

**BACCALAUREATE SERVICES**

**Opera House Packed With Friends of Graduates.**

The graduating exercises of the High School class of 1915 commenced at the Opera House Sunday night. The doors were opened at 7 o'clock and soon every seat in the house was taken. About 8 o'clock the graduating class, numbering 27, accompanied by the High School faculty and members of the board of education, came in a body and took the places assigned to them.

Dr. C. H. Ticknor of the Presbyterian church presided. A large choir furnished some excellent music. Rev. R. M. Webdell of the Baptist church invoked the divine blessing. Rev. Claude S. Hanby read the scripture lesson. Miss Helen Smith of Adrian and Miss Marguerite Snider rendered solos in their usual pleasing manner. A ladies quartette consisting of Mrs. J. H. Norman, Mrs. Sam Barr, Mrs. Vessie Price and Mrs. Frank Ream rendered a number which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Rev. R. M. Talbert of the Christian church had been selected by the class to deliver the baccalaureate sermon. He chose for his sermon 1 John 2-3. "It doeth not yet appear what we shall be" and preached a most eloquent sermon, filled with good advice for the future guidance of the young graduates.

Rev. W. J. Snow of the M. E. Church South pronounced the benediction.

**Virginia-Grand View Pickups.**

We are having cloudy weather at this writing.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. D. C. Wolfe Thursday last week. A large crowd was present and a good meeting was held. They will meet with Mrs. Geo. Thompson Thursday of this week.

Most of the housewives are cleaning house.

J. G. Cuzick is on the sick list.

The chinch bugs are about to ruin the wheat.

Several young folks from this vicinity have been attending the picture show in Amoret.

Most of the farmers have their corn in while some are still breaking and still others are plowing their corn.

Children's Day exercises will be held at Mt. Carmel May 23.

Lost—Between Mr. Sellons and the Steele house, a small black shawl. Finder please notify the owner by calling 111 on 35 at Amoret.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Chase and children of Pleasanton, Kansas, spent Saturday and Sunday at the Geo. H. Thompson home. They came over in their car.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McHenry of Foster spent Sunday at the J. H. Sacre home.

For Sale—A wooden stove size 15x28. For sale cheap if sold in the near future. Call or see L. S. Paddock, Amoret, Route 1. Phone Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Harrisonville spent Sunday at the home of Floyd Rogers.

Emmett Burke sold 22 head of cattle to Lyman Hensley the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. H. Englehardt and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ayres spent Sunday with Mrs. L. S. Paddock.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Seeley and children are visiting with her sister, Mrs. Rosa Steele.

**Some Fine Runner Ducks.**

Joe Cooper received six Fawn and White Indian Runner ducks from Knowlesville, New York, last week that are 270 egg strain birds, that is they have laid 270 eggs in 365 days. They have won ribbons in many poultry rings and are at the top in breeding and as individuals—Adrian Journal.

**For Sale.**

Two good bargains in ducks and geese. They are bargains.

**Township Sunday School Convention**

The New Home Township Sunday School Convention will be held with the New Hope church on Sunday afternoon and evening of May 23, 1915. The following program will be rendered:

2:30—Devotional and song service led by Mr. James McCulloh of Rich Hill.

2:45—"The Home Department," Mrs. Wilson Foster.

3:15—"The Graded Work and Primary Department," Miss Nina Culver, Butler.

3:45—"The Township Standard," Miss Ora Thompson, Butler.

4:15—Address by State Sunday School Secretary, Mr. Herman Bowmar of St. Louis.

7:30—Devotional and praise service led by L. W. Keele, Butler.

8:00—Address by Herman O. Maxey on, "The Teaching of the Young Men."

All delegates desiring to come by train will be met at Nyhart station on the interstate division. A cordial welcome to all. L. W. K.

**Swifts to Pay Missouri Fine and Stay in State.**

Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—The suit brought by Missouri against Swift & Co., of Kansas City a year ago, alleging violation of the antitrust law, has been settled, according to an announcement of Lee B. Ewing, Assistant State Attorney General.

The packing company will not contest being found guilty, Mr. Ewing said, and will pay the fine and will continue to operate in the State under a plan approved by the Attorney General.

The State charged that the packing company was attempting to control the price of dairy and produce products and that it discriminated in prices paid at various markets in the state.

**Goladay-Sturgeon.**

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the parsonage of the M. E. Church South, Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. Ralph E. Sturgeon and Miss Anne Goladay, both of whom are well and familiarly known in this community where they have grown to manhood and womanhood, and where they have a large circle of acquaintances and friends.

For some time Madam Rumor has been quite busy setting the time when this important event was to take place. In spite of the close watch that has been kept on the conditions pointing to the day when these young people would embark on the uncertain seas of matrimony, they feel sure they have sprung a surprise on even their most intimate friends.

The bride is a young lady possessed of many rare accomplishments. For a number of years she has been engaged as a teacher in the public schools of Bates county, in which profession she has made an enviable record. She has those characteristics and ennobling qualities which are intended to make an ideal wife.

We heartily congratulate the young man in his good fortune in capturing such a prize as a companion and helpmate in life.

Mr. Sturgeon is a young man of exemplary habits, industrious and possessed of those business qualities which are essential and are sure to bring success in his business undertakings. He is in every way worthy of the young lady to whom he has pledged himself.

Immediately after the ceremony they took the 7:10 train for Kansas City, where Mr. Sturgeon holds a lucrative position and where they will make their future home. The best wishes of the entire community follow them for their greatest happiness in life.

**Merwin Items.**

We are having some real winter weather lately.

Mrs. Minnie Ellstrom is on the sick list.

Mrs. William Patterson is visiting her son, Clyde, across the line.

Miss Q. V. Keller is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clyde Patterson, this week.

Flavel Tucker, Jessie Hayes, James Hayes and Cleota Ytell went to Drexel to the show Saturday night.

Corwin Fleener, of Kansas City, visited his father, John W. Fleener, over Sunday.

The ice cream supper at the Christian Church, Saturday night, given by the Priscilla Circle, was well attended and everyone reported a fine time.

Miss Jessie Evans visited her sister, Mrs. J. L. Hayes, Monday.

**Presbyterian Church.**

Bible School 9:45. Public Worship 11:00. Young people's talk, "How to Have Friends." Sermon "How Christians May Overcome and Triumph in Life."

Junior C. E. 3:00. Senior C. E. 7:00.

Sermon, "Friendly Jonathan," a sermon for Bible Lovers and students of human nature.

Bates County Sunday School Convention will be held at the Ohio Street M. E. Church the 26th and 27th. To this all interested in our youth are earnestly requested to attend.

The Young Ladies Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Robert Allen on Friday afternoon.

Everybody most cordially invited to these services.

C. H. Ticknor, Minister.

See Harry VanDyke for insurance on threshing machines while in operation on the road or in barn. Phone 112.

**Decoration Day**

It must not be forgotten that our next Decoration Day comes on Sunday, May 30th.

It will, as usual, be under the general management of the Grand Army of the Republic. The present arrangements are to meet on the east side of the square, and there form our procession at 2 o'clock p. m., instead of in the morning, and then march out to the cemetery in the usual order, children ahead, band following, etc.

Memorial address to follow the decorative exercises.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the memorial sermon will be delivered at the Disciples church by Elder R. M. Talbert.

Everybody is cordially invited. Don't forget the day, Sunday, May 30th.

P. H. Holcomb, Com. of Post.

Panama Hats \$3.50 Black-Arnold.

**Eldorado Springs Loses Damage Suit.**

The damage suit of W. A. Stephens against the City of Eldorado Springs for damages in the sum of \$4000 for injuries sustained in a fall on the crossing of Martin and St. James Street May 2nd, 1913 came up for trial in the circuit court at Harrisonville last Friday and Saturday. The jury awarded the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$3,000, says the Eldorado Springs News.

The case was originally tried in circuit court at Osceola and Mr. Stephens was awarded damages in the amount of \$2,500. An appeal was taken and the Court of Appeals at Springfield reversed the finding and remanded the case for re-trial. A change of venue was taken to Harrisonville with the result as above stated.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXERCISES.**

The 1915 Class the Largest in the History of the Butler High School.

The graduating exercises of the Butler High School will be held at Fisk's Opera House, Friday evening, May 21. The exercises will commence promptly at 8:15 and any one coming in after that time will not be seated. The class this year is the largest ever graduated from the Butler High School, consisting of 27 members, 20 girls and 7 boys. The following program will be rendered:

Invocation.....Dr. C. H. Ticknor  
Grand March—Seniors.....  
Pianist, Mrs. Nelle Douglas Black  
Announcement of Honor Graduates.....J. O. Henderson  
Presentation of Diplomas.....  
.....Prof. H. O. Maxey  
Senior Play.....  
....."At the End of the Rainbow"  
The members of the graduating class, who will receive diplomas, are: John D. Seelinger, Martha C. Henry, Florence Kelso, Helen Adair, Virginia Lewis, Ralph E. Wright, Marie Dewese, Wilma Brown, Ethel Conrod, Helen O. Maxey, Beulah Lollar, Maurine Chambers, Theresa Mead, Howard McCann, Walter Wemott, Nola Fields, Mattie Ingels, Martha W. Park, Floyd E. Holloway, James Williams, Ivan Deffenbaugh, Helen Hulse, Margretta Broyles, Ruth Rockhold, Marvel Fall, Fay Harper, Margie Greenup.

There are also five postgraduates, as follows:

Richard Fox, Bertie Silvers and Elizabeth Ewing, who are finishing the teacher-training course. Minnie Bullock and Elsie Applegate, from the commercial course.

**Eighth Grade Graduation Exercises.**

The eighth grades of the Washington and Webster schools will hold their graduation exercises in the auditorium of the High School building, Thursday evening, May 20, and the following program will be rendered: Tom Sawyer's Invitation.....  
Ruth Wyatt, Washington School  
The Freckled Faced Girl.....  
Beatrice Monkman, Washington School  
The pupils of the Webster school will give a play entitled "The Fairest Spirit," in which each one taking a part will be a graduate of the eighth grade.

Cast

The Three Graces.....Veta Vannoy  
.....Grace Erwin  
.....Nora Mullin  
Two Pages.....Auron Broyles  
.....Lionel Tarleton  
"Wisdom".....Nellie Starr  
"Beauty".....Nadine Holloway  
"Art".....Escol Rosier  
"Music".....Horace Allen  
"Peace".....Harold Fields  
"Mirth".....Mae Dea Riley  
"Hope".....Nadine Holloway  
"Justice".....Marion Emerson  
"Sport".....Vernon Johnson  
"Innocence".....Marieta Jenkins  
"Patriotism".....Seba Jackson  
"Charity".....Ula Richardson  
"Dance".....Mae Dea Riley  
"Love".....Ethel Major  
"Service".....Nellie Starr  
Standard Bearer.....Edward Francisco  
The Fairy Revel.....  
.....Washington School Chorus  
Address and presentation of diplomas by Judge Carl Henry.

The following pupils of the Washington school will probably receive diplomas.

Dow Chenowith.....Emily E. Mullis  
Beatrice Monkman.....Ruth Wyatt  
Lottie Ray.....Maude G. Keith  
Elizabeth Baker.....Orval Howard  
John Ivan Moore.....Walter Clark  
Alva F. Allen.....Ethel H. Lacy  
Letha May Grout.....Zola Barker

**A Remarkable Record.**

Dr. C. P. Bowden, local registrar of vital statistics, informs The Journal that during the month of April there were no deaths or births to report to the State Board of Health. Reports are made monthly and Dr. Bowden states that since the work was started in 1910 there has not been a report of this kind sent from this township which taken as a matter of record, is a remarkable one.—Appleton City Journal.

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