

# Charlevoix County Herald.

## Class of 1925 Makes Its Bow

Thomas E. Johnson Enthuses Capacity Audience On Theme "The Four Pursuits."

Many Honor Medals Presented Students By Prin. Waggoner.

As was suggested in their motto, Tonight We Launch, Where Shall We Anchor? the Class of 1925 weighed anchor and put to sea, leaving the harbor and the shore behind, bravely facing the open waters where the gales and storms of life are fiercer and where the waves roll higher, so that unless the ship is well constructed on the planks of character and stability it may go under. Those on the shore have already waved them God speed and good luck. May they take the greater burden of sailing their ship on life's ocean with a steadfast courage that will sooner or later bring them to the harbor of successful accomplishment. No doubt, it will if they follow the compass and the principles for which the Public Schools in America stand. A large enthusiastic audience bade the Class a farewell.

Seldom does a class leave the Public Schools under more delightful conditions. The evening was cool and pleasant after a heavy shower, thus encouraging a large audience to attend the Commencement program. The class itself as far as we know at this time is about the largest ever graduated in the county, thirty-two in number, fourteen boys and eighteen girls, making it well balanced as to sex. As was hinted, perhaps the boys were better looking than the girls, but the girls won the lion's share of the honors.

Miss Marie McDonald, valedictorian, with 96 per cent plus not only won a gold medal that comes for 95 per cent or better, but the \$100 scholarship presented for the student with all-around ability with the highest per cent. Miss MacDonald is to be congratulated on her fine record in the local schools. Miss Rose McCary won second honors, a gold medal and the \$50 scholarship that goes to the all-around student with second-highest standing, a distinct honor indeed. Miss Sadie Murphy, another senior, also won a gold medal.

Among those of the Seniors receiving a gold-filled medal include Miss Leatha Cox, Miss Dorothy Kitsman and Carlton Bowen, for 95 per cent or better this year. Only brilliance and the hardest kind of work make it possible to win the above honors, and parents of the six girls and boys mentioned might well be proud. Many others in the Class of 1925 came very close to being similarly honored. Altogether, the school and city can be proud of the Class of 25. They made a creditable showing at a very opportune time.

Honorable Thomas E. Johnson, Supt. of Public Instruction, gave a very appropriate and strong talk on the theme "The Four Pursuits"—fame, unselfishness, God, and beauty. Mr. Johnson's introduction was very clever and got the attention of the audience at once. He said, "Many times we older ones think the world is going to the bow-wows, but let's be charitable, look back at our own lives as boys and girls twenty or thirty years ago, see if there was anything to criticize." He knew that there were many things that he would not have everyone know, therefore he thought the type of young people going out tonight not only from this school but from the thousands over the land gave every reason for encouragement for the future of this great republic as well as leaders for the nations less fortunate over the sea, for many of them are looking to America for the leadership that is being turned out of the schools in the great republic every year.

He said, "Win fame and distinction for the use it is to the world." We all the honors and the distinction you can, so that you will be a leader in the future days. This naturally leads to the next point, unselfishness. The world has been built up by the sacrifice and unselfishness of great personalities, mentioning many characters of history. The next was God and mysticism. Groping after the good through all history has been a factor in bringing civilization to its highest point and he encouraged them in the greatest of all ambitions, to be a first class follower of the supreme power.

Lastly, the ambition for beauty as exemplified by the great painters, sculptors, writers, and musicians. These four things are nothing more



than the striving for God and perfection. Following one of these pursuits, following God along is not enough, being unselfish is not enough, we should follow the four in order to have a full life of usefulness. Mr. Johnson's speech was very well received. It is a long time, according to many in the audience, since a better talk was given to a graduating class. It was a real pleasure to have Mr. Johnson with us and a distinct honor to the class. We appreciate his coming at a time when he is very busy. He talked the Wednesday night before in Columbus, Ohio and came all the way from that city to East Jordan.

The medals were presented in a very pleasing manner by Principal R. L. Waggoner, not only to the Seniors as mentioned in the fore part of this article, but also to the lower classmen.

Gold-filled medals were presented to Miss Elizabeth Sidebotham, Miss Eva McBride, and Miss Lucile Bartlett. These are the second medals presented by their girls.

First year Honor Medals were presented to the following for 95 per cent or better in their work for the year 1924-25: Anna Luu, Harold Clark, Evelyn Webster, Rosetta Bennett, Erma Bennett, Dorothy Hager, Ruth Clark, the first two being Sophomores.

A number of the medals came as a distinct surprise to some of the students. The program was brief but very pleasing. The Boys Glee Club sang "The Long Long Road" very well, and Miss Gertrude Sanford, our Music Supervisor, greatly pleased the audience by singing "Merry Merry Morn." Miss Sanford was eared enthusiastically.

With brief but very appropriate words, Roy E. Webster, President of the School Board, gave out the diplomas to the 32 members of the Class of 1925, the largest the school has ever graduated. I think the Public Schools are to be congratulated on the year just closing not only for the fine graduating class turned out, but the fine spirit of cooperation between the school and patrons. One more Commencement of the East Jordan High School passes into history.

### Math. Department

Mr. Clyde Snelenberger, head of the the Mathematics Dept. is one of the strongest teachers in the state. He requires the maximum of work for the minimum of credit. He has the ability to present the work very clearly and students like it. Next year he will offer a class in Solid Geometry and Advanced Algebra, besides his regular schedule. It is surprising how much the public will stand from the man who pays cash.

### The Graduating Class

The graduating class of the East Jordan High School is the largest in the history of the school. This class has a remarkable list of achievements to their credit. Only four of the original members of the class, who started in the Kindergarten with Miss Martha Frieberg, are left.

Can you think back to the year of 1912 and see this splendid group of young men and women as mere tots playing in the sand and making fancy little nothings with paper. Year by year they have had their little troubles and joys until now they graduate and pass from the care of the school that they have served and loved so well.

The scholarship of this class has been exceptional. Ten, out of the thirty-two, have averages of ninety per cent or better. Six have an average of ninety-two or better. Three are above ninety-five per cent. Averages like these do not grow by exposure but by concentration. They have worked hard and well.

To prove that they are progressing the class almost as a whole is planning on attending some higher institution of learning. Five or more are planning to attend Alma College. A small number have chosen Mt. Pleasant. Kalamazoo will probably receive a lift as will several other schools. At least one of the girls plans on taking up nursing. It would seem that they have taken their motto in earnest, "Tonight We Launch, Where Shall We Anchor."

For the four last years this class has had the privilege of enjoying the new High School building. East Jordan High School is organized on a six year plan so that students in the lower grades have the benefit of better equipment and association with a greater number of teachers.

### Agricultural Department

The Agricultural Department of the East Jordan High School is only one of its type in Charlevoix county and there are only a few in Northern Michigan. It is of a high standard and because of this, not only receive the state aid but also federal money under the Smith Hughes Law of 1917. We have a well equipped laboratory and offer courses in Economic Zoology and Botany for Freshman, Field Crops and Horticulture for Sophomores, Animal Husbandry for Juniors and Soils and Farm Management for Seniors. All of these subjects, other than Animal Husbandry, are half year subjects; all count for Graduation and are received as entrance credits to any college.

### Supt. A. J. Duncanson Expresses His Appreciation

Seldom does a Supt. of Schools have more cause for congratulation than the present Supt. of the East Jordan Public Schools. Not once during the year has a request been made that has not been fulfilled almost to the letter. This has been true also of the School Board and citizens of East Jordan. This article, however, deals particularly with the East Jordan High School faculty. There are four men besides the Superintendent on the faculty, everyone had his particular work to do and there has yet to be a hitch between the five men including myself.

Mr. Waggoner has proven a strong principal and Mr. Gallup, State Federal Vocational Director, counts Mr. Jacklin as one of the few very strong Agricultural men in Michigan, and without doubt Mr. Snelenberger is one of the best Math. men East Jordan has had, and surely we are to be congratulated on our Manual Training Instructor, Mr. A. E. Wells. It would be almost impossible for me to go over everyone. Our Commercial department, headed by Miss Filkins, has won statewide honors and is without a doubt the strongest Commercial department in northern Michigan. The English department, always strong, has not gone back any under Miss Ruth Miller. Miss Smythe has done very good work in her department. It is not taking anything from former Domestic Science Instructors to say that the Domestic Science and arts department is the strongest in the history of the school. The work is of a practical nature and has been very fine.

Mrs. Blount has a good Junior High School and is one of our strong teachers, filling a very important post in the East Jordan Public Schools. Our Music teacher, Miss Sanford, has done exceptionally well and deserves the commendation of the whole community on her work the last two years. Allegan is to be congratulated on getting the type teacher Miss Sanford is.

In the grades there was not a weak teacher in the system and we only hope that in the future as strong a staff will be secured as the one the past year. In writing, in music, in notebook work, throughout the grades, in every way the grades have made a distinct step forward. This is shown by the results which will no doubt be displayed at the Fair as well as in the school rooms some time in October. The public may be able to judge for themselves. Time and space does not allow me to mention them all but the Superintendent feels it is due the faculty of the East

Jordan Public Schools that a word of commendation and appreciation be expressed by the Superintendent who has not been deficient in making requirements of them. Therefore, I am grateful for the opportunity to thank the teachers for the school year 1924-25 for the fine spirit of work and co-operation displayed. This was mentioned by Mr. Goodrich a few months ago so that I am not alone in my sentiments.  
Signed,  
A. J. DUNCANSON  
Superintendent.

### Manual Training Department

The Manual Training Department directed by A. E. Wells have done an excellent piece of work. The boys in the ninth grade have been working on Cedar Chests as their Project and have completed 18 of them. The advanced classes have worked on different pieces of furniture and have accomplished some nice work. In their exhibit which was held about three weeks ago there could be found almost any piece of furniture such as porch swings, kitchen cabinets, tables, library andavenport, sewing baskets, chiffonets, dressers and radio cabinets. The boys have had a little work in machine shop practice, wood turning, sheet metal, practical carpentry work and plumbing. The course offered is more of a household mechanic course, teaching the boys how to do odd mechanical jobs around home. The course offered for next year will include all the work covered this year with the addition of a course in concrete and cement work. Mr. Wells also has the Mechanical Drawing Course and is offering courses in beginning Mechanical Drawing, Machine Designs, Furniture Designs, House Planning and Blue Print Reading. A visit to the Fair next fall will show you what the boys have done in Drawing and Manual Training.

### English Department

As English is our native language and most important too, so it is stressed. Miss Ruth Miller who has charge of the English Dept. gets results and produces Henry Clays and Websters. During the coming year East Jordan will again enter the Debating League and Miss Miller will have charge of the team.

### Latin Department

East Jordan High School offers four years of Latin next year. The department will be in charge of Grace Gardner a graduate of Hope College and a strong teacher.

## Class Day Exercises

The program given Wednesday evening presented several unique features. The Sophomore Class is to be congratulated upon the stage setting, for as the curtains were drawn back, the audience was confronted with a formal garden. Murmurs of pleased surprise rippled over the spectators. The entire stage had been turned into a garden, with winding walks outlined by stones, flower beds, a pergola, rustic seats here and there, and over head gay butterflies all a flutter. Upon the benches were the members of the Class, the girls in trim white linen gowns, the boys in conventional suits.

The program was opened by Miss McCary, the second honor student, in her salutatory she very happily compared her part to the cocktail at a banquet and as she cleverly alluded to each member on the program she surely whetted the appetite for the next number, and with her cordial welcome put every one in a happy humor for what was to follow.

Grace Ellison delivered the history. Four of the present class started with Miss Frieberg in the Kindergarten. Miss Ellison compared the class to the crew of a ship, the teachers to the officers, and very happily carried the figure through to the part of commencement without accident or loss of passenger.

Amos Jackson, as the dignified and solemn lawyer, read the Class Will in an equally solemn manner, with many apt allusions both to teachers and pupils, hitting off the peculiarities of all with true humor which never gives offense.

The violin solo given by Richard Nachazel, accompanied by Miss Kaufman, proved a very pleasing number.

The Class Poem has again something different from the accepted order. An urn filled with beautiful American Beauty Roses was placed on a pedestal and from the heart of each rose Miss Murphy drew a verse appropriate to each member of the class. Proving surely that the author of the poem knew where she wrote. The poem ended with a fine exhortation to the class. While the bits of verse were being read each member in turn received a red rose.

It was fitting that the youngest member of the class and one of the three youngest that have ever graduated from our High School, so far, should deliver the Prophecy. Riley Stewart, posing as an insurance solicitor and visiting East Jordan after twenty-five years, interviewed Gordan Sweet, who supposedly had remained in the old home town, and through him Riley surely gleaned some very astonishing news about the present class.

The double quartette, after recovering from stage fright or rather from facing the foot lights, sang well and responded to the hearty applause with a very catchy encore.

The Class, having always depended upon Donald Clark to originate the Class "Stunts," it fell upon him to act as Gifforian. His table of gifts looked like a rummage sale, no one escaped, space will not permit the mentioning of half of the gifts, but they ranged from the Principal's tin fish through every kind of a toy with a joke too firmly attached some times to suit the recipient. Miss Bardwell's was perhaps the cleverest. Miss Bardwell once upon a time, in giving a talk upon the use of silver at a formal dinner emphasized the fact that one must eat from the "outside in," so Mr. Clark gave her a banana. He gave Mr. Wells a mute, as it is so difficult to hear Wells in the halls or classroom. And finally the Class gave Miss Colden a five dollar gold piece that showed in a small way how much her efforts as clerk in the school are appreciated.

The Valedictory by Miss MacDonald, the first honor student, was filled with advice, wit and humor. She drew vivid word pictures of the opportunities of the present, in the scientific, the patriotic and the religious lines of work. She gave a humorous poem describing the good old times and proving that there never has been a time so full of opportunities for public service as the present. It was a splendid valedictory, well delivered.

And lastly came the Class Song which was unusually good, thanks to the careful drilling of Miss Sanford, who always gets from her pupils the best that is in them.

The entire program was a success from start to finish, reflecting great credit upon the East Jordan High School.

Baccalaureate

The Baccalaureate program was given at the High School on Sunday evening, and even though the thermometer registered ninety, the auditorium was filled to capacity.

The stage was tastefully decorated for the occasion with ferns, potted flowers, and snowballs. The latter were used to suspend designs of the numerals 1925 which represent the graduating class. The ferns and flowers were used to decorate the front of the stage. The freshman class, under the direction of Mr. Snellenberger was responsible for the decorations.

The graduating class led by president Walker, and followed by the faculty, were conducted to their seats by Miss Dorothy Clark.

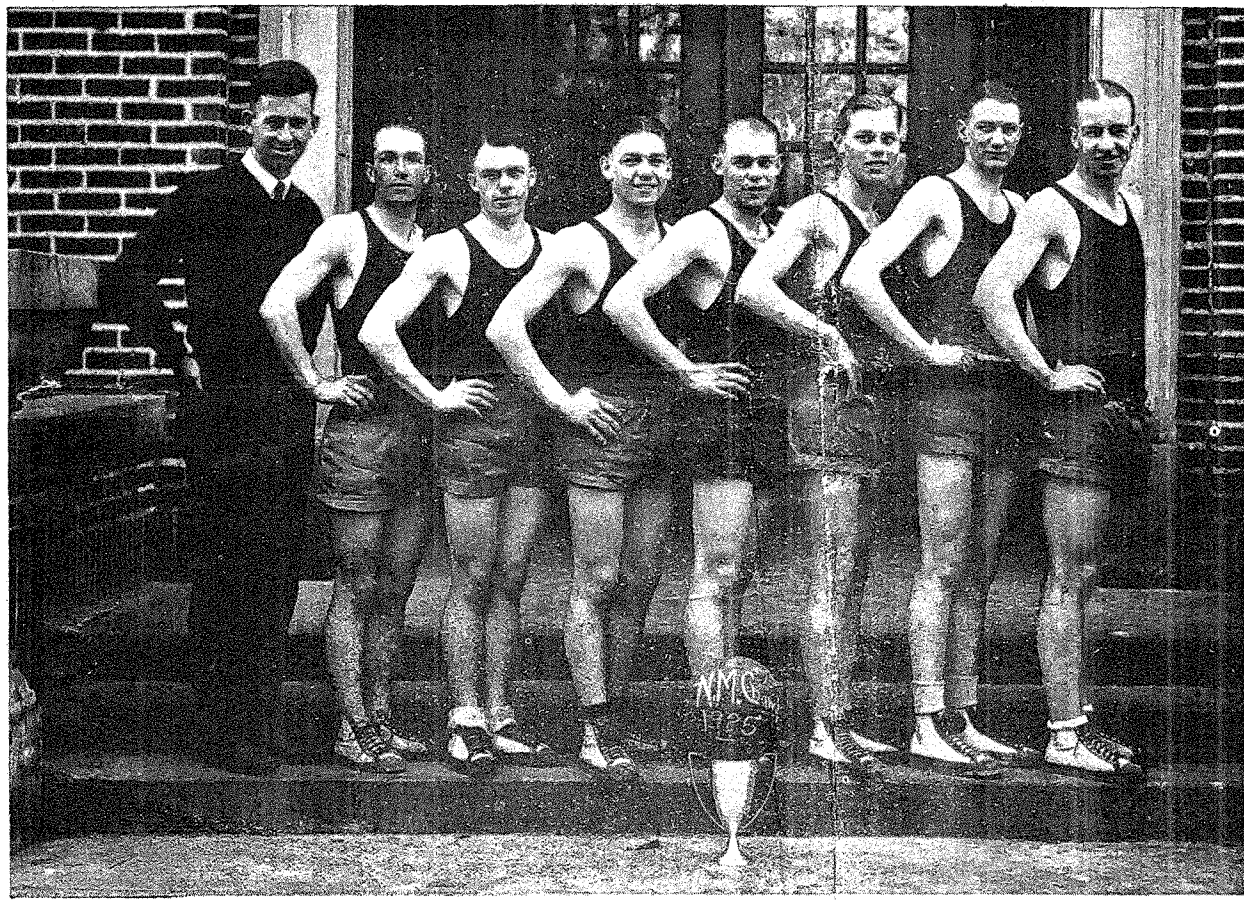
The prelude and accompaniments were played by Mrs. A. J. Suffern. The Ladies Chorus of the Study Club sang a very delightful number, "How Lovely are the Messengers," by Mendelssohn. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry Hiles, while Rev. C. W. Sidebotham acted as Chaplain. Rev. Hiles took as his text, 2 Cor. 9:6. He that soweth sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully.

The essence of the sermon was that everything preaches to us of the sure possibility of getting something for nothing. In the long run the magnitude of harvest will correspond to the liberality of the sowing. The balance will always be kept for it is God that keeps it and yet the human mind is forever falling under the allurement that is forever possible by a little trick, a little manipulation a new shuffling of the cards to get something for nothing. A striking example of this invertible habit of the human mind to get something for nothing is the age old problem of obtaining perpetual motion. Always it has been hoped that by some trick no one else thought of a great end will be accomplished, but forever the long list of inventors have been doomed to disappointment. They forget that no matter how many cogs and balances, distance and fly wheels they may have they cannot get one grain of motion from a machine unless they feed a corresponding power into it.

Young men and women of the graduating class, you are facing life more fully than you have ever been called upon to face it before. There is a delusion from which some minds are never able to extricate themselves. It is the delusion that the work of life may be encompassed by short cuts and never dodges. When this thing gets hold of us we cannot shake ourselves free from the settled belief that it is all means of a trick, a secret, that some men and women accomplish so much and leave the world everlastingly in their debt. Avoid it as you would a plague. Be assured of this, there never was a harvest of results gathered in this world unless there was a heavy sowing of sweat and labor somewhere. It is an unfailing law that the full price must be paid for supreme achievement.

Here a number of illustrations were offered from the lives of well known men in various professions who had indeed reaped bountiful harvests for whose lives the world was indeed better, providing that the sowing had been heavy and laborious. "And then in that more important realm of all life, the realm of religion, we find that the same law holds good. As a man soweth so shall he also reap. Yet how very sparingly we sow. I beseech you, young friends, standing on the threshold of life to seriously ponder on how much you will put into religion. What religion means to you in later life depends wholly on what you put into it. You may make many good investments in the course of your life. I sincerely trust that you will be assured you will not go astray if you invest heavily in this best of all investments, religion. The more you have in it the more you will get out of it. You cannot get something for nothing here."

Here was offered the following illustration: "A small country church unable to afford a regular preacher, from time to time brought in supplies. Their expenses were paid by the voluntary contributions of the audience, placed into a box at the door. A preacher for a certain Sunday walked in from a distance, bringing his little boy with him. Seeing the box at the door and supposing it to be a missionary box, he drew a quarter from his pocket placing it in the box, and passed into the church. When the service was over and they were ready to dismiss, one of the deacons accompanied them to the door, unlocked the box, and found in it nothing but the quarter the preacher himself had put in, but with apologies he handed it to the preacher in payment for his services. On the way home the little lad said "Daddy, how much did you get out of the box?" "Why, only a quarter, my boy," said the father, "but, daddy," said the boy "wasn't that the quarter you put in there?" "Yes, it was." For a time there was silence. Then the little lad broke the silence by saying, "Daddy, do you know what I have been thinking?" "What have you been thinking, my boy?" asked the father. "Why, I have been thinking that if you put more into



E. J. H. S. BASKET BALL TEAM

Left to right—Coach Arthur E. Wells, George Palmer, Thaxter Shaw, Alfred Smith, Louis Holstad, Erling Johnson, Marvin Benson, Captain Floyd Walker.

that box you would have gotten more out of it wouldn't you?"

That little lad said more than he knew. It is eternally true that if we put more into a thing we shall surely get more out of it. He that soweth bountifully shall also reap bountifully, and I would remind you, young men and women of the graduating class, that if you start out on life's journey with the determination to put something worth while into life, you will find that life holds something worth while for you. If you sow bountifully you shall also in God's good time reap bountifully."

Basket Ball Review

Basket ball always an important item loomed forward this year as one of the things of the year.

In the first place there were six senior fellows, who regularly make the trips with this gang. The team according to positions was as follows.

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| Erling Johnson | F. | Alfred Smith  |
| Thaxter Shaw   | F. |               |
| Floyd Walker   | C. | Marvin Benson |
| George Palmer  | G. |               |
| Lewis Holstad  | G. | Robert Mackey |

This same aggregation played the schedule and at the end of the season entered in not only the district Tournament but also the State Tournament at Ann Arbor.

This team was coached by A. E. Wells and as a further help there was a splendid second team composed of fellows who were out at every practice working as hard as the regulars.

The first game of the season was at Boyne Falls. This was a none too pleasant ride—and the gym was much smaller than the fellows were used to but nevertheless they were victorious.

The next game was with Bellaire at E. J. and the girls team was beaten, the boys again won. Then followed Central Lake and this night both teams were victorious.

At this time it was heard that the N. Y. Nationals were playing the Grayling Independents, so Coach Wells secured a game with Grayling H. S. team as a preliminary. This trip was made on a special train leaving here about 3:30 p. m. returning about 9:00 the next day. A large crowd from E. J. went on this trip as well as the team who won this game.

Bellaire was the next on the list and a special train was chartered for this occasion and was filled to capacity. Both teams made this trip and again the fellows were victorious, although the girls were beaten.

The next journey was to Central Lake. Both teams went and the girls won by a large margin, the fellows also won.

Mancelona then came to the local gym to have their girls beaten but

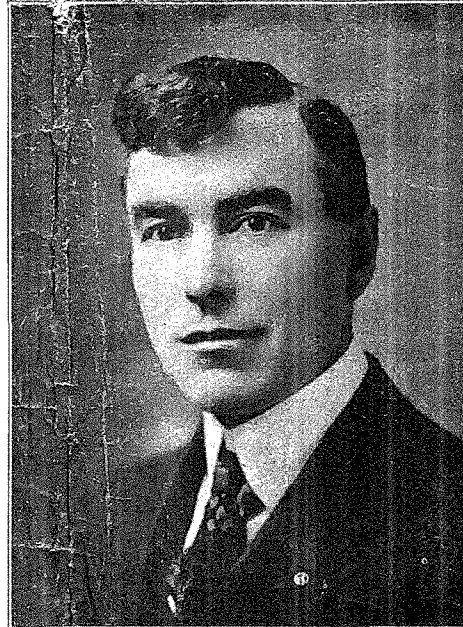
SUPT. A. J. DUNCANSON

Supt. Duncanson has just completed his fourth year as head of the East Jordan Public Schools.

Never before in the history of our Schools has the spirit of harmony been more prevalent than during his administration. The Board of Education, The Faculty The Patron and The Pupil have all united in endorsing the policies as laid down by the head of our Public School system. The result has been that criticism of our schools—which is too often often prevalent in many communities—has been entirely eliminated.

During Mr. Duncanson's four years' administration, our School System has developed wonderfully. In addition to strengthening every department of our educational system, Mr. Duncanson has developed athletic activities and was instrumental in organizing the High School Band, which is a credit to any school.

It is a pleasure to know that Supt. Duncanson will continue to be with us during the coming school year.



their fellows won.

Harbor Springs was next on the schedule and perhaps the one team the fellows wanted to win from more than all others. Although they were beaten.

Then followed two games with Charlevoix—our fellows getting beaten there and coming back strong over here and winning.

They were next entered in the Tournament at Petoskey. Here they played good ball but were nosed out of first place by Harbor Springs.

So enthusiastic were the people of East Jordan about the calibre of this team and its successful season that enough money was raised, the senior class starting the donations, to send this gang to Ann Arbor.

So much spirit had been gotten up when Harbor Springs won from us three times in succession, that when they encountered them again at their first game—the E. J. fellows won.

This was the closing of a most successful season—besides they had reached that one aim—they had won from Harbor Springs.

Domestic Science Department

The Domestic Science Department under the supervision of Miss Helene Bardwell has completed a most successful year. The girls have served a number of meals in which they planned their menu and did all of their own cooking and serving, each group alter-

ating, thereby learning both the preparing and the serving of foods. In sewing the girls have had problems in underwear, blouses, make-overs and dresses. They have learned the correct style and design to be worn by the different types of people. The coming year a course in cooking will be offered for beginners which includes Freshman and those who have not taken work in Home Economics beyond the eighth grade. A course including Costume Design, House Furnishing, Textiles and the actual making of garments will be offered for advanced students. Another course for advanced students and those interested in foods will be given, this course includes Dietetics, Marketing, Table Service and Cooking.

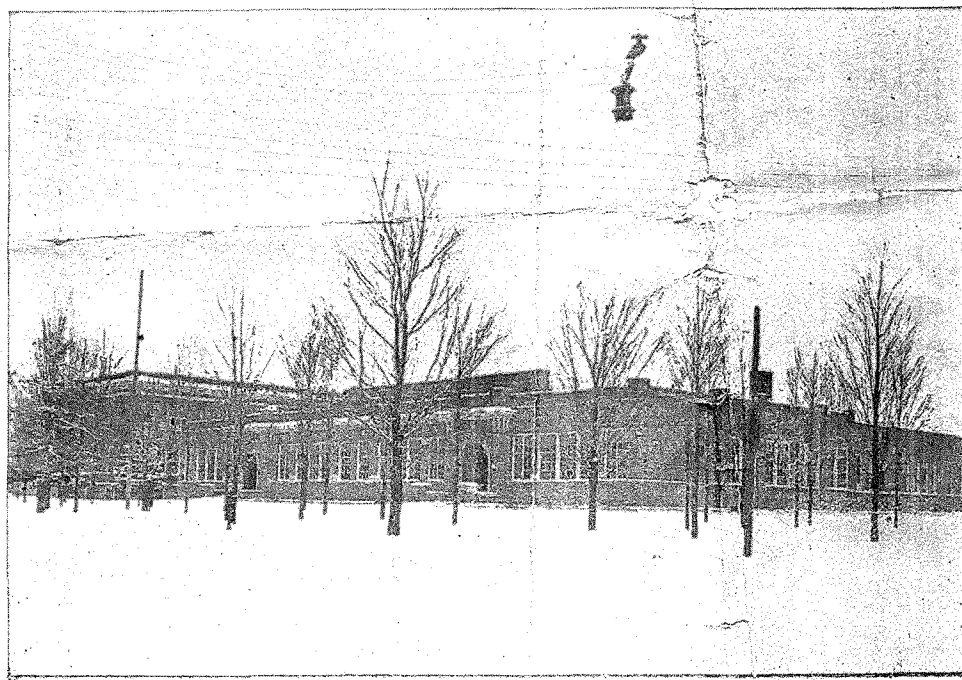
Science Department

Physics will be the subject taught with the coming year as Chemistry is alternated with it. New apparatus was purchased two years ago and more has been ordered for next year. The new apparatus will put the department on a much higher plain and the instructor promises a real course next year. We also boast one of the best equipped Chemical Laboratories in Northern Michigan.

There may be two sides to every question but it takes more than two eyes to see them both at the same time.

Very often the man who laughs at the foibles of sweet young things wears his winter coat all during the summer.

East Jordan High School



Commercial Department

The Commercial Dept. of the East Jordan High School is among the strongest in the state. Miss Annabel Filkins, the teacher, is exacting and painstaking and the results of her efforts have been remarkable. During the past three years East Jordan has won eleven out of sixteen possible firsts in the sectional contests and has never failed to place among the first at the state contest. A former East Jordan student, who received all of her training in this school, recently received second in the worlds shorthand contest. Any student receiving full credits in Short Hand and Typewriting, we guarantee to be good enough to take a position as stenographer without further training.

Str. Trip To Mackinaw Island

On Tuesday, June 9, the Senior Class started for Mackinac Island. There were twenty-six in the party with Miss Miller as chaperone. The time set for starting was 3:00 a. m., but owing to considerable delay it was 6:30 before starting.

It was the plan to drive to Mackinaw City and go over to the Island on the first boat in the morning. However, the first boat was missed by about 15 minutes and so we were obliged to wait for the next one which left at 1:15.

It was decided as we had a picnic lunch with us, to spend the time at a suitable place. We found the park at Mackinaw City a very desirable place to eat so the remaining time was spent most enjoyably.

At 1:15 promptly the boat left, having as part of the cargo twenty-six eager seniors.

The trip across was quite eventful. The water was neither real calm nor real rough.

Upon arriving at the Island, about the first place explored was the high bluff and from there into the Supt's office. The Supt. of the Island as it happens is a former E. J. resident and Mr. Frank Kenyon and he very kindly gave us full directions for finding the most interesting places on the Island.

Not very much of the Island was left unexplored, and as a result you can imagine that these same seniors were very hungry.

Mr. Kenyon very kindly turned over his office to us—and besides that made some delicious coffee. Some of the fellows were then instructed to get the eats and as there was a fire place in the office a unanimous vote was cast for a weenie roast which proved a lot of fun.

After visiting some of the many souvenir shops the crowd boarded the 7:15 boat for Mackinaw City on our perhaps not as lively but in just as high spirits as before.

The trip was a lovely one—one of which the memory will always linger—possibly more so because it was the last outing of the class of 1925.

It is about time for weeds to take over the spring gardens.

Bishop Scores "Uplifting"

Utica, N. Y.—"God save us from any more constitutional amendments."

With this solemn invocation, the Rt. Rev. Charles Siske, head of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Central New York, dismisses "as the curse of America" the "professional uplifting which attempts to crystallize morals by putting laws on the statute books."

Propose 13-Month Year

London—British railway companies have approved a proposal to divide the year in 13 months instead of 12. The scheme is being put forward by the League of Nations.

It would involve a fixed date for Easter and an extra day would have to be inserted in between the 13 months to bring the total of days in the year to 365.

Radio Study Wins Degree

Iowa City, Ia.—Clifford Lindgren, an invalid in his home at Burlington, Ia., has been awarded the first B. A. degree given by the University of Iowa for work taken through radio. Although unable to attend commencement, the university radio station carried Dean Kay's words of praise to the boy in Burlington "listening in."

Belgium Gets Loan

New York—Plotation of a \$50,000,000 loan for the Kingdom of Belgium, the largest foreign bond offering arranged here this year, was announced by J. P. Morgan & Co. Public offering of the issue, which matures in 30 years and carries a 7 per cent interest rate, will be made.

University Gets \$2,000,000

Durham, N. C.—An additional gift of \$2,000,000 by James B. Duke, tobacco magnate, to Duke University, has been announced by R. P. Few, president of the institution. The gift increases the building fund previously created by Mr. Duke from \$6,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

BRIEF NEWS OF WORLD EVENTS

U. S. Gunboat Exchanges Shots With Chinese Troops Without Casualties

Canton—The American gunboat Pampanga of the South China Patrol was fired on near Whampoa while conveying a supply launch to the Canton Christian College. The Pampanga returned the fire. No casualties were reported.

Fighting day and night, armies of rival military leaders continued their battle for possession of Canton with new fury as telling blows were reflected in increased casualties.

A force of Kwangtung troops in the attacking Cantonese army was shot into the river when an attempt was made to make a surprise landing, which was discovered by the defending forces. Heavy casualties resulted, and at dawn many bodies were seen in the river.

Additional foreign gunboats have arrived, making a total of 10 in port. The foreign warcraft were being used to administer medical assistance to wounded residents of the river front.

United States marines have been landed on Honan Island, in the Pearl River, near Canton, to protect the American Christian College.

United Church Is Formed

Toronto, Ont.—The United Church of Canada, formed after 23 years of steadfast effort by the Central Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational organizations in the Dominion, has been solemnly established. While Dominion leaders of the three bodies assembled in Toronto for the national celebration of Canada's unique achievement in Christian unity, local celebrations were held from the Pacific to the Atlantic—central services in churches, in halls or armories or in public parks.

Slayer Goes Insane

Joliet, Ill.—Richard Loeb, one of the slayers of Bobby Franks, is insane. His condition was brought about by nine months of confinement in the Joliet penitentiary, superinduced by a severe attack of measles.

This is the official statement given out by Warden John B. Whitman at the state institution following reports from the physicians and two alienists who had seen the youthful killer under observation since he became delirious.

Greek Cabinet Quits

Athens—The Greek cabinet headed by Premier M. Michalakopoulos, has resigned. It was formed Oct. 6, 1924. Possibility of a coup to overthrow the government was also in evidence. The government ordered troops transferred to Athens as a precautionary measure. Disappointed inferior officers were said to be in a threatening attitude, and it was deemed best to guard against an outbreak on their part.

Herriot Remains Mayor

Paris—Edouard Herriot, president of the chamber of commerce of deputies and former premier, who tendered his resignation as mayor of Lyons, has been prevailed upon by his friends and political supporters to withdraw it. He has held the Lyons mayoralty for 20 years and was re-elected unambiguously in the recent elections, which, however, returned a majority of extreme socialists to the municipal council.

Greek Rebels Seize Town

Athens—Marital law has been proclaimed at Samos, and rebels to the number of 600 occupy the port of Vathy, it was officially announced. The movement at Samos was described by government officials as being of a "brigandage nature." The rebels stole half a million drachmas from the state bank. Greek troops have begun to disembark from destroyers to blockade the island.

Consul's Time Extended

Washington—President Coolidge has issued an executive order extending the commission of John G. Foster, consul-general at Ottawa, Canada, for one year. Foster, who is 65 years old, would have been retired on July 1, under the provisions of the foreign service act. Foster has been consul general at Ottawa since 1923. His home is in Derby Line, Vermont.

Berlin Taxi Rates Lowered

Berlin—Small electric taxis with just room enough for two are the reply a German automobile company has made to the cry for cheaper taxi fares.

Already a number of the speedy "bug-me-tights" are skipping around corners and whizzing through traffic tangles which defy the heavier gas-line burners.

Legion to Aid Defense Plan

Washington—James A. Drain, national commander of the American Legion informed Acting Secretary of War Davis that the veterans would cooperate fully with the War Department in the defense mobilization on July 4.