

The Looking Glass

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THANKFULNESS.

Thanksgiving comes again, and with it comes a glad remembrance of those brave pilgrims who landed on these shores so many years ago. Sturdy and strong they came, anticipating with eagerness the future and the new land where they could worship God as they saw fit. That first long cold winter brought a great many hardships, which many did not survive. When spring came only a few of the former number were left. Then came a spring and summer of hard labor for everyone. They tilled the soil as best they could. Everyone did their share. Then came the harvesting of their crops. They provided for the winter, because they did not wish to suffer another such as had been endured the year before. After the crops were gathered in and the houses repaired comfortably they all felt so thankful to their Lord that they set aside a day solely for the purpose of thanking Him for his kindness and helpfulness. And so, on the last Thursday in November a great feast was prepared and everyone in the little settlement thanked their Heavenly Father for His care. That day is nearly here again and we shall celebrate it. But how? Are we looking forward to only a big dinner? If we are, we should not be. There is also that message of gratefulness to God that we should remember, but I know that there are many, many of us who won't remember. Every single one of us has something to be thankful for.

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The Students of DeWitt High School, DeWitt, Mich.

Our Plea Today

Let us be thankful—not only because

Since last our universal thanks were told

We have grown greater in the world's applause,

And fortune's newer smiles surpass the old—

Let us be thankful—thankful for the prayers

Whose gracious answers were long, long delayed,

That they might fall upon us unawares,

And bless us, as in greater need, we prayed.

Let us be thankful for the loyal hand

That love held out in welcome to our own,

When love and only love could understand

The need of touches we had never known.

Let us be thankful for the longing eyes

That gave their secret to us as they wept,

Yet in return found, with a sweet surprise,

Love's touch upon their lids, and, smiling, slept.

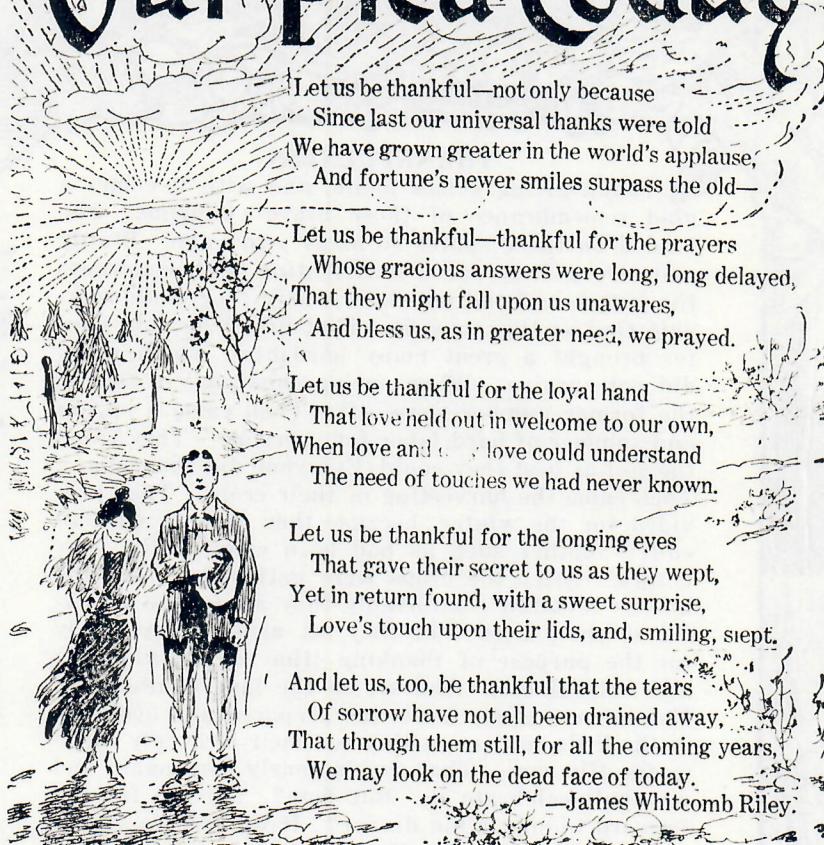
And let us, too, be thankful that the tears

Of sorrow have not all been drained away,

That through them still, for all the coming years,

We may look on the dead face of today.

—James Whitcomb Riley.



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SOUVENIRS MADE FROM WHITE HOUSE TIMBER RECEIVED BY LOCAL SCHOOL

Mr. Kleinert, principal of the DeWitt High School, has just obtained from the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C., an interesting souvenir of historical interest in the form of a block of wood made from the timbers of the wood trusses which were removed from the roof of the White House at the time it was remodeled two years ago. The block will be preserved and kept as a permanent display at the school.

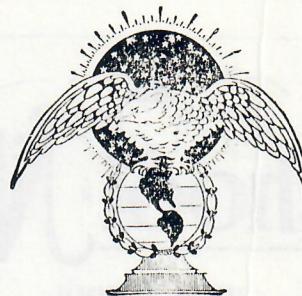
Mr. Kleinert gives us the following story of the history of these timbers, and an interesting description of events at the time they were installed in the Executive Mansion:

In 1814, after the Battle of Bladensburg, the British soldiers with their flaming torches came thronging up Pennsylvania Avenue and burned the White House, the fire destroying the interior and seriously damaging some of the masonry. President Madison and his famous wife, Dolly, made a dramatic departure from the executive mansion, fleeing up Pennsylvania avenue just ahead of the British.

Reconstruction was begun shortly after the fire,

the new roof being held in place by sturdy wood trusses.

The recent overloading of an attic that was not designed for occupancy of any kind made it necessary to have these trusses removed and the attic remodeled. These trusses have been sawed into small pieces, which are being sent to schools all over the United States.



ARMISTICE PROGRAM.

The DeWitt high school began exercises on November 11 with a short Armistic day program. The opening songs, which were "America the Beautiful" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning," were led by the music instructor, Mrs. Booth. Lorrie Schavey then read an article on Armistice day, which was followed by a poem, "In Flanders Fields," read by Ruth Marzke. A short article on "Armistice Memorials" was read by Dortha Newman. The program was brought to a close by the two songs, "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." The students then took up their work until 11 o'clock, at which time the principal, Mr. Kleinert, rang the bell. Work was stopped for two minutes while everyone thought of Armistice day and its meaning. The day's work was then finished in its usual manner.

WHY SHOULD YOU ADVERTISE IN THE SCHOOL PAPER.

Several reasons can be given why an ad in the school paper is worth more than an ad in a commercial newspaper:

1. The school paper is delivered to every home in and around DeWitt.
2. The school paper is published by the students of the high school and is decidedly a local product.
3. The approved appearance of the New Looking Glass guarantees the advertiser a well appearing ad.
4. The business man who advertises in the school paper is showing his support and interest in the school and its work.

The staff of the paper wishes to express its ap-

preciation and thanks to the following, who are regular advertisers: L. J. Griswold, Christian Brash. Eldridge, Stumphly-Hilton, Mr. Elwanger, Mr. Brooks, Woodruff Bros., Mrs. A. Perry, J. Spayd, Krass Lumber Co., Catherine Seibert, Abe Miller, Miss Neva Devereaux, Mr. Calvin, D. Smalley, H. Reed, Halterman, Mahlon Hiatt, Tucker Bros., H. Moon, Rose and Vail, Mrs. Howe, Mr. Otto, Miss L. Smalley.

IMPROVEMENT IN LOOKING GLASS CIRCULATION

The editors and managers of the Looking Glass wonder if the public notices any difference in the circulation of the papers? The four news boys, Francis Sibley, Albert Tolksdorf, Dale Bishop and Gaylord Ward take a large part in distributing the papers. Each has a route where he delivers the papers. They deliver them without pay. They look to the circulation manager, Roy Shafley, for supervision.

School News

HIGH SCHOOL.

The Hallowe'en masquerade party given at the home of Rhoda Belle Reynolds went off "with a bang." The students who attended the party came dressed in masquerade costumes. There were pirates, ghosts, clowns and even a Chinaman, who turned out to be Clyde Casada. Last, but not least, came Mr. Kleinert, who was a very good impersonator of Rastus. During the evening, games were played and refreshments consisting of sandwiches, pickles, jello, cake, grape juice and candy were served.

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An Indian princess, Watassa, from the Michigan Tuberculosis Association came to DeWitt school and talked to the students on health. She told stories of the Indians and told the students about the Indian clothing she wore. She brought with her different things that the Indians used and told about them.

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The school building is being rewired and new lighting equipment put in to comply with state requirements. The high school room also has a new bookcase to be used for new books and laboratory equipment.

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The school has about 70 books from the Michigan Traveling library. There are some very interesting books among them. Here are some of the titles: "Nan at Chicopee Camp," "Mary and Marcia-Partners," "The Dark Frigate," "The Call of the Wild" and "Bob, Son of Battle." Don't they sound interesting? These books may be obtained by giving your name and the length of time you want the book to one of the teachers.

Victor Ward, Kenneth Reed, Clifford Volz, Clarissa Hickerson and Dortha Stevens were visitors in the high school room this month.

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School will be closed from November 28 to December 2 for Thanksgiving vacation.

THE AQUARIUM.

Doesn't the title sound interesting? It is, too. Just take a peep into the high school room and see the fish, snails, and the lonely turtle swimming around in the water. The room is very much indebted to Rhoda Belle Reynolds for presenting us with a member of the reptile family known as the turtle. He is not growing very fast on account of lack of food, being ant eggs, which are very hard to get. The two snails were put there for the purpose of keeping the water clean. Everyone knows the snail procures its food from the water. The five beautiful goldfish are all of the time dodging here and there through the water. They are very interesting things to study. There is also a water plant which acts as a helper.

The room purchased this aquarium for use in the study of biology.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANS UNDER WAY

Plans are under way for a Christmas program which will be given by the school. Mrs. Booth, the music teacher, has sent for several operettas, one of which will be presented. The general plan of last year will be used again this year. The Grammar room and the High School room will sing the carols, accompanied by the orchestra. The Primary room and the Intermediate room, in cooperation with the Music department, will present the operetta. It is going to be a fine program and we hope everyone will attend.

CARNIVAL RESULTS.

The Halloween Carnival given by the De Witt school was a great success. All expenses paid the amount taken in was sixty dollars. The four school rooms and the halls were crowded with enthusiastic people. The feature play was given three different times and could have been given a fourth time to an advantage. The refreshments sold very well, while the souvenir stand, and the side shows brought a neat profit. The teachers and students each did their share and co-operation showed plainly in everything. The money received is deposited in the Woodruff Bros. Bank and is to be used to finish paying for the lantern purchased last year, also some playground equipment is to be supplied.

DE WITT PUPILS HAVE PICTURES TAKEN

Everything was quiet in the High school room when a short man walked in. He had his camera with him and started taking pictures. Every one moved around just as he told them too. Each person had their picture taken alone. Some of the pupils were told to watch the little bird in the camera, while others were told to smile. Mr. Kleinert had to have his done three times before the camera man was suited.

Each room was visited by the camera man and the pictures are due in about a week or ten days.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE BOY WHO LOVED MUSIC.

FRANZ PETER SCHUBERT was born 128 years ago, in Vienna, Austria. He possessed a great love for music, and when he was only twelve years old, he played in the boys' orchestra in the imperial school. One day, during orchestra practice, the leader heard little Franz play so well that he wondered who he was. After the practice was over, he spoke to the little musician; and from that time on, they were good friends.

Another day, his friend found little Franz putting down some notes on a piece of paper. He looked at them, and saw that they were a very beautiful composition; and after playing them over on the piano, he asked Franz if he often composed music.

Franz replied, "O yes! I am always at it; but sometimes I do not have any music paper."

"After this, I'll see that you get all the music paper you want," said the older boy.

The little musician was very grateful for this, and wrote a great deal of music. Some one said that he could set an advertisement to music.

He soon became the leader of the boy's orchestra after the director had resigned to organize a band in another part of the city.

There was nothing Franz liked better than to practice. He greatly admired other great musicians and understood their works almost as well as they themselves.

When he was seventeen, he left the music school, and helped his father teach school. In this work he was a great help to his parent. This went on for three years, and all the time he kept composing music. In fact some of his best works were accomplished during this time.

When he was twenty, he stopped teaching school and lived with a young friend named Schober. Franz was very poor and his parents lived a very humble life, but he was happy with his music. He would start to write music as soon as he arose in the morning, and

keep at it until two in the afternoon. Sometimes during his dinner, he would think of an air and write it down, forgetting all about his meal.

It is said that he has been known to get up during the night and compose a selection, the tune of which had been running through his mind during his waking moments.

A very interesting story is told of one of his most famous songs, "Hark, Hark, the Lark." One day when he was about to dine with some friends, he told them he wished he had some music paper on which to write down a new song. One of them took a bill of fare and marked lines on it; and on this Schubert wrote this beautiful piece.

He wrote a vast number of musical compositions, but only a few were published, the majority after his death. Indeed, he wrote so many pieces that some publishers think he could not have written all of them.

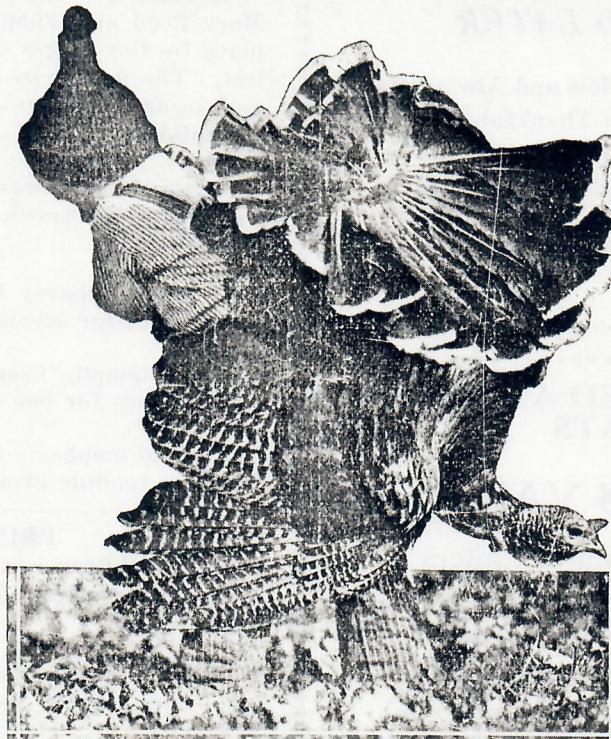
One time a friend of his who had received one of his compositions, copied it in a lower key, then brought it back to Schubert, who played it over on the piano.

"This piece isn't so bad," said the noted composer after he had carefully studied the composition. "Who wrote it?" He did not recognize his own work.

Schubert worked so hard and was so poor all his life that he died just when he was beginning his life work — when he was only a little past thirty. Had he lived longer, many more masterpieces might have been composed by this artist. Often he had to go without food because he could not get much for his compositions.

He was a kind and gentle man. He loved the common people as well as the rich, and was in return loved by both. He was happy with his music, and died after giving a life of service to one of the greatest arts, the art of music.

At the present time his compositions are in great demand, and, like the old hymns, they will live on for years and years.



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GIRLS' GLEE CLUB.

The members of the glee club are meeting regularly once a week. Some of the songs that are being practiced are "When a Maid Comes Knocking" and "The Boat Song." The school has been talking of forming a Boys' glee club. The school hopes it will be successful.

ORCHESTRA.

The orchestra is also keeping up with its good work. It meets twice a week under the leadership of Mrs. Booth. The songs they are now practicing are "Tiptoe Through the Tulips With Me," "Orange Blossom Time," "Broadway Melody" and "True Blue Lou."

GRAMMAR ROOM.

The students are preparing book reports on the books received from the Michigan State Library.

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Thirty-one students have been neither absent nor tardy this month.

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The seventh grade is dramatizing "The Courtship of Miles Standish."

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The seventh and eighth grades are having a spelling contest which is to end on Thanksgiving. So far the eighth grade is ahead.

INTERMEDIATE ROOM.

Charles Surratt, June Stampfly, Junior Hiatt, Mary Reed and Thaddius Grubb were given first place by the judges of the "Come Alive" book contest. The first prize was given to Charles Surratt, and second place to June Stampfly by the vote of the children.

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Armistic day was observed by the two lower rooms Monday morning with a program in the Intermediate room.

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William Schavey has been ill and unable to attend school for several days.

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Mr. Stampfly brought a fine window box filled with flowers for one of our windows.

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Special emphasis is being placed upon "The Pilgrim" in reading geography and history this month.

PRIMARY ROOM.

Bobby Wilcox was the proud winner of the prize at the book contest. He read and illustrated "Lambkin."

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This room received 15 books on primary reading and science from the traveling library.

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Rex Warner, Mrs. Bert Moon and Mrs. Bertha Henning visited this room last week.

Richard Brainerd, Arthur Courtland, Merle Ellen Hiatt, Doris Henning, Lawson Isham, Vedell Isham, Keith Leonard, Wayne Marsh, Richard Marsh, Wayne Norris, Russell Ribbey, Bobby Richmond, Donovan Strong, Merlyn Stanton, Donald Stanton, Bobby Wilcox, Ila Ward, John Woodruff and William Wager have perfect attendance for this month.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

VILLAGE NEWS

A birthday dinner was held at the Masonic hall, Wednesday, November 13. Mrs. Forward was chairman. A program was given by the hostess of each table. The January program consisted of a reading by Maxine Balluff. Eleanor Smalley played a violin solo. She was accompanied by Mrs. Booth. For the February feature Mr. Northrup gave a talk on the founding of St. Patrick's Day. For April the most popular singers, Helen Moon and Wayne Norris, sang a song. The May program consisted of a play, "Betsy Ross", given by Lewis Sibley and Mary Ryckman. For June, Mrs. H. Shafley played a violin solo accompanied by Miss Leach. A speech was given by Mrs. Abbie Dills for the July feature. The August program consisted of a quartette, Miss Leach, Mrs. Booth, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moon. For September, Leah Forward sang a solo. The October feature was a pageant entitled "The Gathering of Nuts." For November, Mr. Toy gave a talk. For December, Mrs. Booth sang a solo. The proceeds of the supper was about seventy-one dollars.

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Masonic Family Night was observed Friday, November 15. The main features of the evening were dancing and games. Light refreshments were served.

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Fire totally destroyed the home of Floyd Hawley, northwest of this village Sunday.

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P.T. A. HAS INTERESTING PROGRAM.

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held at the schoolhouse Tuesday, November 12. The whole evening was devoted to Book Week observance. All the students of the school were required to read a book and prepare an illustration pertaining to it. Illustrations were on exhibition in each room. Prizes were awarded to Bobby Wilcox, Primary room; Charles Surratt, Intermediate; Dale Bishop, Grammar, and Evelyn Gibson, high school. The judges were Mrs. Earl Tucker, Mrs. Theo. Marzke, Mrs. Paul Shafley and Mr. Charles Reynolds. The students seemed very interested in this work and there were some very good exhibits. The members of the P.T. A. also observed Book Week.

Miss Constance Bement from the state library gave an interesting talk on ideal books for children of all ages from kindergarten to high school, inclusive, and also on the great need of a Clinton county public library and the benefits of it.

After the meeting refreshments were served by the refreshment committee, Mrs. Maurice Forward, Mrs. Frank Richmond and Mr. Charles Reynolds.

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