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Back row—left to right—Mr. Kleinert, Lorrie Schavey, Francis Klaver, Clyde Casada, Roy Schafley, Dorward Ward, and Max Ellwanger.

Front row—left to right—Ford Schavey, Thomas White, Francis Brainerd, Herbert Searles, Leonard Rossow, and Louis Rossow.

EDITORIAL

1.

We have a baseball team and no place for them to play. Why not help them by giving them a good field? Is it right to deprive a group of boys who are full of pep and enthusiasm of the advantage that might be gained from a good baseball diamond? They play other schools at other schools, but the return game cannot be played at De Witt, simply because they have no place to play. Our team played Wacousta at Wacousta but Grand Ledge was called upon to furnish a field for the return game. Must other places furnish baseball diamonds for De Witt's baseball team? Is it because De Witt is so thickly populated that no space can be found? Everyone knows it isn't that. Then why is it? Perhaps the populace has no interest in their school.

2.

The question of whether the DeWitt school should begin earlier in the morning next year, is one that we are turning over to the people of the village to settle. There are many advantages in school earlier, among which are these:

1. School will also let out earlier, giving the students more time for work at home.

2. Scientists have found, that the mind is in better working condition during the morning hours.

3. Almost every school around us begins at 8 or 8:30 o'clock and we think that De Witt should follow the standard as nearly as it can.

Please express your opinion by sending the questionnaire found on page 5 with your answer, "yes" or "no".

CHURCH NEWS

A short play entitled "A Girl Who Knew how to be a Friend" will be presented by the Senior Bible class, Sunday, May 25. The following characters will be represented: Naomi, Rhoda Reynolds; Ruth, Ruth Marzke; Orpha, Virginia Stanton; Boaz, Larrrie Schavey; Overseer, Thomas White; other reapers, Roberta Moon, Ida Ryckman and Leah Forward; Musicians, Beatrice Moon, Eleanor Smalley and Joyce Cary. A scripture reading on the story of Ruth and Boaz will be read.

The Ladies Union of the De Witt Community Church entertained the Ladies Union of the Pennsylvania Avenue Church Wednesday, May 14. A dinner was served at one o'clock and a program was provided.



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NOTES and NOTICES

No beginning pupils for the kindergarten will be admitted during the next school year at any time except during the months of September and January. Also no children under five years of age will be admitted. These restrictions have been made because with the large number of pupils which the primary teacher has, she cannot do justice to boys and girls entering at odd times.

Do parents realize the necessity of their child of legal school age being in school every day? Absence from school even for a half day means time lost and work not accomplished. The parent is under obligation to see that the pupil is absent for no reason except sickness.

The attention of the reader is again called to the question of beginning school a half hour earlier next fall and closing earlier in the afternoon. This is a question for parents to decide. It is immaterial to the teachers, but it is their wish to meet the convenience of pupils and parents. So every parent should express his or her opinion by marking the ballot in this issue of "The Looking Glass."

There is an unfortunate disposition in a man to attend much more to the faults of his companions which offend him, than to their perfections which please him.—Greville.

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SCHOOL NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The attendance in the high school seems to be slipping down these warm spring days. The teacher has even been affected by the weather and is quoting poetry. Maybe it isn't the weather that's bothering him though.

Don't forget to look at the poll, found in this paper, and send in your answer.

A large crowd attended the operetta given by the grade school children, and every one was very much pleased by the way it was given.

Miss Smut, the commissioner of schools, has again made her visit here.

The Biology class is again doing some interesting work. Wild flowers are being collected from the woods and classified.

A set of new Encyclopedias, named 'The Book of Knowledge' have just arrived. No reason now why the marks in Mr. Deinert's book should not go up.

Thursday and Friday last week the high school students were excused from school to enjoy themselves, while the seventh and eighth grades took exams. There were 50 seventh and eighth graders.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th days of June have been laid aside for final exams. School will close June the 6th.

GRAMMAR ROOM

Herbert De Groat entered the eighth grade from Lansing.

The seventh and eighth grade boys took part in the track meet that was held in Lansing, May 17.

The percentage of attendance for April was 96.6%.

Diplomas were given to Marie Klaver, Evelyn Courtland and Marguerite Klaver for completing the work in the Little Mothers League.

The eighth grade "gardens" have been very suc-
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MUSIC

Mr. Otto and Mrs. Coon, partners in the work, are planning a music recital, which is to take place sometime late in June. Each of the students of the two teachers will take part. Mrs. Coon's pupils are Leota Tucker, Roberta Moon, Lorna Belle Andrews, Mrs. Reasoner, Marguerite Klaver, Martha Norris, and Rhoda Belle Reynolds. Mr. Otto's pupils are Eleanor Smalley, Virginia Surratt, Francis Klaver, Harry Moon, Joyce Cary, Goldie Stoy, Francis Sibley, Sadie Jones, Bessie Leach, and Rhoda Belle Reynolds.

ORCHESTRA

Whee! What do you think of this? The orchestra received ten dollars for playing for the Wacousta High School play. It makes you almost wish you were one of the members. They also played a number of selections for the operetta that was given at De Witt, May 9.

Some of the songs being practiced now are, "Evening Breezes," "The Flying Ace," "Dance of the Fairies," and "Star of the Orient." The names surely sound appropriate for this time of the year. The last one named is to be the overture that will be played at the graduation exercises.

GLEE CLUB

You surely can tell that the exercises Mrs. Booth has been giving to improve the voice, has been a great help, because the songs sound much better. The ones being practiced now are "Fallen Leaf," and "Symphonies of Night." "The Bells of St. Mary," and "Big Brown Bear" were the songs that were sung at the Laingsburg P. T. A. meeting, May 9.

The boys' Glee Club also sang at Laingsburg. It was the first time their Glee Club sang any place and probably more than one of them got cold feet, but at any rate they did very good.

It is not the strength or ability that you have—it is the right use of your faculties that will make you greater and perhaps, great.

Holding fast to the things that are true, honorable and just is vastly more significant than the increase of material possession.—Bishop McDowell.

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REDSHIRTS TASTE OF VICTORY AND DEFEAT

The baseball season opened with the Redshirts winning their first two games and losing the next two. The first game, played with Mulliken was won by a score of eight to four. In the second game, played with the same team, their winning honors were even higher, the score being fifteen to nothing. The Redshirts played very well and proved that they were the stronger team. In the next two games the tables were turned, the Redshirts losing both games. In the first game they took the losing end of the score fourteen to one. However they took their licking in a good spirit and, on the following Wednesday, came back and played a game which they should be proud of, although they did lose. The score was six to nothing but that does not tell much about the game when you consider the fact that Wacousta has a much larger and stronger team. The game was very fast and exciting, the Redshirts fighting every minute to keep their hard hitting opponents from scoring. It was more or less of a battle between the two pitchers. In the seven innings of the game Kenneth Beagle, pitching for Wacousta secured twelve strike outs while Roy Shafley, pitching for the Redshirts secured ten. While the playing of the two teams was nearly equal in this game, the Wacousta team was superior in hitting.

D. H. S. NINE HAS STRONG INFIELD

Most of the players this year are new and lack both experience and confidence, but they are all co-operating with each other and are improving all the time. Frances Brainerd is doing most of the catching and talking. When Roy Shafley isn't pitching he stands on first base and lets Francis Klaver show his ability as a hurler. Dorward Ward is making a good job of holding down second. Ford Shavey is the boy who is doing all that fast playing. Ford really plays shortstop, but he covers so much of the infield it is hard to tell just what position he is playing. Ford deserves another bouquet for his ability to handle a bat. He has made more runs this season than any other player on the team. Lorrie Shavey is still on third and since the girls stopped coming to baseball practice Lorrie seems to be improving. Louis Rossow is doing very well in left field and Max Ellwanger is doing the same in center field. Herbert Searls plays right field. Clyde Casada goes out in the field quite often and relieves one of the boys out there and Leonard Rossow does the same in the infield. Perhaps the strongest part of the team is its fast infield, while the biggest weakness is their hitting.

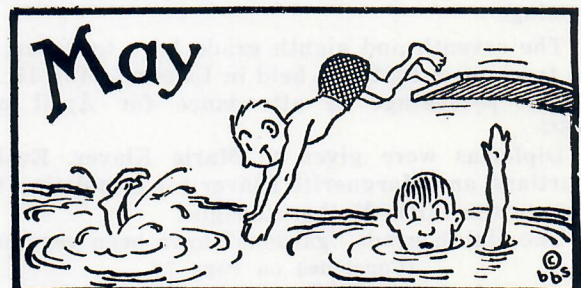
A talent shapes itself in stillness; but a character in the tumult of the world.—Goethe.

TRACK MEET

People have been having lots of fun trying to figure out why Mr. Kleinert was making those boys in the Grammar Room do all those funny things every morning. The mystery was solved one Saturday morning when those boys, who have been exercising so strenuously, set out for East Lansing to take part in a track meet. The track meet was promoted by Miss Ferriby, the school nurse. Among the schools represented at the meet were Olivet, Portland, De Witt, Perry, Bancroft. The boys representing De Witt were Dorward Ward, Max Ellwanger, Herbert Searls, Ford Shavey, Thomas White, Richard Henning, Raymond Kussmaul, Francis Sibley and Williard Searls, Herbert Searls, the only winner from De Witt, carried away three ribbons by taking first place in the standing broad jump, second place in the fifty-yard dash, and third place in the hundred-yard dash. The fifty and hundred-yard dashes were won by Perry of Olivet. The running jump and the high jump were won by Westertfelt of Portland. Olivet School won the tug-of-war and Miller from Olivet took the ribbon for the baseball throw. The track meet took place in the morning and the boys spent the afternoon watching the Inter-Collegiate track meet.

SINGING AT WORK.

The values of the sunshine—this is what Carlyle was talking about when he said, "Give us, oh, give us the man who sings at his work. Be his occupation what it may, he is equal to any of those who follow the same pursuit in silent sullenness. He will do more in the same time, he will do it better, he will persevere longer. One is scarcely conscious of fatigue whilst he marches to music. The very stars are said to make harmony as they revolve in their spheres. Wondrous is the strength of cheerfulness, altogether past calculation its powers of endurance. Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous—a spirit all sunshine—graceful from very gladness—beautiful because bright"





The Poets Corner

SPRING

By Frankie Rose, Grade 6
The little leaflets into the full leaves pass,
Golden dandelions are spotting the grass,
The flowers bloom out in their fairest hue,
And e'en the violets get a radiant blue.

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SPRINGTIME

By Delma Young, Grade 6
Springtime so gay,
Bees buzz away,
Down o'er the meadow.
Chasing their shadow.
Flowers are out,
Children run about,
Come, let us play
For it is springtime so gay

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SPRING

By Francis G. White, Sixth Grade
Spring is here again we know,
Gone is winter's ice and snow;
Bluebirds, Robin, Little Wren,
All have come to us again.

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SPRING

By Virginia Brainerd, Sixth Grade
Spring, spring, beautiful spring
All through the woods the birdies sing,
The flowers are growing and blossoming gay
Oh, beautiful spring, don't go away.

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TO A BUTTERFLY

By Leola Tucker, Grade 6
Beautiful Butterfly
With your wings so bright,
Where are you going to sleep tonight?

HONOR ROLL

High School—Ruth Marzke.
Grammar Room—Marguerite Klaver, Roberta Moon, Virginia Surratt, Marie Klaver.
Second Intermediate—Jean Balliff, Jean Marsh, Doris Seyfried, Levis Sibley, June Stamphly, Bertha Tolksdorf, Virginia Brainerd, Frankie Rose.
First Intermediate—Donald Forward, Bessie Helfrich, Virginia Neve, Shirley Schavey, John Shultz, Doris Sibley, Eloise Strong.
Primary Room—Marjorie Brooks, Donavan Ellwanger, Mary Turgala, Doris Henning, Richard Marsh, John Woodruff, Ruth White.

GRADUATION

According to the present plans of the De Witt school, the graduation exercises will take place Thursday, June the 5th.

The Baccalaureate has been omitted entirely. Each graduate will have a part in the Commence-
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QUESTIONNAIRE

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P.-T. A.

The De Witt's Parent-Teacher Association was very pleased by the program put on by Wacousta people. The meeting was called to order by Mark Norris, who was acting as president, due to Mrs. Eldridge's absence. Mr. Bollinger was then introduced and amid clapping hands announced the program for the evening.

First came a reading by Mrs. Phillips. It told the story of a foreign woman buying shoes. Because of the joyous response, another reading was given, by her, about the mistake made by a grocery woman. While the crowd was at its best a dialogue was put on by Carl Brooks and Dorothy Bedaine. This was about the census taker. His questions and the answers received were enough to make any one laugh and every one did. A Dutch Hymn came next in the program by Mrs. Burmaster and Mrs. MacDonald. They were also called back for an encore. But the best thing of all was the sermon given by Eugene Beagle, who represented a Negro. The subject of this was the Modern Version of "Noah and the Flood." Last but not least, Mrs. Anslie sang two selections, first "Sunbeams" and second "My Task".

The floor was again turned over to the president and everyone filed out to the dining room for its refreshments awaiting them. A short business meeting was then held.

De Witt P.-T. A. furnished a program for the Laingsburg P.-T. A. Monday evening, May 19th.

ALL FIXED UP

This high school baseball team certainly ought to be able to play baseball with all the new equipment they have. And where did they get the money? Why from the high school play given in April of course.

Just think! new sweat-shirts, socks, pants, baseballs, bats and nearly everything. A high school student thought he was just about out of luck because he had one short sock and one long one. But the error was made in giving them out to the boys. The long sock was soon found and everything was quite all right.

On account of the new equipment, they can't afford to lose too many games so they will thank you if you will turn out and yell for them because that helps to win the game.

ALUMNI BANQUET

Buy your tickets, graduates, for the Alumni Banquet is being held June 2nd, at the Woodman Hall. This is being served by the Royal Neighbors.

To make this a more enjoyable meeting than ever had before several new forms of entertainment are being planned. Among these will be a class picture contest. Enter into this and do your best.

So, graduates, be ready to respond when the ticket committee calls.

No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself.

A clear head, a clear conscience and a clear eye help one to see and seize opportunity.

GRADUATION

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ment exercises, giving the Valedictory, Salutatory, Class Prophecy and Class Will. The student having the highest average in the Ninth grade will give a response to the Salutatory. The music will be furnished by the orchestra and the Girls' Glee Club.

Mr. Kleinert will present the diplomas.

SCHOOL NEWS

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cessful (more or less). The crops are almost ready to be harvested.

The seventh and eighth graders are eagerly looking forward to the semester tests.

SECOND INTERMEDIATE ROOM

Those having perfect attendance: Junior Hiatt, Earl Klaver, Duain Peck, Nell Perry, Eugene Rivett, Norena Rosson, Doris Seyfried, William Schavey, Rowella Schultz, Levis Sibley, Bertha Tolksdorf, Lawrence Ward, Virginia Brainerd, Robert Felzke, Earl Kussmaul, Duane Peltier, Leonard Rossow, Pearl Stanton, Leota Tucker, Francis White, and Delma Young. Percentage of attendance was 96.1%.

The sixth grade history class are making an outline of the entire history text. Those who have a satisfactory note-book will not be required to write the semester test for that subject.

This room has completed the study of all their text books and will have plenty of time for a thorough review.

The Second Intermediate room will have their annual picnic at either Round Lake or Potters Park if enough cars can be secured to take the boys and girls.

Both English classes are working on Book Reports which must be ready by Tuesday, May 20.

FIRST INTERMEDIATE ROOM

The fourth grade is now using the Child Library Readers, studying the Balkan Countries in geography, and starting fractions in arithmetic. The third grade is also using the Child Library Readers, reviewing Home Folks for geography and learning the 8's in arithmetic.

Two mothers visited the room this month—Mrs. Forward and Mrs. Moon. The students are always glad to have their mothers come.

PRIMARY ROOM

Those having perfect attendance for the past month were: Arthur Courtland, Donovan Strong, Doris Henning, Vedell Isham, Wayne Marsh, Richard Marsh, Helen Beth Moon, Wayne Norris, Donald Stanton, Bobby Wilcox, Robert Wilcox, John Woodruff, Ruth White, Donald Seyfried, Junior Peck, Robert Peck.

Delia and Calvin Searles have been absent for two weeks with chicken-pox.

The children are enjoying a little garden in the room. One bean plant is 11 inches tall.

Dale Wilcox, Mrs. E. Lankton and granddaughter, Mrs. B. Florean, Donald Decker and Carol Eldridge visited the room.

See CHARLES HAMMOND

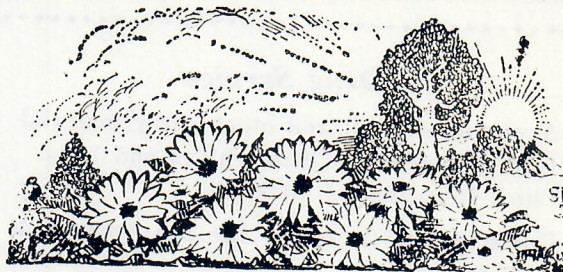
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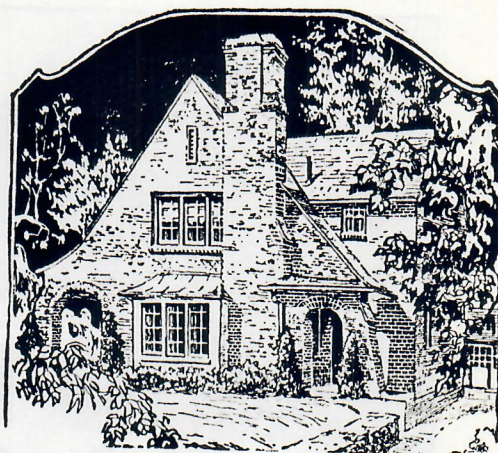


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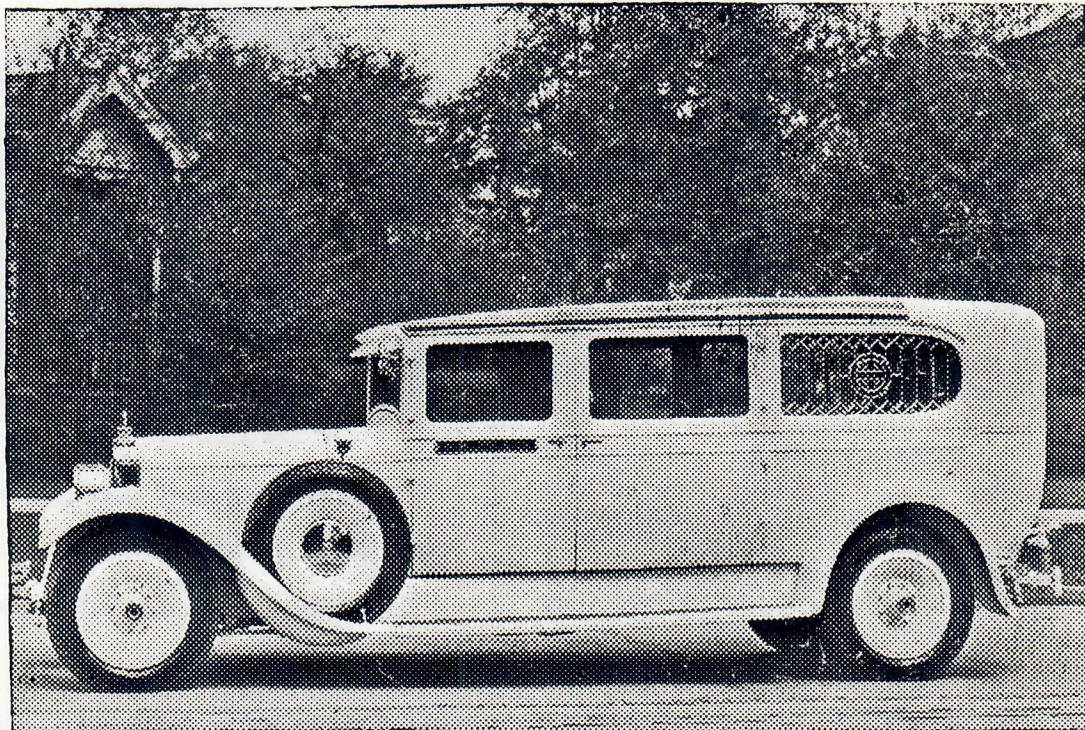


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