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N. M. A. Commencement

The first three days this week were taken up with the graduating exercises of the Northwestern Military Academy.

On Sunday Morning Rev. A. A. Pfanstiehl delivered the baccalaureate address to the senior class at the Presbyterian Church.

Monday morning was given over to the State Inspectors, when the cadets were put through all of their drills and ended up the morning with a general inspection of equipments, quarters and so on. In the afternoon the remainder of the field events were run off, the most of which had taken place on Saturday afternoon. In the track meet the juniors won with a total of 74 points, the sophomores coming second with 31. Sisson of the junior class was the highest individual scorer with 35 points.

One of the principal features of their commencement, the sham battle was omitted owing to the illness of one of the participants.

On Tuesday the rain prevented the military exercises usually held on the campus. The literary program was held in the Drill Hall as usual. Professor Nathaniel Butler of the Chicago University delivered the address which was very fine. He was a professor in Highland Hall which used to be where the Academy now stands and a good number of his old Highland Park friends were seen in the audience. Cadetsergent L. R. McCoy of Grand Forks, North Dakota, gave the Valedictory.

Quite an elaborate program had been prepared as a fitting ceremony to accompany the presentation of a new hundred foot flag-pole given by the Alumni Association of the Academy. Owing to the weather the presentation address was given in the Drill Hall, by Mr. Beckwell of the Class of '97. Cadet Lieutenant Heege responded for the cadets. As the flag was raised the Academy Band played the "Star Spangled Banner" and over near the flag-pole the artillery fired the national salute of twenty-one guns.

After these ceremonies the Competitive Drill was held. Lieutenant Riesinger and Lieutenant Emery of the 27th Infantry, U. S. A., were the judges and decided in favor of Cadet Esch of Chicago, whose drilling was just a little bit superior to that of Cadet Radford, who won second place but whose size was against him, as he is the smallest boy in the School.

The Senior Reception and Hop held in the evening in the Drill Hall was one of the prettiest ever given. The decorations, which were beautiful, consisted of green boughs hanging from the rafters with electric light hidden among them and which winked on and off all evening. The Class colors,

red and white, were carried out in a banner made of carnations bearing the letters, '06, and hung over the fire place.

A rustic bridge was built over the natatorium, which was hung with boughs and red lights, and proved a popular retreat.

Cadet Captain J. C. Cooley and Miss Cooley led the grand march.

Royal Arcanum Picnic.

The first union picnic given by the Royal Arcanum Councils of Chicago and the North Shore was held at Ravinia Park all day Thursday, and was a grand success, notwithstanding the threatening weather. The rain held off however, and the lowering clouds did not interfere in any way with the enjoyment of the gay throng of Royal Arcanumites who attended. Eleven councils were well represented at the picnic.

The athletic sports of the day began at 1:30 with a base ball game between the council's north of Evanston and the councils south of that city. The game was warmly contested but the team organized by Regent John A. Grant of Highland Park council was defeated by the south end team by a score of 11 to 10.

Following the ball game, there were twelve races, with winners as follows:

Regents' race, John Grant, Highland Park; Vice Regents' race, E. W. Shewry, Rogers Park; Orators' race, Fred Wenban, Lake Forest; Secretaries' race, Frank Wenban, Lake Forest; Guides' race, George Millard, Highland Park.

At 4 o'clock a reception to Grand Council officers was held on the Casino Verandah, and at 4:40 a fine concert was rendered by the Evanston Marine Band in the music pavilion, and speeches were made by the Grand Council officers, followed by a council roll call, after which supper was served in the Casino.

The Waukegan Royal Arcanum orchestra furnished dance music in the ball room in the afternoon and evening, and contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the day.

This is the first effort made by the councils to hold a joint outing, and its success will warrant many others in time to come.

McCaffery-Crum Wedding

On Wednesday, Miss Sara L. McCaffery and Mr. Frank Crum of Milbrook, Illinois, were married at 12:30 o'clock at the parsonage of St. Mary's Church

by Rev. J. J. Morrissey. Miss Mollie McCaffery was maid of honor and Mr. John McCaffery served Mr. Crum as best man. After the ceremony the wedding dinner was served to the immediate relatives of the bride and groom at the bride's home on North Second Street.

After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Crum will be at home at their new home on Elmwood Avenue, Wilmette. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Crum and Miss Crum, the parents and sister of the groom, from Milbrook. Only the two families were present at the wedding.

Ravinia Park.

Walter Damrosch with the New York Symphony Orchestra opens the summer concert season at Ravinia Park to-night at 8:15. Mr. Damrosch's stay at Ravinia will be of six weeks duration and will be followed by a four weeks season of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra with Frederick Stock as Director.

The program on the opening night will be made up of the works of Liszt, Tchaikowsky, Weber, Gounod, Wagner, Verdi, and other great masters of melody. On Monday evening, which will be the First Symphony Night, Mr. Damrosch will render Tchaikowsky's Symphony "Number Four." The second part of the program will include the "Ride of the Valkyries," Aubert's "Slumber Song," which will be delivered in the form of an Oboe Solo by Mr. Addinamo, Grieg's "Peer Gynt", Suite No. One, and a popular march by Edgar. Tuesday afternoon will be the first Wagner Program, the opening number being the Prelude to "Lohengrin," which will be followed by various selections from the great German master. On Tuesday evening Mr. Courtland Palmer, the pianist, will make his first appearance in Chicago and will render Chopin's "Concerto" in E. Minor. Wednesday evening's program will be made up of selections from the favorite grand operas. Thursday afternoon, which is Children's Day at the Park, Mr. Damrosch will endeavor to please the youngsters with a light program, including Herbert's Overture, American Airs, and the Russian and Chinese dances from the "Nutcracker Suite", Beethoven's "Polonaise", Godard's "Canzonette", "Michaela's Song", and the March from Carmen, and other selections most likely to appeal to the little ones. Friday evening's concert promises to be the most attractive of the week, the program in its entirety being made up of selections from the Wagneian Operas and includes "The Good Friday Spell", from Parsifal, which will be rendered on the violin by Mr. Alexander Saslavsky.

Concerts are to be given every afternoon at 3:00 and every evening at 8:15, during the entire season.