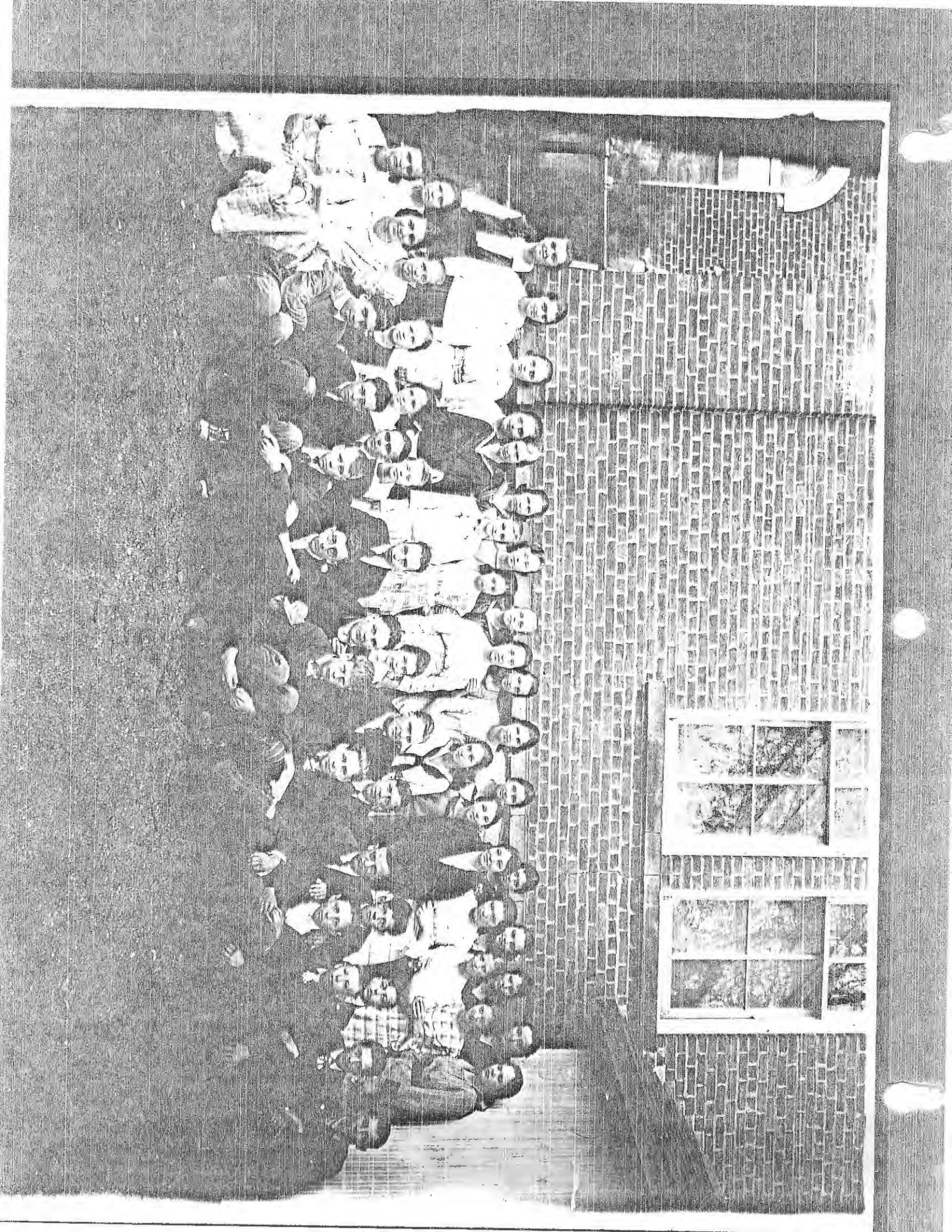
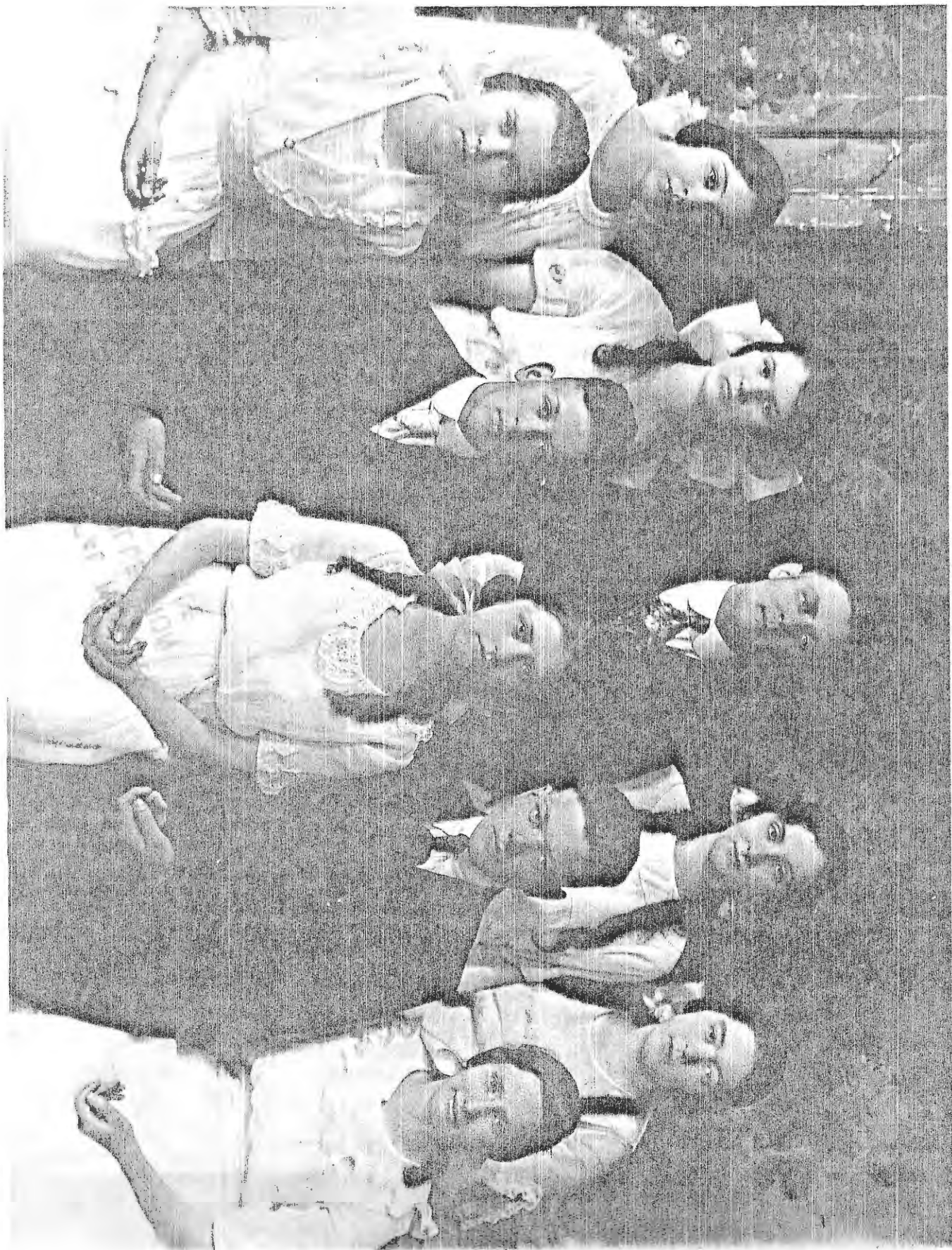






Calvin Coolidge
Eugene McCarthy
William
Colonel Francis
John Brown
John F. Kennedy
Charles McCarthy
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Thomas G. Donohoe
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Old school picture donated

Historic DeWitt

By Kenneth Coin

This photograph of the DeWitt Public School, 1924, was recently donated to the Fay Hanson Public Library by Robert and Margaret Moots. Don Reed and Ruth Overholt (both pictured) spend many hours this past winter wracking their memories to put names to these faces of 60 years ago. A special thanks to all.

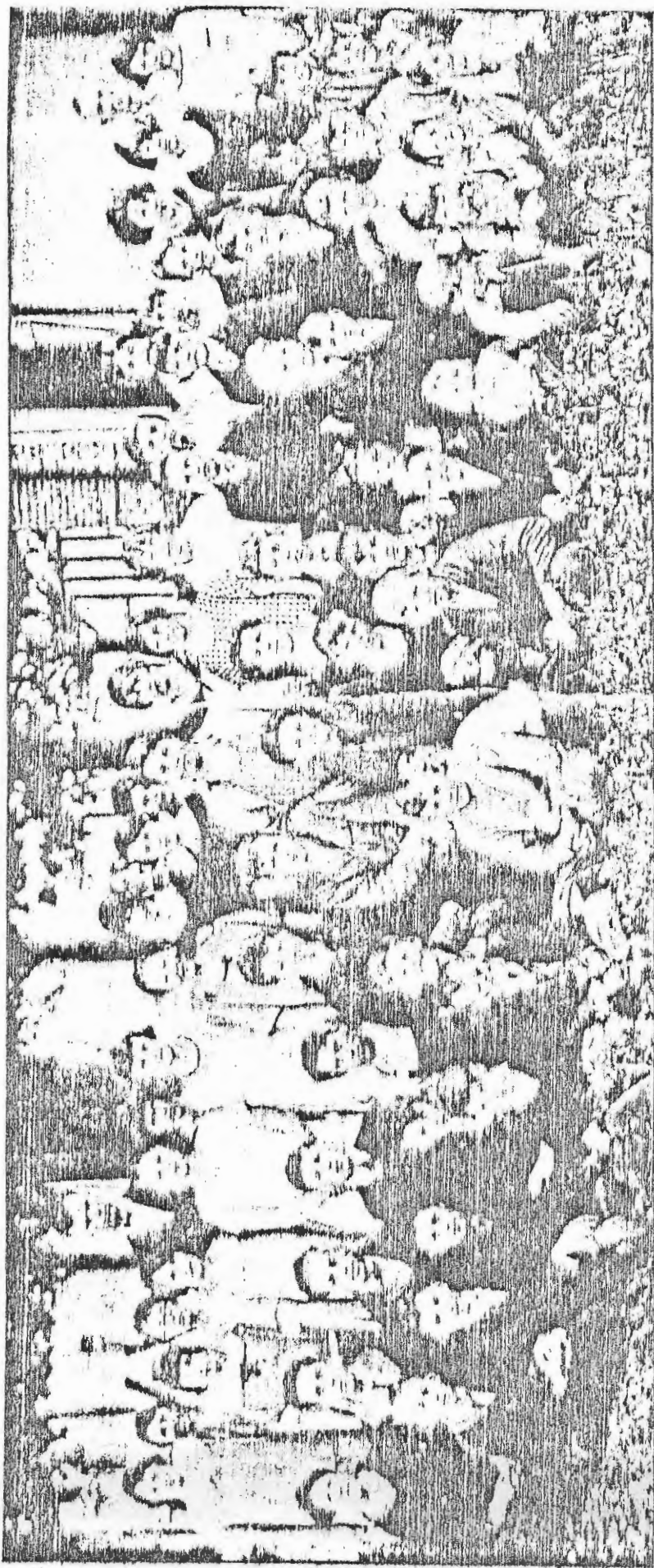
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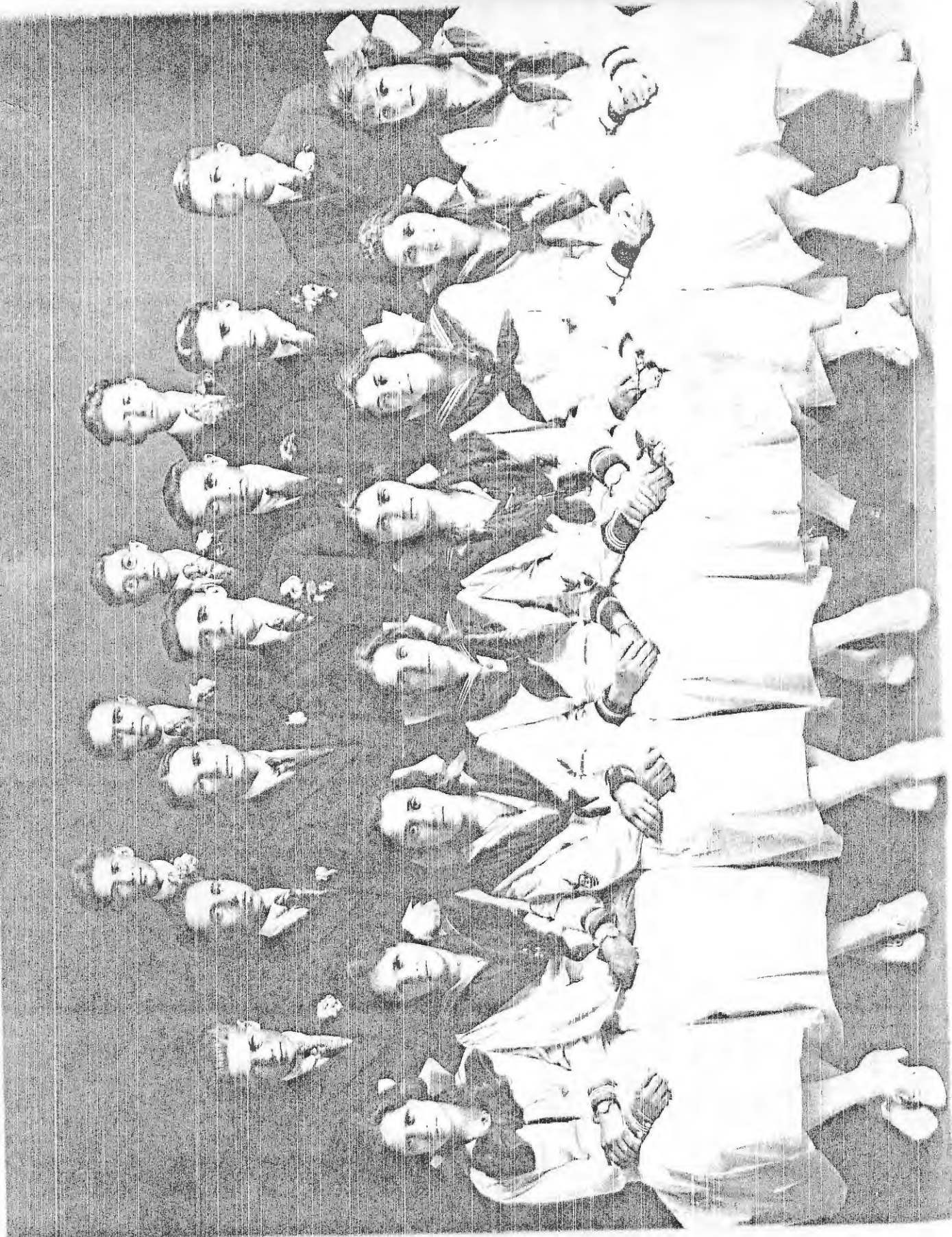
Back Row (seated): Victor Ward, Hershul Parks, unidentified, Donald Burke, Norman McConnell, Warren Drake, Andrew Tolksdorf, Donald Reed, Carl Grinold, Robert White, Randolph Lietzke, Ralph Hayes, Eleanor Smalley Brainerd, Ruth Marzke Overholt, Dillma Todd, Virginia Todd, Elsie Robb, Donna Rose McCrum, Margaret Tolksdorf, Olive Bedaine, Florence Brink Lavender, Gertrude Voisnet, Evelyn Drake, Bernadine Voisnet, unidentified, Arlene McPrangle, Edith Robb, and Iva Hayes.

Middle Row (seated): William Robb, Francis Brya, Lyle Norris, Victor Voisnet, Stewart White, unidentified, Durward Ward, Francis Klaver, Francis Brainerd, Kenneth Reed, Arnold Tucker, Lorrie Schavey, ? Howe?, Evelyn Courtland, Dorothy Pitchford, Roberta Moon Reed, Ida Ryckman, Phyllis Henning, Marie Klaver, Virginia Heatt, Reva Norris, Delma Young, Virginia Surratt, Marguerite Klaver Dulman, Serena Lietzke, Leota Tucker, unidentified, Eleanor Voisnet, unidentified, Robert Hammond, Nathan Pitchford, and Earl Kussmaul.

Back Row (standing): Reva Walver Vail (teacher), Nellie Travis (teacher), unidentified, Sadie Jones (teacher), Mildred Locher Kowalk, Clarence Feurstenau (principal), Evelyn? Wood, June Jackway?, Ruth Kowalk Wakefield, Iva Tarrler, Florence Baldwin Beardsley, Eleanor Moon McKinney, Helen Reed Spayde, Elizabeth Tolksdorf, Donald Brainerd, Margaret Drake, Marjorie Florian Hepfer, Aames? Robb, Lester? Bixby, Nina White, unidentified, Robert Post, Allee? Robb, Oliver? Bixby, Leone

Smalley Brooks, Evelyn Brainerd Cutler, M.D. "Johnny" Smith (janitor), Cecilia Reust Miller, Mable Brinkerhoff Lee, Violet Becker Hill, Esther Lerg Krump, Lila Harter, Rachel Brink, June DuVaul, Vivian Pierce, Christine Dyer, Esther Hammond Ferguson, Evelyn Welton Scott, Lucille Drake, Anna May Reed, ? Howe, Marie Tolksdorf, Joyce Carey, Kenneth Becker, Irene Bixby, unidentified, Leo Spayde, Mildred Bedaine, Gertrude Brink Gregoty, and Lois Keck Brinkerhoff.

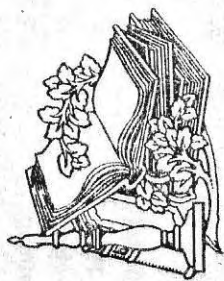




(Front Row -)
Pilla Henderson
Frances Neavlyux
Evelyn Baird
Leahude Pi
Heare Anderson
Hagel Rowell
Florence Eldridge
Giller Neumann
(Second Row)
Jovito Dunham
Elini Koenig
Sydney Rock
James
Joan Bligard
Paul Beck
Paula Weisskopf
(3rd row)
Jermund Prymola
Arthur Wally
Evelene Raulle
Eyle Kipfer

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Ruth Dorothy Kowalk



CLASS
OF
1926

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The Senior Class
of
DeMitt High School
request the honor of your presence
at their

Commencement Exercises

June Tenth
Baptist Church
eight o'clock

Class Roll

Mildred Pearl Bedaine
Dorothy Beatrice Ryckman
Ruth Dorothy Kowalk
Iva C. Farrier
Loy Smith
William Gaylord Schafer
Hershal S. Parks
Leo E. Spayde

Class Motto
"Rowing, not Drifting"

Class Colors
Old Rose and Gray

Class Flower
American Beauty Rose

Teacher
Clarence H. Fuerstenau

Program

March

Piano Solo Ruth Kowalk
Salutatory Mildred Bedaine
Prophecy Leo Spayde
Vocal Solo Lucile Drake
Valedictory Ruth Kowalk

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. P. H. Hempt of Albion College

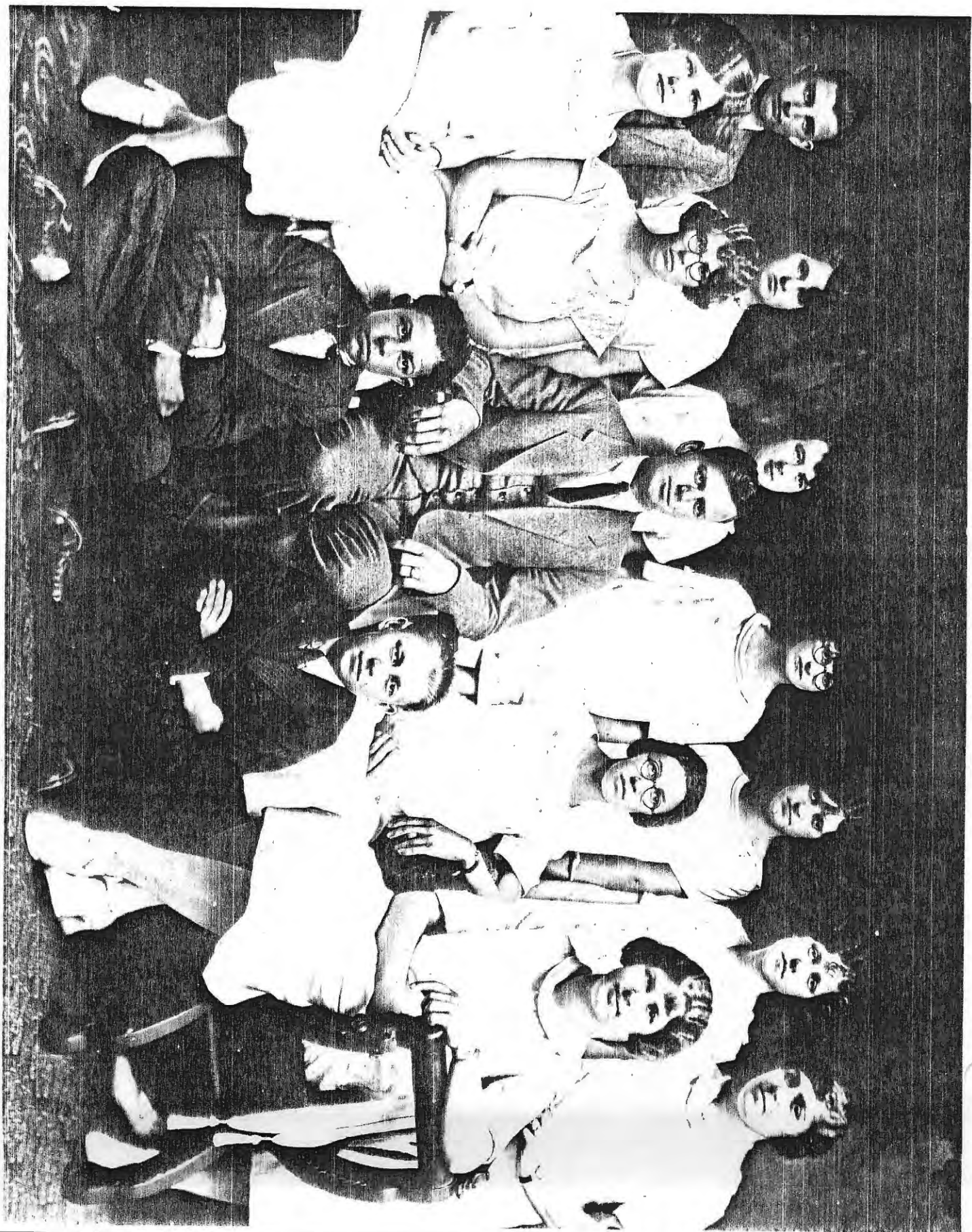
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

C. H. Fuerstenau

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Notes of the Blizzard

(Delayed from last week.)

The storm, which began Tuesday night with a heavy fall of snow, turned into a real western blizzard by Wednesday morning and continued in its fury throughout the day, building drifts several feet deep. In many places the highways and byways were filled full of "the beautiful" to the height of the fences. The huge drifts held up the steam trains along all lines, interior lines were out of commission and automobiles were stalled here and there along the highways.

It was impossible for the doctors to visit their sick in the country. Several deaths occurred the first days of the week and funerals had to be postponed until the last days of the week.

One of the humorous incidents connected with this storm occurred Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Eldridge and Mrs. Ina Withorell attended "Cahoon's Night" at the Gladner in Lansing that evening. At 11 o'clock they left Lansing for Dewitt in their automobile. It was storming and kept increasing in fury making it difficult to travel on account of the drifts, which were growing higher and higher. When within a short distance south of Charles Balduff's residence, three miles south of the village their auto refused to battle with the drifts any longer and stopped. The man went to Mr. Balduff for assistance. He took his team (which he had in readiness for he had towed another party out of the drifts into his yard a short time before) and towed the Norris party out of the drifts into his yard. The ladies were made comfortable in the Balduff home and Mr. Eldridge journeyed on to the village that night and Mr. Norris left the following morning, but the ladies remained at Mr. Balduff's until Thursday night, arriving at their homes by trolley. The ladies said if ever true hospitality was ever manifested to any one, it was given them while in the Balduff home.

SCHOOL PROPOSAL STIRRING DE WITT

Church Crowded to Capacity For "Open Forum" on Consolidation Scheme

Talk of consolidated school for the wealthy community centering at DeWitt is going strong because of the big meeting held at the Baptist church, there, Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to discuss the school project and to disseminate information regarding it.

It is said that the meeting was perhaps the largest ever held in the village. There was not sufficient room in the church for all who wished to attend.

William Elwanger presided over the meeting and apportioned the time among those who expressed the varying views. Those who spoke for and against the project were about evenly divided. No action was taken since the meeting was called without such an end in view. The purpose was to obtain the varying views.

Speakers included C. A. Rinehart, of the state department of public instruction, three or four from Woodland, in Barry county, recently visited by a DeWitt party investigating school buildings, and others. Miss Mattie Smith, Clinton county school commissioner, spoke, as did Nelson Slate, superintendent of Bath township schools.

Several Woodland Visitors

The visitors from Woodland were William Lind, president of Woodland village, Rev. Carl Seipp, Methodist pastor at Woodland but formerly at DeWitt, J. F. Holly, and John Bell, who was a member of the board of education at Woodland at the time of the consolidation fight.

Beside the speakers a pamphlet was distributed setting forth facts concerning the proposed consolidation. It estimated that the proposed consolidated district could be operated and the bond retired at a rate of \$9.87 a thousand. There was some dissent expressed from this estimate.

Clinton County's Edge Becomes Incorporated Dewitt; "Fi

Dewitt—the pioneer county of Clinton county and once a strident bidder for the state capitol—has never been legally recognized as a civic unit of government, but finally, on October 14, 1927, nearly years after Captain David Seabright braved the hardships of the wilderness trail to establish what is said to be the first real settlement in Clinton county, Dewitt became incorporated by a special act of the board of supervisors under the name of the Village of Dewitt. The date of the first election for the naming of village officers has been set for Monday, December 19, 1927, and all qualified electors wish to cast their ballots at the election must register on Saturday, December 3. The registration board, as appointed by the supervisors, is composed of Bert Taylor, Paul Shafley, Fred Brown and Homer Bruzee who will also a

senate finally approved the choice of the capitol of Michigan.

Friday, Oct. 14, 1927, a group of some 20 representative Dewitt citizens, came before the Clinton county board of supervisors petitioning that the board incorporate the village. It was shown that the citizens had carried out all legal preliminary steps, such as taking an accurate census, giving due notice of their petition and several other details required by law.

After the matter was presented Supervisor Colvin of Dewitt stated that he knew there was some opposition to the plan and that the "other side" should be given a hearing. However, none of the opposition was in attendance to present their side of the question and Mr. Colvin moved that the petition be granted and Dewitt be incorporated. The motion carried unanimously and the date of election was set and registration board appointed as described, above.

The Village of Dewitt, as incorporated, includes a square mile of territory embracing the business and residential section of the community. According to the census there are 485 persons living in the incorporated area. Dewitt residents will now have village taxes to pay but they believe the advantage of being a civic unit will offset this added burden and are hopeful that this new move will lead to closer community spirit and a "happier and better Dewitt" from every standpoint.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall School District No. Six, Township of DeWitt, and State of Michigan, borrow the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and issue its bonds therefor, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing an addition to school building in said District, said bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed five and one-half per cent ($5\frac{1}{2}\%$) per annum and to be payable as follows:

\$1,500 the first day of May, A. D. 1930
\$1,500 the first day of May, A. D. 1931
\$1,500 the first day of May, A. D. 1932
\$2,000 the first day of May, A. D. 1933
\$2,000 the first day of May, A. D. 1934
\$2,000 the first day of May, A. D. 1935
\$2,000 the first day of May, A. D. 1936
\$2,500 the first day of May, A. D. 1937
\$2,500 the first day of May, A. D. 1938
\$2,500 the first day of May, A. D. 1939

☐ Yes

☐ No