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THE COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF TEN GRADUATES AT AUDITORIUM MONDAY.

Brilliant Function Witnessed by Crowded House—Hanson's Orchestra of Aurora Furnished Music.

Ten young people, imbued with all the hope of youth,—four young men and six young women—took formal farewell of their alma mater at the Auditorium Monday night, and that number was added to the alumni of the Downers Grove high school. An assembly that far exceeded the seating capacity of the building witnessed the transition.

The class of 1901, composed of Myrtle Ester Collier, George Ross MacLean, Katherine Eleanor Dixon, Bernice Morgan Bennett, Bertha Josephine Tenney, Edward Stewart Pridham, Daisy Althen Paden, Thomas Leroy Bunning, Martha Adelaide Downer and Edwin Griswold Nourse, was one of the largest ever graduated from the school. Interest in the nineteenth annual commencement exercises was proportionately great. Many were compelled to stand throughout the course of the program.

The program opened with the "Fantasia" from "Il Trovatore" played by Hanson's orchestra of Aurora. To the strains of the orchestra the classes and corps of teachers entered the hall and marched to the stage, where they were seated. Supt. O. M. Searles occupied a seat at the right. The board of education and teachers were given seats in the body of the hall. The decorations were simple and yet attractive. The front of the stage was bordered with palms, branches and flowers. The stage was lined throughout with leafy branches forming a canopy of green with background and walls of the same material. Over the stage the class motto "Jahre chrea niche als bucher" in German text was displayed.

After the invocation by Rev. Edgar H. Libby, pastor of the Congregational church, the high school chorus, under the direction of Miss Mabel Messner, sang the "Song of Welcome."

Myrtle Ester Collier, the salutatorian, delivered an essay entitled "The Hand." Its development and functions were dwelt upon, and the many acts of love and friendship which find expression in its gesture, touch and grasp were spoken of. Her essay was well written and given in a very creditable manner.

George Ross MacLean's oration "Local Citizenship" depicted the ideal citizen and won for him a large measure of applause.

"Corners" the subject of Miss Katherine Eleanor Dixon's essay was especially well given. The relations of acute, obtuse and right-angled corners in the character of mankind was cleverly expressed, and the essay on the whole was very pleasing.

"Cupids Pleading," an orchestral selection, was followed by an essay on "New Honors for Mother Goose," by Miss Bernice Morgan Bennett. The similarity between the nursery melodies and certain bits of the Shakespearean dramas formed a theme for a humorous dissertation and brought smiles to every face.

Miss Bertha Josephine Tenney gave an interesting paper on the life and habits of "The Barn Swallow," which while simple was full of a knowledge of natural science, and spoke eloquently of her observing faculty, and sympathy for the feathered songsters.

The subject "Recent Developments in Electricity" afforded Edward Stewart Pridham an excellent opportunity for the display of his technical knowledge in this field and showed him conversant with the latest discoveries in the electrical world. His address was well prepared and his delivery was exceptionally good.

"The Burgomaster," a vivacious selection given by the orchestra, preceded the story of "Miss Margaret" given by Miss Daisy Althen Paden. This story of colonial times was charmingly told and was highly interesting.

Thomas Leroy Bunning in his subject, "The Geography of Downers Grove" reviewed the development of the surrounding territory through the pre-historic ages down to the days of the early settlers and gave the scientific deductions of the formation and character of the country.

Miss Martha Adelaide Downer gave "The Old Violin's Story," in which the history of an old Italian Cremona is told. The story was very well given and easily one of the numbers holding the closest attention of the audience. There was a touch of pathos in the closing part of the selection which was brought out with strong effect.

Edwin Griswold Nourse, had for his subject "Our Nation's Sacred Festival." He told of the object of Memorial day and lauded it as the one sacred festi-

val commemorative of the nation's birthright.

Following the girls' chorus "Hunter's Song", President W. B. Towseley of the board of education presented the class diplomas, and took occasion to deliver some excellent advice to the graduates, and congratulated them on having finished the course in the best high school in DuPage county.

The exercises closed with the orchestra selection, "The Guard Mount" and the audience was dismissed with a benediction by Rev. C. J. Pope of the Baptist church.

The following members of the Junior class served as ushers Monday evening: Alice Nourse, Rose Bunning, Goldie Stolt, Maude Lamb, May Palmer, Helen Clifford and Violet Jensen.

VILLAGE ETCHINGS.

Silence and darkness shrouded the village. The hot glare of the July day had given place to still more oppressive heat of the night. Great clouds piled in inky blackness hid the stars. Now and then a breeze swayed the tree tops rustling the dustladen leaves and wafting the droning rasp of the cicada to the ears of the restless tossers who vainly wooed sleep.

At the four corners a number of boys lounged around a feeble fire whose fitful flame, replenished from time to time, threw gigantic shadow silhouettes of the moving figure against the dull green of the trees and on the starting white walls of the buildings.

In the center of the roadway was a shapeless mass indistinct in the darkness. As the fire burned brighter the formless shape resolved itself into the outlines of two anvils, one resting on top of the other.

Slowly one of the lads walked to the fire and drew from its red depth a long iron rod glowing at the end.

The group backed respectfully to the sides of the road. Each boy suddenly developed a belligerent appearance. Old pistols, shot-guns and pocket rifles were brought into position, all aimed at the zenith.

Watch in hand the leader whispered: "Already! Let her go!"

The iron swung round in a fiery zone. Its molten tip touched the anvils and a deafening roar burst out. As the echoes threw back the sound a fusillade of lesser explosions came from the group by the roadside. The crack-crack of the six shooter joined with the loud detonation of the old smooth bore which had seen service in the Mexican war. In thunderous chorus resounded the ear-ringing clangor announcing the arrival of the Glorious Fourth.

A way in the distance filling the gaps in the hubbub came the shriek of the factory whistle tied open by the night watchman. Many a head was lifted as the villagers awoke with a start and in sleepy stupor sought an explanation of the unwonted disturbance.

At intervals through the remaining hours of the night the roar of anvils was heard and not till the first red streaks of dawn were visible over the tree tops did the last of the wakeful band leave the scene to seek a few minutes rest in preparation for the other pleasures of the day. H. P. J.

GONG WORKS OVERTIME.

A merry roar is going up from residents near the Maple avenue railroad crossing all on account of the automatic signal placed there to protect the lives of frequenters of that dangerous crossing. The signal is supposed to announce the approach of trains by a system of electric gongs. It does all this and more. People living near there are certain it works overtime. It makes no difference whether trains are passing or not the blamed old thing rings at its pleasure. Sunday it started at 5 o'clock and rang all night; sometimes a faint tinkling, at others loud and strong. Imprecations floated out of various windows thereabouts from restless tossers on sleepless beds who swear to go gunning for the contraption with an ax if the defect is not remedied speedily.

REGRETFUL INCIDENT.

Someone is responsible for marked discourtesy shown to county superintendent of schools E. T. Morgan at the commencement exercises Monday night. Together with his wife Mr. Morgan came over from Wheaton to attend the graduation. When they arrived at the Auditorium they were compelled to stand although, it is stated, some of the school officials knew of their presence and made no efforts to secure seats for the visitors. Downers Grove owes an apology to Superintendent Morgan for the deficiency in common courtesy of whoever is responsible for the regretful incident.

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And works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Garden seeds in bulk at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Attorney Stusser returned from Ohio Monday.

Miss Bernice Bennett is visiting in Hinckley this week.

Geo. Johncock, a railroad employe, moved his family to Chicago, Monday.

W. J. Herring's brother was out from Chicago, yesterday making him a visit.

Miss Sadie Thompson has gone to Eustis, Neb., where she will spend her vacation.

The Lace school will give a musical and literary entertainment tomorrow evening.

Attorney L. P. Conover of Hinsdale and Chicago, gave us a pleasant call last Friday.

A family from LaGrange now occupies one of the Fred Hoffert cottages on Grove street.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Oldfield were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Orcutt at Naperville Sunday.

Haller's cash store quotes some attractive prices on various commodities in a new ad this week.

It is rumored that Geo. Heartt and wife of Cass, will, in the near future, make their home in Downers Grove.

The military company will drill at the Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Try Maple City Self Washing soap for washing woollens or lace curtains. It is unequalled for washing ladies' shirt waists.

Don't forget to attend the Strawberry Luncheon on C. E. Bidgett's lawn on Saturday of this week from 1 to 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Frederic A. Dawes and daughter Lillian, spent the past week at Ft. Sheridan, at the summer home of Mr. Frank O. Ellsworth.

Rev. Jas. Rowe, who is to preach in the Methodist church, is pastor of one of the large and prosperous Methodist churches of Chicago.

Economic league meets this, Thursday, evening at the Congregational church. Another interesting discussion on the Trusts is expected.

The American Forwarding and Mercantile company, in which many Downers Grove residents are interested, will establish a wholesale furniture house in San Francisco about the first of July.

The ladies of the Baptist church are making preparations to hold a rummage sale on Friday evening, June 21, at the Auditorium. They will serve ice cream and cake afternoon and evening and everybody is cordially invited.

Wm. McCorkel was waylaid, knocked down and robbed of seventy-five cents at Lisle a week ago. He received a large gash in the cheek and other bruises. The holdup was participated in by three men whose identity is not known.—Clarion.

Home grown strawberries are now on the market and are meeting with a ready sale, at retail for \$1.25 for a sixteen quart case. A. B. Austin furnishes the bulk of the local crop which is heavy this year. Cherries will soon be ripe and on the market but they are slightly off grade this year.

Messrs. and Mesdams. Geo. P. Luce, W. H. Martin and Wm. Squires, and Miss Carrie Martin attended the wedding of Miss Anna Behrens, foster daughter of P. A. Lord, to Milton Dimock at LaGrange Tuesday evening. It was a church wedding followed by a reception at the Lord residence. Five hundred guests were present.

Mrs. E. J. Miller reports a very pleasant and profitable time at the Macca-bee convention held at Springfield last week, which she attended. The supreme and state officers were present, thus enabling the delegates to accomplish a large amount of work especially interesting to local Hives. The order throughout the 44 states, which it represents, is in a very flourishing condition, with a financial basis beyond question.

The Methodist church which has been closed for repairs for nearly a month will be reopened next Sabbath with special services both morning and evening. Rev. Jas. Rowe, pastor of the Garfield park M. E. church, Chicago, will preach both morning and evening. Miss Mabel Messner, the chorister, promises something extra in the way of music from the choir. The other meetings will be class meeting at 9:45, led by C. S. Hughes; Sabbath school after the morning service; Epworth League at 6:30 and the evening service will begin promptly at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to all of these services.

Sapt. and Mrs. O. M. Searis, gave a reception to the graduating class at their home on East Maple avenue Friday evening. The affair was attended by members of the class and high school teachers. Souvenirs were provided by Mrs. Searis, which were dainty folders, the covers of which contained the class flowers—daisies—and the motto, "Years teach more than books," in water colors. Inside was a series of ten questions to be answered by words beginning with the initials of the one having the card. The reading of the cards after the answers were written created much amusement. During the evening refreshments of ice cream, cake and frappe were served.

Oil. Family Safety. Haller keeps Lipton's tea. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes.

Miss Florence Bates was home from Maywood over Sunday.

Wm. Straube went to Nebraska last week and returned Monday.

Miss Jennie Lacey left for State Center, Iowa, Thursday to visit relatives.

Judges J. B. Mackie and D. G. Graham visited the county seat last Monday.

Children's day will be observed at the German Evangelical church, Sunday, June 30th.

Mrs. E. J. Eberwine is visiting her son, A. D. Eberwine, in Chicago, for a few weeks.

Charles Briggs and wife of Rockford, are visiting their cousin, Mrs. M. K. Crescy this week.

Capt. J. L. Reed is now a resident of the village, in J. G. Wallace's house on Fairmont avenue.

E. Woehrl is painting, papering and otherwise improving his place of business on Main street.

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A number from Downers Grove will attend the American Derby races at Washington park Saturday.

A. E. Cole spent Monday night with his mother, on his return trip from Omaha to his office in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Downer will occupy the Roe homestead on East Curtiss street. Miss Anna Roe will board with them.

A petition is being circulated asking the re-instatement of Miss Jennie E. Gurnea as a teacher in the Downers Grove schools.

The REPORTER is under obligations to the secretary of state, James A. Rose, for a copy of the session laws passed by the last general assembly.

C. S. Hughes & Co. call attention to a new departure in their ad this week. Prices are quoted on buggies, roadwagons, harness and horsefittings.

Capt. T. S. Rogers, M. E. Stanger, A. L. Palmer, Alex. Beidelman, R. M. Havenor and Dr. T. F. Leesh attended a campfire given by Lincoln Post, G. A. R., in Chicago last night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Radell and daughter, Maebelle, leave Friday night for San Francisco and other points in California and New Mexico. They will return about August fifteenth.

The subject of the lesson sermon at the Christian Science church, Auditorium, town hall, LaGrange, next Sunday morning is "Is the universe, including man, governed by atomic force?" Testimonial meeting on Wednesday evening.

The commissioners of Highways of Lisle township on Saturday gave the DuPage county Telephone company permission and authority to place its poles and wires, and construct and operate its lines along and over the various highways of the town.

W. S. Shields of Alford & Shields, Chicago, civil engineers, was here Thursday making estimates of the cost of the Highland avenue water main extension. The mains will be extended from Rogers street north to Chicago avenue, and the total expense will be about \$1,600, or about 45 cents a front foot. This includes fire plugs and shut-off boxes.

The Congregational church will observe children's day next Sunday, June 23rd. A specially prepared program will be rendered both morning, at 10:45, and evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Exercises, consisting of songs and recitations, will be given by the school; the choir will assist with anthems, and Miss Anna Wetten will render the solos. The services both morning and evening will be opened by a Processional by the school and the singers will be assisted by a brass quartet. Subject of remarks by the pastor: Morning, "The last children's day." Evening, "The first children's day."

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CONCERT AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Elaborate Musical Program to be Given Next Tuesday Evening.

A musical, embracing features of more than passing interest, are promised at the concert to be given at the Baptist church next Tuesday evening, June 25th. Considerable of the best local talent has been secured and several well known musicians from abroad will contribute to the program, including a clever elocutionist. The program is as follows:

Instrumental sextette—"Blumenlied".....

.....Gustav Lange

Vincent Lovell, 1st Mandolin

Edward Giddings, 2nd Mandolin

Edwin Pridham, Guitar

William Heintz, 1st Violin

Fred Towseley, Cornet

Miss Anna Roe, Piano

Piano solo—"La Reuse".....Bachman

Edith Stevens.

Trio—"Lift Thine Eyes".....Mendelssohn

Mrs. R. Cole, Alice Stanley, Anna Roe.

Violin solo—"Andante Religioso".....Thomas

Miss Lucy Smith.

Vocal solo.....Selected

Mrs. H. Otter.

Vocal duet—"Wild Flowers".....H. Wilcox

Martha and Leta Puffer.

Reading.....Selected

Baritone solo—"Year not ye O'Israel".....

Dudley Back

Mr. Lew Edwards.

Clabawing.....

Cornet solo—"Alice when art Thou".....Acher

Fred Towseley.

Piano solo—"La Chant de Berceuse".....Ketterer

Alice Nourse.

Vocal duet—"O, that we were Maying".....

Smith

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wiegman.

Alto solo.....Selected

Mrs. T. R. Green.

Violin solo—"Home, sweet Home".....Mollenhauer

Miss Lucy Smith.

Vocal duet—"Fly Little Dove".....Marrials

Ottie Lamb and Carrie Martin.

Soprano solo....."The Nightingale".....Horrocks

b. "If I were Gardener".....

Chaminade

Miss Mabel Messner.

Instrumental sextette—"Salvia Waltz".....

Andauer

WILL BURN RED FIRE.

The celebration proposed for Downers Grove on the Fourth of July has resolved itself into a plan for a grand display of fireworks on that evening. At the meetings held Friday and Tuesday night insufficient enthusiasm was displayed to warrant a more elaborate observance of the day. Then, too, the line was considered too short to make arrangements for a more extended celebration. However, if the present plans carry it is hoped to secure a fund sufficiently large to purchase pyrotechnics elaborate enough to totally eclipse anything of the nature heretofore attempted here. F. H. Kennison, representing north side residents, has raised about \$50 for fireworks. E. J. W. Delta of the south side, has about \$60 secured. The present plan contemplates joining these funds and securing as much more as possible to be expended in the purchase of fireworks of an up-to-date, twentieth century, extraordinarily brilliant and noise producing nature. It is also the plan to select some central location—probably on the north side—for the discharge of the display, which will prove a convenient assembly place for all residents of the village. Many regret the inability to arrange an old fashioned celebration on the original lines planned, with the customary amount of patriotic oratory and Declaration of Independence, but all are agreed a fitting display of first-class fireworks would be satisfactory and prove a drawing attraction.

RECEPTION TO THE RECTOR.

The Episcopal people tendered a reception to their pastor, Rector Whitcomb and his wife at the home of Mrs. Wermoth, 69 North Main street last Friday evening. There was a large attendance, not only of the church members, but other invited guests and a congenial happy company enjoyed a delightful evening in visiting, music and refreshments. The members of the congregation are earnest, sincere workers and we are glad to note that a great measure of success has crowned their efforts in establishing their church here and they seem to be very fortunate in securing the aid of Pastor Whitcomb who is evidently the right man in the right place.

ALFORD GIVEN VERDICT.

Much surprise is expressed here over the verdict of the jury in the case of W. W. Alford vs. W. B. Waples, which was heard in the county court at Wheaton last week. A sealed verdict was announced Saturday awarding \$347 to Alford. Gray & Bangs, attorneys for W. B. Waples, have filed a motion in arrest of judgement, which will be argued before Judge Batten July 1st.

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STOLEN TEAM FOUND

COURTRIGHTS RECOVER THEIR TEAM AT KEOKUK THURSDAY.

Andrews, the Thief, Arrested and Taken to Keokuk—Has a Record in Several States—Other Theft.

A. E. Courtright was successful in recovering the team stolen from H. P. Courtright & Sons livery, at Keokuk, Iowa. Every since the theft, June 3rd the boys have been hot on the trail of the thief and Thursday Chief of Police Holliday of Monmouth, telegraphed he had located the team at Keokuk. A. E. Courtright went down on the noon train and identified the animals.

The man who stole the Courtright team gave the name of Andrews, and from all accounts has a record as a horse thief in a number of States. He operated under the names of Wm. Downs, Henry A. Andrews, H. Andrus, Geo. Downs and B. O. Anderson. His real name, however, is Henry A. Andrews, and he is a native of Belvidere. He was arrested by the Monmouth chief of police and officers from Keokuk, went down there after him Friday to take him to the Wisconsin town to be tried on a charge of stealing a rig there May 30. One horse and the buggy of this outfit was recovered at Naperville, the other horse died from being overdriven. Another team stolen from Media, Ill., Haverlyman May 15, was recovered at Harvard last week.

Andrews has an unrivaled record as a horse thief. He has been so long in the business that it has become a second nature to him. He is a man about 47 years of age, is nearly six feet high, weighs about 150 pounds and walks a trifle lame. He has served terms in the penitentiaries at Anamosa, Iowa, for his favorite calling, and at Chester. The description of the man securing the teams in each of the places named is identical.

Andrews method of working was practically the same at all the livery yards visited. He represented himself as a horse buyer and hired a team to make a long drive, stopping at various points agreeing to return late in the afternoon, then driving to a favored point.

At Courtright's he represented himself as a member of the firm of Livery & Sons, the Chicago horse buyers. He secured a team early Monday morning June 3, to drive to Batavia and said he wished also to look at horses near Warrenville. The fact that he did not return when he said he would caused the Courtright boys to become worried and pursuit was instituted the following day. A number of false trails were followed before the telegram from Monmouth resulted in securing the team and the arrest of the thief. The team taken from Courtright was a brown and white horse, hitched to a leather top buggy. The buggy was changed for a light covered wagon at Steator. A. E. Courtright drove the team back from Keokuk as far as Monmouth where they were shipped home Tuesday. They were badly used up from the hard drive given them by Andrews.

Andrews evidently knew of this team and had it spotted long before, as he talked of it when in Keokuk some time since. There is a probability that he first worked this section, then drove to Keokuk, sold his horses, stole some more, then came back to eastern Illinois again. So far the towns that are said to have been placed under the man's inspection as good places to get horses without paying any money are the following: Burlington, Fort Madison, Clinton, Ashton, Mo., Monmouth, Galena and Media and a few others are thought to be on the list. So it is a pretty sure thing that the man will answer to the charges at on place if he does not at the other.

The arrest of Andrews is the most important one made in many years, as the aggregate value of all the horses that have been taken is large. When seen several days before he got Courtright's team Andrews had about a couple of thousand dollars in greenbacks, according to a story told, and it is not known where he has this money, although he had some when he was in Keokuk.

COLORADO.

That is the title of a very beautiful seventy-two-page book published by the C. E. and Q. railroad. It is most entertaining and informative, besides being illustrated with exceptionally fine engravings. The rates to Colorado are so cheap this year that many will take their vacation there. They should ask the C. E. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 5 cents.

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