

**Paw Paw High Class of 1915**

# GRADUATES FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

## Twenty-three Receive Diplomas. Splendid Exercises Held at the Rink.

The class of 1915:

Edwin Webb	President
Marguerite Miller	Vice President
Lois Finch	Secretary
Sibyl Nunnerly	Treasurer
Lillian Andrews	Cora Bell Austin
George Bailey	Lucile Blakeman
Lucy Boothby	Doris Johnson
Charles Langdon	Carrie Latshaw
Bernice Lewis	Helen Lewis
Nahldene Lyle	Gertrude Riedel
Harriet Shepherd	Ray Salisbury
Irma Smith	Warren Smith
Mildred Yowler	Charles Varney, Jr.
	Hannah Sturtevant

The "Sands of Time" run swiftly, and another school year has come and gone. The old school bell will never call to "The Red Brick" the same pupils and teachers to its halls of learning. As it sends forth its resonant tones on the first Tuesday of next September in the high school room there will be missing from their accustomed places 23 bright and happy faces as well as those of Supt. Robertson, Mrs. Mabel Barber, Miss Armstrong and Miss Crane; also Miss Moore of the second grade, who go to new fields of labor.

The Commencement exercises took place last Thursday evening at the rink, whose bare walls and unsightly rafters had been converted into a garden of beauty. A large platform had been erected in the south end of the building. This was completely covered with potted plants, ferns, hanging baskets and large bowls of roses, the class flower. Old Glory was also given its rightful place as a fitting background. A large electric rose in pink helped to make the scenery most complete.

Fischer's orchestra of Kalamazoo furnished the evening's music and was highly enjoyed. As the opening march was played the class of 1915 marched in, led by Supt. Robertson and the teachers of the high school, and took their seats on the platform. The girls of the class were neatly gowned in shirt waists and skirts and were as near alike as the different dressmakers could make them.

The invocation was given by Rev. C. H. Heaton. This was followed by the salutatory by Miss Lois Finch. The words of welcome were well chosen and well delivered.

The class history fell to Miss Nahldene Lyle, who told of the trials and many hardships as well as the pleasures that the class had passed through in its years of school life. Her production was sprinkled with many witty sayings and episodes and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

Miss Doris Johnson was the poetess for the class and well does she deserve the title. Her poem was fine and contained many good thoughts.

The Misses Marguerite Miller and Lillian Andrews are the musicians in the class and delightfully did they execute a difficult piano duet.

The future of this distinguished class was pictured by Miss Harriet Shepherd, who gave to each and every member the one desire of their heart. "To be or not to be" future years will decide.

The class orator this year did not fall

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into the hands of a male member, but a young lady, Miss Gertrude Riedel, captured this honor and rightly did she prove worthy. She has been gifted with a fine voice that could be heard to the farthest corner of the large building. Her articulation and expression were of the best. Her oration was full of good thoughts and treated of the benefits of universal peace, which made its impression on all.

The only boy to take part in the exercises was Charles Langdon, who drew up in legal form the Class Will that set forth what the class, which was about to leave, would bequeath to those who remained. It was a queer document and greatly enjoyed.

The highest honor of the class, the valedictory, was given to Miss Irma Smith, and surely did she merit the honor. Her parting words to the teachers, school and the members of the class that had been so closely united for the four years of hard work in the high school were very appropriate and interesting.

Supt. A. H. Robertson presented the class with their well earned diplomas. His remarks to the class and to all were brief and full of deep feeling. He spoke of the regret of leaving the place and schools for other fields and that he only could hope that the high feeling of regard that he maintained for all would always be reciprocated. Mr. Robertson has done much for the schools and it is with a feeling of regret that the good byes were said, and we are sure that as he leaves for his new field of labor in Allegan that he will be followed by the good wishes of all.

As the orchestra played its farewell march the large crowd filed out with a feeling of happiness as well as sadness, and the class of 1915 passes out to become men and women of the world.

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