

CEDAR FALLS COMMENCEMENT.

Address by Mr. E. D. Broadhurst of Greensboro—Large Attendance.

The commencement exercises at Cedar Falls occurred Friday, April 14th. The well arranged and interesting program lasting all day. It reflects much credit upon Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Bowman, who are in charge of the school, and upon the children, who so enthusiastically took part in the program. The attendance was large, all reporting that not the slightest incident occurred to mar the pleasure of the day.

The address was delivered by Mr. E. D. Broadhurst, of Greensboro, and was a broadly constructed argument for the cause of better public schools. He laid great stress upon the importance of local taxation for the support of graded schools. He spoke very highly of the Cedar Falls school, complimenting both teachers and pupils on the report of the year's work.

Mr. Broadhurst made a lasting impression on his hearers and much good is expected as a result of his plea for higher education. Prof. D. M. Weatherly, of Franklinville, spoke at length during the afternoon. His enthusiasm in the cause of education and knowledge of local conditions made his speech very interesting and instructive.

A string band composed of local musicians furnished excellent music during the exercises of the morning, afternoon and evening. The members of the band are B. F. Gray, Isaac W. Alfred, Albion Alfred and Shelly Glass, violins; Chas. Glass, banjo; and Walter Craven, clarinet.

PROGRAM.

Prayer—by Rev. Calder.
 Gathering of Tears—Song by School.
 Opening Address—Lillian Reese.
 Recitation—A Little Girl's Speech—Minnie Cox.
 A Little Boy's Speech—Clyde Cox.
 MUSIC—BAND.
 Recitation—Is There No By and Bye?—Alma Free.
 Recitation—Pictures of Memory—Bertha Cox.
 Declaration—Nature—Harvey Cross.
 Recitation—I'll Put it Off—Bessie Free.
 Recitation—How a Song Saved a Soul—Miss Flora Free.
 MUSIC.
 Declaration—A Very Little Boy—Benjamin Free.
 Recitation—Decorations Day—Miss Anna Brady.
 A Little Boy's Lament—Erwin Troglon.
 MUSIC.
 An Address on Education—Prof. K. D. Broadhurst, of Greensboro.
 MUSIC.
 Declaration—Our Heroes—Clyde Bedding.
 Recitation—An Untimely Call—Miss Alma Wren.
 Recitation—She Would have Chawing Gum—Miss Annals Alfred.
 Tower—Rowland Craven.
 Declaration—Rings on the Rhine—Thos. Free.
 MUSIC.

NOON RECESS

Recitation—The Last hymn—Miss Gertha Troglon.
 Recitation—Nobody's Child—Miss Maud Free.
 A Solemn Fact—Gurney Craven.
 MUSIC.
 What's the Matter—Adleto Troglon.
 Dollies Birthday—Lacy Free.
 I'm Very Young—Eula Troglon.
 Boys Wanted—Clyde Hendricks.
 We are but Minutes—Clyde Craven.
 The Father of the Republic—James Free.
 MUSIC.
 Play—Force of Imagination—Four Little Girls.
 More Truth Than Poetry—Carl Troglon.
 Suppose—Bessie Troglon.
 MUSIC.
 Declaration—Reunited—Walter Troglon.
 Recitation—The Spanish Mother—Miss Gertrude Bedding.
 Recitation—What the Little Girl Said—Miss Bertha Cox.
 MUSIC.
 Play—Played and Lost—Two Girls and three Boys.
 Often there is Need of Trials—Lillian Reese.
 The Telegraph Office—Fletcher Free.
 MUSIC.
 Declaration—Eulogy of General Lee—Fred Glass.
 Valdictory—Miss Blanch Cox.
 Song—By School.

PROGRAM FOR THE NIGHT EXERCISES.

Prayer—A. G. Jennings of Cedar Falls.
 Song—School.
 Words of Welcome—Eunice Wren.
 Recitation—Mrs. Piper was a widow—Miss Mamma Free.
 Recitation—The Stout Chief's Daughter—Miss Gertrude Bedding.
 MUSIC.
 A Trial—The Great Pumpkin Case—sixteen Boys.
 A Sermon—Theology in the Quatero—Charley Free.
 MUSIC.
 Dialogue—Gentle and polite—Two Little Girls.
 Play—Scout to Your Work Gal—One Girl and four boys.
 MUSIC.
 Good By—Miss Ethel Reese.

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GRADERS FOR ROADS

POINTS ON MAKING GOOD USE OF THE MACHINES.

Season's Work Should Be Planned In Advance—Value of Having Graders In Use as Soon as the Ground is Dry—Best Way to Work the Horses.

The grading machine is unquestionably the most generally useful of modern roadmaking implements on roads of the class being built in Ontario, says the commissioner of highways in Ontario, Canada, in his ninth annual report. A road grader is a necessity in every township where good roads are being constructed. By their use the cost of grading the roads is greatly reduced and a great improvement in the making and repair of roads is effected. They are of greatest value in townships where gravel and broken stone are not to be had and dependence must be placed on earth roads. At the same time they are none the less a necessity in the construction and repair of gravel and broken stone roads, and even among stumps and stones when properly handled they work in a most surprising manner. It is not their use which it now seems necessary to urge, but rather there is need of guarding against their misuse.

A matter of first importance in making good use of a grader is to plan the season's work in advance. The township road commissioners, councillors or a committee of the council, according to the local system of road management, should go over the roads early in the year and determine what grading is required. This work should be staked out according to the definite width and dimensions of roads as required by township regulations. The grader when it commences in the spring should proceed to each piece of work consecutively and should be in use continuously until the grading is done for that year.

In some townships it is customary for the grading machines to go here and there over the township without method—one day on one side of the township, next day on the opposite side, then to another distant part, backward and forward, wasting a considerable part of the wages of men and teams in moving from one part of the township to another. By following a well considered schedule the cost of moving the machine between different pieces of work is reduced to a minimum.

Arrangements should be made every spring to have the grader in use as soon as the ground is sufficiently dry. The soil is then in its best condition for manipulation, having been mellowed by frost. The roads are rough and most in need of treatment. Roads which are properly graded early in spring are at once compacted by traffic, and they will remain in their best condition all summer. If the work is left until late in the season clay soils become baked and hardened, difficult to handle and rough when finished. Sandy soils if loosened up late in the year will be much more dusty than if treated early in the spring, when they are damp and readily compacted by traffic.

One of the first essentials in providing that the roads will be properly graded is to select the right man to operate the grader. He should be active and energetic, with some mechanical experience, one who will take an interest in his work, who will make a study of roadmaking and who will be willing to follow the instructions given him by the township road commissioner or councillor having supervision of the work. When such a man is found he should be engaged from year to year, so that his growing experience will render him more efficient.

The same horses should be used in operating the grader for an entire season at least. "Green" horses are very awkward, will not pull together, waste much time, and even a reliable man as operator cannot under such circumstances perform good work. Horses used continuously become accustomed to the work, to each other, to the driver and will produce much better results.

Some townships instead of horses use a traction engine for certain work. Where one can be rented from a local thrasher it can usually be obtained very cheaply in the early part of the year. Where a considerable stretch has to be graded without turning, as in cutting off the shoulders of old gravel roads, a traction engine is much preferable to horses. It is more steady.

The township regulations as to the width and dimensions of the road should be closely followed in grading. These generally provide for a width of twenty-four feet between the inside edges of the open drains on roads of greatest travel, twenty feet on roads of moderate travel and eighteen feet on roads of least travel. A rise of from one-half an inch to one inch to the foot from the inside edge of the drain to the center of the road is ample crown for a new road after the gravel or stone has been placed on it. More than this is unnecessary and an injury. There is a tendency in the use of graders to crown roads excessively, and this should be guarded against.

Where gravel or stone is regularly used for surfacing roads only such an extent of new road should be graded as can be meted and otherwise completed in the one summer. If this is not done the work of grading has practically to be done over in many cases before gravel can be applied, as the road will be so much cut by traffic and washed out by rains and freshets of the ensuing wet seasons. In addition the road is left in a very soft condition, readily turning it into a deep slough of mud. The ideal method for making a good road for traffic and for conserving the road metal is to roll down and consolidate the grade as laid by the grader. On this should be placed a layer of broken stone and this in turn rolled down for traffic.

The Boy.

Recently in Burke county court room, a grief-stricken mother surrendered the last cent she could rake and scrape and borrow to save her son from the chain gang. It was a piteous spectacle and one presenting a great moral lesson. The son had been raised and encouraged in idleness and shirking and selfishness and carelessness until he had naturally and inevitably developed into a lawless disorderly citizen. The lesson is that there are hundreds and thousands of boys (ten, twelve and fourteen years of age) headed in that direction now travelling as fast as life allows. They drop out of school because they do not want to work and then take to the streets

and the byways that lead to ruin. "They have sown the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind." They are idling on the streets and they shall work on the roads unless something is done to head them off from their logical destination. A sad day is dawning when parents acknowledge their inability to control their own boys, and these same boys ought to be kept at work at something even if the parents have to pay for the privilege; otherwise there will be a harder debt to pay in later years by the boys and the parents and the community.—News Herald.

Holliness.

One fought to serve his God,
 But lost all gentleness in might;
 One thought to serve his God,
 But walked all lonely on the heights
 One sought to serve his God,
 But missed the spirit in the rite.
 A fourth and wiser, found scant time to war
 Or dream or pray,
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 —Warwick James Price, in Criterion.

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