

H. FIRST COMMENCEMENT

At the Baccalaureate service Sunday evening we were carried back to the first commencement exercises V. H. S. It was on a June Friday evening in the Congregational church. The class consisted of seven Christian young people. They were seated on the platform with the pastors of the churches—Rev. L. Smith and Rev. J. H. Thomas, and the teachers. A large evergreen orshoe with the Class Motto: "Onward to the Goal" formed a frame for each member of the class taking part in the exercises.

The Salutatory was given by May E. Norris; an oration, "Character-Building" by Edson H. Fuller; Class History, Eureka Andrews. "Pluck and Plod" was the subject chosen by Roy L. Hammond; Neva Wells gave an essay, "On the Threshold". The class prophecy fell to George A. Parmenter, and A. Curtis Grimes delivered the Valedictory. The diplomas were presented by Principal F. D. Smith. A choir furnished the music with Miss Eva Kelly organist, and violin and vocal numbers by Edward Gray. Of this class of 1889, Eureka Andrews passed away in early life, and May Norris in March of this year, but the four men and Mrs. Neva Wells Campbell are still living.

PARTY FOR BRIDE-ELECT

A prenuptial shower was given in honor of Polly Jones Saturday afternoon June 26th, who is to become the bride of Reinhart Zemke in the near future, at the home of his sisters Margareta, Martha, and Irene assisted by Mrs. Grover Grant and Mrs. Robert Todd.

Guests present were the immediate family of the guest of honor and former classmates and friends of the groom to be.

The afternoon was spent in contests appropriate for the coming event and the renewing of friendships. Light refreshments were served with a color scheme of pink and white carried out, after which the guest of honor was presented with many lovely gifts.

The man who marries for dollars lacks sense.

A miser's face is like a bank note, every line in it means money.

NASHVILLE RECALLS ITS FIRST RAILWAY

Grand River Valley Line Began Operating 68 Years Ago This Month

Special to The State Journal:

NASHVILLE, Feb. 6—Residents of the village of Nashville in February of 69 years ago were celebrating many events other than the birthdays of famous folk which mark the month. Chief of these was the completion of the long-looked for Grand River valley railway, now known as a division of the Michigan Central. From Nashville to Jackson trains were running and the sound of their arrival and departure was music in the ears of Nashville folk.

The oldest residents must have rejoiced indeed for these remembered that the charter for the road had been granted March 4 in 1836, when the first land was platted for the village. In this same year of 1869, the charter of the town was granted and perhaps because of the importance of the railway in the immediate needs of the town, the place was christened for the chief engineer of the road, Mr. Nash.

Events significant in the history of the community and of the state had been happening for several years previous to this banner year of the railroad. Judge Clement Smith, who was to be a member of Michigan's supreme court began law practice in the little village in 1868. Not long before a schoolhouse had been erected by means of a "bee." For this settlement in Barry was not platted until 1865, although the land upon which it now stands was purchased in the year Michigan became a state.

Nashville began with a saw-mill on the Thornapple river and for a number of years consisted only of the mill and a few shanties for the men employed there. This was first run by Hiram Hanchott, later by Solomon Feighner, one of a family highly influential in developing the locality. Len Feighner, former member of the state legislature, newspaper broker, living in Nashville is a descendant of these pioneers. Henry Feighner coming in 1852 with Solomon took up 880 acres of land which included the site of the early saw-mill. William is remembered as proprietor of the first grocery store; George cleared 10 acres of land during the first year in Michigan. John is mentioned frequently in the early activities of the colony.

It was Robert Gregg who platted the village in 1865 which was surveyed by Joshua Martin; then comes the notation in history that Samuel Clendenin from California, opened a blacksmith shop and "presided over the anvil and forge." D. C. Griffith of Ingham county came and went into the grain trade; for a grist-mill on the Thornapple by the Mullett Brothers and G. W. Johnson was thriving.

Settlers now increased for the post-war immigration to this state had begun. Cook's Wagon and Carriage manufactory was a later successful concern with Hobbs and Webster "presiding as blacksmiths in the same establishment. In 1880 it was recorded that "the firm is making 100 wagons and carriages ready for the market annually."

Nashville's birth-year approximating so closely the Civil war period brought many to the community with war experiences. One of these is Lydrugus Wheeler member in 1861 of the Sixth Michigan cavalry. It is written of him that he "had an academical education" in those days when learning was far from free. He was a pioneer merchant of Nashville and a nominee of the Prohibition party for the legislature in 1878.

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