

COMMENCEMENT

Friday evening, June 11th was all for the 1937 commencement exercises and when the 19 Seniors marched into the gymnasium headed by the 20 Juniors, they found it filled with relatives and friends, many standing throughout the program.

The High School Band under the direction of Miss Spindler had played several selections before the graduates entered, clad in caps and gowns, and took their places on the nicely decorated stage as Miss Spindler played the Senior march. The remainder of the program follows:

- Invocation Rev. J. R. Stine
- Salutatory Dora Rawson
- Class History Sara Gearhart
- Solo Miss Spindler
- Class Oration Christine Powers
- Valedictory Louise Dow
- Class Song The Seniors
- Presentation of Diplomas Ilo Ferris
- Benediction Rev. Mr. Stine
- Recessional Miss Spindler

The class formed in line outside and received their friends as they left the building.

Graduates:

- Forrest Boyd Lewis Woodard
- Marilyn Dodd Richard Wright
- Vernon French Elsworth Harwood
- Louise Dow Anna Jean French
- Jane Figg Russell Kilpatrick
- Sara Gearhart Ernest Lindberg
- Eloise Hadden Dora Rawson
- Christine Powers Carl Thrun
- Lawrence Frith Reva Wells
- Anna Mae Hawkins

MRS. FRANK McWHINNEY

Mrs. Mary A. McWhinney was born at Fremont, Michigan, July 6, 1887, and passed away at the Lella Post Hospital at Battle Creek, June 8, 1937. She was married to Frank McWhinney January 17, 1912 at Fremont and resided on a farm in Dayton Township until moving to Vermontville in March, 1919.

She was a member of the Kalamo Methodist Church, and very active in the Ladies Aid Society and Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband and three children: Miss Lois McWhinney and Stanley McWhinney, both of Charlotte, and Mrs. Anna Cushing of Battle Creek; one sister, Mrs. Lucy Goodwin, and one brother, Nelson Fowler, both of Fremont.

Services were held Friday from the home at 1:30 and 2:00 o'clock from the Kalamo Church with Rev. J. F. Bowerman officiating. Interment in Kalamo cemetery.

Train Made Last Trip Monday

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(Woodland News)

Monday marked the last run of the C. K. & S. train through Woodland. Quite a number of local people came to the village to see the cars go by for the final time and several took photographs of the train and of Grant Osgood who has been in charge of the station here for many years.

The rails for this division were laid in about the year 1887 and the first run over the new track was made in 1889. An item from the papers of Thursday, Oct. 17, 1889 read: "On Wednesday last, the C. K. & S. railway company commenced carrying the mail from this station to Hastings and return. This arrangement makes no difference in the time of the mails as they leave and arrive at about the same time as before. Will Miller, who formerly carried the mail to Hastings, is now carrying it to the depot and will continue to do so until the bids for carrying the same are opened and a mail carrier appointed."

While at the station Monday we heard John Dell tell that when he was 14 years old he was one of the first to help turn the train on the turntable at Woodbury.

Many people remember the first day the train came through Woodland. People from all over came to see the big black monster come blowing down the track. A band was there to play stirring tunes and in general one big celebration was held.

The train made its daily run for many years and up till several years ago when it was scheduled to run three days each week.

It seems like Woodland is running down hill now instead of uphill, as now we have no train, hotel, no recreation place and little cooperation in business. Woodland was more alive 50 years ago.

Three of our local school teachers—J. R. Childs, Mrs. Lamb and Miss Spindler accompanied eleven of the Seniors: Marilyn Dodd, Jane Figg, Anna Jean French, Sara Gearhart, Anna Mae Hawkins, Lawrence Frith, Russell Kilpatrick, Ernest Lindberg, Carl Thrun, Reva Wells and Lewis Woodard on their trip to Washington, D. C. It was impossible to secure a school bus for the trip as they had planned, so they went in three cars and Mr. and Mrs. Erbie Zemke went in their pick-up to carry the luggage. Thera Hokanson and Phyllis Hager, of the Junior class, also joined the party, making eighteen of the sight-seers. They expect to be gone ten days.

Lt. Colonel Kelly B. Lemmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lemmon of Sunfield, was granted ten days leave from his Omaha post to see his son graduated from the West Point Military Academy, his alma mater. He left Omaha at 3 a. m. and at 10 o'clock that night, 19 hours, drove in to the yard of his parents in Sunfield, a distance of 713 miles. He left at 8 a. m. next morning, by motor for West Point, but found it necessary to fly back to keep within his leave. Mr. Lemmon, the grandfather, said that Judge R. R. McPeck had mailed him a newspaper picture of the young grad, which gesture of good will he deeply appreciated. He inadvertently referred to the Judge as "Jake," the nick name of the jurist's father, among the cronies of his day.

Sim Cook, recently of Oneida, who is now living in Lansing was on the ground selling cyclone insurance for the Hastings company which he has represented for some time.

Saturday evening about 6 p. m. the granary on the Warner Bera place on M39 occupied by Charles R. Steward, caught fire and the departments from Mulliken and Sunfield both responded to the call for help. The firemen and neighbors succeeded in saving the house and barn, both of which were slightly scorched by the heat. Monday noon this same barn was blown down by the cyclone but here is the gist of the story. The fire loss on the big barn would have been \$1200, while the cyclone loss which is complete will be \$2000. In other words Mr. Steward made \$800 by saving the barn for cyclone destruction. This same barn was unroofed in the 1935 cyclone and the same carpenter, who put on the new roof at that time was calling on Mr. Steward Tuesday to offer his professional services.

Two miles south of Mulliken and about a half mile east was the scene of perhaps the heaviest loss in the district. The Oscar LeVans on the D. W. Boyer place lost two barns, each 34x60. The highway separated the barns and the house was directly between the two ruined properties. Mrs. LeVan, the former Olive Boyer, a one time teacher in the Charlotte schools, says a new high stone porch, protecting the west side of the home, in her opinion, saved the house. The father of D. W. Boyer, the Charlotte owner, (Continued on page 2)

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