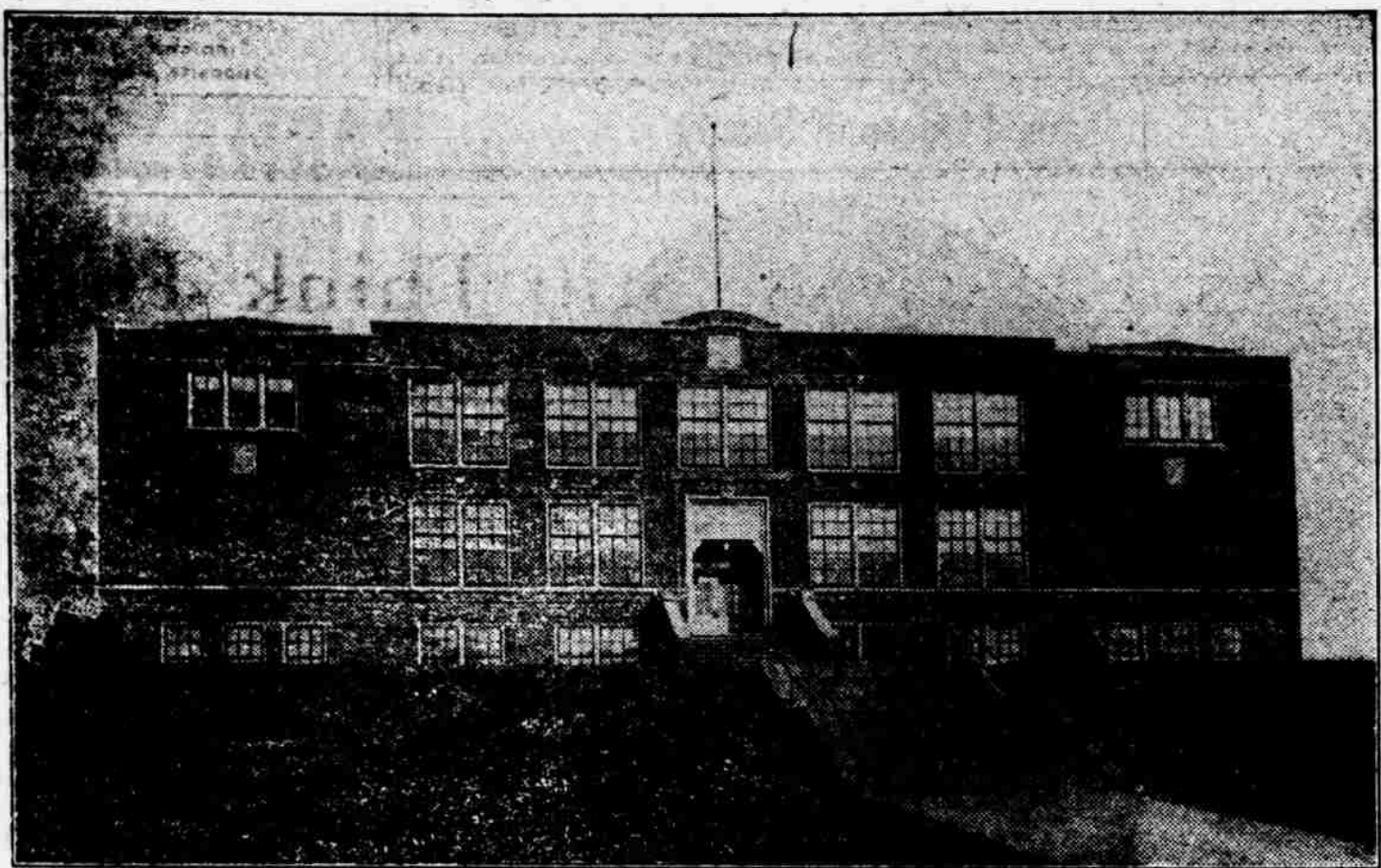


Jefferson Township High School Commencement Recalls School's Growth



Jefferson Township Centralized School at New Paris, Preble County, Ohio.

By WILLIAM R. SANBORN.

THE Jefferson township centralized building here illustrated is one of the most complete and modernly equipped structures of its class among Ohio country school edifices. Prior to its creation, New Paris had its village school, and Jefferson township had the usual number of one and two room schools, scattered at various points.

district, up to 1915, when it was decided to hold a special election, which resulted in the village district becoming a part of the township district. Following this action the township board of education called an election in April, 1915, on the question of centralization and a bond issue of \$55,000. The vote was two to one in favor of both issues. This being settled the purchase of 16 acres of land, just northeast of the village was consum-

ated and on this site the building was immediately begun.

Occupied in October, 1916.

The work was rushed and the building was ready for occupancy in October, 1916. The work was done before this country had entered into the World war, and before the peak prices for material and labor was reached. In consequence, the cost of the land and structure was much lower than the cost would have been at any time since that date. Indeed, during our own war days no such a building could

have well been constructed, as will be remembered, owing to the conservation of labor and materials for war uses.

is a Community Center. This spacious edifice is now a community center. Chautauqua courses, lectures, farm institutes, community sings, and all meetings of farm organizations, are held within its doors. It has much to do with the culture and uplift of the town and countryside as a place to hold club meetings and for other gatherings of a social and educational character.

Closing Day Events.

An unusually fine program has been arranged for the closing day at the Jefferson township school, Friday, May 20. The eighth grade commencement exercises begin in the auditorium at 9 o'clock. The grade orchestra will play and members of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade chorus will sing. Rev. C. F. Irwin, of the Presbyterian church will deliver the class address.

From 10:30 to 11:30 a series of drills and folk dances will take place on the lawn. From 11:30 to 1:00 p. m. a basket dinner will be enjoyed, too be followed by the play, Rip Van Winkle, in the auditorium at 1:30. Out door sports will follow the playlet.

Twenty H. S. Graduates.

Jefferson township will graduate a high school class of twenty this spring, seven boys and 13 girls, as follows:

Lois Rienheimer, Mary Katherine Mills, Blanche Lucile Alexander, Mary Irene Emrick, Mildred Haverfield Barr, Helen Malinda Dumfield, Mary Gertrude Crubaugh, Gertrude Lorie Barney, Sarah Lucille Murray, Lou Reva Penland, Mary Hazel Clasenow, George Albert Ponce, Robert De Witt Reid, Everett Ralph Newbern, Homer Earl Mikesell, Earl Millard Alexander, Emil F. White, Gladys Fae Hill, Harlie J. Hodgins, Alice Marguerite Sheffer, High School Exercises, May 21.

The annual commencement exercises will be held in the school auditorium on Saturday evening, May 21. President D. N. Edwards, of Earlham college, will deliver the class address. The faculty of the Jefferson school consists of a staff of twelve, as fol-

lows: C. R. Coblenz, superintendent; R. H. Brandon, principal; Mrs. Harriet Wright and Mrs. Iona Samuels, high school. The grade teachers are: Miss Helen Biles, first grade; Miss Evelyn Northrup, second grade; Miss Emma Thompson, third grade; Mrs. Ruth Zea Miller, fourth grade; Miss Lois Baumgardner, fifth grade; Miss Irene Weisenbarger, sixth grade; Miss Mary O'Dea, seventh grade; Mrs. E. H. Young, eighth grade and history.

Number in Attendance.

Asked as to the numbers of pupils in attendance this term the principal, R. H. Brandon, stated that there were 89 in the high school and 331 in the grades. The auditorium will comfortably seat 400; there is a large gymnasium, in which the recent basketball tournament was held in the presence of nearly 500 visitors, and the various class rooms have ample capacity for all needs. A pupil of the Jefferson school, Miss Magdalene Maloney, won the gold medal in the Preble county school piano contest, recently held at the West Alexandria high school, and was honored with a party and luncheon by the freshman class, sponsored by Mrs. Iona Samuels, following that decision.

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Confirmation services for a class of 18 were held in St. John's Lutheran church Sunday morning. Special music by the choir, and a class song by those being confirmed, were the musical features of the occasion.

A union service for all persons confirmed during the four years in which the pastor, the Rev. A. L. Nicklas, has held the pastorate, was held at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. The Rev. Nicklas has confirmed 88 persons during his ministry here. Of that number, three have died and eight have moved from the city. That leaves 77 still living in Richmond. Seventy-one of the 77 were present at the union meeting Sunday evening.

The program at the evening service included special music by the choir; a duet by Marie and Dorothy Schneider; an instrumental trio number by Roland and Henry Zimmerman, and Fred Lohman. Offerings during the day, for benevolent purposes, totaled \$100. Pentecostal services in German will be conducted at the church at 7:30 o'clock Monday night.



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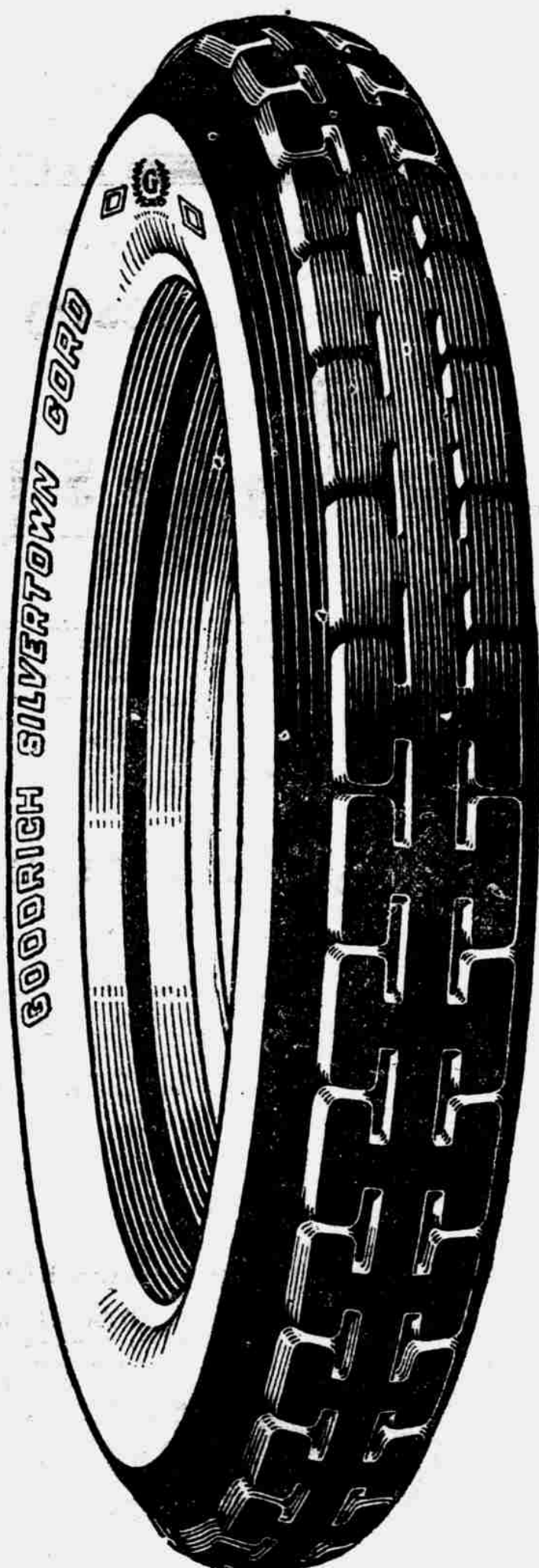
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