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DEFORD

E. R. Bruce closed the sugar beet weighing station on Wednesday, Nov. 9. E. R. Bruce and sister, Mrs. Alice Curtis, will spend Saturday and Sunday in Flint at the home of the latter's daughter, Mrs. Lewis Lamb. Mrs. Bessie Holt of Detroit spent Sunday with her father, C. J. Malcolm. Ben Gage, Wm. Gage Walter Martin and Max Agar of Cass City left on Sunday for the northern part of the state to hunt deer. They will visit at the first named's cousin, Wm. Gage, of St. Helen. Roy Bunker is working at the Deford garage in the absence of Ben and Wm. Gage. Mr. and Mrs. F. B. McCain and mother, Mrs. C. L. McCain, of Oxford spent Sunday in Deford at the home of Mrs. Benj. Gage. Mrs. Isaac Tedford is spending the week with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. Gage. Mr. and Mrs. John Clark and family, Mrs. I. Tedford, and Mrs. Max Agar of Cass City spent Sunday at Peck. Mrs. Wm. Bentley returned to her home on Monday from Pontiac, where she has visited the past two weeks. Mrs. Louisa Bell and grandson and the former's niece of Detroit spent the week-end at Hazel City. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hizer of Mackinaw City called on their brother-in-law, R. D. Lewis, on Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Malcolm called in Cass City on Wednesday night. Bruce Malcolm has been laid up the past week with a sore hand. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart of Flint spent from Friday until Sunday with their daughter, Miss Alice, at the A. L. Bruce home. Mrs. Bertha Cooper entertained on Monday morning, Mrs. Flansburgh and son of Goodland. The ladies are cousins. Joshua Curtis received word Monday of the death of his brother, Norman Mott, of Oxford. He was laid to rest on Tuesday. Geo. McIntyre left on Sunday for Saginaw where he joined his brother, A. D., and went north hunting. He will return the latter part of the week. T. L. Stewart will entertain the Novesta Farmers' Club on Friday (today) for supper. Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Robertson left on Wednesday of this week for Princeton, Kentucky, where they will visit his parental home. Lawson Stinger left on Monday for St. Helen deer hunting. He will join Ben Gage, Will Gage, Walter Martin and Max Agar. Dr. Merriman's brother of Decker-ville spent Sunday visiting him. The old home of the Retherford boys burned on Saturday night. It was situated on the Town Line, 2 1/2 miles east of Deford. H. R. Silvertorn and wife, Mrs. Jennie Nutt, and brother, Ray, spent the week-end at Oxford and Pontiac. Work is being started for the new pea viner that will be built north of Mrs. A. Curtis on the "Billie" McCracken's land. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Seth Spencer called in Caro on Sunday evening. Mrs. E. Dunn of Pontiac came on Sunday to spend the week with her son, Herman Belle. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Patterson spent Sunday with the former's brother at Mayville. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spencer spent Sunday in Cass City with their son, Lyle. Wm. Randall returned to his home last week after visiting in Detroit and Canada. Mrs. Frank Hegler underwent an operation at the Pleasant Home Hospital on Saturday. Mrs. Fred Ball is entertaining Mrs. Gouff for the present.

CASS CITY SCHOOLS

The high school opens the local debating season on Friday evening, November 18, when the Cass City negative team will oppose the Caro affirmative team on the question: "Resolved: That the Direct Primary System of Nominating Candidates for Public Office in the United States Should Be Abolished." The team is composed of Audrey Flannery, Bruce Hoadley and Claude Mitchell. The debate will be held in the Caro high school auditorium at eight o'clock, this (Friday) evening. On this same date 240 high schools in every part of the state will meet in 120 debates, in which 720 high school pupils are participating. This debate followed by three others on Dec. 9th, Jan. 13th, and Jan. 27th, will constitute the four debates of the preliminary series in which every high school must participate in order to qualify for the elimination series of debates. Every high school that qualifies for the Elimination Series of debates will be presented with the University of Michigan wall plaque trophy, which is a mahogany shield eighteen inches high by fifteen inches wide, upon which is superimposed a nine-inch solid bronze medallion with embossed lettering. Only 64 high schools can qualify for the elimination series which will culminate in the eleventh annual state championship debate to be held at Ann Arbor in Hill auditorium on Friday, April 27th. The two schools participating in this final debate will each receive a trophy cup presented by the University of Michigan Extension Division and each of the six debaters will receive a gold watch as a testimonial of individual merit. In the final state championship debate held in Hill auditorium at Ann Arbor on the 11th of last May, Ann Arbor high school won first honors and Albion high school won second honors. The audience assembled for this final debate numbered 3000 people, which is the largest audience that has ever attended a state championship debate in the Michigan high school debating league. The Michigan High School Debating League was organized by the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan in 1917, and has for the past ten years conducted debates among the high schools of the state.

Home Economics. Girls of the Home Economics Department entertained the members of the high school faculty Friday afternoon at a three-course breakfast. The meal was planned, prepared, and served, as a unit in foods and meal preparation, by first year students of the Home Economics department. The Rev. Mr. Scott, pastor of the First Methodist church of Deford, talked to the high school and junior high school assembly Friday morning, as a part of the school's Armistice Day observance. The seventh and eighth grades are completing their study of linen, button holes and holders, and will discuss their next problem, which they have chosen, the pajamas. The ninth grade is going to start work on the luncheon or supper. This week they will prepare egg and cheese dishes and soups suitable for a luncheon. The advanced class is studying silk and soon will start a comparison of the various textile fibers and learn how to judge them and to test them. They are still working on their dresses.

English and History. Members of the English 9 classes are giving short oral reports on the books they have for home reading. Each pupil endeavors to characterize the book he has read, and to interest other members of the class in it. Some very excellent reviews have been given. The American history classes have concluded the colonial period, and are now studying the formation of the union. The growth of Rome, from a small village to a world power, has been the subject for study in the World History class. Maps have been prepared showing the Roman dominions in 264 B. C., 44 B. C., and 117 A. D.

Commercial. The eighth grade arithmetic class are conducting a bank this week and learning the use of deposit tickets and checks and other information regarding the bank account.

Economics. Banking money, and credit have been discussed this week. The facts from the text were supplemented by an explanation of the organization and operation of the local banks by Mr. M. B. Auten. Causes for panics and crises are being investigated and analyzed. On Tuesday each member of the class presented a paper discussing the condition of the business world this fall.

Organizations. The Lambda Sigma girls are going to sell tickets for Kathleen Norris' play, "Mother," to be shown at the Pastime theater Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29 and 30. The money which is earned will be used to buy some furnishing for the new school building. The tickets will be on sale this week and may be secured from any member of the club. Be sure to come and to bring your friends. It's a picture well worth seeing and one which will interest all. In its regular work this year, the club is studying modern literature—poetry, short stories and drama. At the meeting held Nov. 9, modern poetry was discussed.

The A. B. C. Club will sell "hot dogs" at the Bad Axe-Cass City football game on Friday. Be sure to bring a dime with you. It will be cold enough to eat two, so bring twenty cents. The club is endeavoring by this means to get enough money for a concrete tennis court for the school.

Art. The high school art class has recently organized with the following officers: President, Virginia Day; Sec. Treas., Doris Bliss; Adv. Mgr., Esther Caister. The purpose of the organization is to sponsor a sale of hand tinted Christmas cards with hand lined envelopes to match. The proceeds are to be given to the art department for the purchase of tools needed in work with the different art crafts—such as leather tooling, block printing, batik, tie and dye, cement and gesso. The class is studying the six different color harmonies this week preparatory to tinting their cards and making the envelope linings. The Junior high art class has begun making Christmas presents already. We won't tell what they are; it might be letting a secret out.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grades have earned a vacation from poster making by designing one for each day of Education Week. They improved to a marked degree during their daily practice. Work for Christmas began this week. The second and third grades showed very unusual talent in art last week doing free hand illustration and imaginative drawing. We find several pupils who are extraordinarily good in figure drawing. If our work continues so well, our art display later in the year will surely be worth seeing.

Music. The boys' glee club is putting finishing touches on "The Road to Mandalay," which is to have a few orchestral additions. They are also working on two new numbers, "Come to the Fair" and "Keep on Hopin'." The club is rather small this year; but is doing a splendid quality of work. The girls' sextette is working on three new numbers, "To a Wild Rose," McDowell; "Pale Moon," Logan; and "The Land of the Sky Blue Water," Leurance. They are considering purchasing costumes which they believe would add to the attractiveness of their performances.

The new books for sixth grade have arrived and we are making a thorough technical study of the entire book before we begin singing from it. The songs are very tuneful and have nicely varied subject matter. The fourth and fifth grades had a written lesson on Monday which they corrected themselves on Wednesday. It covered syllable, ear training, instrument and signature work. The second and third grades did some music writing on Monday, and enjoyed a "listening lesson" on Wednesday. The first grade and kindergarten are trying new music now, and are having for part time accompanist, Charlotte Warner from the Junior high.

Kindergarten. We are having a very happy time drawing pictures of the Mayflower, and modeling ducks, turkeys, pumpkins, fruits, and vegetables from clay. We are full of enthusiasm over Thanksgiving and soon will have our Thanksgiving poster finished. The children in kindergarten this year seem to have an unusual collective instinct. Every morning some one comes in with a box filled with the most interesting pictures to illustrate whatever we are studying. Hazel Corkins has been chosen as the one to make the table cloth for the tea table. We hope to have it done in time for Thanksgiving.

First Grade. We are continuing the study of the Indian in connection with Puritan life. To make this life more realistic, we are wearing white collars during this week. The boys and girls have written an Indian story of their own. In this are many of the new words we have added to our vocabulary. "Fleetfoot Kills a Giant"—He was a little Indian boy. This little boy liked to play with bows and arrows. Fleetfoot could run very, very fast. One day he met a Giant. The Giant said, "Come and race with me." So he did. But the Giant ran into the branch of a tree and broke his neck." Third Grade. Frances Cranick is the new girl in our room. We now have an enrollment of 32. Our number contest is even, each class having 21 stars. In language, we are going to work principally on "I haven't any" and "I have no."

Fourth Grade. We have two new pupils, Florence and Freeman Barber. We are studying Hiawatha. We are making an Indian and a Pilgrim village. This week we are busy making maps of South America. We are aiming to have our maps tell us a story, and also to be able to "read" the story which our maps tell us. We are enjoying the story, "Little Men," by Louisa M. Alcott, which is being read to us every morning. We are sorry that Thomas Kelly is ill with the mumps and is unable to be present at school.

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Sixth Grade. The fifth and sixth grades had an interesting assembly in the music room on Friday. Patriotic songs were sung. Eunice Schell, Carlos Vader, and Howard Taylor of the fifth grade told interesting stories. Van Rench told the boys and girls the meaning of Armistice. Dorothy Boyes read the President's Proclamation. A group of sixth grade girls recited "In Flanders' Fields" by John McRae. This was replied to by Elaine Turner who recited "In Flanders' Fields" by Edwin L. Miller. The following people made the honor roll last month: Ruth Schenck, Elaine Turner, Georgene VanWinkle.

Seventh Grade. The seventh grade arithmetic class is studying pay rolls, and will work a business problems, also.

SHABBONA.

The new barn of John Atfield was blown down by the wind Friday night. George Gotham underwent an operation at the Tweedie hospital in Sandusky Sunday. Goldie Brown has moved onto a farm near Marlette. Mrs. Augusta Howard, who has been visiting relatives here for the past three weeks, returned to her home in Pontiac Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern McGregory and two children visited at the home of Howard Harms near Deckerville on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Artemas Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hall of Pontiac visited their aunt, Mrs. John Chapman, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Stitt spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Manley Kitchen. Harvey McGregory and family spent Sunday afternoon at Henry Phillips.

Amos Stone has moved onto the Levi Holcomb farm. Art Kerbyson of Flint and Eleanor and Cecil Kerbyson of Lapeer visited relatives here Sunday.

The M. B. C. prayer meeting was held at the home of T. F. Wells on Tuesday evening.

Gatun Lake Largest. Gatun lake in the Panama canal, having a surface area of 164 square miles, is the largest artificial lake in the world. It was formed by the construction of Gatun dam.

Water's Long Drop. The Kaletour falls, in British Guiana, has a vertical drop of 741 feet, says Nature Magazine, as compared with 167 feet in the American falls at Niagara.

OWENDALE. A number from here attended the Adult Bible class at Pigeon, Tuesday afternoon and evening. Mr. Townsend spoke upon the evangelistic opportunity of the adult class. Stanley Mellendorf of Rescue spent the week-end in town with friends. Mrs. C. I. Ricker is visiting her sister in Hastings county for ten days, having left last Thursday. Advertise it in the Chronicle.

Sun, Moon and Stars. The sun lights this world from without, shines in at a window, but the moon is like a lamp within an apartment. It shines for us. The stars themselves make a more visible, and hence a nearer and more domestic, roof at night. Nature broods us and has not left our germs of thought to be hatched by the sun. We feel her heat and see her body darkening over us. Our thoughts are not dissipated but come back to us like an echo. Thorstein. Advertise it in the Chronicle.

Toast to Leisure. "A toast, fellows!" exclaimed the hobo, lifting his tomato can. "Here's to de holidays! Bless de hull 'tree hundred an' sixty-five of 'em!"—Exchange.

Must Not Be Ordinary. "He who speaks in contempt of his fellow men," said Hi Ho, the sage of "hinetown." "should take care to be either very obscure or very powerful."—Washington Star.

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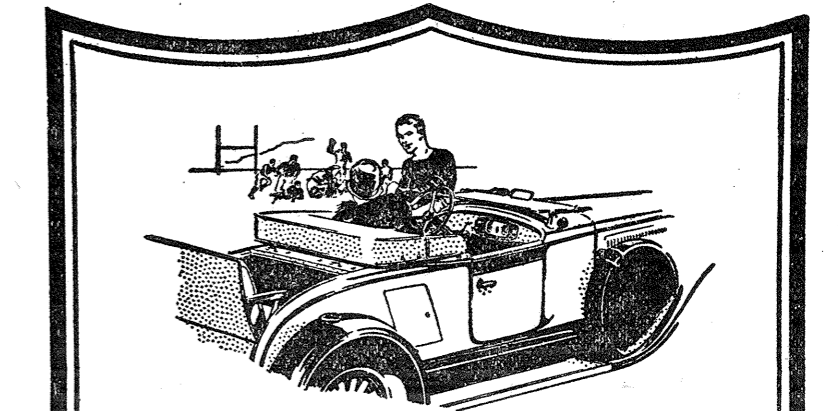
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