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## BANNER CLASS WILL RECEIVE ALMA DIPLOMAS

REV. WILLIAM H. MASON, D. D. OF SAGINAW GIVES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Baccalaureate by Rev. M. W. Duffey

The Alma High School commencement week program will close this evening with the annual exercises in the high school auditorium, at which time Rev. William H. Mason, D. D., pastor of the Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, will give the commencement address, following which the 66 members comprising the largest senior class in the entire history of the Alma schools will receive their diplomas.

The commencement week activities opened Sunday evening with the annual baccalaureate address, which was given this year at the First Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. M. W. Duffey, the subject being "The Heavenly Vision," taken from the text, "Wherefore Oh King Agrippa I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

In opening his address to the graduating class, Rev. Duffey drew for them a mental picture of a group of boys under a tree telling what they were hoping to be in the future, and he said, that any boy or girl who does not have a vision is either stupid or lazy, or perhaps both. Visions, he said, are serious things and calling attention to Napoleon's vision of his star of destiny, stated that it was a serious vision, as it drenched Europe in blood, and changed empires. Visions of seniors, should be serious things to them, he showed as they would be a blessing or a curse to the world.

He spoke of Paul's vision which carried him into the wilderness for two years during which time he prepared for his life work, and which caused him to break from his former ideas and associations, and then quoted Lessing's definition of education, "The end of education is to make men see things large, as large, and to see things small, as small."

He then reminded the seniors that visions could be both large and small, worthy and unworthy, and again pointed to Napoleon's vision of brutality, which in the end defeated itself. He pointed out Guy de Maupassant, with his vision of a life of voluptuous pleasure, and how, dying by his own hand, he called out to his valet, "Another carcass to the dust heap," and said that selfish visions were good only for the dust heap.

Paul, he said, called his vision heavenly, and our vision, he continued, becomes heavenly when we realize the kind of man or woman God desires us to be. The heavenly vision need not exclude other worthy visions, he pointed out, but ever should the heavenly vision take precedent over all others.

In the final analysis he said every life will be measured in the light of what Jesus said, and did, and was, and somewhere, sometime and some how we must face our life in the light of the heavenly vision. It is a sad thing, he said, when the dreams of our youth fail us, and quoted Whittier's poem, Maud Muller, in this connection, but, he said in continuing, it is infinitely more sad to have our heavenly vision fail.

The sixty-six members of the senior class who will receive their diplomas this evening, signifying that they have satisfactorily completed the work of the Alma Public Schools, are the following: Myrtle Adams, Dorothy Allen, Catherine Barry, Gladys Bentley, Naomi Blackford, Adela Beas, Bert Booth, Dorothy Bradley, Ralph Burt, Alice Collins, Ruby Converse, Grant Cooper, William Cresser, Elliott Crooks, Leo Emmons, Ruth Cushing, Vesta Elliott, Margery Erwin, Grace Falor, Thelma Fuller, Everett Giles, Alberta Gobel, Bernard Graham, Lois Grierson, Leo Handley, John Holmes, Fern Holmes, Thomas Hoxie, Ellary Ingersoll, Russell Johnson, George Kemp, Woodburn Lamb, Phil Lewis, Bernice Lockard, Margaret Lutz, Lawrence Marzoff, Robert Naylor, Norma Taylor, Margaret Pardee, Janet Patterson, Clair Perry, Thelma Post, Irene Prichard, Katherine Proud, Elsie Rensch, Ruth Richard, John Rockwell, Irene Rollin, Stanley Sartor, Darwin Sholtz, Frances Sholby, Doris Slingluff, Miller Slusser, Gerald Smith, Lell Smith, Lois Smith, Beatrice Snider, Pauline Stilller, Dare Strong, Vivian Walker, Wayland West, Miriam Williams, Lucille Williams, Dee Wing, Ruth Voller, Cecil Wallis, Alfred G. Wolansky and Robert H. Moth.

A lawn social will be held at the Ruggles home, Thursday afternoon, June 29, at four o'clock. Everyone is invited.—advertisement.

## P. M. Objects to Mt. P. City Charter

According to the evidence and claims filed during the case of the P. M. railroad against the city of Mt. Pleasant evidence having been heard this week, the Mt. Pleasant city charter is illegal.

The Pere Marquette is protesting the payment of the special taxes assessed for pavement, curb and gutter and sewer. The claim this protest is based upon is that the present charter is invalid because it does not state any limit to the amount of special assessment. The claim which is based on the fourth class city charter provision in the statute provides for a maximum special tax of 25 per cent of the last preceding tax valuation for general taxes.

The city's case is being handled by Attorneys McNamara and Burwash and J. T. Matthews of Ithaca is representing the railroad. Briefs in the case are to be submitted later.

## A WELL KNOWN RESIDENT DEAD

MRS. ANGELL, LONG AN ALMA RESIDENT, DIED DURING PAST WEEK

Mrs. Clara E. Angell, a well known resident of Gratiot County for many years and highly respected by a large circle of friends in this city passed away at a local hospital following an attack of appendicitis Saturday evening, June 17, her death coming as a shock to a host of her close friends in this city.

Clara E. Travis was born January 22, 1860 at Jordan, Onondaga County, N. Y. At the age of thirteen years she was left an orphan through the death of her mother, her father having been killed on the third day of the Battle of Gettysburg.

At the age of sixteen she came to Michigan, making her home with an uncle and attending school in Alma. On April 10, 1879 she was united in marriage to Horace B. Angell at South Lyon. They went immediately to their new home, an unincorporated farm near Forest Hill. Here were born to them three children, Anna M., Ira D., and Harriet C. Angell. About 1887 they moved to a pine stump farm near Elwell, and later came to Alma and East Lansing to educate their children.

A member of the First Baptist church from her early teens Mrs. Angell was a sincere Christian, and a wonderful self-sacrificing wife and mother. On June 10 she was stricken with acute appendicitis. Help came too late and in spite of all efforts she passed away Saturday morning, June 17.

She is survived by her husband and three children, one brother, Ira D. Travis of Salt Lake City, Utah, a half brother, Dudley Marble of Syracuse, N. Y., a niece, Mrs. Marion Broge of Solway, N. Y., several cousins and a host of friends.

Following a beautiful and comforting service at the home Tuesday, conducted by the Rev. Clisbe, her remains were laid at rest in Riverside cemetery.

## URGED SUPPORT OF CAMPAIGN

PRESIDENT CROOKS IN DETROIT SPOKE ON SUBJECT, "THE NEEDED ELEMENT."

President H. M. Crooks, of Alma College gave an address Sunday evening at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit, the subject of the address being, The Necessary Element.

The address given was a strong plea to the Presbyterians of that church in behalf of the Alma College Endowment campaign, which is now rapidly nearing a close, and which still needs approximately \$60,000.00 to insure to the college all conditional gifts, or pledges. About \$120,000 is needed if the college is to achieve its original goal of \$685,000.

Workers in the endowment campaign are speeding up to the greatest possible extent during the closing days of the campaign and every effort is being made, not only to make certain of the conditional pledges, but also to put the campaign over the top with the original quota.

**BANK CLEARINGS**  
The bank clearings for the current week as reported by the First State Bank of this city, are \$93,469.19, as against clearings for the same week last year of \$114,881.91, and compared with clearings last week of \$100,075.75.

## TAX RATE IS LOWER THAN A YEAR AGO

RATE FOR CITY TAX THIS YEAR HAS BEEN FIXED AT \$10.50 PER \$1,000 VALUATION

Rate is 85c Less Than One Year Ago

The tax rate of the City of Alma this year will show a big decrease over the tax rate of a year ago, having been fixed at \$10.50 per thousand of valuation.

The tax rate last year was \$11.35, making the rate this year 85c per thousand dollars of valuation less than it was a year ago. Last year the city tax provided a large sum for pavement, which approximately made up the difference in the amount of the budget of last year over this year, and as a result some of the difference in the rate per thousand of valuation. There is also a difference in the assessed valuation of the city from last year, the new valuation being slightly smaller. This however, would tend to make the rate higher. It is interesting to note also that the budget for this year contemplated several new activities, which are provided and still makes possible a tax rate almost a dollar less than the rate last year.

The city taxes are due and payable on Saturday, July 1, and the city officials urge that they be paid at the earliest possible time. September 14 is the last day that the city tax can be paid, without interest being added.

## UNION SERVICES FOR THE SUMMER

ALMA CHURCHES UNITE FOR SERVICES DURING THE MONTHS OF SUMMER

Sunday evening union services under the auspices of the Alma Federation of Churches will commence next Sunday evening in the park and will continue throughout July and the first week in August. During the last three Sunday evenings in August they will be held in the various churches.

For these services a program has been worked out which should make these services unusually effective. Each service will be opened by community singing, lead by Mr. Frank F. Smith, and a union chorus choir. Special musical numbers will also be arranged. For the better accompanying of the music Grinnell Brothers have offered the use of a piano to be placed in the band-stand in the park and left there throughout the period of the union meetings. The general theme for the services will be "Jesus, The World's Redeemer."

The various speakers as now scheduled are as follows: June 25—Rev. J. M. Horton, L. Th., rector of the Episcopal church. Rev. Horton just recently came to Alma and many will hear him for the first time. A large attendance should greet him in welcome to Alma, and hear his message.

July 2—"Stewards of Redemption," by Rev. E. E. Shouffer of the Baptist church.

July 9—An out of town speaker will be secured from the Conference which will be then in session at Alma College.

July 16—"The World's Need of a Redeemer," Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. church.

July 23—"Jesus, the Only Redeemer," Rev. W. L. Gelston of the Presbyterian church.

July 30—"Redemption Realized," Rev. H. H. Anderson of the Christian Church.

All people of the community are invited to these services. It is the purpose of the Federation of Churches to make these services a power for good in the community during the summer months, and this cannot be done without co-operation. Announcement is to be made later in regard to the services to be held during the month of August.

**BEE KEEPERS PICNIC**  
The Gratiot County Bee Keepers Association, comprising a membership in the counties of Gratiot, Montcalm, and Isabella, will hold its annual basket picnic at the home of Frank Rasmussen in Greenville, on Thursday, June 29. All bee keepers and their families are invited to attend. Mr. E. W. Redman of Ithaca, secretary of the Association, has announced.

## Operetta Was Very Pleasing

"Hiawatha's Childhood," an operetta in one act given last Friday evening by the children of Washington School and assisted by the High School Girls' Glee Club, was exceedingly well rendered and reflects considerable credit not only on the children who took part in the production but also upon the ability of the instructors, who had charge of the various phases of the operetta.

The part of Hiawatha, as a youth and as a child, taken by Donald Hoffman and Hubert Bartling, and the part of Nokomis, handled by Lois Smith, were characterized in an exceptionally able manner. Considerable credit must also be given to Claud Bruce in the part of Mudjekewis, and to Lyle Thompson, who took the part of Iagoo.

The numerous school children who carried the parts of fireflies, wind spirits and phantoms are also to be commended highly for their work. Miss Emmel directed the chorus, Miss Meyers and Mr. George Mullin the staging, Miss Hood the dances, Miss Babcock the speaking, the Misses Towers, Smith, Thum and Beck the costumes and Everett Giles the lighting. To their exceptional work in making the production a big success great credit must also be given.

## LAST BIDS WERE TAKEN TUESDAY

BUILDING COMMITTEE TO MEET AND LET CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURE VERY SOON

The last day for receiving bids for the Alma College gymnasium was Tuesday, June 20, and it is expected that the contract for the new structure will be let within a very few days now and that as quickly as possible the active work of construction will be put under way by the successful bidder.

Plans and specifications were not received from the architect as quickly as had been expected and there were not enough to supply all of the bidders for the job when they were received and this caused the college authorities to give more time to the bidders, so that all of them could get a fair opportunity to bid for the work.

As President Crooks and his aids are working in Detroit and other large cities right now in the effort to put over the endowment campaign before June 30, when the campaign comes to a formal close, it is expected that the building committee of the board of trustees will be called into session in Detroit to go over the bids and award the contract to the bidder for the work. It is expected that the committee will be called together within the next few days and that within a week the contract will be let, although it is possible, that due to the stress of the endowment campaign, the building committee will not meet until after June 30.

Once the contract is let the work is to be rushed as rapidly as is possible consistent with good construction, and hopes are held that the building will be ready for the basket ball season.

## Growers Protest Cut in Railroad Service

Protesting against proposed abandonment of branch lines of the Pere Marquette railroad which serve potato producing sections of the state, the executive committee of the Michigan Potato Producers Association went on record at a meeting last week condemning the suggested action as contrary to the best agricultural development of the state.

The railroad has filed applications with the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon its Mecosta to Barryton and Remus to Weidman branches. Inasmuch as this would cut off rail service from the only logical shipping points for a potato growing district at present shipping more than 300 cars of tubers annually, the growers association feels that proposed elimination of service would be serious to the farmers of the section.

"The Barryton section is developing into an important certified seed potato producing district, and anything which would interfere with the expansion of the industry would be unfortunate," says H. C. Moore, extension specialist in potatoes at the Michigan Agricultural College and secretary of the Potato Producers Association. "There are possibilities for development of the section into a great potato producing district, but railroad facilities which will necessitate no more than a 6 to 8 mile haul to a shipping point are essential to such development."

## THIRTY-TWO ARE COMPLETING THE 8TH GRADE WORK

SMALLER CLASS GOES INTO HIGH SCHOOL THAN THE ONE THAT IS LEAVING

Should Temporarily Relieve Congestion

The class that has completed its work in the eighth grade and goes into the high school this fall is a far smaller one than the High School graduating class, which promises to do away with some of the congestion that has been felt in the High School building during the past few months. As another class will finish the eighth grade in February, however, when no class is leaving the High School, the congestion at that time promises to be as great or greater than it has been this past semester.

The eighth grade class that will go on into the high school in the fall numbers only thirty-one pupils.

The class follows: Leo Adams, Conrad Baker, Fern Bentley, Geraldine Bush, Alice Brick, Cora Bolling, Ethel Butrick, Harold Bush, Emma Crossen, Vergil Dumas, Marvel DeGraw, Nina Ferris, Alvord Holly, Clifford Holmes, Carl Irish, Merle Mervin, Dorothy Monk, Angus McFadden, Austin Raymond, Marie Redel, Allen Rockwell, Fern Stearns, Leon Phillips, Goldie Slater, Ammi Smith, Gladys Smith, Ethelyn Schlappi, Gleason Sadler, Hugh Ward, Howard White and Myrtle Vandermark.

## BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INAUGURATES FIVE WEEKS SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

The Summer Bible School to commence on next Monday, June 26, in the Presbyterian Church at 9:00 a. m., has the prospect of a good attendance. As previously announced the school to be held at the Presbyterian church does not propose to teach denominational doctrine and pupils from other denominations are invited to enroll as well as Presbyterians.

For the school three paid instructors have been secured, all of whom are trained teachers, and two of whom have had experience in teaching the Bible in Home Mission schools in which they were employed previously. The principal of the school will be Miss Laura Soule.

The proposed curriculum of the school follows: Pupils from four to six years of age: Names of the books of the new testament; Psalms 1 and 23 memorized; fifteen questions from "The Primary Catechism"; the Lord's Prayer memorized; key verses such as John 3:16, Acts 16:31, John 13:34 and Luke 18:16 memorized; stories of the Bible.

Pupils from seven to eleven years: "The Bible and its Books," by Worden; Psalms 1 and 23, Matt. 5:1-12, Isaiah 53:1-12, and the Ten Commandments memorized; "The Life of Jesus," by Worden; fifty-two questions in "The Primary Catechism," by Carson; Lessons from "The Way of Life," by Latham; stories of the life of Christ.

Pupils twelve years of age and over: "The Bible and its Books," by Worden; Psalms 1, 23 and 91, Matt. 5, Isaiah 53, Cor. 13 and the Ten Commandments memorized; eight lessons from "The Way of Life," by Latham; twenty-eight pages of "The Geography of Palestine," by Phillips; "The Life of Jesus," by Worden; "The Primary Catechism," complete if possible.

The school will run from June 26 to July 28, five days each week. The classes will meet from 9:00 a. m. to 11:45 a. m.

**MARRIED SATURDAY NIGHT**  
Miss Edna Crossen and Mr. Martin Bush, both of this city, were quietly married Saturday evening, June 17, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crossen.

Miss Gladys Bentley and Mr. Leonard Rensch were in attendance when Rev. Anderson of the Christian Church performed the ceremony. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bush are well known in this city to a large circle of friends. They expect to make their home in Saginaw, where the groom has been employed for the past six months.

## Want Four Boys From Each County

To develop rural leadership, the State Y. M. C. A. wants the counties where there is no secretary for County work, to finance and send four boys to the State Conference at Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, on Torch Lake August 18th to 28th. Usually some one of the boys or some man interested in Y. M. C. A. work will take his car and take the party.

Young men 15 years of age or over, who are regularly appointed delegates representing one of the following institutions: Rural schools, churches, Sunday schools, Young Men's Christian Associations, farmers' organizations, agricultural clubs or agricultural high schools.

Write to Walter Gospill, 423 Association Building, Detroit, for information. Mr. Gospill will be in St. Johns Friday, looking the matter up.

## GRATIOT ASKS FOR PAVEMENT

PETITION FILED—SET DATE TO HEAR OBJECTIONS ON THE PINE AVE. WORK

Tuesday evening the city commission by resolution fixed July 11 as the time for the hearing of objections on the special assessment roll for the proposed paving on Pine avenue from Superior street north to Walnut st.

It is expected that immediately after the hearing of the objections the commission will ask for bids for the paving of this street, and that this work will be done before fall. The money for the city's share of this work was included in the budget of 1921.

Tuesday evening a petition was submitted by a large majority of the residents of Gratiot avenue asking that that street be paved its entire length from Center street, north to East End street. The petition was received and placed on file. The paving on this street will not be constructed this year, as the budget that was passed in May by the city commission did not carry funds to finance the city's share of the cost of this work, as at that time it was not expected that the petition for paving on Gratiot would be in this year.

Paving petitions for work that is desired in any year should be before the city commission early in the year, before the annual budget is made up, so that it will be possible to prepare plans, specifications and the estimates of the cost of the work, so that the budget of that year may have provisions for the city's share of the construction costs. It is important that taxpayers, who desire pavement should remember this fact.

It was stated at the Tuesday evening meeting that the bonds covering the paving work on Woodworth avenue, north; West End street and West Downie street, are expected here today from the Detroit Trust Company. They will be immediately signed by Mayor Murphy and City Clerk Blanck and returned to Detroit. It is expected that the \$29,500 that the bond issue covers, will be available for the paving work by the end of the present week.

## ATTRACTIONS TO BE MUCH BETTER

DETROIT BOOKING HOUSE TO FURNISH VAUDEVILLE STARS HERE

Greatly encouraged by the large crowds that have been attending the free vaudeville entertainments, which the merchants of Alma have been giving each week on the raised stand in the business section of the city, the Merchants Bureau has contracted with Zeobbie's vaudeville circuit in Detroit the largest in the country, and is planning on giving the people of this vicinity still finer shows during the balance of the summer months.

Dr. Maynard Pringle, who has the matter of booking the attractions in charge, assures The Record that the attractions from now on, will not only continue to be high class ones, but that they will be far more spectacular than any of those which have so far been held.

The merchants of the city are going to a big expense in putting on the big free shows each Wednesday evening and are urging that everyone in this vicinity attend each Wednesday evening and enjoy the night with the business men of Alma, as their guests.

## CONTRACT LET FOR ROAD WEST FROM THIS CITY

TRUNK LINE ROAD TO BE RE-BUILT WEST OF ALMA, DISTANCE OF 4 1/2 MILES

To Be Constructed Under Covert Act

After a considerably longer period than had been anticipated, the contracts for the rebuilding of the trunk line road west from Alma for a distance of four and one-half miles were let Tuesday at the offices of the Gratiot County Road Commissioners at Ithaca by the state highway department.

The work of rebuilding the road is to be put under way at once, and rushed as rapidly as is consistent with good road building, and it is expected that the entire work will be brought to completion late in the fall of the present year. The present expectation is that the work will be started within a week or ten days at the outside.

The road is to be a new gravel road, over the entire distance. The letting of the contract for the work brings to an end long efforts that have been made to get a new road constructed west from Alma, where traffic has been unusually heavy and where the existing road was of such a nature that it proved very troublesome during wet and stormy seasons of the year.

The contract for the grading and graveling of the road was awarded to Fred Haskins of Mt. Pleasant by the state highway department. His bid was the lowest of the ten that were received for the work. The bid was for approximately \$31,900. Contractor Chase of St. Louis has the contract for the tilling work in connection with the new road, his bid of slightly over \$7,000 being the low one of the number that were submitted.

The property owners along the trunk line petitioned the state department a year ago to have the new road constructed, the petitions being made under the Covert act. Under this act the assessment district will pay 5 per cent of the total cost of the road. The townships of Arcada and Pine River will each pay 24 per cent of the total cost and the townships of Seville and Sumner will each pay 13 per cent of the total construction cost. The county will be required to pay 12 per cent of the cost of the road and the state will pay the balance of 75 per cent.

## Combine Inaugural and Commencement

Two hundred and thirty-five seniors at the Michigan Agricultural College were granted diplomas on Wednesday, June 21, while David Friday, new M. A. C. executive, was formally inaugurated president of the institution on the same day.

President Friday delivered the commencement address himself, the same speech serving as his inaugural address. Hon. Jason Woodman, senior member of the State Board of Agriculture, formally inaugurated the new president on behalf of the State Board and the faculty of the college.

Nearly a thousand alumni and former students, in addition to friends and relatives of the members of the senior class, returned for the joint ceremonies.

Among the events which gave the commencement week-end an unusually full program were: a special faculty reception for President and Mrs. Friday and Secretary and Mrs. H. H. Halladay; baccalaureate services; a beautiful pageant with more than 200 college students taking part; concerts and luncheons; and a special alumni inaugural meeting, with presidents of Michigan colleges, prominent M. A. C. alumni, and former M. A. C. executives appearing on the program.

Members of the senior class, a small one because of the fact that it entered college in 1918 (the war year) were divided as follows: agriculture, 73; engineering, 71; home economics, 68; forestry, 18; and veterinary medicine, 5.

## ROUTE OF THE PARADE

The route for the parade of the John Robinson Circus, which is to show in Alma on Saturday, has been given out as follows: From the show grounds on Wright avenue, south to Elwell street; east on Elwell to State, thence south to Downie; then east to Gratiot and south on Gratiot to Superior, and then west on Superior street to Wright avenue, and north on Wright avenue to the show grounds.