

ELEVEN PUPILS COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL STUDY

Big Gathering of Relatives and Friends of Pupils Witness Mid-Season Commencement.

MISS LILLIE ERNST IS CHIEF SPEAKER

Rev. Robert Morris delivers Invocation. Musical Numbers by High School Orchestra.

Roosevelt High School auditorium was the scene of a big gathering Friday evening to witness the graduating eleven pupils of the Mid-season Class and for this occasion an interesting program had been prepared in advance.

An orchestra selection by high school musicians preceded the invocation by Rev. Robert Morris, formerly of this city, and who came here to see his daughter graduate. Miss Morris was valedictorian of the class.

Following the invocation the high school girls' chorus sang the "Night and the Rose," by Page, with piano accompaniment.

The program proper began at 8 o'clock with the eleven graduates seated on the stage which was adorned with the class motto: "Quality, Quantity," in view of the size of the class.

The valedictorian's address by Miss Morris, daughter of Rev. Morris, followed and in the course of her talk, the speaker touched upon the progress made by America in educational ways, and served as a great searchlight, illuminating the defects in American education as well as foreigners who were residing within our boundaries. The war increased the need of education in America and paved the way for it.

Miss Morris went on even farther in the course of her talk, back to the time when 300,000 Indians were scattered throughout the country but without education and she cited the progress made in connection with educating the Red Man until there are now 103,150 square miles of territory and about 300,000,000 schools and almost thoroughly Americanized the Indian and make him a true citizen of this country.

In bringing her talk to a close the speaker stated that the accomplishment of greater things would be expected from her classmates since they are now stepping from school life into the school and about to take up their responsibilities in connection with our government and the educational policies of the United States.

The chief speaker of the evening was Miss Lillie R. Ernst, assistant valedictorian of schools in St. Louis, who was introduced to the audience and class by Miss Edith Day, one of the graduates.

Miss Ernst first stated that she felt a great honor in being called upon to give a graduating class and audience in this state since Illinois is such a great state towards thorough education. Miss Ernst cited the fact that since one-seventh of the high school population is being graduated annually or an average of about 100,000.

The present class of eleven representing only a small portion of the graduates for the year, is a class much larger will compare their high school work next year.

The speaker urged that Alton people do all within their power to provide facilities for the education of every boy and girl below the age of sixteen years, thus fitting them to begin life.

Florida Trip Is Still Event of the Future

Five men, F. L. Manns, Charles Belser, Earl Fairbanks, Ed Joehl of Alton and J. F. Yoder of East Alton are back home without having had a trip to Florida they had been promised by a land agent if they would put up \$45 each. The trip was to have cost them no more, there and back, according to Ed Joehl, and they made the start last week, expecting to leave Terre Haute, Ind., last Saturday. The agent made some excuse about having to wait a few days and he would go to Chicago to complete arrangements for the special car for a party that was to make the trip. The men waited, while Earl Fairbanks went to Chicago with the agent. There Fairbanks did not like the looks of things and came back home getting his friends to return to Alton. Joehl said today that the contract was to take them to Florida and back for \$45, and inasmuch as the trip was not made, the party expect their money back. He said they were notified if they would go to Terre Haute they could leave today for Florida. Joehl said that all of them were going with the determination not to become purchasers of land.

AGED MERCHANT DIES FROM OLD AGE AT HOME

William C. Norman Had Been in Business in Alton More Than 42 Years and Always Was Active.

William C. Norman, aged business man, died at his home, 1607 Liberty street, at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, after an illness of three weeks. His death was due to his great age. He was in his 84th year. Mr. Norman was a remarkably active man notwithstanding his age. Up to the time he was forced by general breakdown to give up his work, he was daily in his place of business on East Broadway. About a month ago Mr. Norman said that he was always the first one in the store in the morning and had not given up starting the fire. He said that he liked to be busy and that he felt well and there was no good reason why he should not continue active. He did his own buying of goods and was known as a good business man.

He was born in Langford, Somersetshire, England, April 3, 1837. He was married at Millport Island, Scotland, in 1865 and came to America the same year. He came to Alton in 1878 and started in business in a small way and remained up to the time of his death. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Norman, died May 1, 1920. He leaves one son, Charles, and nine grandchildren. He lived a plain quiet life, was a lover of good literature and flowers. He was a well read man and an entertaining conversationalist. The funeral will be from the home Monday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. F. D. Butler officiating. Interment in City cemetery.

WEATHER FORECAST

Official forecast for St. Louis and vicinity. Cloudy, with rain tonight and tomorrow morning; lowest temperature tonight will be about 34; colder tomorrow night.

Illinois—Probably rain or snow in north portion and rain in south portion tonight and tomorrow; colder tomorrow and in northwest portion to night.

In closing the speaker stated that the high school graduates of today are facing many problems in taking on the responsibilities of the world which is a meddled mass today and must be guided over the rapids by the rising generation. This work will be brought about by the further development of brain power and applying old powers to the new jobs which now confront America.

Following Miss Ernst's talk, the high school orchestra furnished a selection, "Humoresque," by Dvorak, after which J. W. Schoemer, president of the school board, congratulated the graduates upon having completed their work and presented diplomas to the following: Edith Eugenia Day, Bessie Margaret Dykeman, Hugh Alvin Ford, George Dudley Harris, Jack A. Jameson, Marie Gertrude Layton, Helen Troy Leighty, Ethel Linton Morris, Nellie Agnes Roberts, Vera Ethel Roberts and Joseph Jerome Wiseman.

Miss Morris, valedictorian, was also presented with a scholarship as a gift from the school board.

GOOD ROADS WORK HAS A GREAT START

Funds are Growing and Cinders are Already Being Spread. Money and Workers Needed.

FIVE ROADS ARE BEING CINDERED

Alton Auto Club Hopes to Have Cindered Roads Into Alton From Every Direction Soon.

The good roads movement as being engineered by the Alton Auto club, with the aid of the East End Improvement Association and other interested road enthusiasts, is making better headway this year than ever before in the history of the roads movement in Alton.

The president and chairman of the Good Roads committee, of the Alton Automobile club, made an inspection trip over the road leading from Seminary street, Upper Alton, to Brighton. Considerable work has been done on this road in preparing it for cinders and several carloads of cinders have already been spread. These cinders having been furnished by the Wood River Township Commissioner, Mr. Henry, and other interested parties outside of the city of Alton. The farmers on this road are pushing the work and should be encouraged in every way. Additional funds are being secured by J. W. Bean and Miss Ella Kelley from the citizens of Alton on authorized petitions furnished by the Alton Automobile club. There is a very bad stretch of city streets leading from Western Military Academy to the city limits which should be fixed. None of this money raised on these petitions will be spent on the streets.

While considerable work has been done on the Alton-Godfrey road leading from Alby street, still it will require several hundred dollars to complete this cinder road to Godfrey and it is hoped that the petition covering this road will be on the street in a few days.

Work on the Fosterburg road will not be outlined until after a meeting which will be held tonight.

One of the main drawbacks to the movement has been the difficulty in getting meetings and working the roads because of the mud and rain. The meetings that have been held have all been successful and there seems to be a general spirit of cooperation between the city workers and the residents of the rural districts.

The hope of the members of the Alton Auto club, fathers of the good roads movement that has such impetus at this time, is that Alton shall have good cindered roads leading into it from every direction.

The need of the roads workers now is both men and money. They need money to hire trucks and pay necessary expenses and they need men and teams to haul and spread cinders on the roads. The four roads that are being given attention are the Alton to Godfrey road by way of Alby street, Alton to Godfrey by way of Seminary, the Fosterburg road and the St. Louis road.

Conspiracy Case Jury Is Secured.

The securing of a jury in the conspiracy case in the Circuit Court was completed yesterday afternoon and the taking of testimony will probably occupy all to next week. The case is one in which ten defendants are on trial charged with conspiracy to steal and dispose of automobiles.

Judge Yager Serving at County Seat.

Judge L. D. Yager will preside Monday in the Circuit Court hearing naturalization cases. Yesterday he presided in the county court and will do so again next Tuesday.

Young Man Sentenced to Reformatory.

James Meacham was sentenced to the state reformatory at Pontiac by Judge Yager this morning on a charge of robbing a stand at the base ball park in the East End. He had been sentenced before and paroled, but a new offense caused his arrest and he was caused to enter a new plea, acknowledged his guilt and was given a sentence.

Drunk, Guides Auto Against State St. Car

James Edmonds was fined \$10 and costs in the police court this morning for being drunk. The Alton Granite & St. Louis Traction Co. receivers may have a case against him for running into a street car on State street near the Old Ladies Home, Friday evening.

Edmonds, it was charged, was very drunk when he was attempting to drive a car on State street. He staggered his car across the street car track and finally took a direct run at a street car and had a head on collision notwithstanding efforts of the motorman to avoid a bump act. The street car was not damaged much but the automobile was, and had to be towed to a garage for repairs. Edmonds had to be locked up for the night and faced Magistrate Maguire this morning with a plea of guilty to a charge of drunkenness. He is said to have been tanking up at a North Side place where, it is said, liquor is available.

Much Married Woman Careless of Her Details

Jimmy Dotson, a railroad man, asked the City Court today to annul his marriage to a woman he married on March 29, 1919, on the ground that he was never legally married to her. Mr. Dotson told the court that he was the third husband his wife had. He did not know that he was a contemporary of another husband, from whom she had not taken the trouble to get a divorce before she became the blushing bride of Jimmy. He discovered, after the marriage, that he had a contemporary in the role of husband of his wife and he fixed it up so that she would get a divorce from the other husband, who was No. 2, and after a year, it was planned, they would be remarried.

She procured the divorce with Jimmy's money, he said, and then she began acting up and it became impossible to live with her any longer. Jimmy said that relatives of hers assured him that she is even now married to another man, who is No. 4.

SHURTLEFF IS DOWNED BY TEAM FROM ILLINOIS

Illinois College Swamped Until Last Few Seconds of Play Cage Ball and Lead Out.

Playing one of their best games this season Shurtleff College lost out by a small margin Friday night when they took on Illinois College of Jacksonville here and after holding the lead throughout the early part of the game lost by one point on the final score. Illinois College scored a basket from the center of the floor in the last forty-five seconds of play and clinched the victory with a score of 18 to 17. Shurtleff showed unusual speed, according to Coach Lowry who has been putting the team through a regular mill of preparation in the past few weeks and it was merely a case of tough luck that caused them to lose Friday night's game at their local gym.

At the end of the first half the score stood 8 to 7 with Shurtleff holding the lead and shortly after the opening of the second half they ran the score up to 14 to 7.

Illinois then rallied and moved their ratio up to where the score rested at 17 to 16, Shurtleff still on top. Considerable excitement prevailed.

Springfield College will probably come here for a game against Shurtleff during the coming week.

Rapid Eating Is Hard on Teeth. By Associated Press. Chicago, Jan. 29.—Dtcay and loss of teeth is due to the habit of rapid eating prevalent among the American people, Dr. Wallace Secomb of Toronto, Canada, today told delegates to the National Dental Society convention. Nature provided that chewing was one of the greatest benefits for teeth preservation. He asserted that every morsel of food before being swallowed should be chewed once for every tooth in the head.

It Pays to Advertise. "Just look at that rooster," remarked the duck; "since he's begun crowing he's had his statue placed on the top of the barn."

OLD LOG HOUSE SOLD PUBLICLY CLOSING ESTATE

Dwelling at Sixth and Alton Streets Had Been Owned by One Man More Than Seventy Years.

RELIC OF OLDEN DAYS IN ALTON

W. E. Kelley Buys House That Was Early Day Homestead of His Parents and Still is Good.

One of the oldest houses in Alton was sold today at partition sale to wind up the estate of the late Isaac H. Kelly, who died recently at a great age. There are two houses on one lot at Sixth and Alton streets, one of which was owned by Isaac H. Kelly for more than 70 years.

The house, a small one, was built of logs, a one room affair, and Mr. Kelly bought it about 1850 from the father of J. W. Cary of Alton. It was merely a log cabin then, one of the relics of the early days of Alton when the hills were heavily wooded and logs were convenient and cheap material to build with, and also substantial. The sides of the building were afterward covered with weather boards and the little old house enlarged by the addition of two rooms, but the original structure still stands in good condition. On the same lot is a larger house built about thirty years ago in which Mr. Kelly and his family lived and where he died recently. The whole piece of property was bought in by W. E. Kelly, a son, a friendly partition suit having been filed to make it possible to sell the property legally.

There are few of these old structures left in Alton, recalling the olden days of Alton when log houses were quite common. W. E. Kelly said that he once saw the logs in the little house when a door was being cut through a wall and it was necessary to saw through the logs. That room, he says, is one of the warmest rooms he ever was in, when the weather is cold.

NEW TEACHERS ARE ADDED TO SCHOOL STAFF.

Large Class Entering High School for Second Semester Causes Demand for Additional Instructors

At a special meeting of the instruction committee of the Alton School Board Friday afternoon several teachers additional were named for work in the Alton schools. This move was made necessary on account of the large classes entering Roosevelt from the Junior High school.

The local school board empowered the instruction committee to act on the recommendations of Supt. Reay's and accordingly the following teachers were named.

Miss Florence Rose, commercial studies in the high school.

Miss Jennie Cates Latin and history in the high school.

Miss Corena McPhan, part time instructor in the high school.

Miss Cates' appointment to the high school is in the nature of a promotion for she has been associated with the Horace Mann school. Miss Jennie Grosh was named as her successor in the Horace Mann school and Miss Nettie Cristoe was appointed a substitute teacher for the year at Horace Mann school.

The new teachers will take up their work at the opening of the second semester Monday, Jan. 31.

Negro Kills Man, Finds Only \$2.00. Chicago, Jan. 29.—In exchange for a meal of fried chicken Roscoe Thompson, a negro, today confessed to killing Rev. G. I. Burrage, also colored. The prisoner's callousness amazed the experienced city detectives, who started in astonishment as Thompson with out show of remorse, detailed the crime between bites of the chicken.

"It was a joke on me," said Thompson. "I went to all the trouble of killing him and cut his head nearly off with a razor and all I got out of it was \$2 and a bum watch."

Held Without Bail On Murder Charge. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 29.—Burrwell Lawson of Little Rock, Ark., was held to district court without bail by a police court judge today on a murder charge growing out of the fatal shooting of Lawson's wife in an apartment house here last Monday.

Loafers Flock to Man's Appeal for Company

It pays to advertise, and you cannot make Peter Joest believe anything else. Several days ago the Telegraph told of the sign: "Loafers Wanted; For Company," which Mr. Joest had displayed at his fish market on the river front and the article explained the lonesome condition of the boss of the boat.

Now he has plenty of company, he says, and new "loafers" show up daily. The day after the Telegraph article was printed, Mr. Joest says a middle aged man appeared on the boat and said, "I am a stranger in Alton, and I am a loafer." "Come right in," yelled Mr. Joest and grabbing the hand of the strange loafer, Joest saw that the latter did, "come right in." He was a bulky good loafer too. Mr. Joest explained to a friend when telling about the incident later, "and an interesting, instructive loafer." The stranger told of reading the article in the Telegraph. Other men out of jobs temporarily, or having a few hours daily they can afford to lose in loafing read the article and now Mr. Joest is not afflicted with the feeling of loneliness that caused him to advertise for loafers for company.

MRS. REBECCA ANTHONY DIES OF OLD AGE

Resident of Alton Forty-Five Years. Was Widow of Well Known Steamboat Man Who Died 24 Years Ago.

Mrs. Rebecca Anthony, widow of Jonathan Anthony, died Friday evening at 8 o'clock at her home, 1020 Alby street after an illness of one year. The past three weeks she had been bedfast and her death was no surprise to members of her family, her great age having made it impossible for her to rally.

Mrs. Anthony was a resident of Alton 45 years and for 35 years of that time she had been a member of the First Presbyterian church, where she attended services until weakness of great age made it impossible for her to get out. She would have been 81 years of age the 22nd of April. Mrs. Anthony was born at Greengrove, Ind. Her husband, an old steamboat man, died in Alton 24 years ago. She was the last of 12 children. Surviving her are three daughters, Mrs. Allen Jameson, Mrs. H. Joseph Berner and Miss Grace Anthony. She leaves also six grandchildren and one great grandchild. The grandchildren are Mrs. F. L. Johnson of Chicago, Louis A. Berner of Bloomington, Julia, Pessie, Joyce and Jack Jameson of Alton and the great grandchild, Florence Berner of Bloomington.

Mrs. Anthony was a quiet home loving woman, deeply devoted to her family and was known as a kind, helpful neighbor. She was loved by all who knew her and among the large circle of old friends she leaves many who sincerely mourn her death.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the family home and services will be conducted by Rev. Edward L. Gibson, her pastor.

SENATOR JOHNSON CRITICIZES JAP AGREEMENT PLAN.

Says Plan Provides for Repeal of California Anti-Allen Land Laws When Stripped of Camouflage.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Senator Johnson of California today issued a statement criticizing the reported agreement between Japanese Ambassador Shidehara and American Ambassador Morris dealing with the status of Japanese in America.

"When stripped of diplomatic camouflage," Senator Johnson said that reliable information he had regarding the agreement was that it provided for the repeal of California Anti-Allen Land Laws.

A "new gentleman's agreement" for exclusion of Japanese which does not exclude also is proposed, the senator declared.

WHEAT MARKET STAYS NEAR \$2.00.

St. Louis—Cash Wheat, No. 1 red winter \$2; No. 2 \$1.99. Corn—No. 2 white 61 1/2; No. 3, 58c. Oats—No. 2 white 40 1/2c to 41c. Futures—Wheat, March \$1.67 asked, May, \$1.63 1/2. Corn, May 66 3/4c. Oats, July 42 1/2.

BACKUS TO RIVAL JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Promoters of Junior Chamber Declare That They Refused to Accept Backus's Official Slate.

NEW ASSOCIATION IS THEN LAUNCHED

Bitter Fight in Prospect Over Newest Move to Organize Rival Civic Body in Alton.

Men who have been preparing for the organization of a Junior Chamber of Commerce declare that a counter movement, with C. M. Backus of the Backus Tractor Co., also candidate for mayor of Alton, as the promoter, is due to the fact that the promoters of the Junior Chamber of Commerce declined to approve a slate of officers proposed by Mr. Backus. S. L. Moore and Homer Hodson, leaders in the Junior Chamber of Commerce movement say that Mr. Backus presented a slate which included Mr. Backus for president, at least temporarily. They say that Mr. Backus had proposed that, if it seemed expedient a little later on, he would resign his post as president and let someone else have the job, but that at the startoff he would prefer being president. The proposal was given unqualified rejection by the men who proposed the organization. They said that they did not wish to have any cut and dried slate for the new Junior Chamber of Commerce and they say that when Mr. Backus concurred if he could not carry out his plans with reference to the Junior Chamber of Commerce he would start something else and so he launched and incorporated the Alton Improvement Association.

A conference was held at the Mineral Springs hotel last evening in which Mr. Backus met Irving Winter, Byron Bivens, A. T. Bivens, Jr., William Weiss and S. L. Moore, five men interested in the Junior Chamber of Commerce plan and they insisted that he call off the Alton Improvement Association plan. Mr. Backus told the committee that his association would get for the public something that neither the big Chamber of Commerce nor the Junior Chamber of Commerce would get. The dominating idea in Mr. Backus' mind seemed to be that of getting outside financial assistance for Alton industrial plants, which is an underscored feature of his prospectus.

In his conference last evening with the committee of five, Mr. Backus is quoted by Messrs. Moore and Winters as saying that he could not forget that when he came to Alton to organize a tractor company here he had an axe which he desired the Chamber of Commerce to grind, and they would not grind it. He said that he bore no malice to the Chamber of Commerce, but that he could not forget it.

Mr. Backus has been quoted by many as promising a surprise for the public in the strength of an organization he would have behind him for mayor of Alton. The incorporators of the Alton Improvement Association are C. M. Backus, Frank Peyton, George Osterkamp, Jacob T. Hawk, Fred Greebe, Seymour Landau and Oscar Sotier.

FEDERAL BOARD WILL MEET TO AID SOLDIERS.

Board of Vocational Training Will Meet Former Service Men in St. Louis Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Alton Chapter, American Red Cross, has been asked to notify former service men in this vicinity who are desirous of taking up vocational training under the Federal Board, that a special meeting has been called for next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 1, 2 and 3 in their interests.

The meeting will be held at the vocational Board Headquarters, 603 Chemical Building in St. Louis and all men from Alton and vicinity who are planning on applying for this educational feature offered by the government should make it a point to be present at this special meeting when their claims will be filed for consideration and definite action on the part of the board.