

Geneva, Ind., June 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — Superintendent Poer, who served as principal of the schools here for five years, and as superintendent for four years, has accepted a position as principal of the central school at Gas City, Ind. He will move his family to that place soon, in time to begin his duties at the September term. The place is a good one, Gas City being a city of 4,000, and the pay is considerably larger than he received while here.

S. S. Acker has leased a cottage at Clear Lake, Indiana, and will leave here for that place with his family on Sunday morning. They will occupy the cottage during the summer season, Mr. Acker returning to his business here when needed.

The various committees who have been appointed to look after the big Fourth of July celebration to be held here, are looking after those duties carefully, and the occasion will be a huge one. The days fun will begin at 5:30 a. m. with the firing of the anvils. During the morning there will be a big automobile parade, open to the world, in which prizes will be given to the three cars the best decorated. A good program will then be rendered, including the address of the day by Hon. Clark J. Lutz, of Decatur, the reading of the declaration of independence by Hon. Jacob Butcher of this place, recitation by Miss Goldie Fink and other numbers of song, etc. In the afternoon will occur foot races, bicycle races, a ladies' hitching contest, and a big real for sure balloon ascension at six o'clock. A great display of fireworks in the evening. Another feature of the day will be the presenting of rocking chairs to the two oldest couples present at the celebration, this to include the whole county, in fact the whole state and nation. The affair occurs July 3rd.

The convention held here by the Woman's Home Missionary society yesterday and this morning, closed at noon, and following dinner, the delegates left for their homes. The meeting was one of especial interest. The work is progressing and the membership of the various auxiliaries increased. The Fort Wayne district pledged for special work this coming year \$600.00. The program last night and this morning was carried out exactly as announced. Miss Snider, of Lerna, Ill., made the address. She left this afternoon for Hartford City, where she will speak tonight, going from there to other conventions. Yesterday afternoon an election of officers for the coming year was held. While some remain the same, there were a few changes. The result follows: President, Mrs. J. Niblick, Decatur; vice president, Mrs. S. Powell, Decatur; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. H. Dean, Bluffton; recording secretary, Mrs. Della Edmonds, Trinity, Fort Wayne; treasurer, Mrs. Peter Quicksell, Wayne street, Fort Wayne; mite box secretary, Mrs. Jennie Stine, Poneto; young people, Miss Lillian Redding, Bluffton; supplies, Miss Ina Trisch, Trinity, Fort Wayne; temperance, Mrs. C. B. Jones, Garrett—Bluffton Banner.

Contracts for gas-making machinery which will double the present capacity of the gas plant in Fort Wayne have just been awarded by the Indiana Lighting company to the Western Gas Construction company, of this city. The order embraces a duplication of present gas-making equipment that will give the local works a capacity of two and one-half millions of cubic feet of artificial gas per day. General Manager Mulholland, of the Indiana Lighting company, said today that the improvement had been made necessary by the tremendous growth of the artificial gas business in Fort Wayne during the past few months, and the improvement will make the local works one of the most modern gas plants in the central west. The new contract means an expenditure of approximately \$50,000. The company has at the same time let to the Kerr-Murray Manufacturing company, of this city, contracts for the manufacture and erection of gas holders at Frankfort, Lebanon, Decatur and Lafayette. The laying of gas mains between Fort Wayne, Bluffton and Decatur is progressing rapidly. The line is now down to within one mile of Ossian—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The Fort Wayne Catholic High school for young men will open in September, 1909. It will be under the patronage of Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne, who will take an active interest in its affairs. It will be conducted by the Brothers of the Holy Cross and supervised by the diocesan superintendent of schools, Rev. A. E. Lafontaine. Two of the cathedral clergy will be engaged as teachers of Christian doctrine and church history—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The wedding of Miss Emma Selig of Fort Wayne, to Mr. Otto Kirsch of this city, occurred at Fort Wayne at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. In the beautifully decorated Salem's Reformed church of that city the ceremony was performed by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Hesser, Decatur. When Mr. Kirsch attended business college at Fort Wayne, about four years ago, he met Miss Selig, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Selig. After a short wedding trip Mr. Kirsch and his bride will reside on north Third street, where they have furnished a home. Following the announcement of her engagement Miss Selig was given a number of showers. Last Monday she was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of a friend, and during that time she has been the honored guest at several parties. In Fort Wayne the bride is a very popular girl. For the past several years the groom has been a member of the firm of Kirsch, Seltmeyer and Sons. After graduating from the business college he gained experience as an employee of the Fuller Lumber Co., at Grand Rapids, the greatest center of the industry in the world. Having gained much experience in the business the firm advanced him, and he traveled in its interest for a year or so. With this skill and insight of the lumber business he is succeeding. The best wishes of all are extended to the couple for a prosperous and happy future.

Miss Bertha Heller was the hostess to about eighty guests at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. D. D. Heller on Fifth street, the event being a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Heller, who have just arrived home from their wedding trip. The affair was a delightfully happy one, in which each guest seemed to find pleasure. As they arrived they were met by Miss Heller, who was assisted in received by Mrs. D. D. Heller, Mrs. J. W. Tyndall and Mrs. J. H. Heller. The bride and groom were showered with congratulations and good wishes from the friends and the evening was devoted to having an informally good time. A musical program was rendered during the hours, those taking part being Miss Midge Smith, Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, Miss Marie Patterson and Mrs. Louis Holthouse, the numbers including both vocal and instrumental selections. Paper hearts, bound with a red heart cover were distributed, on the front cover of which was a unique scheme for finding one's partner. On the first heart, each guest was required to write a four line description of his partner, and the stories being all written in poetry furnished much amusement. These were read and Mr. W. P. Schrock was awarded a prize for his ability. In an advertisement guessing contest Mrs. Roy Archbold was awarded a prize, for giving the most correct answers. Delicious refreshments were served, during which each guest wrote a wish for the bride and groom on one of the paper hearts and these will no doubt be kept for many years by the happy couple, and may be read at their golden wedding. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moses, of Great Falls, Montana. The home was tastily decorated for the occasion.

J. C. COUNTERMAN LIKES MICH.

Has Bought a Farm Near Midland and Will Move There.

J. C. Counterman and Glenn Spitzer returned home from Michigan Saturday evening. They were in Midland county, and stopped for a while with E. Brown and family, and report them as getting along nicely and enjoying life in the Wolverine state immensely. Mr. Counterman just came home to return again, he having traded his property here for 76 acres of farming land nine miles from Midland and a half mile from Sanford. He paid \$2,000 for the farm and the crops and traded his property in on the place for \$1,000 and gets to keep his garden. The farm is all improved and under cultivation, has good buildings, and Mr. Counterman is well satisfied with his bargain. They will ship their household goods Tuesday and leave at once for their new home.—Willshire Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pillars, of Paragould, Arkansas, arrived in the city last week with their babe and the latter will remain as the guest of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Dorwin for two or three months. The Pillars' child has been seriously ill for several weeks from an ailment peculiar to infancy, and the attending physician advised the parents to take it to another climate, if they wanted to spare the little one's life. Consequently they left for this city, and Mrs. Pillars will remain until the hot season is over. Mr. Pillars will return to Paragould within one month and meantime he will pay a visit to his many friends in and about this city. Miles is doing fine in Ar-

kansas. He is interested in the flour business, and he cannot remain away from his duties longer than a month. He is looking fine, and is enjoying the best of health. It is hoped that the baby will soon recover.

On Saturday morning, on his return from Willshire, David Fortney found a large crowd of friends and relatives had gathered at his home. All came with baskets filled with good things to eat and we enjoyed a splendid dinner. Everything worked out as planned in making it a genuine surprise, it being the 67th anniversary of Mr. Fortney's birth. He received a number of appropriate presents. To make all complete the "picture man" arrived and took a snapshot of the home and guests. Following is a list of those present: Sam Fortney and wife of Dixon, Christ Fortney and wife of Pleasant Mills, Orlen Fortney, wife and children, John Custer and family, Morgan Fortney and family of Monroeville, A. F. Fortney, Middle Point, O.; Ethel Fortney, Middle Point, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hardin and son Clyde of Decatur, Ida Chapman and family of Decatur, Grandma Ahr, daughter Nora, Decatur; Mrs. Hunsicker, Decatur; Mrs. Mary Ahr and children, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown and daughter Nellie, Harry Brown and wife, Mrs. Allegre, Marion, Ind.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of the Evangelical church will hold a public meeting the first Thursday evening in July. Each member of the society will tell her experience in earning a dollar which she will pay into the treasury. Sometimes the experiences, when told, are amusing.

Perhaps the program which will be given will be one of the best for some time. At any rate preparations are being made which promise a most successful meeting. The members of the society extend an invitation to their friends and neighbors to be present at this experience meeting.

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Mrs. C. A. Dugan has just returned from Richmond, where she attended a meeting of the alumni and others who had attended Earlham college. The festivities this year were greater than usual, as the fiftieth anniversary of the institution was celebrated. The campus was visited by a large number of people, who went through the old familiar halls and to add to their pleasure they saw so many of their old classmates there, who now were men of note in the world. Mrs. Dugan attended the college a year. During the week she attended most of the commencement exercises. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by William Oxley Thompson, president of Ohio State university. The class address was delivered by Prof. Rogers of Yale. Commencement evening and on class day "As You Like It" was given. As the Romans did

centuries ago so those in charge selected a rolling landscape, and on

the side of a hill seats were erected with the stage lowered. Here the play was performed and everybody enjoyed it. Just before commencement festivities and the usual alumni gathering, Mr. and Mrs. Dugan enjoyed the pictures displayed in the galleries of the Garfield building. The former attended a card party given by Mrs. P. W. Smith. On completing this eventful week, Mrs. Dugan came home, thinking it one of the most pleasant weeks of her life in the recalling of old associates and oldtime college days.

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Mrs. L. G. Ellingham in a letter tells that she and Winnifred Ellingham were entertained by Miss Fannie Frisinger at Bloomington. During the meeting of the editorial association, Mrs. Ellingham and daughter attended, and they were entertained Friday evening for dinner by Miss Frisinger at her chapter house. She is a member of the Delta Gamma sorority and her guests enjoyed the evening greatly. The Greek letter fraternities and sororities give the students the advantages of home life and self government. It happened to be visitors' night and they had the pleasure of meeting some of the finest young men in Indiana. Mrs. Ellingham says "There is no reason in the world why boys and girls with the right stuff in them cannot have a university education. Or why parents need fear to trust their children at the State University. The people of Indiana should be proud of such an institution, and the work it is doing, and give it hearty support.

The Bluffton Cement Block factory in which John B. Holthouse is a partner, is under a course of improvement at present, which will greatly add to the facilities of the plant. The output of the concern has increased until more room is needed. The Bluffton Banner has the following to say in regard to the business concern:

Work was started yesterday on a large addition to the factory of the Bluffton cement company, on west

Ohio street. With the increase in the output of the concern in the past year, the owners, Messrs. Holthouse and Markley, have found their present on six saloons in this city at just quarters too small for the work. The new building will be 10x30 feet and two stories high. The site for the addition will be just south of the present large cement block building. The new structure, which will be made entirely of cement, will be fitted with the most modern of heating and drying apparatuses and when completed will make the factory one of the most up-to-date in this section of the state. Since the factory was started in this city two years ago the output of the cement blocks, shingles and drain tile has made a rapid increase and the factory now employs from eighteen to twenty men. This force will be increased at the completion of the addition.

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James W. Watkins, administrator to Mary Watkins, 40 acres in St. Mary's township, \$3,110.

A certificate was filed at the county recorder's office, showing the election of M. E. Hutton, J. P. Scheer, I. N. Voley, G. B. Linton, A. G. Briggs, F. J. McWhinney, O. Haviland, W. D. Cross and S. W. Hite as trustees of the M. E. church at Geneva and R. L. Poer C. O. Payne, C. F. Fink and W. B. Shepherd as trustees of the Geneva M. E. parsonage. The certificate is signed by Rev. C. U. Wade, D. D., district secretary of the quarterly conference.

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Marriage licenses were issued to John Schlabach, aged 26, a hardware man from Canton, Ohio, to Ellen Mosser, aged 30, daughter of Solomon Mosser of Hartford township; and to William S. Elcher, aged 26, a Hartford township farmer, to Hazel Pontius, aged 18, daughter of Sylvester Pontius of Hartford township.

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