation and all nervousness as to the effect of any performance was eliminated.

The exercises of commencement week were not special displays worked up under pressure for the occasion, but simply exhibitions of the work the cadets had done during the year. There were many commencement visitors and they seemed to be enjoying themselves at all times.

Sunday morning Rev. W. M. White of Mexico, Missouri, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the Christian church. In spite of the rain that morning the auditorium of the church was packed and many were unable to gain admittance. The music for the occasion was furnished by the cadet choir, an organization which was revived after twelve years of inactivity.

The congregation was immensely pleased with the sermon of Mr. White. His subject was a broad one—the love of God—and his treatment was most attractive, filled with appropriate illustrations and applications. Mr. White's personality is strong, his presence magnificent, his delivery pleasing.

Sunday evening the Christian church choir gave a musical program and again the church was filled with an appreciative audience. The music under the direction of Miss Mattie Lou Catron, was of a very high order.

At this service the pastor, Rev. R. B. Briney announced that Mr. White would conduct a series of meetings here next fall. Mr. White made a beautiful little talk on the "Value of Music."

MONDAY'S DRILLS.

Monday morning at nine o'clock the military program began with guard mounting. This daily function has been brought to a remarkable degree of perfection this year.

The sham battle was scheduled for the morning, but was postponed to five o'clock in the afternoon on account of the muddy condition of the drill ground. An exhibition of bayonet exercises and Butts' Manual was held on the front lawn at 10:30.

After dinner there was a strenuous battalion drill for more than an hour. The field uniforms was worn and the battalion gave an excellent exhibition of maneuvering. At three the battalion was dismissed and a half hour later appeared with duck trousers, gray blouses and white equipments. After a beautiful battalion parade the cadets again adorned the khaki uniforms and appeared for the sham battle.

An enormous crowd was present to witness this function, as its spectacular features generally make it the favorite with the visitors. The sham battle this year was without doubt the best ever seen on the academy campus. This was made possible by the enlarged field, the extra large

charges of powder in the cannons, the presence of the colors in the attacking party, the realistic acting of the "injured" men, the quick work of the hospital corps and the general air of dispatch and precision with which the commandant, Captain Pritchard, has imbued the battalion.

Monday evening there were no exercises at the academy and the cadets and visitors were allowed to go calling or attend the Lexington college grand concert.

TUESDAY'S EXERCISES.

The exercises Tuesday were opened as usual with guard mounting. Then came the field and track meet. All the contests were hard fought and exciting. The teams were arranged according to companies and each individual point winner received a prize. "C" company won the meet largely by the work of Lill, who won the individual medal. R. D. Groves won a close second contestant. At the same time of the meet the finals of the tennis tournament were played. As was anticipated H. W. Wilson of Horton, Kansas, the interscholastic champion of Kansas, won out. Border Strong of Troy, Kansas, was the runner-up.

After dinner came the street parade and then the base ball game in which the Wentworth team was defeated 7 to 2 by the Haskell Indians. Following the ball game came battalion parade with Butts' manual.

In the evening the academy band gave a concert on the front porch before a large audience. During the year Captain Day developed a band which, though small, was probably the best band the academy ever had. Since his retirement May 1, Captain Sellers has been the director. The concert Tuesday evening was given in competent manner and pleased the audience exceedingly.

WEDNESDAY'S EXERCISES.

After guard mounting Wednesday morning came the company competitive drill. Lieutenants Tarbutton and Peyton from Ft. Leavenworth were the judges. The companies were put through an exhaustive list of stunts before the final decision was reached. "D" company, consisting of the small boys, was given the prize.

Then came the drills by the artillery, engineering, signalling and hospital detachments. The cadets showed remarkable proficiency in these various branches. The board of trustees took dinner at the academy and met at 1:15.

At two o'clock the individual competitive drill was given on the front lawn. There was an unusually large list of candidates, so that they were divided into squads and drilled separately. Then the winners of each squad were put together to drill in the finals. After a thorough drill in firing, lying down, kneeling, marching and the manual of arms, it was evident that David Hornbuckle of this city was the winner and so the judges declared. The decision was popular.

At five o'clock the final parade was held in full dress. Dress parade is the prettiest of all battalion exercises with the sound-off by the band, the firing of

the gun, the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" while the flag is being lowered and the final review in quick and double time.

THE DANCE.

The final reception and ball has come to be the greatest of evening functions of commencement week, and this year's hop was undoubtedly the best ever.

The old drill hall had been decorated with the class colors—black and gold—the school colors, college pennants and the flags of many nations. It never looked quite so pretty. Then the floor had been so thoroughly worked over with meal and wax that it was really good for dancing. Harry Kelley with his orchestra from Kansas City furnished the music which was, of course, excellent.

An exceedingly attractive innovation was the programs, leather card cases stamped with the Wentworth coat of arms with the printing in brown to match. The men appeared well in military uniforms or civilian dress. But the crowning feature was the ladies. It would be impossible to imagine a more beautiful, better gowned or more graceful gathering.

About seventy-five couples were present and sixty-seven took part in the grand march, led by Captain Pritchard and Mrs. Hoge. Pineapple ice was served during the evening. Dancing lasted until nearly two o'clock.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

A fitting close of the week's exercises was the graduation on the academy lawn Thursday morning. The band furnished the music.

The address of the occasion was delivered by Rev. H. A. Hohenwald of Clayton, Nebraska. Mr. Hohenwald was formerly pastor of the German Methodist church of this city and was known to many citizens. It was expected that his address would be masterly, but such an address as he delivered not even his most ardent admirers had anticipated. Those who heard it were unanimous in declaring it the finest address ever delivered to a Wentworth graduating class. Such eloquence, such complete mastery of the sentence, such ability to organize and develop a theme, such convincing delivery, such a grand conception of life as Mr. Hohenwald has, make him a truly great orator. He has as yet attracted but little attention outside of his own denomination; but he is indeed one of the best preachers in the country.

He chose the duty of the citizen as his theme Thursday and held the closest attention of the audience for nearly an hour. It would be indeed a pleasure to see the speech in print; but Mr. Hohenwald had not written it out and spoke from the briefest notes.

After the address prizes were awarded as follows:

University scholarship, R. D. Groves, Dover, Mo.; Second contestant W. M. Hoge, Lexington, Mo.

Scholarship medal, Arthur Stewart, Topeka, Kans.; Second contestant, Rogers Strickland, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Athletic medal, Archie Lill, Manitowoc, Wis.; second contestant R. D. Groves, Dover, Mo.

Tennis cup, H. W. Wilson, Horton, Kansas.

Individual drill medal, David Hornbuckle, Lexington, Mo.

Barnap trophy, to captain of best drilled company, Herman

Day, Williamsburg, Indiana. Athletic banner, "C" company. Drill banner, "D" company.

The following received diplomas of graduation:

G. O. Blake, W. L. Butler, R. W. Campbell, E. F. Coultas, A. R. Dallmeyer, S. W. Dewar, J. H. Engel, R. D. Groves, J. B. Howe, C. B. Jackson, L. Littlefield, E. B. McClure, H. E. Parks, F. C. Riley, C. R. Wilson, F. M. Wright, A. Bour, E. P. Bryan, L. A. Chambers, K. D. Cunningham, H. E. Day, E. Ellis, E. A. Groves, W. M. Hoge, C. A. Hyatt, S. H. Koontz, W. S. Mann, F. Opocensky, F. A. Pattillo, H. M. White, H. W. Wilson, F. W. Woskie.

After the benediction by Dr. E. C. Gordon, the audience stood while the band played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Then the school year was over.

Greenwade-Geeslin.

A very beautiful wedding was solemnized in the parlors of Lexington College on last Tuesday at noon, immediately following the commencement exercises of that old and well known institution. Miss Cora Greenwade of Hunnewell, Kansas, was united in marriage to Mr. Everett C. Geeslin of Portland, Oregon, Rev. A. E. Rogers officiating. Miss Greenwade had been a student of the college for four years and only a few minutes before had received her diploma from the School of Expression, while she was making preparations for the battle of life. Mr. Geeslin was also at college preparing himself for the profession of law. He had recently graduated in Chicago and had settled down and made for himself and his future bride a home in the bustling city of Portland, Oregon.

The father of the fair bride was present and gave to the young couple a handsome check to lighten the burdens of their young lives. Many presents

were received not only from Kansas, but from Miss Greenwade's numerous friends made here and elsewhere.

All the officers, teachers and students from Lexington College were present and helped to make this notable event an exceedingly joyous occasion. The moral to be drawn from this wedding is: Don't marry until you have made the very best possible preparations for life's work.

Old Men's Meeting.

The semi-annual meeting of the Old Men's Club of Lafayette county, will be held in Lexington Saturday, June 4.

The club has a membership of 125, and if the weather is favorable, most of these old patriarchs will be in attendance.

The meeting will be public and will be held in the lower room of the court house.

All arrangements have already been perfected in keeping with the generous hospitality of the citizens of Lexington.

In addition to the regular programme, there will be several important features, among them an enjoyable automobile "joy" drive over the city, all owners having tendered the use of their machines and services, this being the first act of the Lexington Automobile Club at its organization Friday night of last week. The aim will be to take all in attendance at the same trip.

The programme as arranged is as follows:

- 1—Meeting called to order by the president.
- 2—Reading of scriptures.
- 3—Prayer.
- 4—Welcome address—Hon. Wm. H. Chiles on behalf of Lexington.
- 5—Response—Hon. Joseph H. Christy, president of club.
- 6—Roll call of members.
- 7—Reading record of last meeting.

8—Reports of Committees.

9—Miscellaneous business.

10—Reception of new members.

Adjournment for dinner.

(After dinner, at 1 o'clock, all members and visitors will be taken for an automobile drive.)

11—Appointment of committees

12—Remarks of members and others.

13—Selection of place for next meeting.

14—Adoption of resolutions.

15—Close with prayer.

The endeavor will be to make this the most enjoyable meeting yet held.

Candidate for Presiding Judge.

Zach W. Wright, a tried and true democrat of this city has announced and filed his candidacy for the presiding judgeship of this county on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Wright needs no introduction to the voters of this county. Perhaps no man in the county is better qualified to fill this important office than he is. His large acquaintance; his life long residence here; his honesty and integrity; his conversant knowledge of the affairs of the county, all tend to make him preeminently the man for the office. It can be confidently predicted that he will be elected by a large majority.

Painfully Injured.

The news of a painfully accident to Robert Edmonds of Denver, Colorado, was received here Thursday. Full details are not known; but it is supposed that on unhitching a horse the snap on the halter caught in the palm of his hand when the horse jumped, tearing the whole palm of his hand out. Mr. Edmonds is a son of Robert Edmonds of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Poage went to Kansas City Saturday to spend the day.

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