



SCHOOL MEETING A WARM ONE

It Was Largely Attended By the Patrons

Brinton F. Hall and Frank H. Hudson Elected Trustees—Voted to Raise \$6,000 by Direct Tax

The annual school meeting was held Monday evening at the high school building and it was the largest ever held in the city, interest centering in the election of trustees, and this fact was the cause of the large attendance, each of the candidates and their friends having made special effort to get the voters out.

W. D. Ballou called the meeting to order and read the legal call for the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Director Z. W. Gooding, who also made the financial and statistical report for the year, the financial report being the same as published in the Banner last week. The statistical report shows that there are 804 children of school age in the city. The report was adopted.

The board of education recommended the raising of \$6,000 by direct tax and on motion of E. E. Chapple the recommendation was carried by a unanimous vote. In the election of trustees which followed, H. J. Leonard and Z. W. Gooding were appointed tellers and the names of F. H. Hudson and I. L. Hubbell were presented to succeed F. H. Hudson, whose term expired. O. J. Barker presented the name of Mr. Hudson and Fred L. Spencer the name of I. L. Hubbell. The vote stood, F. H. Hudson, 122; I. L. Hubbell, 101; scattering, 5. Mr. Hudson was declared elected.

For trustee in place of W. D. Ballou, Dr. J. H. Armstrong nominated Brinton F. Hall and Dr. I. S. Morris presented for re-election W. D. Ballou. The vote resulted, Brinton F. Hall, 138; W. D. Ballou, 85, Mr. Hall being declared elected. Superintendent E. N. Pitkin was called on and gave a short talk on the needs of the school in the way of more room for the pupils of the high school and it was readily shown that more room was needed for effective work by both teachers and pupils.

A motion was made by Dr. Morris, that in the future the polls of the election shall be opened from two to five o'clock p. m. and after some discussion the same was carried.

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Mr. DeGous is a successful business man and assistant superintendent of the Owasco Sugar Beet Company's prairie farm near Saginaw where the company has ten thousand acres of land. The bride was beautifully gowned and her brother Mr. Harry Wiley and Miss Mabel Robinson were best man and bridesmaid. They were the recipients of many presents. On Tuesday eve, twenty of her lady friends gave her a miscellaneous shower in the pavilion at the water works park, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with Japanese lanterns and electric lights, the color scheme being red and white.

Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served and a most happy evening was enjoyed.

The bride and groom left immediately for Saginaw where he has a fine home ready to receive them. The Banner joins with her many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

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The Misses Mildred Bolenbaugh, Vernie Brown, Grace Travis of Belding, Miss Frances Millard of Detroit, Miss Dorothy Zorline of Grand Rapids, Miss Jessie Whitmore of Palao and Miss Cora Hoppough of Smyrna, all were guests of the Hoppough's at the Pioneer cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. West, Bert Curtis, Tom Swartout and Clarence Runnels passed a few days last week at the Dupont. They report a good time.

Herb Angell, Frank O'Bryon, Lewis Leonard, Ben Angell and the Misses Lovina Mills, Viola Mills, Pearl Austin, with Miss Rena Angell as chaperone, are at the Angell cottage for a two weeks' outing.

Miss Elsie Millard has been visiting Miss Lucile Bricker at the Bricker cottage.

Mrs. Frank Harlan and daughter Frances and Mrs. Raymond are at the Harlan for the summer.

Mrs. Jacob Simons of Grand Rapids, Miss Frona Goebel of Chicago and Frank Heath and family of Shiloh were over Sunday visitors at the Haddon Hall cottage, guests of E. D. Decker.

Henry Felton of Ionia, Karl and Mark Hoppough of Smyrna took dinner at the Pioneer cottage Sunday.

Brinton F. Hall and wife visited Geo. E. Nichols and wife Saturday and Sunday at the Ionia cottage.

Wm. Orser and wife and Albert Godfrey and wife spent a few days last week at Camp Recreation.

Delbert Stanton, Lewis Curtis and Max McDonald spent Sunday at the Dupont, Dr. Stanton's cottage.

Geff Godfrey ate dinner with the Hoppough's at the Pioneer cottage Sunday.

Mrs. Ray Edwards and children, Mrs. Wilbur Wilson and Miss Gertrude Wilson spent all day Monday at the Edwards cottage.

Miss A. Verie Temple spent Sunday with Mrs. Frank Harlan at the Harlan.

While fishing for blue gills, Mrs. Albert Godfrey and Mrs. Will Orser each caught a black bass, weight about seven pounds. They were so large that in trying to land them they broke the lines and are now looking for more bait. The ladies both vouch for this fish story, also the size of the fish.

Mrs. Leon Osterhout landed a bass that weighed 3 1/4 lbs.

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SATURDAY SPECIALS

July 17

For Women

We will offer the following attractive prices in canvas oxfords. These goods are all from our regular stock and new spring oxfords

\$ 1.25 White Canvas \$ 95
1.50 " " " 1 10
1.75 " " " 1 20
2.00 " " " 1 35

For Men

We will offer two very attractive bargains in mens oxfords in patent and Gun Metal on the new toes and in every way very desirable shoes.

\$2.50 Gun Metal \$1 90
\$2.50 Patent oxfords 1 90

Also Some Good Bargains in Men's Canvas Shoes and Oxfords

EARL WILSON & CO.

Don't Neglect your eyes too long. Sight is priceless and once lost can never be regained. Come and let me fit your eyes with fitting Glasses.

Our store is full of bargains this month which you can't afford to overlook.

A. B. HULL
Jeweler BELDING - MICHIGAN Optician

LOOK HERE

FARMERS AND OTHERS — Why don't you build this year while material is cheaper than it has been in twelve years? I am over loaded, with lumber and shingles galore. My prices are right. "He who buys now, buys the cheapest."

Absolutely Yours,
E. L. KENDALL

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