

Mrs. Melvin Mallonee, residing just south of the city, very pleasantly entertained Friday afternoon in honor of her son, Lewis' fifth birthday, when she invited several of his little friends to come and spend the afternoon with him. Various games were played and the afternoon was a most enjoyable one for the little ones present. Lewis was the recipient of a number of presents, and his heart was overflowing with joy from the happy time he enjoyed with his friends. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Miller, whose wedding occurred May 5th, and who are now at home in the north part of the city, were given a surprise "pound" dinner Tuesday evening by twenty or more relatives and friends. While the young couple were away from home in the evening, the party assembled at the home and gave them a surprise greeting. The party took with them a supply of edibles of all kinds and many gifts, and the evening was spent socially. Mrs. Miller was Miss Ina Martin before her marriage.

Miss Caroline Dowling entertained a number of young people Thursday evening at her home southeast of Decatur in honor of Miss Mary Laughlin, who is one of the graduates of 1911. The rooms of the Dowling home were tastefully decorated in the class colors of lavender and old rose. Large bouquets of roses and ferns were also to be seen in each room. The evening passed away in a very pleasing manner, with several instrumental solos by Miss Laughlin and Miss Meyers; vocal solos by Miss Loretta Hilleary of Geneva and several continued stories by Calvin Meyers and Emmett Laughlin. A very tempting luncheon was served in two courses, consisting of sandwiches, pickles, salad, ice cream, cake, nabiscoes and peanut flaps.

The wedding of Miss Elsie Pearl Cobbum to Mr. Milson B. Lachot, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lachot of Apple Creek, Ohio, took place at 3 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Shoemaker, with whom she had made her home for several years. The Shoemaker residence on West Washington street was beautifully decorated in honor of the event and about thirty guests, including the near relatives and friends of the bride and groom, were invited to witness the ceremony. Miss Lilah Lachot of Decatur began the Lohengrin wedding march at 8 o'clock, just as the bridal party descended the stairway. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Leona Cobbum, of Indianapolis, and was gowned in a robe of brocaded white silk with bead and pearl trimmings and baby Irish lace. Miss Cobbum wore a becoming gown of white silk. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Charles Lachot of Apple Creek, Ohio. Miss Helen Shoemaker, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Shoemaker, preceded the nuptial party as flower girl. She wore a dainty white frock. The wedding ceremony

was read by Rev. C. W. Shoemaker of Gas City, an uncle of the bride, who stood beneath a beautiful arch of green and pink arranged in a bay window facing the east. Miss Lachot played softly during the ceremony. At the conclusion of the service a three-course luncheon was served and the guests had an opportunity to extend their congratulations and view the beautiful array of presents, by means of which the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lachot had given material assurance of their good wishes. The presents included elaborate gifts of linen, silver and cut-glass. Mr. and Mrs. Lachot left this morning for Apple Creek, where they will make their home. The groom is engaged in the cement business as a general contractor and enjoys a fine reputation for business integrity and personal worth. His bride is one of Wells county's most charming young ladies. For many years she has made her home at Poneto. During the past year, however, she has been employed in the office which her uncle opened in this city and during her residence here has won many warm friends. Mr. Lachot has prepared a home for the reception of his bride. They will be the guests of honor this evening at a reception given at the home of his parents at Apple Creek. The out-of-town guests in attendance at the wedding were Miss Lilah Lachot of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. John Lachot of Wooster, Ohio; Mr. Charles Lachot and Miss Retta Lachot of Apple Creek, Ohio; Mr. Glen Homer of Akron, Ohio; Miss Leona Cobbum of Indianapolis, Miss Alice Shoemaker of Muncie, Miss Cora King of Reiffsburg, Mrs. Barbara Shoemaker of Poneto, Miss Ethel Shoemaker of Poneto, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Shoemaker of Gas City, Mr. and Mrs. Rossell Johns and children of Uniondale and Mrs. Sam Linn and son, John, of Reiffsburg. —Bluffton News.

VanCamp. The Lynch factory in the west part of the city was purchased by Mrs. Charles VanCamp, while the other property on First street, and just north of the VanCamp home, remains unsold.

GENEVA MAN PASSES AWAY.
Hiram Pine, a resident of Geneva, Ind., died last evening at 7 o'clock at the St. Joseph's hospital. Death followed an operation for bladder trouble. The deceased was about fifty-five years of age. The body was removed to the N. W. Bloom undertaking parlors and will be shipped to Geneva, Indiana, where burial will take place. —Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

GET NOTICES IN EARLY.

To insure insertion, notices of all kinds should be gotten to the news office early in the day—before 9 o'clock, if possible. It frequently happens that notices are given in at noon or at time of going to press, with the expectation that they get out in that evening's paper, but too frequently there is disappointment, and through no fault of the newspaper employees. Get your notices in early.

U. B. MINISTERIAL INSTITUTE.

At the recent session of the ministerial institute of the St. Joseph conference of the United Brethren conference the following officers were elected to serve for the next year: President, D. Robison, Ligonier, Ind.; vice president, W. F. Overmyer, Butler, Ind.; secretary, I. Imler, Decatur; treasurer, I. S. Cleaver, Rich Valley, Ind.; critic, L. L. Shafer, Columbia City, Ind.

PARTNERSH'P REQUIREMENTS.

The laws of the state of Indiana require persons conducting business as partners to file in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in the county where such business is conducted a certificate stating the full name and residence of each partner. In fact very few have complied with the law. Such partnerships as are transacting business in open violation of the law are taking a great risk as a fine of \$100 may be imposed upon any one who failed to cause such partnership to be registered. Any person who desires to be informed upon the question can refer to the acts of 1909 at pages 358 and 359. It would seem that the law is a very reasonable one and should be complied with.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 27.

Devotional.

Organization.

Address—"Getting Things Done"—Rev. R. L. Semans.

Quiet Hour—W. A. Gries.

Tuesday Evening.

Orchestra, Pennville Chior.

Sermon—"Power of a Consecrated Personality"—Chesten Smith.

Reception—Portland Chapter.

Wednesday Morning.

Reports.

(First Department.)

Address—Nellie Mason.

Solo—Forest Miller, Garrett.

Religious Uses of Life's Margin—Chesten Smith.

Recess.

(Second Department.)

Rev. L. N. Edwards in charge.

Practical Operation—Ruth Ridenour

Address—Dr. J. A. Beatty.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Rev. J. K. Cecil in charge.

Report—Ethel Metcalf.

Practical Operation—Miss Margaret Wells.

Report, Fourth Department.

Practical Operation—Grace Hiner.

Positive—Social Christianity—C. C. Travis.

Music—Junior Epworth Choir, Pennville.

Consecration—Deaconess.

Wednesday Evening.

Portland Orchestra.

"The Hero of Babylon"—Dr. Joshua Stansfield.

Thursday Morning.

Devotions—Iona Easley.

Address—Dr. Stansfield.

Missionary Pledge.

Business.

Address—"The Superstructure"—Dr. Clark Crawford.

Thursday Afternoon.

Devotions.

Junior Hour—Mrs. Griswold.

Rest.

Life Work Conference—Dr. Beatty.

Deaconess.

Ministry—Dr. Light.

Missionary—Dr. Pease.

Thursday Evening.

Music—Portland Choir.

Solo—Carl Burnett.

"Appeal of the Church of Today"—Dr. Light.

PROPERTY SOLD.

The VanCamp property on First street, which was ordered sold by the court, and done through the attorneys, Heller, Sutton & Heller, at the court house Friday afternoon, was sold as follows: The property on First street and occupied by the VanCamp family, was purchased by Mrs.

church, and will no doubt convene the week following the Pentecost Sunday.

Dale Moses, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Moses of north of the city, was quite badly hurt Friday evening about 8 o'clock when his horse frightened at an automobile that approached in the dark without a light. Mr. Moses was thrown from the rig and fell to the ground with such force that he received bad sprains of the back, hip, one wrist, his left hand—one finger of which was hurt in such a way that the skin was almost entirely stripped from it—and he also received a cut on the head, requiring one or two stitches to close. The accident happened near the corner of the John Niblick residence. The horse was one recently purchased by Mr. Moses and he, with Dyke Frisinger, was driving it to get it "city broken." Just as they reached the corner the automobile approached, and the horse, taking fright, plunged, breaking the girth. The shafts flew up and frightened the horse still more, tipping the buggy over in such a way that the occupants were thrown out. Frisinger escaped with no injury. Mr. Moses was taken to a physician, where his injuries were given attention and he was then taken to his home.

The horse, after tipping the occupants from the rig, ran to the Sol Linn home on Jefferson street, where it broke loose from the buggy, and then made for its old home near Willshire, Ohio, where it was gotten by Simon Burke, who made the trip for it and returned it to Mr. Moses, the new owner. U. S. Drummond of Pleasant Mills, who was in the city this morning mentioned seeing a runaway horse that passed that way last night, but he stated the Pleasant Mills people did not know whose it was. It was undoubtedly the Moses horse, returning to its old stamping ground.

Chicken thieves are again making their visits in this part of the county, and Thursday night were frightened away from the farm of Milton Hilbert, living four and one-half miles southwest of this city and one mile east of Rivarre, it is believed, before they were successful in their attempt. It was about the midnight hour when the hired hand was returning home and when near the house noticed a man leaving the yard, while a rig was driving up and down the road. Going into the barnyard he noticed a drove of chickens coming from all directions, and they scattered about in different places, showing they had been disturbed from their roost. Mr. Hilbert was asleep at the time and unaware of the fact until aroused by the farm hand. Neither were able to state whether or not any of the fowls had been taken, but stated there would be close watching from now on.

Evangelist A. W. Miller, employed by the Baptist convention of Indiana as state evangelist, will be in Decatur during the month of July, probably beginning July 5th. He is a speaker of great force, a man of deep conviction, very loyal to the truth as he sees it, and is thoroughly consecrated to the service of God and man. The fact that he has been in the employ of the state convention for some time, and that the board considers him one of the strongest men of the denomination in the state is a guarantee of his ability. The local church has been rejoicing in the fact of his coming ever since the arrangements were made about two months ago.

The funeral services will be held from their commodious home Sunday afternoon, and it is likely that some of the members of the Adams County bar will attend.

Great is the interest that is being manifested at the Zion classis of the synod of the northwest district of the German Reformed church, being held at Magley this week. A large number of the delegates from all parts of this district are in attendance and a large crowd is looked for on the closing day, which is tomorrow. The business sessions which occupied attention Friday and were finished this morning, were of much importance, and at which time the report of the financial and other standing of the church was read. Other reports concerning the present work were carried out in this district, including the missionary and other benevolent work showed the departments to be in flourishing condition. The principal doings of the business session held Friday were the election of officers to serve during the next year and the selection of the next place for the meeting of the synod, and Decatur was chosen for the gathering place. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. Schneider of Magley; vice president, Rev. Klausing of Garrett; secretary, Rev. Hessler, Decatur; treasurer, Matthias Kirsch, also of Decatur. The meeting to be held here next year will be held in the German Reformed

INTERURBAN SCHEDULE.

Cars Change Time Again Today—Go into Ft. Wayne on Calhoun St.

With the opening of Calhoun street,

Fort Wayne, the public again, after several months' closing on account of improvements, the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban cars today again adopted a new schedule, the cars leaving here at the even hours instead of "ten minutes before the hour," as they have been doing the past month. The first car leaves here at 5:50 o'clock, as usual, the next at 8, then 10, 12, 2, 4, 6, 8, the last leaving here at 10 p.m. The crews were also changed. Henry Kruel and C. L. Melchers have the first runs; Homer Rudi and Ed Green the later runs, and Ed Beery and August Greisinger the freight car. Edger Gerber and Jesse Schug will be the extra conductors. The two extra motormen are Louis Scheimann and Fred Smith, they being employed at the car barns. The cars will continue the two-hour schedule.

A fitting climax to one of the most successful years in the history of the common schools of Adams county was the fifth annual commencement held on the Central school campus in this city this morning at 9:30 o'clock, when a class of one hundred thirty-eight of the young boys and girls received diplomas for having completed the common school course. The day which had been looked forward to for many weeks by pupils, teachers and patrons, dawned fair and bright and the attendance from every township in the county was quite good. The graduates assembled at the court house at 9 o'clock, where they were organized by County Superintendent Opliger according to townships, and each given a badge of lavender ribbon. Then they marched two by two to the west side of the court house where they were grouped for a picture taken by the Moser studio, and then formed in line again, and lead by the Blue Creek Cornet band, proceeded to the Central school campus, where on the east lawn a large platform was erected for their accommodation. The line of march of graduates, in double file, was nearly two squares long. Seats had also been arranged in amphitheater form under the shady trees for the accommodation of the large number of patrons, friends and others interested in the educational work of the county, the attendance being unusually large. Marching with the graduates, and given place on the platform, where the township trustees. The decorations were the national colors, materializing in the form of bunting and flags. County Superintendent L. E. Opliger presided, and after an overture by the Blue Creek band, led by Professor Bliss of Geneva, the music being unusually good, the regular program was opened, the Rev. Charles Ehrle of the Baptist church giving the invocation. The Dudley Buck Male quartet of Fort Wayne provided the vocal music and each number was received with applause, the quartet being called back time and again.

Professor Opliger then introduced Dr. W. N. Ferris, president of the Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich., who gave the class address again this year, as he did last. Dr. Ferris stated that he had been disappointed in arriving late. He made a sixty-mile trip by automobile Friday and this morning arriving at Kendallville at 2:30 o'clock, and then by two minutes missed the car that should have brought him here at 7:50, thus delaying his arrival here until 9:50. He stated, however, that he was used to disappointments, and turning to the graduates advised them that it was one thing that they should get used to, also, teaching themselves to make the best of everything and surmounting the disappointments. He stated that he preferred addressing common school graduates to those of higher institutions, for they formed the body of the state—that not more than four or five per cent of common school graduates graduated from the high school, and less than one per cent from the higher institutions of learning.

He then plunged into the pith and point of one of the best and most practical addresses that it has been the fortune of Adams county people to hear. He stated that animals have instincts whereby they live; that primitive man had little more than instinct by which to be guided and live, but that in the present day of civilization and culture, it required more than that to gain even a bare sustenance; and that it was therefore required of a man that he cultivate himself to the best of his ability in order to keep even a foothold in the world. What the graduates should therefore do, now, that they have accomplished one stint in life's journey, should be to determine "What am I good for?" and then develop themselves along those lines. He then turned from the graduates to those in the audience—or those who have dropped out before they reached the goal of the others. He gave an eloquent plea for genius that might have fallen by the wayside, perhaps from want of encouragement, or because of failure, perhaps in one branch or line. He stated that because one had failed in one thing did not prove that he was a failure in all, and he brought out the statement that schools are learning

more and more to develop the students along the lines to which they are best adapted—just as the housewife gives to one kind of plant more or less sun, water or other things that it individually requires. At the Mendon (Mich.) commencement this year, he cited the case of a twenty-three-year-old boy graduate, who had worked himself through difficulties, but who says he is determined yet to graduate from the state agricultural school. He brought up Darwin, Emerson, Lowell, Spencer, and others, who in youth were thought to possess less than ordinary intelligence but who developed into leaders in their departments. He emphasized the value of work, and the application of thought. His address was a masterly one, teeming with good, practical thoughts, and abounding in practical illustrations, with here and there a flash of humor and wit.

The presentation of diplomas was made by Superintendent Ira B. Potts of Huntington county, who prefaced this act with an excellent speech, and after more music by the Dudley Buck Male quartet of Fort Wayne, the commencement closed with the benediction by the Rev. R. L. Semans, pastor of the M. E. church. The class this year is one of the brightest and most promising that has gone out from the doors of the county schools, making a good showing for the excellent work of Mr. Opliger and his able assistants, the teachers. The class comprises the following:

Graduates.

Union—Sylvia Beatty, Vernon M. Brodbeck, Roland Bailey, Nellie G. Barkley, Lucile Fleming, Wilma Freck, Harry Magner, Lele I. Shafer, Nellie Wolff, Edna Welty.

Root—Harold A. Cline, Edwin Rabitt, Iva Mirian Spangler, Bessie Wilder.

Preble—Otto Dilling, Albert Fruechte, Curtis Grandstaff, Edward Jaberg, Otto Kreutzman, William Kreutzman, Esther E. Koch, Ernst Worthmann.

Kirkland—Frank Arnold, Grace Driver, Mary Ehlerding, Irvin Goldner, Olga Houck, Floyd Longenbarger, Harry Magner, Lele I. Shafer, Nellie Wolff, Edna Welty.

Washington—Merle Coppock, Harriet Everett, Otto W. Hoffman, Joe Heimann, Ralph Miller, Naomi Poing, Genevieve Spuller, Ruby Wynn.

St. Mary's—Forest Bunner, Abbie Bigham, Wilma Dailey, Clarence Davis, Nellie Helm, Goldie Helm, Harland Heath, Helen Johnson, Arnold Stults, Ethel Tague, Paris Vizard.

Blue Creek—Manola Bryan, Bertha Burnett, Charles Foreman, Beryl Lhamon, Earl Ripley, Minnie Triker, Hazel Davis.

Monroe—Martin Busche, Clifton Duer, Samuel Fluckiger, Edward Hendricks, Ella Habegger, Bryan Hendricks, Howard Keller, Frances Kessler, Gertrude Lehman, Henry E. Lehman, Edna Mock, Walter Michael, Noah N. Soldner, C. A. Shirk, Lulu C. Stuckey, Noah N. Sprunger, Homer Winteregg, Lessie Watkins.

French—Esther V. Roth, Ada Schineller.

Hartford—Ida Blocher, Cleo Dunbar, Harold Engle, Byron Hart, Franklin Heller, Fred Heller, Claude Kinde, Alva Miller, Ottie Moyer, Dora Nelle Michael, Fred A. Reife, Hugh Runyon, Vearl Runyon, Kenneth Reiff, Lee M. Shanks, John A. Wilson, Raymond Yoder.