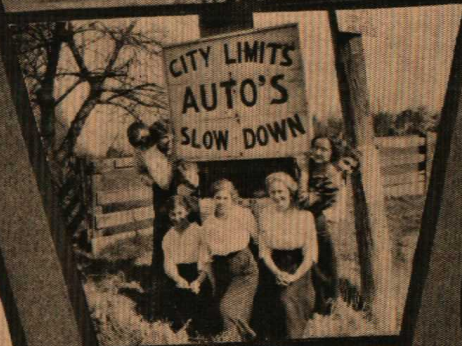
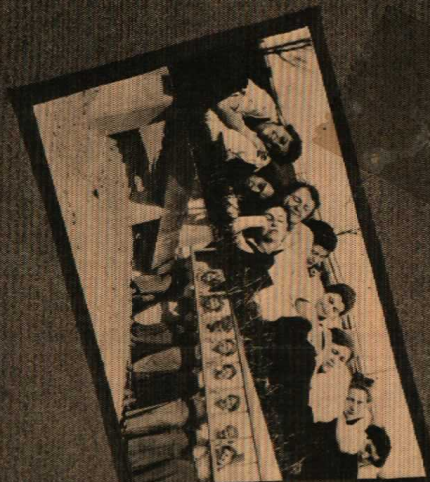
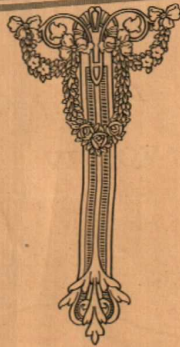


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HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

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WITHOUT the unity and loyalty of her citizens no nation can long endure. Constituted of people from all parts of the world, and still receiving yearly thousands of immigrants, America must apply the means of Americanizing the youth within her borders or fall a victim of internal disorder and strife. The one institution, the only one, which can render this service and guarantee the future of this Republic is the American Public School. It is her life blood, infusing the sentiment of a common brotherhood and a common destiny among us, independent of race, religion, occupation or origin.

Neither technical training, nor industrial education, nor even individual preparation, important as these are, can be the first aim of the Public School, but loyal citizenship and true patriotism must constitute the foundation upon which we build. It was not their apple orchards and grain fields which made the Greece of the Greeks. A man's country is not acres of land but a PRINCIPLE, and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.

The principles which actuated the Pilgrim Fathers, the founders and defenders of this Republic, have thrilled the oppressed of all nations and kindled on our shores beacon fires luring heroic souls to this land of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The Public School, founded by these mighty builders of the nation, was made the keystone of the arch, without which the structure must fall in ruins.

As we love our country and seek to perpetuate its blessings to posterity and, under God, fulfill our mission to the world as a people, this fountain head of living thought and pure patriotism will be neither polluted nor choked but safeguarded and kept ever free and accessible to all.

In our little city the interests of this American institution are in safe hands. Six business and professional men, selected by the people for their public spirit, character and ability, constitute the Board of Education. Mr. George D. Clarke, of the Vassar National Bank, is the President of this Board; Dr. O. G. Cowley, Secretary; and Dr. W. A. Wellemeyere, Treasurer; B. H. Clark, E. W. Ellis and A. W. Atkins, Trustees.

The welfare of every boy and girl in the community is the first concern of these men in the conduct of the Vassar Public Schools. Not only the comfort and sanitation of the several school rooms, the character of the books and equipment to be used in them, and the selection of competent teachers, but also the playgrounds for the children and youth have all been looked after with the one end in view, that of providing the best the town will afford.

More than this, there is a moral support given by this Board which is felt by every teacher in the discharge of her duties in maintaining the order and discipline of the school without which all other aids fail to accomplish the good and growth, the making of good citizens, for which the school is maintained. While the details of the system are wisely left to the superintendent in charge, the larger aims and purposes of the schools are zealously guarded by the Board of



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THE HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

HAZEL FRISBIE

THIS school year ending in nineteen hundred sixteen has passed very successfully. The faculty of the Vassar High School would not let it do otherwise if they could possibly find any way of preventing it. For many years the face of Mr. J. K. Osgerby has been familiar to the school. He has taught here several years, having come from Howell. He resigned on account of ill-health and went West but he decided that teaching at dear old Vassar was plenty good enough, so we found him back here last year. We wish to express our heartiest thanks and the great debt of gratitude we owe him as a class and as a school.

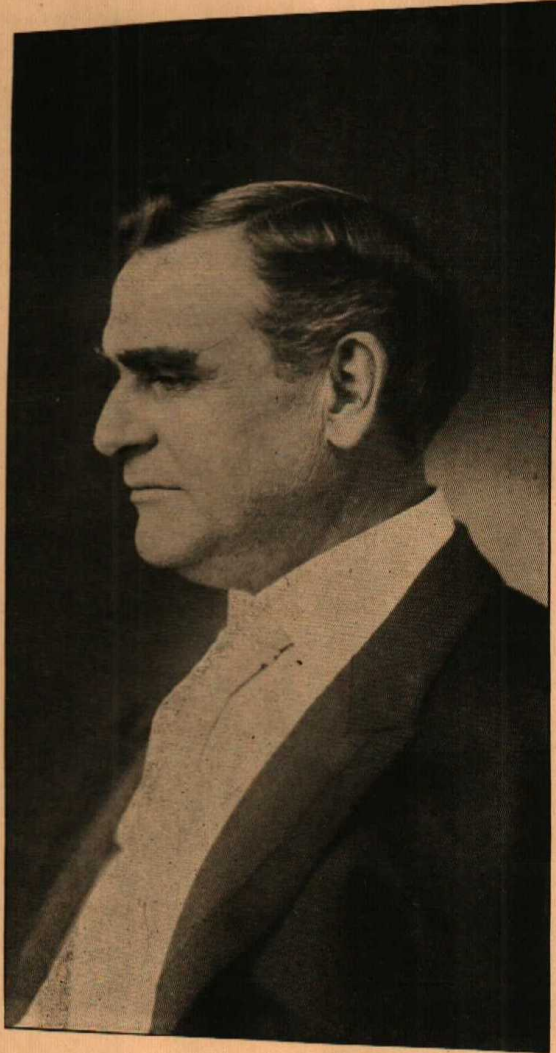
Miss Mildred Winkler, the principal, who lives at Manistec, was graduated from the High School of that city. She also graduated from the Michigan State Normal College and this year's duty is teaching English at Vassar.

Miss Edith E. Lidke finished High School in her home town of Ypsilanti and later entered the Michigan State Normal College. She took up her first duties as a teacher last year in Vassar as instructor of German and Latin. She has given great satisfaction and we give her a good deal of credit for making us read an outside German book to report on.

Miss Gertrude A. Thompson, of Grand Blanc, graduated from Flint High School, her later work being at the Michigan Agricultural College, where she took the degree of Bachelor of Science. This year she has the privilege of teaching mathematics.

Miss Zella M. Williamson, of Gagetown, finished High School at Cass City and later was graduated from the University of Michigan, taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is also preparing for a Master's degree. She has taught two previous years at Stockbridge.

The last teacher that I speak of, Miss Flora E. Peterson, is our present instructor of music. She finished High School in her home town of Bergland. She also graduated from the University School of Music at Ann Arbor. She accepted a position in Vassar, where it is well recognized that she has done a great deal along musical lines.



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Latin and German



FLORA PETERSON
Music and Drawing

GRADE FACULTY

MYRON W. TURNER

THE standard of scholarship which has been maintained in the past year in the grades of the Vassar Public Schools speaks more than words for the efficiency of the corps of teachers. Those who have maintained this standard are, Miss Florence Reed, seventh grade; Miss Myrle Vincent, sixth grade; Miss Ruby Hascall, fifth grade; Miss Pearl Graham, fourth grade; Miss Velma Sleight, second and third grades; Miss Muriel Sturdevand, Townsend North; Miss Orpha Hess, second and third grades, McKinley School; and Miss Edna Hinman, sub and first grades, McKinley School.

Our seventh grade teacher, Miss Reed, graduated from the Vassar High School in 1908 and supplemented this with training at Ypsilanti Normal. She then taught at Millersburg one year and has been here since. Her five years of continuous service and the fact that she is to be here next year speak well for her success.

Another of our teachers is Miss Myrle Vincent, of Lawton, Michigan. Miss Vincent graduated from the Lawton High School in 1913. Not thinking this preparation enough, she took a two years' course at Ypsilanti State Normal College, graduating from there in 1915. She has been here but one year, but she has proved her worth and will return next year.

The fifth grade teacher, Miss Ruby Hascall, graduated from the Vassar High School in 1910. After graduation she taught in the Tinglan school three years and in the Chadwick school one year. She then accepted a position in the employ of the Vassar Public Schools. The first half year in the McKinley school and since then in the Central building as teacher of the fifth grade. She has completed three summer terms at the Central State Normal besides taking correspondence work from there. Miss Hascall will return next year with the same enthusiasm for work as ever.

Miss Pearl Graham graduated from the Vassar High School in 1912 and was further prepared for her work by one year at Ypsilanti. She then taught at Twining one year and has given two years of good service as teacher of the fourth grade in the Vassar Public Schools. Of course, Miss Graham will be here next year.

The second and third grade teacher in the Central Building is Miss Velma Sleight, of St. Johns, Michigan. Miss Sleight graduated from the St. Johns High School in 1913 and then took two years at Ypsilanti, graduating from there last year. Miss Sleight's work with the little folks has been a success, but when the question was asked, "Will she be here next year?" I heard a ring mentioned and something that sounds like, "bells"—whatever that means.

The teacher of the sub and first grades on the West Side is Miss Muriel Sturdevand, of Rockford, Michigan. Miss Sturdevand graduated from the Rockford High School in 1913. She then took a course at the Grand Rapids

Kindergarten Training School and graduated from there in 1914. Miss Sturdevand's success as a teacher of the wee tots needs no recommendation and Vassar is fortunate in securing her services for the coming year.

The teachers of the McKinley School (the school at which there has been "something doing"), are Miss Orpha Hess and Miss Edna Hinman. Miss Hess teaches the second and third grades and was prepared for the work by three years in Harold High School and then a course in the County Normal, finishing her preparation there in 1910. Following this, she taught three years in the rural schools and her success in her three years in Vassar speaks well for her ability as a teacher.

Miss Hinman graduated from Grand Rapids Union High School in 1912; following this she took a course in the Grand Rapids Kindergarten Training School in 1914. Miss Hinman has taught two years as teacher of the sub and first grades in the McKinley school and has given entire satisfaction and will be missed by her pupils and many friends next year.

With all but two of this efficient corps of teachers returning next year the foundations should be laid for a higher training for the battles of life.



FLORENCE REED
Seventh Grade



SARAH M. VINCENT
Sixth Grade



RUBY HASCALL
Fifth Grade



PEARL GRAHAM
Fourth Grade



VELMA SLEIGHT
Second and Third Grades



MURIEL STURDEVAND
Primary, Townsend North



ORPHA HESS
Second and Third Grades, McKinley



EDNA HINMAN
Primary, McKinley