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KELLYS ISLAND SUMMER WEATHER

The sun and wind and skies,

Of all the world together,

Yet cannot rival

Kelley's Island Summer weather.

When fields are green and fair,

And lanes with grapes are fragrant,

When comrades seek sweet country

haunts,

Love loveth best

Earth's loveliest paradise,

Kelley's Island Summer weather.

FRESHMEN INITIATION

The Wednesday evening before grape-picking vacation was the time Marquette Hall, the place, and the Freshmen Initiation, the event.

The Juniors and Seniors innovated the idea this year for the first time in the history of Estes High and it was a "howling success." The Freshmen were gathered at the Park, tied together, and marched to the hall. From then on surprise followed surprise.

After the initiation proper, caricature slides made by Joseph and Steve Feyedelem of all the Freshmen were thrown on the screen at the hall, much to the hilarity of all except the individual being "taken off."

Refreshments were served to the Freshmen, the candy being made of the following excellent ingredients: sugar, cocoa, red and black peppers, ginger, castor oil, and various other unmentionable ingredients.

The evening was concluded with a dance after which all went to Martins for real refreshments.

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A DISTINGUISHED NATIVE AND ALUMNUS OF THE KELLY ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Prof. Karl Wilson Gehrken was born and reared on Kelleys Island. He is a graduate of our High School and of Oberlin College, receiving the A. B. and was granted the Master's degree from the same college in 1912. Professor Gehrken has been associated with the Oberlin schools for a period of nineteen years, seventeen of which he has served as supervisor of music. He studied one-half year at Columbia University, is the author of four well known books of music, is also co-editor with Walter Damroch and George H. Garthlan of a series of School Music books, which are coming to be known and used in every state in the Union as well as in foreign countries. Professor Gehrken has been prominent in various teachers' associations.

The editor would be glad to learn of other distinguished natives and alumni.

EDUCATION WEEK PROPERLY OBSERVED

Education week coming immediately after our vacation no previous preparation could be made for its observance. However, the boys and girls of the Estes High School as well as the teachers can do things when they have to even on the spur of the moment. We wanted to be loyal to the proclamation of our President as well as to the cause of Education. So we began Tuesday morning with a brief program by the Seniors. Wednesday morning the Juniors had charge of the exercises and on Thursday the Freshmen were the actors. Each class did well for the time they had to prepare. On Friday the seventh and eighth grades gave the regular Thursday's program and simply did themselves proud. Next week the programs will be completed by the lower grades and we are sure that the week's program has been of lasting benefit to the pupils and teachers of the Estes School.

Peggy—I'm full

Clifford—How full?

Peggy—Awful.

Circus—Daddy, cover up your coco. mother is serving hot coffee.

WHERE THE TEACHERS SPENT THEIR VACATIONS

Mr. Parks spent his entire vacation teaching for his daughter in the Poland High School near Youngstown, Ohio. Unfortunately his daughter was sick during this time but we are glad to know she is improving and it is hoped she will soon be ready for duty again.

Mr. Kiraly spent most of his time at his home in Cleveland and he says helping his mother (!). However, he and his mother motored to Detroit for a short visit.

Mrs. Schnittker took quite a motor trip and visited friends and relatives in Montgomery, Michigan, Cleveland and Sandusky, Ohio.

Miss Keinheimer spent two weeks of her time visiting friends in Cleveland and the remainder of the time at home.

Miss Perkinson spent her entire time in Cleveland and reports a splendid rest and a good time.

Miss Bell spent her vacation at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bell at West Mansfield, Ohio, and with former school friends at Columbus.

Miss Selma Nader had a pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Canada and Detroit.

Miss Mary Louise Duffley visited friends and relatives in Cleveland.

The Kelleys Island High School seems to have been established about 1885 and the first class to graduate was the class of 1889. The members of this class were Minnie Seaton, Maggie Stokes, Norman Vupp, and Lucy Sternburger. The second class to graduate was that of 1890 and consisted of Bertha Iucker, Elizabeth Iucker, Mary Gehrken, Jennie Defenbach, and Frank Martin. Of course we are not absolutely certain that the above is correct but give it as the best information available at present. We would like to know the post office address and occupations of each member of the above classes, we also desire the same information of such member of each succeeding class as we hope to publish in the succeeding issue of this paper the names, post office address and occupation of every graduate of the Kelleys Island High School. We hope to record these in a permanent record for future reference.

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ESTES TO BE MADE A FIRST
GRADE HIGH SCHOOL

At the last meeting of our Board of Education definite steps were taken to raise the Estes High School from a second grade school to a first grade school. This is certainly a step in the right direction as the Kelleys Island boys and girls are justly entitled to as good school advantages as are any other boys and girls of the state. These advantages the Kelleys Island graduates can not have under the present condition.

To leave home and home school to take up your last year of High School work is a hardship on parents and pupils under the very best conditions but to do the above when it is known that the pupils are likely to be cut off from even visiting at home, however serious may be the call, for at least two or three months during the year is a serious matter, indeed. Hence, so long as the opportunities for crossing the lake in winter are as they now are it behooves every one who has children to be educated above a second grade school or who sympathizes with those who have to do their best to establish a first grade school.

We will admit that it will be rather costlier than it would be were our school larger but under the present conditions money is a poor excuse for not maintaining a first grade school.

If you love your children give them an equal chance with other children by making Estes a first grade school. In after years should one of your boys and girls become famous you would not then think of what it cost but you would boast of what you did.

The plan is to have it a first grade at the beginning of school next September. The question as to whether the present class will have graduating exercises has been asked. The answer depends on when the new charter is granted or takes effect. If not until September 1925, commencement exercises guaranteed by law for the close of this year under the present charter. At least the diplomas must be granted.

A LETTER FROM THE
LOWER GRADES

Kelleys Island, Ohio,
Oct. 9, 1924

Dear Friends of Erie County,
I am a girl eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I live on Kelleys Island and go to the Estes School.

On the playground we have a giant stride and a slide. We have a court on which the larger boys and girls play tennis and volley ball. We have three or four baseball teams who keep the diamonds well occupied. Our superintendent is Mr. Parks and Mr. Eiraly is our High School Principal. Our teacher's name is Miss Reinheimer.

Last Wednesday our room (fifth and sixth grade) entertained the High School at opening exercises. First, Jeanette Lange spoke Abou Ben Adhem which the entire class learned. Then Samuel Bauman spoke October, and Maurice Brown sang "Little Boy Sleepyhead." Mary Marchky and Catherine Pysodelein spoke pieces and Jean Reinheimer played a piano solo.

After the exercises the Superintendent and Principal gave pencils, rulers and blotters to every pupil in the entire school.

One of your

Erie County School Friends,
Catherine Bauman.

BEAUTIFYING THE ISLAND

The Kelleys Island Civic Club has done much to improve the island and on last Friday and Saturday under the direction of our two ministers a force of men partly furnished by the Kelleys Island Lime and Transport Company cleaned up our park and planted several thousand bulbs. This will be a place of beauty and a haven of rest to our next summer visitors. This club started with no money but since its organization they have raised, and spent more than \$2000. They are doing much to improve and beautify the Island and should be encouraged in this splendid work.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

A farmers' institute will be held on Kelleys Island on December 1, 2 and 3. Sessions are to be held only in the afternoons and evenings. A splendid program has been arranged and two state speakers are to be present.

FOR SALE
A Church Bell

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