

Briggs, Julia Hopper, Ivan Slout, Mae Scarvell, Arthur Harroun, Harold Warner, Charles Anderson, Lubin Barnes, Dana Hammond, Vance Barber, Ben Slout, and O. E. McLaughlin of Vermontville; Howard Sprague, Bob Surine, Marion Sprague, Mary McVean, Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, Mr. and Mrs. Van Pendill, Mr. and Mrs. Hale Sackett and H. H. Church of Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Barber of Battle Creek; Miss Lola Hirschberger of Palm Beach, Florida; Dave Crowley of Detroit; Paul Wood of Olivet; R. W. Schubert of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Dr. and Mrs. H. Davis, son, William and daughter, Helen and Mrs. Augusta Davis of Jackson.

#### BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

As Saturday, May 7th was Mrs. Alice Tubbs' 70th birthday, there was a little celebration of the event at the home of her son, Orin. Her sisters, Mrs. James Wheeler and Mrs. Percy Richardson of Charlotte surprised her by coming over for dinner and with remembrances of the day, and in the afternoon her brother, Arthur Kauffman and family and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Waggoner of Ionia surprised everyone by driving over for a few hours, bringing a lovely birthday cake and other gifts. Her brother, Charlie in Chicago also remembered her with a large bouquet of rose buds.

As Mrs. Tubbs is shut in most of the time by feeble health, such days are bright spots along the way.

Mrs. W. P. Slout and Harry will visit Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Benedict in Grand Rapids from Friday noon to Sunday evening.

Mr. A. G. Leonard has been engaged as Superintendent of the Farmington schools for the coming year.

Mrs. Edith Biggs and little daughter, Martha Jean of Detroit are here to visit her father, H. J. Martin, and sister, Miss Jennie.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Sheldon of Ojua, California sent Doctor Snell and his good wife a fine box of oranges grown on their own trees. Mrs. Sheldon was Miss Lillian Pope, and lived on the farm now owned by Herman Zemke.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Davis and family and Mrs. W. H. Davis motored over from Jackson, Sunday to visit friends.

Word has been received from Battle Creek, that Carrie Bennett has just returned from the sanatorium where she had a very serious operation performed. She is getting along nicely now.

Miss Hazell Hawkins has been hired to teach in the River Rouge (pronounced Roosh) Schools. The village of River Rouge is below Detroit on the river and separated only from it by the Rouge river. It is a very fine appointment.

Mrs. L. W. Loveland returned on Monday night from Pana, Ill., where she has been spending the last three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Murray.

#### MAY 19, 1921.

The eighth grade girls played basketball against the High school second team Friday. The score was 8 to 9 in favor of the 8th grade.

The eighth grade boys and girls wrote the county examination last Thursday and Friday. Those who passed were Hilda Boyd, Clara Ritchie, Vernice Eckhart, Marie Rawson and Dorothy Loveland. They had never had Michigan History and Civil Gov't. Rhea Faust, Erma Powers and Winnifred Wilson passed in everything but the two subjects they had not had. Hilda Boyd had the highest average.

Elmond Loveland, Tom Dancer, Al Faust, Glenn Lake and O. E. McLaughlin were in Charlotte, Wednesday writing on the Civil service exam.

in town Saturday and Sunday, visiting his brothers and shaking hands with old friends.

Mr. H. H. Warren of Kalamazoo visited at Dr. Snell's, Wednesday, and is spending the remainder of the week with his son, Bert Warren and family.

Ralph Merrick Dean, son of C. R. Dean, who will graduate this year from Alma college, has accepted the Methodist pastorate at Riverdale, being the youngest Methodist minister in the state.

#### MAY 26, 1921.

#### MUSICAL A SUCCESS

A crowded auditorium greeted the participants in the Musical given by pupils of Mrs. Blackett and Miss Martin at the Methodist Church, Wednesday evening.

The program consisting of vocal, piano and violin numbers was creditably given and many expressions of appreciation were heard from those who attended.

Pupils who gave the program were, Mary Thrun, Donald and Wilma Kamsensky, Rhea and Beryl Faust, Doris, Hobart and Pauline Wirt, Dorothy and Vera Loveland, Vernice Eckhart, Neil McLaughlin, Glenadine Harroun, Francis Hopper, Harry Slout, Clara Ritchie, Alta Crook, Rosalie Helm, Della Eitel, Addie Corey, and Gertrude Powers, cellist of Nashville, who assisted the Orchestra Class.

Mrs. Blackett delighted the audience by giving as the closing number "The Mocking Bird", with Miss Martin at the piano.

#### MARRIED 52 YEARS

Henry E. Crosss and Helen M. Brown were married May 22nd, 1869, and celebrated their 52nd anniversary,

Sunday with a family gathering.

Aside from Father and Mother, the family consists of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Allen and sons, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sparks and daughter, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sparks and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wilson, Jr. The family circle being complete with the exception of one grand daughter, Miss Thelma Phillips, who is in Washington. Mr. Cross also celebrated his 74th birthday, Friday.

#### JUNE 9, 1921.

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#### EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT

The Eighth Grade Commencement program came off in fine style, Tuesday evening.

Miss Ethel Powers, Grammar room teacher, had the stage very prettily decorated as a garden scene. The fence, gates and furniture all being white with vines, ferns and flowers climbing over all.

The class graduates numbered twelve; Vernice Eckhart, Rhea Faust, Marie Rawson, Carrie Hawkins, Hilda Boyd, Clara Ritchie, Erma Powers, Bernice Briggs, Donald McIntire, Dorothy Loveland, Winnifred Wilson, and Juanita Hawkins.

The parts were all very well given, and we may all feel proud of this nice big class that is to enter High School next year. Miss Powers certainly comes in for due amount of praise and appreciation for the way in which she had done her work. We all wish she were coming back to us next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gregg of Belding motored over to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ambrose, and sister, Mrs. E. J. Loveland, Sunday. Mrs. Loveland went home with them for a week's visit.