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Commencement day has again been written in history and eighteen young ladies and gentlemen have been given diplomas, and have stepped into the arena. It is a more important event in their lives than they probably realize at this time. They have spent what seems to be a long period of time at "book larnin'" and now they will have to put into actual use what they have learned and it will be found some different. There will be many tests, in fact from now on it is a continual examination and they must make good every day. Real worth and devotion to whatever vocation you decide to follow will count eventually. Along with all this there will be pleasing and happy events to make the way easier. Each success will bring with it a gladness and these successes will come easier for your having stuck to school until the coveted diploma was placed in your hands. We congratulate the class.

The good old summer time that we have heard sung in vaudeville all winter seems to have arrived with a vengeance. If June is ascompratively hot as May has been, the fellow that has to work back of a twenty-foot plate glass will just about melt into his shoes.

Next Tuesday is Decoration Day. It is the one holiday of the year when cheers for the living are mingled with tears for the dead. It is a day that should be observed, not by games or amusement, but by paying respect to those who offered their lives in defense of the flag.

## SEASON'S FIRST KILLING.

Ezekiel Evans, while frog hunting yesterday, found two snakes, which he killed, one a black snake, measuring four feet and another a water moccasin, measuring four feet and six inches, and having a body circumference of nine inches.

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## ATTENDS BROTHER'S FUNERAL.

J. A. Blue, the horse-shoer, left today for Mechanicsburg, Ohio, where he was called by a telephone message stating that his brother, John Blue, had died Wednesday evening and that the funeral would be held Saturday afternoon. Mr. Blue expects to return here Monday evening, bringing with him his aged mother, Mrs. Jane Blue, who has been there some time at the home of relatives. Mrs. Blue formerly resided here, and is the mother also of Mrs. Ben Shrank. She is eighty-six years of age.

## "WHAT OF IT."

Subject of Attorney D. B. Erwin's Address to Class.

The commencement exercises for the fifty-three graduates of the eighth grades of the city schools, which were held Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, were witnessed by a large audience, and were successfully carried out in all ways. Kenyon Walters extended the welcome greeting and those who heard him state that his address was one of great power for one so young and speak very highly of the promising outlook for him. The address of the afternoon was delivered by Attorney D. B. Erwin, an educator of note in the county, having been at one time a teacher and later a member of the school board. His subject was "What of It?" He brought out the points that to his mind, the person who had done his best and failed was of far more worth than the person who tried to get through by the "skin of his teeth," and made no effort. His address carried with it words of encouragement and inspiration and was very highly appreciated. The devotional was conducted by the Rev. Gleiser of the Presbyterian church and the musical program carried out in entirety as published Thursday. The presentation of the diplomas was made by Glen Warner, a member of the city school faculty, who made an address advising the pupils to carry their education further in the high school. The church was beautifully decorated with spring garden flowers arranged in vases and bowls, the flowers being the culture of William Jackson.

## AT CLARK'S CHAPEL.

Preaching services at Clark's Chapel Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, May 27th. The public is invited to come with us. The pastor will have charge. Preaching at Bobo M. E. church, Sunday, May 28th, at 10:30 and 7:30. Memorial day address in the morning. We invite you to worship with us.

D. A. J. BROWN, Pastor.

## THE BIG AVIATION MEETING.

Charles F. Willard, C. C. Witmer, Hugh A. Robinson and Roland G. Middleton--this is the galaxy of the birdmen that will conduct the aviation meet at the Fort Wayne driving park Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Willard, one of the veterans of the Curtis staff of aerial artists, established his reputation last summer and he is considered the safest and most reliable passenger carrier among American flyers. Therefore, when Glenn H. Curtis learned that Advance Agent Sutton, who made the arrangements for the Fort Wayne meet, had given his promise that passengers will be taken up in the machines each day, he altered his plans slightly and decided that Willard should come, giving the affair four, instead of three aviators, as was at first intended.

The four flyers who will be at Fort Wayne are the best of the Curtiss corps and therefore the greatest in the world. Witmer, driving a new machine, in which he defeated all contestants in Dallas, Texas, last week, will defend his honors against Willard, Robinson and Middleton, all of courage and daring equal to his own and operating machines of the same power. This race will feature and close each day.

Witmer reached Fort Wayne yesterday, a day in advance of his teammates, and in an interview in his hotel in that city last evening he asserted that he will try to set a new altitude record during the meet. If he can but fulfill that aim he will become the world's greatest flyer, as he has already demonstrated that his biplane is the fastest yet built.

By the terms of the contract with the Curtiss company, each of the four aviators must attain a height of 1,000 feet each day, but none of them, particularly the intrepid Witmer, will be content to stay within those bounds. They will raise the limit, all of them declare, just as high as they are able to force their ships to go.

The four biplanes, encased in crates arrived in Fort Wayne by express yesterday and have already been taken to the Driving park and placed in hangers to be assembled and placed in readiness for the opening Sunday afternoon.

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## SOCIAL DOINGS

Senior Reception at Knights of Pythias Home a Brilliant Affair.

## A JUNE WEDDING

Will Unite Lives of Beulah Connett and Omar Kenyon--Other Socials.

## WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.  
Eighth Grade Commencement--Presbyterian Church.  
High School Commencement--Opera House.  
Senior Reception--K. of P. Home.  
Entre Nous--Matilda Sellemeyer.  
Saturday.  
Class Party--Marie Daniels.

Miss Matilda Sellemeyer will entertain the Entre Nous club this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Michaud.

Mrs. George Glass and Mrs. L. A. Graham were two new members received by the Orient club at its meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Elzey. The afternoon hours sped on swift wings as the ladies embroidered, this being laid aside later for the tempting refreshments. During the summer months the club will meet fortnightly instead of weekly, and Mrs. Harry Helm will be the hostess Wednesday, June 7th.

Mrs. M. E. Brackett is giving a party this afternoon at her home on Winchester street.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stoler and other friends in the city and county have received invitations to the wedding of Miss Bessie Beulah Connett, daughter of Mrs. Emma Dykeman of Fort Wayne, the groom to be Omar A. Kenyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kenyon, formerly of this city. The bride is also well known here having at one time made her home in this city, and also northeast of Decatur. The wedding will take place Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, June 7th, at the home of the bride's mother, on Eby avenue, Fort Wayne. The newly married couple will make their home in Alabama, where the groom has resided the past year with his parents. He is employed as a linotype operator on a newspaper there.

Mrs. John Reiter and son, Richard, and Mrs. Frank Pearce, spent the day in Fort Wayne as guests of Henry Reiter and family.

Ira Webster of Fort Wayne and Miss Helen Fonner of Monmouth were guests over night at the Mrs. Minnie Daniels home, attending the commencement last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ford and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Coil of Muncie will arrive tomorrow on an automobile

trip to spend the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ford.

Several hundred guests attended the reception tendered by the seniors of the Decatur high school Thursday evening at the Knights of Pythias home, after the commencement proper held at Bosse's opera house. The beautiful decorations which were brought into effect for the junior reception of last week were kept over for this event, the purple and gold being used effectively in the reception and the cream and green, the senior colors, adorning the dining room, and the parlors. The graduates, eighteen in number, stood in the receiving line greeting their friends, and received the hearty congratulations and best wishes of all, after which there was a general social intermingling. The large dining room had been cleared of the tables, chairs taking their places, but here and there were punch tables, where that cooling and refreshing beverage was dispensed, Dwight Peterson, Leah Hensley and Robert Quinn presiding at the punch bowls. Later in the evening strawberry ice cream and macaroons were served, the class being assisted by several of the younger school circle. Music was provided by the male quartet and the festivities extended far

into the night, making the closing event of commencement week one to be long remembered.

The Misses Mary and Huldah Haug very pleasantly entertained a party of their little girl friends at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Haug, on West Monroe street last evening after school hours.

## GERMAN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY'S ANNUAL MEET.

The German Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Preble township will hold its annual meeting June 3rd at 1 o'clock p. m. at the Freidheim school house. One new appraiser will be elected. All members should attend.

WM. GALLMEYER, Pres.  
HERMAN REESE, Sec'y. 25-29-1

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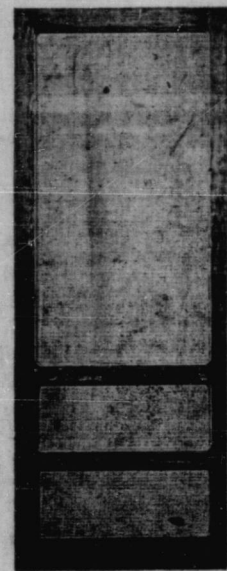
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You can get plenty of Pineapples For Canning At MASSONEE'S the first of the week.

By the way don't forget to come in Saturday and get your supply of Cauliflower, Tomatoes, Lettuce New Beans, Peas and Potatoes for your Sunday dinner.

Madison Street Fruit House

## Are Your Screens Up?

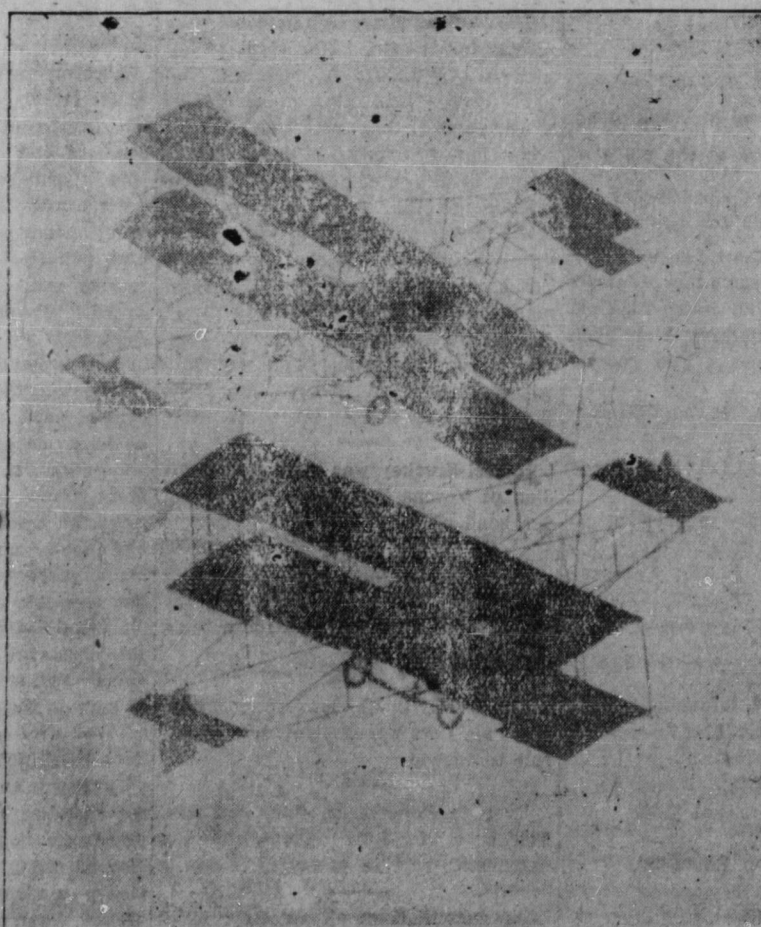


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## The Big Aviation Meet.



Race between Witmer and Willard at Belmont Park, New York--Will be repeated at Fort Wayne next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.



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## DECORATION DAY

is a good day to celebrate by putting on your best clothes and taking the day to consider patriotism and your duties as a good citizen. Your best clothes should be

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## MANY WENT TO FORT WAYNE.

About seventy-five Elks and as many others went to Fort Wayne today, taking advantage of the sixty-cent rate on the Fort Wayne & Springfield, to attend the big state convention now in session there. The only trouble is that these events always take the people out and don't

bring in enough to overcome the loss. So far it seems there have been no definite steps taken looking towards the building of the line south, and if anything is to be accomplished this year, some action should be taken soon. An expression from the people or any of them would be acceptable at this time.



## Extremes In Extremities!

There Is No Limit In The Size Of Ladies Hats!

But How Different The Question Of Shoes!

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