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Mrs. Mary Azling Passes Away

News of the death of Mrs. Mary Azling last Wednesday noon came as a shock to the community as few had realized her failing health so bravely and uncomplainingly had she gone about in the even tenure of her way; only three weeks ago assisting at a funeral.

Mary Ann Dobson was born in Saintfield, Ontario, Can., from sturdy true English stock, her parents coming from Devonshire, England. She grew to womanhood and was married to George Lindsay Azling in Manchester, Ont. To this union came eight children, two sons dying in infancy, and the eldest son, Luther, passing away in 1911. The children were all born in Canada except the youngest, Eva, born in Michigan. The five surviving children are William O. Azling of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Winifred McDonald, Mrs. Thomas Hedglin, Mrs. Cary Bird of Saugatuck, and Mrs. Kenneth Lockwood of Springfield, Ohio, who with the eleven grandchildren, have the tender sympathy of all who knew this noble Christian woman, Mary Azling.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Azling lived in Saintfield several years till in 1900 they moved to Huron county, Mich., and in 1904 they came to Saugatuck engaging in the undertaking business. Just about a year later Mr. Azling, while conducting a funeral, dropped dead and the writer has never forgotten the mental picture of the brave mother and her four small daughters following the stretcher that carried him to the doctor's office. Many a woman would have given up in despair, but not she; she rose above her sorrow, kept a home for her children, educating them, always an example to them of loyalty, truth and determination to do the right.

She entered a business partnership with Mr. John Dykstra, undertaker of Holland and for the past twenty-five years she cared for the Saugatuck department—and this work took her into many saddened homes where she ministered not only to the departed but she gave of love and sympathy which has made her very dear to hundreds of people who will ever cherish her memory for some kindly deed.

"She hath done what she could," the past twenty-five years spent in our midst are well rounded out with loving service. One so true, so brave, so self sacrificing has won the words of the Master, "Well done, thou faithful servant."

Mrs. Azling was a faithful worker in church, and (she was an ardent member of the Congregational church) O. E. S. Woman's Club and the Rebekahs, and was ever willing to lend a hand in every civic betterment.

The funeral held from the Congregational church Sunday afternoon was largely attended by those wishing to pay a last loving tribute to this good woman and the profusion of beautiful flowers bespoke their high esteem. Rev. J. E. Sarles spoke comforting words to the bereaved and words of praise for the departed. Rev. G. B. Miller (a former beloved pastor) conducted the service at the home and at the last resting place at Riverside cemetery.

"She is just away"—for "When life's long tasks are ended And we're slipping in the gloom, When the faces of our best beloved Grow dark within the room, And we hear the Master calling And all other sounds grow dim, Ere we start upon the lightning line For home, sweet home, and Him, In the fading light Let us say 'Good night'."

Mrs. Theodore Weed Taken by Death

Rachel Dornan was born July 13, 1852, and passed away at her home in Ivanrest Feb. 21, 1929, at the age of 77 years. She was united in marriage to Theodore Weed July 1st, 1871.

Her early life was spent in and around Saugatuck; 45 years ago they moved to Grand Rapids where they resided until about 14 years ago when they moved near Grandville. She has been a patient sufferer for nearly eight years.

She leaves to mourn her loss a devoted husband and five children, Chas. Augustus of Muskegon, Mrs. Alice Ripley, Kalamazoo; Mrs. Lulu Bulman, Lake Odessa; Frank Lemuel, and William, who reside at home, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at the home of Mrs. Weed's sister, Mrs. George Johns, Saturday afternoon, Rev. Bessie M. Rulison officiating. Burial was in Riverside.

Relatives from out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. Weed Saturday afternoon from the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Johns were Mrs. Ora Bulman of Lake Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ripley and son of Kalamazoo, Chas. Converse and Mrs. Ira J. Lyons of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Theodosia Sebeck of Bangor, Gus Weed and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hartsuiker and son of Muskegon, Messrs. James, Glenn, Lemuel and Robert Dornan and families and Mrs. John Dornan of Glenn, Orlando Weed, Mr. and Mrs. E. Weed and Mrs. Frank Weed, South Haven.

Colonial Day at S. W. Club

The program Friday was in charge of Mrs. S. M. Dailey and Mrs. J. E. Sarles. The hall looked attractive with its flags, ancient spinning wheel, old china and pewterware, and counterpanes, a beautiful Paisley shawl, all heirlooms belonging to club members.

The first number was a medley of patriotic airs played by Miss Cornelia Koning; rear the close of this Mrs. Rhea Jackson came bringing the flag and all joined Mrs. Sarles in giving the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Sarles read a paper on "Martha Washington," which was a wonderfully fine tribute to Mrs. Washington and gave us a glimpse of her very fine and courageous personality, a brave but sweetly feminine one.

We were given a lovely surprise and heartfelt pleasure when Mrs. W. A. Woodworth and Miss Bessie Samuelsen sang for us "The Red, White and Blue" and then being so heartily applauded they sang for an encore that song we all love, "Long, Long Ago." Those dear voices—how we love them.

Mrs. Brady had coached ten girls to give a flag drill and they surely delighted us with their work; it was very intricate and beautiful and the dear children did it marvelously well and they also sang a George Washington song. They all looked so winsome in their dainty costumes. Those who took part were Jane Brady, Jean Sewers, Lucille Sewers, Muriel Damoth, Jean Edgcomb, Marion Taylor, Laverne Taylor, Ada May Pfaff, Vivian Powers, Mary Elizabeth Walz. They were called back and repeated the march.

The program closed with two musical readings by a colonial dame (Mrs. D. A. Heath), "An Old Time Wedding Day" and "Antiques." The first was very sweet and the second very humorous. Both were exceedingly well given. Mrs. Heath demonstrated her ability as a quick change artist from one costume to another.

Mesdames Sarles, Dailey, Otto Taylor, D. A. Heath, Ray Freeman, Harss, Nellie Naughtin served sandwiches, tea and cookies. Mesdames Zwermer and Heath poured tea at the prettily decorated table, both looking most charming with their kerchiefs, caps and powdered hair. Most of the committee also added a colonial touch to their dress. It was a very pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. Sarles and Mrs. Dailey wish to thank all who helped make the afternoon a success.

Saugatuck Wins Last Two Games of Season

Two very close and well-played basketball games were witnessed by the Saugatuck fans Wednesday evening, when we met Fennville here. The preliminary game between second teams was a splendid one, as both teams were on their toes, trying to make every move count and most of them did count. Game ended with a score of 17 to 11 in favor of S. H. S.

The first teams then came into play and a game was never watched with more interest by both sides than this one. We held the lead during the game except at the half the score stood 16 to 16 and Fennville always followed close. The final score was 23 to 19 in favor of S. H. S.

Fennville had a very large and lively crowd here to cheer their team to victory but they should have had just a few more.

Saugatuck Woman's Club Activities

The next meeting will be held on March 8th. This is the "annual business" day and we will have a potluck luncheon at one o'clock, in charge of Mrs. C. Walz and Mrs. W. G. Phelps. If you are in doubt what to bring consult one of the above named ladies. This is a most important meeting and all should show their interest in the welfare of the club by attending.

Mrs. Zwermer has called a meeting of the board for Saturday (tomorrow) at 4:30 at the club rooms. All members of the board kindly attend.

The Commercial Record is moving this week into its own building, one block north of present location.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR BROTHIER CAPT. W. G. EDG-COMB, WHO DIED FEB. 00, 1929.

At a regular communication of Saugatuck Lodge No. 328, F. & A. M., the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Master of the Universe to call from his earthly labors our beloved brother, Captain W. G. Edgcomb, whose memory we cherish and whose loss we now deplore,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved, that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days and that these resolutions be published, and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family, and engraven on the records of this lodge.

S. L. NEWNHAM,
JOHN HUTTY,
JOSHUA J. BROWN,
Committee.

Pioneer Resident Dies After Short Illness

William G. Edgcomb, resident of Saugatuck 65 years, died at his home Friday, Feb. 22, after a brief illness.

Mr. Edgcomb was born in Lorain, O., July 14th, 1842, and came to Michigan in 1864. He shipped in the navy in 1861 at the beginning of the Civil war, serving to its end and was honorably discharged at Boston. Sailing was his chosen vocation and he served before the mast and as first engineer. He was captain of tugs from 1873 to 1909.

He was married to Ella Greenhalgh in 1868. Besides the widow he is survived by three sons, William, Charles and Morgan.

Mr. Edgcomb was a prominent Mason and had held various village offices. He was justice of peace for 10 years.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday afternoon and the Masonic service was rendered at the grave in Riverside cemetery.

Friends Help Mr. Beuerle Celebrate His Birthday

Monday evening several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beuerle met in front of their home just as the lights in the village went out. They were equipped with a flashlight and key and were soon in the hall. All tipped through and into the living room where Mr. Beuerle was amusing himself by playing on the piano.

The first intimation he had there was anyone about was when surprise was called. By that time Mrs. Beuerle had candles burning by the light of which the guests wished him a happy birthday. However, the lights were soon on and "500" was played. Mr. Palzer and Miss Florence Sewers had high scores, Mr. Sewers, Sr., and Mrs. Madden low.

Mesdames Chamberlin and Gothan Entertain

Last week Thursday the "B B" club met in the very pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chamberlin. Pedro was the game played there being five tables and an exceedingly merry crowd it was. The first prize was won by Mrs. Elsie Walz, a beautiful flower bowl. The booby prize was captured by Nellie Roda, which was a very clever calendar hung on a minute lamp-post, guarded by a very unusual looking dog. Mrs. Chamberlin and Mrs. Gothan served a sumptuous and luscious lunch—almost a banquet in fact. Everybody left at five o'clock after having spent a delightful afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives and friends for the sympathy and kindness shown us during the illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Theodore Weed. Also to the Rev. B. Rulison for her comforting words, and pallbearers for their kind services and to those who donated their cars.

THEODORE WEED and Family.

CARD OF THANKS

Vere S. R. Gardner passed out of this life on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 8:00 o'clock a. m., at the home of her brother William in Saugatuck. Call not back the dear departed, Anchored safe where storms are o'er; On the borderland we left them, Soon to meet and part no more.

We sincerely thank our many friends for their many acts of kindness and sympathy in our bereavement.

W. R. GARDNER,
ELLA K. GARDNER.

School Notes

First Grade

We made "Safety First" posters Monday. We made a little book to illustrate the story "The Goats in the Turnip Field." We are starting "A B C" books. We are learning the poem, "The Stars." We are starting work with number combinations.

Second, Third and Fourth Grades

Celia Force and Vivian Powers had perfect scores in their third grade Arithmetic drill last week. James McCormick, Mary E. Walz and Kenneth Ely received the highest scores in the fourth grade drill. We celebrated Washington's birthday by making a February poster and reading stories about Washington. Seven people from our room went to the Fennville game Friday night. Charles Greenhalgh spent the weekend in Chicago.

Fifth and Sixth Grades

We elected Jack Sewers librarian for the next two weeks. We read the "Life of George Washington" last week. In Art class we made silhouettes of Washington. We are studying about the British Isles in 5th grade Geography. Some of the children are bringing in pictures of different countries of the British Isles.

Seventh and Eighth Grades

In eighth grade English class this week we are paying special attention to the voice and expression in oral recitations. Each person is to choose a poem which he will memorize and give before the class on Friday. Our room is going to see if it can have better attendance than the fifth and sixth grades for the rest of this year.

High School

It is usually said of Saugatuck that it is terribly dead in the winter, after all of the excitement of summer is gone, but anyone who follows the activities of our High School will vouch for us that this is not true. The results of last Friday's basketball game with Fennville put us in excellent spirits and then on top of that the Juniors and Seniors had their wish granted by a sleigh ride and sliding party which was held at Boyce's last Saturday night. Two teams and sleighs were furnished by Woodalls. The sleigh ride ended at the edge of the dunes near Felt's Farm and was followed by sliding and tobogganing on a hill about the size of Sugar Loaf. We were all stopped in the midst of our sliding by a light on an opposite hill and soon a fiery S. H. S. lighted up the surrounding country. A hike back to Boyce's followed, where our ravishing appetites were appeased by refreshments served by Mrs. Boyce. Everyone just more than enjoyed themselves, but, oh, what a tired bunch that returned home that night. The seating arrangement of the assembly room has been changed, seating the students according to classes and giving the Seniors their desired seats in the back of the room. Another all High School party has been planned for this Friday evening. Entertainment will be furnished by games and dancing. Mr. Chamberlin having kindly offered the use of a radio for the evening which we greatly appreciate. The District Basket Ball tournament will be held at Hastings Mar. 7, 8 and 9, which is next week Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We expect to send our team again this year and hope to come through with flying colors, although there are seven other schools in our class this year. Your support will be one of the team's greatest factors in winning, so we expect to see Saugatuck well represented.

Our Basketball Boys

The Crow he spreads his graceful wings,
A white Swans son by his side,
A Bird of another color sings
Then George the First beside them springs
With a comb to help their pride,
But when a hedging makes a "fowl"
Another Bird flies down the hall
In answer to the whistle's howl
Our Harry Richards makes a ball
So we three, less than Ten Have,
George the Second rules the second
Though Koning is the king,
Inventor Edison lights the way
While Bobby Smay takes the play
And throws the ball till he hit her.
—MRS. CHAS. BIRD.

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Hill Top Folks are Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sewers, Sr., entertained the Hill Top Folks recently at their home on Lake street. Five hundred was played. Mr. Palzer made a score of 7100 in 10 games. Can anyone beat that?

Mr. and Mrs. John Kruger entertained the Hill Top Folks last Saturday evening. Refreshments were served and much enjoyed.

Library Card Parties To Be Continued

It has been deemed wise to continue the Saturday afternoon card parties another month. These parties have been most successful and have been very pleasant as well as educational to those who are striving to master the mysteries of bridge. It is to be hoped the coming month will be one of record attendance. Show your good will toward the library by attending.

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