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COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Evening at M. E. Church

Commencement week of the Laclede high school begins with the baccalaureate sermon to be delivered to the graduating class by Rev. J. D. Mendenhall at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 8:30.

This year's senior class is an unusually large one, containing fourteen members, namely: Misses Frances Denbo, Ruth Doak, Ruth Foreman, Pearl Harris, Beatrice Harter, Gladys Henry, Amy Kent, Mina Kranz, Catherine Moore, Thema Moss, Gladys Riggen, Birdie Power and Messers Harry Glover and Lee Landree.

The following Thursday evening the class play, "The Thread of Destiny," will be given. The participants of the play have been practicing very diligently for the last four weeks and have the play in excellent condition to present. A special feature of the program Thursday evening will be music by the DeGraw Theatre Orchestra of Brookfield.

On Friday evening the final graduating exercises will be held at the opera house, in the form of a commencement address. The class has been unusually fortunate in securing Mr. E. M. Sipple, superintendent of schools at Moberly, to deliver the address. Mr. Sipple will be remembered as one of the most popular and successful superintendents in the history of the Laclede schools.

At the close of the address the usual custom of presenting diplomas to the graduates will be carried out by Mr. J. Paul Jones, president of the board.

Ill From Pneumonia

While fighting fire at his farm the fore part of last week, L. B. Jones became overheat, which brought on an attack of pneumonia. His condition was so serious as to become alarming and on Friday the relatives were summoned, his sister, Mrs. E. I. Cowels of St. Joseph and her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Fenn of Kansas City; Mrs. H. J. Brendel and daughter, Madeline, of Omaha, Nebr., J. B. Jones, Chillicothe, Geo. C. Jones, Linneus, and Leonard Jones, wife and two children of Tina, being the out of town relatives at his bedside during the week. On Wednesday, however, he took a turn for the better and it was reported yesterday that his condition was still improving, giving hopes of recovery.

Frank Weaver Married

From Daily Argus:
At Chillicothe, Monday, April 8, occurred the marriage of Miss Olive Kent, of Brookfield, and Mr. Frank Weaver of Laclede.

Mrs. H. E. Rogers, sister of the bride, was present.

The bride is a daughter of James Kent, of this city, and sister of Miss Idris Kent.

The newlyweds will make their home in Kansas City, and will have the best wishes of their Brookfield and Laclede friends.

Preaching at Forker

Rev. J. D. Mendenhall will preach at Forker Sunday morning, April 21, at 11:00 o'clock. The public invited. No collection; no subscription.

Obituary of Mrs. Hamilton

Clara A. Schrock was born near Westerville, Ohio, September 30, 1850. Her parents were Presbyterian, of that early and Godly order that made the home life a character asset to the world.

After her public school days Miss Schrock attended the Otterbein University of Westerville. In 1880 she joined the Methodist Episcopal church and in 1884 was married to Mr. James T. Hamilton, coming with him to Laclede, Mo., where she has since lived with the exception of a four year residence at Linneus while Mr. Hamilton was county treasurer.

Here she has lived the life of a noble, christian service, a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, a friend to those in need, a neighbor, wife, mother and companion. Her life is an ointment poured forth. Her faith in God was real. Her trust in Jesus was abiding and of that exalted favor that took Him at his word. The Womens Foreign Missionary Society was of special interest to her amid all current interests of the church. For years she has been a supporter of students in the Bessie Wells school for girls in India and the Master will give her a crown with many stars for souls won thru this work. It is of precious memory that she won some of these stars in her own community and in her own home.

As was the ongoing of her home life so was the preparation for her eternal home. The 23rd Psalm and the hymns used had long since been selected by her. The Psalm radiated her every day living; it was her conversation with God. Recently getting a letter from a former pastor, she directed that it be promptly answered and said: "Tell him I am trusting in Jesus." Her last illness of nearly ten weeks was patiently and bravely borne.

Two children, Bessie and Wilbur, preceded her to the heavenly world. Left to mourn their loss is the husband, Mr. James T. Hamilton and two daughters, Mrs. Mable Hamilton Neal and Miss Edith, and one step-son, Mr. Lee E. Hamilton, and family, and two brothers, Messrs. Vause and Alfred Schrock of Westerville, Ohio. The brothers were unable to be at the funeral.

Mrs. Hamilton fell asleep in Jesus Thursday morning, April 11. The service was held in the church filled with her friends who brought many floral offerings of beauty and fragrance, the sweet, silent tokens of their love. The funeral service, held at the M. E. church Saturday, was conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Sisson, Rev. E. L. Robison, a former pastor, assisting.

How beautiful to have all fear and anxiety of death taken out of life. Mrs. Hamilton is gone; she cannot speak back across the "valley of the shadow" but we see in her preparation for burial the victory that cries out

"Oh death, where is thy sting; Oh grave, where is thy victory."

In this chosen scripture and these songs we hear her christian form and expression a loving farewell.

The remains were lain to rest in the family lot in the Laclede cemetery, Director E. Thurman being in charge.

Seed Corn

High school test 85 per cent. J. L. Sayre, route 2, Laclede.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Elder Ralph Seigel will fill his regular appointments at the Christian church next Sunday, preaching morning and evening at the usual hours. Sunday school at 10:00 o'clock. All cordially invited.

The following out of town people attended the funeral of Mrs. James T. Hamilton here last Saturday: Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Street, Mr. and Mrs. David Schrock of Purdin; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schrock, Mrs. D. Clark and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lamb of Linneus, Mrs. Walter Brownlee of Brookfield and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee of Meadville.

P. F. Weaver, local dealer for the Metz cars, is now driving one of the latest models of that popular car. Accompanied by Mrs. Weaver, Miss Beatrice Harter and Roy Luyster, he went to Kansas City on Thursday of last week and they returned in the new car that evening. It is a beauty and has some good features recently added. He sold the demonstrator he used last year to Roy Bailey.

A Red Cross donation sale will be held at Forker on Saturday afternoon of this week. A large number of saleable articles donated by the patriotic people of South Linn and North Chariton will be in the sale. There is almost every article from calves to apple pies. The proceeds go to the Forker Red Cross branch that is doing a splendid work and is a real live organization.

The Liberty Bond campaign is progressing very satisfactory in this part of the county. While no figures are being given out it is understood that the amount allotted to Laclede and Jefferson township is now more than doubled with about 150 subscribers. There is two weeks of the campaign yet and the salesmen are not going to let up until every person in the township is given an opportunity to have a part in downing Prussianism.

D. R. Graves sent in his annual dues to The Blade this week accompanying it with best wishes to all his old friends here. Uncle Dick has spent the winter in Louisiana and for the past few weeks has been visiting his son Dr. D. W. Graves and family at Tivoli, Texas, returning to his home in Springfield, Mo., this week. He says the people of the south say the past winter was the coldest in 25 years, so cold that it killed a great many orange trees.

Workers in the surgical dressing department of the Red Cross spent Tuesday afternoon at the work room and folded 1000 dressings. Mrs. C. E. Tracy, one of the three supervisors of that department was in charge and was assisted by the following: Mes James A. E. Johnston, A. V. Moore, Etta Foreman, R. L. Stratton, F. E. Power, E. E. Gould, T. D. Mouser, Wm. M. Lomax, A. J. Baum, C. B. Talbott, W. E. Shell and Misses Etta Power and Roxana Rankin.

The New Superintendent

The opinion is freely expressed that in electing Miss Minnie Trippeer superintendent of the Laclede schools for the ensuing year, the board made a wise selection and are fortunate in securing her services for another year. Superintendent Crookshank, under whose management the schools have made marked progress, was not an applicant as he expects to be called into army service soon.

Miss Trippeer is a graduate of the Kirksville normal, has been assistant in the high school the past three years and is considered one of the best teachers in the county. She has good executive ability and while firm in discipline has the love, respect and confidence of her pupils. With Miss Trippeer as superintendent and an able corps of assistants we look forward to a successful school year.

The Laclede school is on the fully accredited list, which means it stands with the best public school of the state and those contemplating a high school course for their children next year can do no better than to send them to Laclede.

Big Day at Brookfield

Linn county's greatest patriotic home-coming will be held at Brookfield on Saturday, April 27, a feature of which will be the Famous 356th Regimental Band of Camp Funston, composed entirely of Missourians, including a number of Linn county soldier boys.

Patriotic concerts will be given in the park afternoon and evening and big Red Cross auction sale will take place during the afternoon. An effort is being made to have every Linn county boy at Camp Funston given a furlough to be present at the jubilee. It will be one big day for Linn county.

L. C. N. Club

The L. C. N. Club met last Thursday with Mrs. L. E. Eichman at her pretty home in Laclede. A goodly number were present and enjoyed the elegant dinner served at noon. Mrs. C. A. Parker and Misses Cora Heath and Nellie Harris were guests.

Music was furnished by a few of the members. All enjoyed the day greatly and pronounced Mrs. Eichman a delightful hostess.

The club will meet with Mrs. R. L. Balcom, May 9.

No Lunches At Rest Room

Because of a cafeteria in close connection with the Rest Room has caused confusion regarding its legitimate place in the community life, and because Uncle Sam is requesting interests to condense, the workers have been transferred to the Denbo restaurant. In loyalty to the purpose of the institution the workers have made many sacrifices, especially noteworthy being those of Misses Rebecca and Carrie Nelson and Lena Phillips. If some of the ladies are asked to help in this enterprise in order to supply needs created by the change, let each one count it a part of loyalty and christain service. The Rest Room is open as usual and the reading tables supplied from donations of some of the citizens.

For Sale

Purebred Yellow Dent seed corn. Tested high germination. F. F. WELSH, Phone 714, Rfd 3, Laclede.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

D. R. Rowland was in Kansas City on business Monday.

Mrs. Geo. Wate went to Hamilton Tuesday to visit friends.

The Reading Circle meets next Tuesday evening with Mrs. J. W. Lomax.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Porter and little son visited in Brookfield over Sunday.

Strong work mule, 16½ hands, also one disc harrow, for sale by A. P. Welsh.

Mrs. A. J. Harter is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Glenn in Linneus.

Choice baled timothy hay for sale by Power & Higgins by the ton or bale. Apply to either party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonnell and Mrs. J. L. Mouser and children were in Chillicothe last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Bundren of Linneus were guests of Station Agent and Mrs. Moore last Sunday.

Walter Barrow returned to his home, in Milton, Iowa, Saturday, after a visit with R. T. Patterson and family.

Serg. Geo. McCoy returned to Camp Pike, Ark., last Sunday after spending a short furlough with home folk.

J. G. Clinefelter shipped in a fine male calf from Iowa Wednesday to add to the Jersey herd on his farm south of town.

Miss Mary F. Dye returned to her home in Kansas City last Friday after a visit of two week with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. T. Weaver and daughter Nina, from near Marceline, were guests of relatives and friends in Laclede Saturday and Sunday.

Railroad carpenters have been here this week repairing the stock yards, the depot platform and putting a new floor in the telegraph office.

Mrs. Watson is here from Galesburgh, Ill., for a stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Higgins, the latter not being so well again.

Lonnie Facto of Forker who recently joined the colors, has been assigned to the engineer's corps and is now at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.

Prof. Byron Western, who has been superintendent of schools at Spickard the past two years, has been elected for another year with a substantial increase in salary.

Mrs. T. L. Irvine who has been at Des Moines, Iowa, since last October in the capacity of trained nurse, returned last Friday for a two weeks vacation at her home here.

Dr. W. H. Neal of Chicago will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Dr. Neal is prominent in the campaign for church colleges and is said to be a strong man in the pulpit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Arbuckle are here from Lawrence, Kan., and are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. R. L. Balcom and family on route one. They have sold their farm near Lawrence and will be here for some time.