

CHORUS OF LONG AGO. This is the official photo, taken about 1920, of the Cambrian Glee Club of Venedocia, which will be holding a reunion this Saturday and Sunday at Venedocia. In the group were, left to right: Top row—Gordon Jenkins, Elliott Morris, Talmage Hughes, Dick Owens, Rufus Morris, Gaylord Jones, Dan Evans, Herb Davies, Harris Evans, Glen Owens, Joe Williams. Second row down—Rufus Thomas, Edward Jones, Stanley Roberts, Reese Morris, Lester Cole, Wendell Morgan, Layton Jenkins, Telford Morgan, Jones, Caradog Jones. Third row down—Howell Reese, Breese, Haydn Morgan, Haydn Jones, Howard Hughes, Gw Maldwyn Jones, Luther Jones. Bottom—Roy Morgan, Howards. Elliott Morris, Talmage Hughes, Rufus Morris and Jones are now deceased. Not in the picture are five other members—Austin Pollock, Walter Lewis, Pal George, Thomas Morgan and Lewis Lloyd.

Cambrian Glee Club To Hold 25th Reunion This Weekend

VENEDOCIA — The Cambrian Glee Club, which made a name for itself in this area about 35 years ago, will be back together again this weekend. Members of the glee club are expected to come here from all over the midwest for the organization's 25th reunion, scheduled for Saturday night and Sunday. The club was organized in 1919, with Haydn Morgan as director and Austin Pollock as accompanist. For about three years, the group was willing to sing for any occasion within a driving distance of Venedocia. It gave about 25 concerts throughout this area, going as far away as Fairmont, Ind. Autos—especially tires—were not the things then that they are now, or the club might have done a lot more singing. The club's reunion banquet will be held at 6:30 p. m. Saturday at Numaude Restaurant at Del-

phos, with Rev. Harry Griffiths, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Van Wert, as the speaker. Ed Jones of Van Wert is in charge of reunion arrangements. Sunday, the club will sing three numbers at the annual Welsh *gymanfa ganu* at the Salem Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. It will again be directed by Haydn Morgan, who will also be the director for the assembly singing for the *gymanfa ganu*. Since leaving Venedocia, Morgan has built a wide reputation as choral music authority and choral composer. He is now on the faculty of the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti.

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CANTATA TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Presbyterian Church Event at Venedocia Scheduled for Sunday Night

For many years it has been the tradition at the Presbyterian Church in Venedocia to present an Easter cantata at this season. This year, a choir of 60 voices will present "The Cross Victorious" by Demarest, in celebration of the Easter festival, on Sunday, April 9, at 7:30 p. m. The choir is under the direction of J. Alford Breese, with Mrs. Breese at the organ. Since the cantata is to be Easter Sunday evening, a large number of persons from throughout the county is expected to attend. Solo parts of the cantata will be taken by the following: Mrs. Margaret Smith, alto; Mrs. Harold Allen, soprano; Osborne Jones, tenor; Daniel J. Evans, baritone.

TOKIO still demands attention in spite of the Jap's surrender. Any how it did for Daniel J. Evans last week in Chicago. Mr. Evans was visiting there with his daughter Eleanor Jane and was lucky enough to be one of 40 people to get tickets to attend the broadcast of Don McNeill's breakfast program. When he went into the radio room Mr. Evans was given a card to fill out, listing his name, address and occupation. He put "Tokio" as his address. Mr. McNeill picked out a few people to interview on the broadcast, including Mr. Evans. "So you're from Tokio? Tokio Japan?" he asked. "No, Tokio, Ohio," answered Mr. Evans. So the conversation began and it ended with Mr. Evans being given an opportunity to talk via radio to the cows on his farm at home. He responded with a hearty, "Moo!" The broadcast was heard by many people who have spoken or written to Mr. Evans about it. Included was the former Mildred Morgan, daughter of J. Edgar Morgan, who now lives in Texas. She happened to have her radio tuned to the program and heard her old Van Wert County neighbor.

Venedocia Minstrel Show

Will Be December 27-28

The Socialites, a recently organized group of the Venedocia community will present a minstrel show on Thursday and Friday nights, December 27 and 28, at 8 o'clock, in Cambrian Hall, Venedocia. 11-24-45

This minstrel was assembled and is generally directed by R. Paul Jones. Kathryn Good is directing the chorus of 35 voices.

The cast is as follows: Interlocutor, Vaughn Morgan; Premier Endmen, Ervin Jones, and R. Paul Jones; Blackface Comedians, Elliott Jones, Edgar L. Morgan, Manfred Lytle and Paul Ashton.

From the circle, musical selections will be offered by D. Richard Owens, Rev. Gerald Johnson, Eugene Good, Glenn Owens, Dorothy Lee Williams, Marguerite Evans and Mary Evelyn Beerman, and the Womens' Chorus.

The chorus consists of Violet Ashton, Carol Foster Marguerite

Evans, Grace Evans, Mary Evelyn Beerman, Romaine Owens, Evelyn Rees, Latalla Jones, Elsie Morris, Ann Johnson, Rae Morgan, Jane Morris, Ruby Jones, Eloise Evans, Maxine Morgan, Robert Beerman, Mildren Owens, Helen Lytle, Gerald Johnson, Margaret Davis, Richard Owens, Grace E. Jones, Glenn Owens, Pauline Davies, Eugene Good, Helen Bolton, Palmer Davis, Mildred McDonel, Daniel Foster, Myrtle Jones, Thomas Lloyd Evans, Dorothy Lee Williams, David E. Jones, David John Evans and John L. Rees.

Additional personnel are Frances Hessenberger, Evelyn Jones, Pearl Pollock, Margaret Jones, Lela Monroe, John Russel Lloyd, Dorothy Koenig, Hayda Lloyd, Arlene Morris, Stanley Roberts, D. E. McDonel, T. Ellis Jones, Palmer

Morris, Ifa McDonel, Everett Koenig and Thomas Monroe.

The costumes will be furnished by The Rogers Producing Company of Fostoria, and the scenery by The Jones School of Music, Fort Wayne.

The musical accompaniment will be provided by the Don Underwood's Orchestra, of Van Wert.

Ohio Male Chorus Won First Place In Seattle Contest

By STEVE RAGAN
Times-Bulletin Staff Writer

Edward L. Jones, 80, of 807 Elson St. was a Van Wert County Commissioner for eight years, 1964-72. During that time, Jones recalls two major improvements that were constructed. These were Hospital Drive and the elevator in the courthouse.

Jones moved from his father's farm to Van Wert in 1929. He did odd jobs for a while, before starting to work with the Ohio Department of Highways in 1935. Later, Jones became the deputy county engineer. It was a position which he held for 21 years before running for the County Commissioner's office.

Jones said his wife, Jane, used to be a private secretary with the Pure Oil Co. in Columbus. She was more fortunate, because of her experience, in finding employment when the Joneses moved to Van Wert. Mrs. Jones went to work for the Central Manufactures Insurance Co. now known as the Central Copanies. It was located at that time at the corner of Jefferson and Main streets in what is now known as the Pollock Building.

Ed Jones, as a young man, liked to sing. His father, Griffith H. Jones, gave him lots of help and encouragement. So Ed joined a Glee Club in 1918. As he recalls, all the members were farm boys and all the boys were single. The Glee Club did male chorus numbers and all types of singing. The group performed mostly in churches and gave concerts in the surrounding area towns such as Delphos, Convoy and Grover Hill.

However, as Jones recalls, his father was the more accomplished musician. Griffith Jones was a director of music in the Zion Community Church. Moreover, music in his father's time was different than today's singing. Musicians were more concerned about rendition or the delivery of their songs.

Griffith Jones belonged to a musical group that was called the Ohio Male Chorus. The group was divided into four parts, ac-

According to Ed, first tenor or high tenor, second tenor, baritone and base with Griffith Jones belonging to the first tenor group. The chorus was composed mainly of people of Welsh descent. A few members of the chorus were directly from Wales, but most of them were from America.

Some were music professors that taught in schools and privately. Other members of the Ohio Male Chorus had different backgrounds and different professions.

As a group, the chorus was well-known for their singing. The chorus concentrated on the quality of tone in the voice and the way words were pronounced. It was not like the type of nasal tones and singing you hear today.

Twenty-eight people were associated with the Ohio Male Chorus. Some of these people were from Lima, Toledo and Chicago, but a number of them came from the Van Wert area. Those members of the chorus that were from the Gomer, Van Wert and Venedocia area are: G. A. Jones, D. O. Evans, E. C. Humphreys, R. M. Griffith, D. J. Evans, R. E. Owens, Dr. D. H. Morgan, W. O. Roberts, R. O. Evans, A. J. Evans, Professor R. R. Thomas, J. P. Jones, Professor J. F. Jones, C. E. Kelly, A. A. Jones, C. W. Bonnewitz, George W. Kohn and J. A. Ward.

The Ohio Male Chorus decided to enter an international musical contest at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition held in Seattle. According to an August 1909 issue of The Times-Democrat, "To make the trip to Chicago and get a little money in the treasury to make the start a number of local entertainments will be given. On Aug. 13, the chorus will furnish music for the Home Guards of America dedication services."

As a note of explanation, the Home Guards of America was a fraternal insurance institution. The Supreme Lodge was located in the building which now houses the Van Wert Manufacturing Co.

In 1909, Home Guard lodges were thriving in seven states with \$14,718,489 of insurance in force. The local lodge was started by Dr. G. J. Eblem and Messrs. Evans and Smith along with two other gentlemen from Youngstown. According to an August 1909 issue of The Van Wert Republican, "The Ohio Male Chorus, comprising some of the best voices of the Buckeye State, including a number from Van Wert, under the leadership of Professor Hugh Owens, sang "Comrades in Arms." The money received from the concert was a beginning, but not nearly enough to make the trip to Seattle.

In an August 1909 issue of The Times-Democrat, it was said how the chorus intended to make the rest of the money necessary for the trip. "It is the intention of the party to make the trip self-sustaining. To realize what this means is to know that at least \$7,000 must be made. To make this sum of money, Editor D. J. Evans has been engaged as advanced agent and a series of concerts will be given. He has dates for engagements at the following places and on the following dates: Chicago, Aug. 16; St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 17; Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 18; Fargo, N.D., Aug. 19; Butte, Mont., Aug. 21; Spokane, Wash., Aug. 22; North Yakima, Wash., Aug. 24; Everett, Wash., Aug. 25; Seattle, Wash., Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland, Ore. Aug. 31; Oakland, Calif., Sept. 2; Sacramento, Calif., Sept. 3; Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 4, 5; Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 7; Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 8; Denver, Colo., Sept. 9; Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 10; Omaha, Neb., Oct. 11; Burlington, Iowa, Oct. 12. The concert at Burlington will be the last of the series and from that city the trip home will be commenced."

... was a success for the Ohio Male Chorus. The chorus won first place and the \$500 prize money. The Ohio Male Chorus won over other choruses from places like Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver. The winning song numbers were: "Nidaros" and "On the Sea." The Van Wert Republican said, "in adjudication the Ohio Male Chorus is said to have given a perfect rendition of these pieces." As a result, both the people of Van Wert and members of the group were highly elated with the chorus' success in the international musical event.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Jones, 807 Elson Ave. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 4:30 p. m. Sunday with an open house for relatives and friends at Holiday Inn. Jane E. Evans, Columbus, and Edward L. Jones, York Township, were married Nov. 15, 1924, in the Miami Avenue Presbyterian Church, Columbus, by the Rev. D. Jenkins Williams, and have resided in Van Wert County their entire married life, except for a short interval. The couple requests that gifts be omitted. (Deal photo)

formed by Rev. E. F. Gamble, Welsh residents of Cincinnati are commencing to prepare for the National Eisteddfod, which will be held there this month. It will be the first national gathering of Welsh singers, and there will be a three days' session at Music Hall.

March 31 - 1899

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T. E. Williams' public sale last Monday was well attended. Everything sold high because McKinley prosperity struck this community. Wheat sells for 65 cents, corn for about 40 cents a hundred, eggs for 10 cents a dozen, the best farm hands get to work for \$12 or \$14 a month. This must be Hanna and gold standard prosperity.

School in District One, York township, closed last Friday with a picnic and an entertainment in the afternoon. A grand dinner was served by the good ladies of the district, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. An interesting program was rendered by the scholars after which a handsome mirror was presented to the teacher, J. A. Book, by the scholars. The term was a most successful one and Mr. Book is to be commended on his splendid work.

Last Thursday a stranger, about 30 years old and well dressed, came to this town and called on Mayor Morgan for something to eat. Mrs. Morgan served breakfast to him and after satisfying his hunger he wandered aimlessly around town and finally stopped at the depot where he spent several hours in reading the Christian Herald. He then started east on the Rover Leaf when about a mile from town he met train No. 1 just as it was rounding a curve which prevented the engineer from seeing him. The unfortunate man, being deaf and dumb, did not heed the alarm and was instantly killed. The remains were taken back to Venedocia where an inquest was held. Papers in the lead man's pockets gave the name of Lowell George Davies. The name of Maurice Goodwin, Maples, Ind., was also found and to whom word was sent, notifying him of the accident. The reply came that the victim was a cigar maker from Chicago and that his father was at the Dayton Soldiers' Home. The remains were interred at the Wright cemetery last Friday.

PLEASANT TOWNSHIP.

SINGERS
 Former Will Give a Friday Evening

Evening, December 28, 1909
 of this locality the great eisteddfod New Year's will be M. E. church in vicinity of the Venedocia and Gomer.

Three noted soloists will participate. Jones, of Philadelphia, is without doubt the most famous singer in the West. His program has not yet been announced but it will comprise several competitive numbers. The Welsh Eisteddfod will be held on January 1. It will not be able to go same program rendered by the Venedocia choir. Good talent by rendering attending the session fee has been \$100.

EVERYTHING IN SIGHT

March 31 - 1899
 Taken by the Venedocia Choral Society at Gas City, Ind., Last Saturday.

The Venedocia Choral Society competed in an eisteddfod held at Gas City, Ind., last Saturday and as a result their financial standing is considerably strengthened. Five choirs competed, but four were of inferior quality compared to the Venedocia choir, which fact the adjudicator took into consideration and awarded all prizes to the Van Wert county singers. The cash received amounted to \$780. Dr. N. F. Hazlett was the adjudicator. T. L. Davies, of the Auditor's office, sang with the Venedocia choir. The next time the Hoosiers have an eisteddfod they will probably bar Van Wert county talent or greatly strengthen their choirs by having singers from abroad.

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WON BIG PRIZE AT SEATTLE EXPOSITION

A telegram was received Saturday from Seattle, Wash., announcing that the Ohio Male Chorus, consisting of singers from Van Wert, Lima, Venedocia, Leatherwood, Gomer, and other places in this section, under the direction of Prof. Hugh W. Owens, won the first prize of \$500 offered in the eisteddfod contest at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, at Seattle, Wash.

VENEDOCIA MEMBERS OF THE CHORUS

The Ohio Male Chorus, organized to compete in the Eisteddfod, at Seattle, and for a concert tour of the West, held a rehearsal and business meeting Thursday evening, at Lima. The date fixed for the chorus concert at Van Wert, is August 13. The following named gentlemen will comprise the Venedocia section of the Ohio Male Chorus: Prof. Robert Thomas, R. O. Evans, Dan O. Evans, T. R. Hughes, Fred. O. Morris, M. N. Thomas, Brough Jones, Griffith Jones and Alban Evans.

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M. H. Morgan is under the weather. Mrs. C. I. Blosser is sick at this writing.

Several from here have joined the K. of P. lodge. J. F. Dickler attended the teachers institute at Van Wert last Saturday. Thos. Evans, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is growing weaker.

A. L. Pollock has been kept busy the last week digging a cellar under his new house.

Mrs. Olive Standler, who has been confined to the house by sickness for some time, is no better.

A Red Men's lodge will be instituted at Middleport on the 7th of next month with about 30 or 40 charter members.

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GRACEFUL ACT OF OHIO MUSICIANS

Ohio Male Chorus, composed of trained singers from Van Wert, Lima and Venedocia, who passed three days in Spokane, on the way to Seattle to compete for the Welsh Eisteddfod prize at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, did a graceful act when they called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Evans in Spokane, and rendered several of their best selections for the benefit of their son, Frank, an invalid, who was unable to attend their concerts. The singers, directed by Prof. Hugh W. Owens, of Chicago, sang a serenade as they approached the home of the sick boy, and while crowded around his couch they gave a number of folk songs, also "Comrade in Arms" and "Annie Laurie." Prof. James Jones, baritone, of Venedocia, Ohio, was particularly effective in his solo, "Oh, for a Burst of Song." At the close of the impromptu concert each of the singers pressed the hands of the boy, whose gratitude was expressed.

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WELSH SINGERS

Dec 22 - 1899
 Of Venedocia and Gomer Will Give a
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 20, the Welsh singers of this locality
 who will compete in the great eistedd-
 fod at Cincinnati on New Year's, will
 give a concert in the M. E. church in
 this city. The majority of the sing-
 ers will be from Venedocia and Gomer
 about forty from the former and
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 for patronage and to help his brother
 Welsh he has consented to sing sev-
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 Thus those who will not be able to go
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EISTEDDFOD

AT GOMER

Musical Event Which the Welsh Love
so Well, Will be Held at Con-
gregational Church,
April 29, 1900

The citizens of Gomer, known far and wide for their ability as vocalists and musicians, are never more happy than when in anticipation of an eisteddfod or other musical event, and just now they are looking forward to April 29 as the date of an event of this sort, to be held at the Congregational church.

There will be contests in both vocal and instrumental music, for both old and young, essays in English and Welsh, orations, penmanship, drawing, poetry, recitations, with generous prizes. Prof. William Miles, of Ft. Wayne, will be the adjudicator of music; on recitations and orations, Rev. D. Evans Jones, Venedocia; and Mrs. Dr. J. Patterson, Lima; essays and poetry, Rev. J. G. Evans, Vaughnsville; impromptu reading and speaking, Rev. J. Roberts, Gomer, and Rev. D. Kelly, West Cairo; penmanship, Prof. P. E. Kilgore, Gomer; drawing, Miss Zoe Beller, Lima.

Afternoon and evening sessions will be held, with Hon. R. E. Jones as Conductor at the afternoon session, and Rev. William Surdival Conductor of the evening session. John C. Jones, Lima, R. F. D. No. 3, is the secretary of the Eisteddfod organization.

Jan 5 1900
THE CONCERT.

**Venedocia and Gomer Male Chorus Ren-
der Good Music.**

The concert given by the Venedocia and Gomer male chorus last Friday evening in the M. E. church was not largely attended but those present were treated to a program seldom equalled. Solos were sung by Prof. Harry Jones, of Philadelphia, D. F. Pugh, of Chicago and Stevenson Jones of Venedocia. Besides these there was a number of duets, trios and quartettes. The chorus sang both of the competitive numbers to be sung at the Eisteddfod, the first being "Asleep My Lady Love," and the second "Pilgrim's Chorus." With those from Ada and Lima the singers went to Cincinnati Monday morning at 5 o'clock via the Cincinnati Northern.

SUCCESSFUL.

January 1900
Van Wert County Singers Secure
a Prize at Cincinnati.

**The Welsh National Eisteddfod One
of the Greatest Events Ever
Held in This Country.**

Lima and Ada Choral Union Win the
Big Prize - Venedocia Divides
Second Largest With Col-
umbus - Other
Contests.

Large crowds from all over the United States were attracted to Cincinnati Monday where the Welsh of this country gave a celebration of their Eisteddfod.

The religious and social features were the order of the day. The musical and literary features, in competition for the annual prizes, constituted the morning, afternoon and evening programs and kept Music Hall packed with enthusiastic audiences. Some of the most noted musical directors of the country participated with their societies in the contests.

The crowning event was the contest for \$600 and gold medal for the best mixed chorus of not less than 75 voices. The Ada, O., Normal university and Lima Choral Union won under the directorship of Hugh W. Owens. The Columbus Choral society, W. H. Lott, director, received high mention as next best. The other competitors were from Johnstown, Pa., Painesville, O., and Cincinnati.

Every Welsh man and woman in the hall was on the tiptoe of expectancy when the male chorus competition was called for. Lots were drawn for position, and the choirs were called for in the following order: The Columbus Male Chorus, Columbus, O., the Cambrian Club, Cincinnati, O., the Newcastle Glee society, Lima and Ada Male Chorus, Lima, O., Calcott Glee Club, Newburgh, O., the Northwestern Glee Club, Venedocia, O., Criterion Male Chorus, Cleveland, O. The last of the seven competitors finished at 7:30 o'clock and a recess was taken until 8:30. Everybody was

delighted with the splendid work of the contestants. It was conceded to be the very best singing of the kind ever given at an Eisteddfod. Experts declared that it would be a very difficult matter to decide the winner.

The adjudication of the male voice chorus contest was made by Prof. Browne. He indorsed the statement of Judge Edwards that the competition was the most wonderful that he had ever listened to. He made an extended argument for the decision which would be given. The prize was divided between the first choir, Columbus, Ohio, and the sixth choir, Northwestern, of Venedocia, \$200 each. Considerable applause followed the announcement of the result. The successful contestants went on the stage and received their money, through their respective directors.

Miss Bessie Tudor sang a solo while preparations were being made for the main contest. She sang an old Welsh song and the *Enquirer* says: "Miss Tudor created a decided sensation by her lovely voice and was compelled to respond to an encore."

Smaller prizes were awarded as follows:

Duet, \$10, by John Cuen and John W. Hopkins, Elwood, Ind.

Welsh recitation, \$10, by Morgan Thomas, Niles, O.

Alto solo, \$10, by Miss Neoma Chapman and Mrs. Basil Whitford, Cincinnati, divided.

Bass solo, \$10, by Thomas Peate, Lima, \$10.

Poem, \$20, by Rev. D. E. Richards, Stafton, Pa., in Welsh, and Rev. T. J. Morgan, Cleveland, in English.

Soprano solo, \$10, by Edna Burden.

Trio, \$15, by Miss Leah Arthur, Robert and Thomas Peate, Lima, O.

Ladies chorus, 40, \$290, Columbus society, Mrs. Mary E. Cassell, director.

Duet, soprano and alto, \$10, Misses Gebhart and Montgomery, Lima, O.

English recitation, \$10, David E. James, Johnstown, Pa., and Miss Josellin Moore, Wapakoneta, O.

Soprano solo, \$10; by Mrs. Lillian Kirby, Lima.

Essays on Farragut and Dewey, \$25, by Miss Eva Russell and John D. Lewis, Cleveland, divided.

Pianoforte solo, \$10, Miss Margaret Rusk, Cleveland.

Quartette, \$20, by the Ohio Normal University quartette of Ada.

All tenor solos were ruled out as unworthy.

The musical composition for \$25 was won by Goring, an assumed name, author not present.

None entered for the prize of \$12 for sight singing.

A Part of the Public Exercises on
 the Thirtieth of May—
 The Prizes.

Under the auspices of the Sunday schools of Venedocia and vicinity on Decoration Day, May thirtieth, at the Cambrian Hall, will be held an annual eisteddfod. All of the past similar affairs have been a success in every way, and, according to indications it appears as if the coming eisteddfod will far exceed all previous affairs of its kind. The committee in charge have been and are doing all in their power to make this meeting profitable to both old and young. The morning sessions are usually adapted for the younger ones, which meeting shows the earnestness of the pupils and the faithfulness of their teachers. The committee have been fortunate in securing the services of the following: Rev. John R. Johns, pastor of the Welsh C. M. church, Long street, Columbus, as Conductor of the Day; Prof Mark Evans, of Lima, as Adjudicator of Music; Rev. Lloyd Morris, of Lima, as Adjudicator of Recitations; President of morning session, Rev. W. Trevor Williams; President of afternoon session, Rev. D. Evans Jones; President of evening session, Rev. Edward Roberts; officers of the committee, D. J. Owens, President; Francis George, Secretary; Evan J. Morgan, Treasurer. The following are the competitive musical numbers of the day:

- Mixed Chorus, "Enaid Cu. Mai Dyfroedd Oerion," Isalaw. Prize ten dollars; second prize, six dollars.
- Ladies' Chorus, "Merry June," Vincent. Prize, eight dollars; second prize, five dollars.
- Children's Chorus, "O'er the Sands," Abt. Prize, six dollars; second prize, four dollars.
- Double Male Quartette, "In the Sweet By and By," Frotheroe. Prize, four dollars.
- Ladies' Trio, adult voices, "The Brook," J. Jones Owen. Prize, two dollars.
- Duette, tenor and bass, "Where Rolls the Cauvel," S. R. Hughes. Prize, one dollar and fifty cents.
- Baritone Solo, "The Baller Boy's Dream," R. S. Hughes. Prize, one dollar.
- Tenor Solo, "Thora," key G, Stephen Adams. Prize, one dollar.
- Solo for girls fourteen to eighteen years of age, "A Mother's Lullaby," John T. Ball. Prize fifty cents.
- Solo for girls ten to fourteen years of age, "The Dandelion," Frotheroe. Prize, fifty cents.
- Solo for boys over ten years of age of the unchanged voice, "Beautiful Isle," Prize, fifty cents.
- Solo for boys and girls, tenth birthday and under, "Somebody Knows," Prize, fifty cents.
- Duette for boys and girls under fourteen years of age, "The Lark," Hutchinson. Prize, one dollar.
- Duette for boys and girls fourteen to eighteen years of age, "The Swallow," Hutchinson. Prize, one dollar.
- Piano Solo, thirteen years of age and under, "Spring Garotte," Arnold Bartorio. Prize, one dollar.
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OUR SINGERS VICTORIOUS

Jan 2-1902

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minutes in April.

1-11-1912

VENEDOCIA INSTITUTE.

Program for the Winter Meeting of the Farmers' Association.

Program of the Farmers' Institute to be held at Venedocia, on January 16 and 17, follows:

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30

Invocation, Rev. D. Evans Jones, Address of Welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9:30

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Discussion.

Round Table Topic.

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Discussion.

Round Table Topic.

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Discussion.

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Discussion.

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J. C. George, Chairman.

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that a few more up to final usual.

VENEDOCIA.

Jan 9-1902

We are having nice weather, much like spring.

There are a number of strangers here on business.

School begun Monday with a large enrollment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Uhl were to Celina last week on business.

Edward Uhl opened his restaurant to the public Monday. Call and see him.

Miss Mary Ellen Richards has been confined to her room for some time, and still continues poorly. We hope for her early recovery.

The fire department was called out to the home of Hugh Evans last Thursday. The house caught fire and considerable damage was done.

This is the week of prayer. Meetings are held at both churches. In the Welsh church at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. In the Presbyterian church every evening at 7:30 p. m.

A series of meetings will begin at the Presbyterian church Monday, January 20th, and last two weeks. The ablest preachers will be in attendance and conduct the meetings.

The Male chorus returned in a very cheerful mood Saturday evening from the Racine Eisteddfod, where they won the Male chorus competition. Prize \$300. Conductor, R. R. Thomas.

A young man, name given as Rasier, was badly hurt Monday. A sandshift weighing thirty-two pounds fell on him from the top of the derrick. He received a gash on his head and bruises on his hip. He is recovering slowly and will soon be ready for work again.

The students who came home for the holidays are turning their faces college-ward. William T. Morgan and Miss Eunice Evans returned to Ada, Monday. They were accompanied by Heber Richards and Margaret Ellen Owens. All study music excepting Wm. T. Morgan, who takes the normal course.

A children's meeting was held at the Welsh church Sunday evening to award prizes to the ones that had passed the Sunday school examinations successfully. Very many received medals and certificates. Of the prize winners were: Elizabeth Breese, Edna Williams, Zelma Evans, Myrtle Evans, John Eynon Hughes, Gilbert George, Oliver Jones, Odie Anna Jones, Ethel Alban, Anna Laura Jones, Jennie Richards.

OIL NOTES.

Strother No. 2 is in the sand.

Parker Gamble No. 1 is drilling.

Derrick for H. H. Morgan No. 3 is up.

Drilling on the Uacapher No. 1 is in progress.

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Derrick No. 8 is up on Mrs. D. M. Jones' lease.

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Thos. Edwards, of Columbus, is in town doing some work. Mr. Edwards is a first class plumber.

E. J. Edwards spent a few days visiting friends and acquaintances at Van Wert, also in Ridge township.

Thos. Rees, our mail carrier, has been confined to his room for some time. We hope for his early recovery.

A car load of stone has been put on our streets. This helps materially, but our streets can stand much more.

The scarlet fever scare, three miles east of here, is nearly at a rest. With care it is nearly stamped out. The quarantine has been raised on some families and what remain are very mild cases.

John Uhl is putting up an addition to his shoe store. His son, Edward, will occupy the front and open a restaurant. Edward is a hustling young man and deserves your patronage. Give him a call. He will be at your service night and day.

The Racine Eisteddfod is in session at this writing. Venedocia is well represented there. Forty-four tickets were sold at this office. Our male choruses will compete. Some of the members will also be competing on solos, quartets, and recitations.

It is a happy and prosperous New Year in Van Wert county. Men are now earning from two to five dollars a day for the first time in their lives. The death angel has spared our county and the number of deaths during the past year was comparatively small. God is good, and man should appreciate his goodness.

The Cleveland Eisteddfod is reported as a success in every way, and greatly enjoyed by all in attendance. The competition on the main piece was won by H. W. Owen's choir of Ada. Mrs. Frances Williams, formerly of Venedocia, won second on the children's chorus. Venedocia was represented by the following: Wm. John Bebb, R. O. Evans, and Rev. E. O. Roberts.

Miss Elizabeth M. Davis very pleasantly entertained a party of friends Christmas evening. Games were engaged in. Oysters served as refreshment. Among those present were:

Misses—

Margaret Owens, Alice Jones,
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5-26-1913
VENEDOCIA EISTEDDFOD.

A Part of the Public Exercises on
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The Prizes.

Under the auspices of the Sunday schools of Venedocia and vicinity on Decoration Day, May thirtieth, at the Cambrian Hall, will be held an annual eisteddfod. All of the past similar affairs have been a success in every way, and, according to indications it appears as if the coming eisteddfod will far exceed all previous affairs of its kind. The committee in charge have been and are doing all in their power to make this meeting profitable to both old and young. The morning sessions are usually adapted for the younger ones, which meeting shows the earnestness of the pupils and the faithfulness of their teachers. The committee have been fortunate in securing the services of the following: Rev. John R. Johns, pastor of the Welsh C. M. church, Long street, Columbus, as Conductor of the Day; Prof. Mark Evans, of Lima, as Adjudicator of Music; Rev. Lloyd Morris, of Lima, as Adjudicator of Recitations; President of morning session, Rev. W. Trevor Williams; President of afternoon session, Rev. D. Evans Jones; President of evening session, Rev. Edward Roberts; officers of the committee, D. J. Owens, President; Francis George, Secretary; Evan J. Morgan, Treasurer. The following are the competitive musical numbers of the day:

Mixed Chorus, "Enaid Cu, Mai Dyfrodod Oerion," Isulaw. Prize ten dollars; second prize, six dollars.

Ladies' Chorus, "Merry June," Vincent. Prize, eight dollars; second prize, five dollars.

Children's Chorus, "O'er the Sands," Abt. Prize, six dollars; second prize, four dollars.

Double Male Quartette, "In the Sweet By and By," Protheroe. Prize, four dollars.

Ladies' Trio, adult voices, "The Brook," J. Jones Owen. Prize, two dollars.

Duetto, tenor and bass, "Where Rolls the Cauvel," S. R. Hughes. Prize, one dollar and fifty cents.

Baritone Solo, "The Sailor Boy's Dream," R. B. Hughes. Prize, one dollar.

Tenor Solo, "Thora," key G, Stephen Adams. Prize, one dollar.

Solo for girls fourteen to eighteen years of age, "A Mother's Lullaby," John T. Ball. Prize fifty cents.

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Robert E. Owens (25) Alvan J. Evans (26) (Horn Griffith H) Ed Jones from VW

Left

- ② W. H. Winklemann
- ④ Johnny Evans
- ⑤ Nick O. Evans
- ⑥ Brough Jones
- ⑦ Prof. H. W. Evans, Toledo
- ⑧ Hayden Owens, Pianist
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- ⑪ C. N. Mills
- ⑫ Jim Jones, V.W.
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David Evans North - 1947

X Robert E. Owens Mabel's husband Venedocia 1934

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W. W. Moore
Taken Columbus, Miss 1909 1916

Deceased

Tom Davis James ^{Ridge} 1869-1950

Nugh Pritchard 1885-1932 Wife Jane ^{and John R. Blease} James 1871-1946

Tom Nughus ^{(Nughus 1971) T.W.} Thomas R. 1862-1925 Wife ¹⁸⁶⁶⁻¹⁹⁴⁸ Jennie Pritchard

Slisk C. Owens

Am D. Slisk Breeze 1853-1927 Wife Mary-1855-1929 ^{Marriage in} ^{USA}

Ryan Morgan

^{W. W.} Nugh Owens 1878-1925 ¹⁹¹¹ (Parents ¹⁸⁹⁷ James G. & Margaret)

Evan A. Roberts 1887-1980 ^{Ridge} ^{Conn}

William T Morgan 1883-1918

Jack Williams

D. Luther Evans ⁽¹⁸⁷⁶⁾ 1921 ^{Unmarried wife} ⁽¹⁸⁷⁶⁾ ¹⁹¹⁹ Martha

Fred A Morris 1876-1915 (Parents ^{Rev. G. A. Morris & Margaret})

Deceased ^(before 1933)

W. W. Griff H. Jones 1858-1936 wife Mary E 1860-1911

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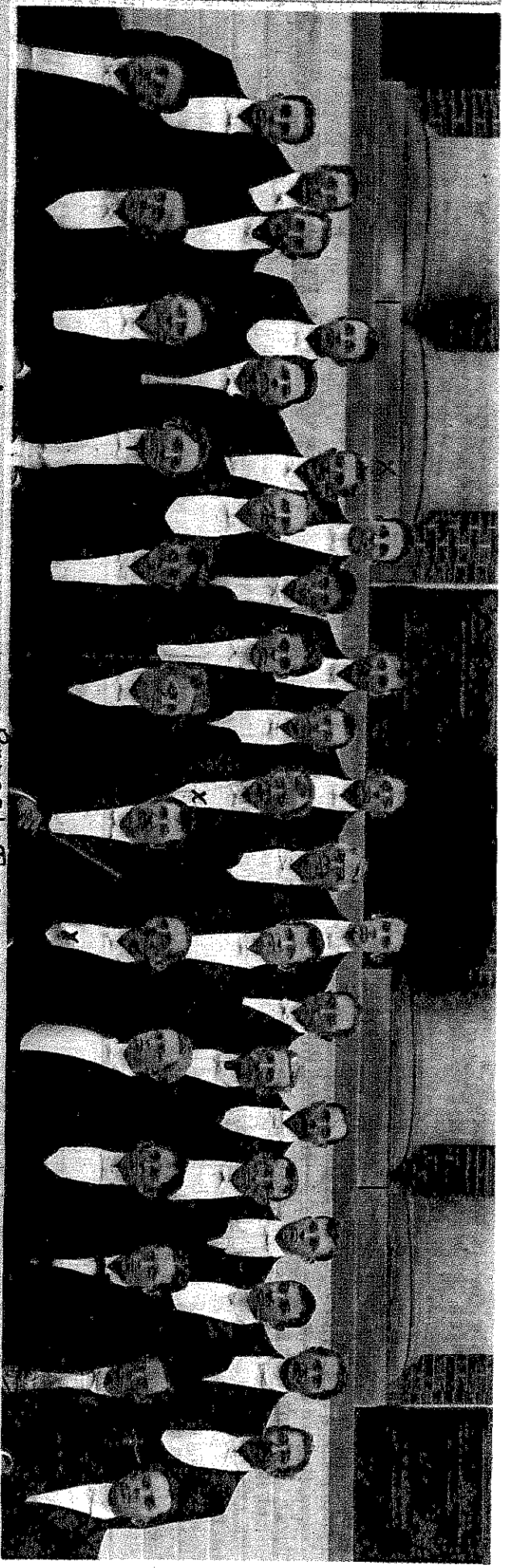
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Passed on ^(end of 1939)

Evan Jones

Evan Roberts (Revere) ^{Wisc.}

Weaver



This photo from the early 1900s shows the Lima male chorus at Memorial Hall. The chorus was well known in the area and later the nation for its talents.

Dan O. Evans

*Brookh Stens
Wednesday*

Jan. 14, 2009

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An April 29, 1905, article explained: "Eisteddfods are a great educational power in music, and the Lima Choral Society at once acknowledged their influence and very seldom failed to take part in all the concerts that presented themselves within a reasonable distance. Cinchinati, Cleveland, Columbus, Youngstown, Lima, Van Wert, Venedocia, Gomer and Buffalo, N.Y., are fields of great contests, and in a decided majority of them reaped the first honors."



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An account of one Eisteddfod lists competitions in the following categories: mixed chorus, male chorus, ladies' chorus, church choir, trio, duet (soprano and alto), piano solo, and solo for any voice. Cities would compete against each other, vying for prize money (which wasn't much) and prestige (which was what every one was after).

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Several days later, the papers carried a page and a half of detailed listings of winners and judges' remarks. The 90-voice male chorus earned the following notes from judges:

"The prize lay between the Lima-Gomer and the Columbus choirs. The former was full of the stuff which represents the moving power of choral singing. The intonation was steady from beginning to end, and the forte passages were rendered with telling power."



By this time, Lima's choir had come to fame. The group was invited to compete at an Eisteddfod at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which opened June 1, 1909, in Seattle. The exposition was put together to market the development of the Pacific Northwest and had a kind of World's Fair atmosphere. Buildings were erected for this exposition on the University of Washington campus and remain there today.

In late summer, a small-scale Eisteddfod was held in Lima to raise money to send the Ohio Male Choir to the exposition. It was successful in raising the \$7,000 needed for the five-week trip. The party — 40 choir members and six wives — traveled by rail in a northern route going and a southern route returning. Plans were made for the choir to give performances along the way with concerts planned in Chicago, St. Paul, Spokane, Portland, LA, Salt Lake City, Denver and Omaha. Off they went to the exposition to win one for Lima and they did just that.

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A travel diary was published beginning Sept. and continuing once a week for a month from chairman Enos G. Conn. He summed up the changing trip with the following words: "... Our minds have been broadened, our ideas of greater possibilities have been taken on a new impetus and we are better qualified to enjoy and compete in life's joys and struggles in an existence."

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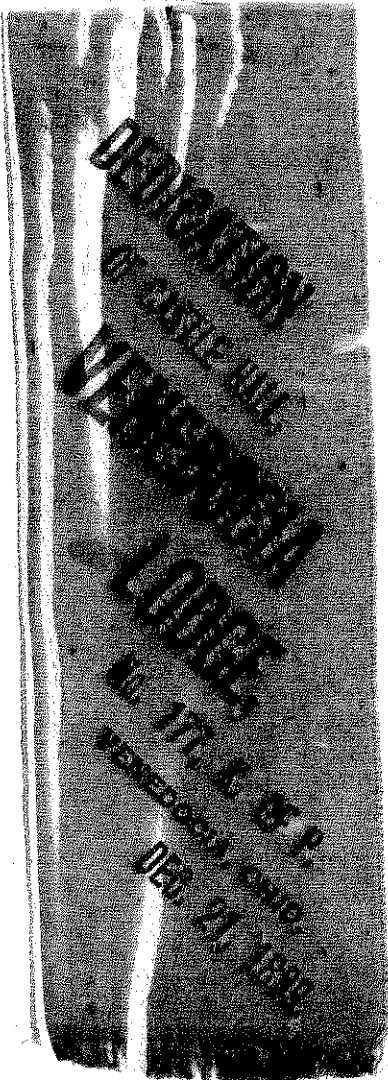


VENEDOCIA

LODGE No. 177

K. O F P.

VENEDOCIA, OHIO



AT VENEDOCIA.

New K. P. Castle Will be Dedicated Next
Thursday, Dec., 21, 1899

Elaborate preparations are being made for the dedication of the new Knights of Pythias castle in Venedocia on next Thursday December 21st. Hon. W. B. Richie, of Lima, Hon. Jno. C. Geyer, of Piqua, Grand Chancellor, and several other grand officers will be present and address the Knights. The hall is one of the finest in this part of the state and the members of the lodge in Venedocia have a right to feel proud of it. Invitations have been extended to neighboring lodges and a grand time is expected. It will be a notable day for Venedocia.

DEDICATION.

Dec 29 - 1899
Opening of the New Home of
Venedocia K. of P. Lodge.

Ceremonies Conducted by the Van Wert
Team in a Fitting Manner—Large
Delegation Present.

The dedication of the new K. of P. castle hall in the Jones & Jones block at Venedocia was observed Thursday evening. About two hundred and fifty visiting Pythians were present: forty-nine from Van Wert, eighty-seven from Delphos, twenty-one from Vaughnsville and a delegation from Middlepoint.

The work was exemplified by the Van Wert team, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Wm. R. Beatty, of Toledo, was present and addressed the Knights. Mr. Beatty acted as Grand Chancellor and was assisted by C. V. Hoke, deputy of the Fifth district, and D. A. Clark, deputy of Van Wert county. Banquet tables were spread in Cambrian hall and the visitors were royally fed. While the Knights were at the tables the Venedocia and Gomer male chorus gave some splendid music, under the direction of Prof. Richards.

The new castle hall is a beautiful one, 40x50 and fitted up with fine furnishings. The Venedocia lodge may well feel proud of the new home of their order. The knight rank was conferred upon J. E. Distler, J. E. Davis, W. John Bebb, F. O. Morris and O. W. Owens. The Van Wert members present were:

C. V. Hoke,	F. E. Baker,
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Earl Gleason,	O. D. Swartout,
D. A. Clark,	Ferd Webster,
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C. W. Bonewitz,	Geo. Guyselman,
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S. W. Fleming,	W. W. McClure,
W. B. Ross,	G. A. Balyeat,
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E. S. Matthias,	W. J. Semple,
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C. M. Denton,	L. X. Jacobs,
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Gilbert McClure.	



March 31, 1900

Pollock Corners.

J. E. Pollock started to Macedonia, Ohio, last Sunday evening, where he will work this spring and summer.

Mrs. A. L. Pollock who has been sick for some time, is no better.

Mrs. Amos Gamble was visiting Mr. Timbers and family of Washington township last week.

Miss Annie Link from Ridge township is visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs John Beard.

Mr. John Beard was at Haviland this week visiting his mother who is poorly.

Some farmers have commenced plowing. Wheat on the clay ground is in a very bad condition.

Mr. R. P. Pollock who has been confined to his bed for the past three weeks is getting better.

The Misses J. Distler and R. P. Pollock were at Delphos last Wednesday.

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Mr. Joseph Mark and family moved to Van Wert last Friday. Mr. Mark will be missed in this community, but our loss is others gain.

The K. P. Venedocia Lodge No. 177 are preparing for an entertainment to be given at their hall, April 5th, 1900. All are invited to attend.

Easter will come on the 15th of April this year; it will therefore soon be time to gather your Easter eggs.

Mr. Thomas M. Berry has let the contract to Mr. Ringwald for a large frame barn to be erected on his farm in Jennings township this spring.

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Mud and nothing but mud.

Frieda, a little daughter of Ora Baxter, is sick with the grip.

Several from here attended church at Middlepoint last Sunday night.

Messrs. Noah J. Distler and N. W. Pollock were at Salem Sunday night.

Misses Della and Mac Pollock, were guests of ye scribe and family last Sunday.

Milton Lowrey from Spencerville, was a guest of R. P. Pollock last Saturday night.

E. S. Foster, who has been visiting in Perry county, the last couple of weeks is home again.

Messrs. John Ringwald Middlepoint and E. F. Ringwald from Washington township, were in this community last Sunday.

W. H. Ringwald and family from Washington township, were visiting Mr. Ringwald's sister and family, Mrs. Jacob Distler.

Messrs. Jacob Distler and N. R. Pollock were guests of John Beard and family of Jennings township last Monday night.

Grip seems to be prevalent once more. There are three more members of the family of J. S. Baxter down with it.

Samuel Gamble and family from Ridge township, were visiting Mr. Gamble's brother, Amos Gamble and family last Monday.

The Knight rank was conferred on the Equites D. O. Evans, Heber Richards and John Jones by the Knights of Pythias of Venedocia last Thursday night.

Mrs. Joe Pool from Iowa, who has been visiting his sister Mrs. A. B. Oliver and other relatives and friends here for a couple of weeks, returned to her home last Tuesday.

J. E. Distler is building a wire fence called the Best, for M. H. Morgan. Farmers should build that kind of fence, it can't be beat. Mr. Morgan is the owner of the machine.

Protracted meetings are all the go now. The newspapers are reporting great work done and many souls saved.

K. OF P. PROGRAM

June 25 1899
For County Memorial to be Held in Fountain Park Sunday Afternoon.

The knights will assemble in Castle Hall at one o'clock. Speakers and knights will be escorted from the hall to the park at 1:45, Hiestand's band leading.

IN THE PARK, 2:00 P. M.

Meeting called to order by County Deputy Brother O. A. Balyeat, who will introduce the Master of Ceremonies, Brother G. M. Saltzgeber.
Prayer Rev. Bro. F. C. Stanley
Sacred Selection Hiestand's Band
Male Chorus—"Come Unto Me," (Sacred).....

T. J. Davis
Venedocia Lodge, No. 177.

Address—"Growth of the Order".....
..... Brig S. Young, P. G. C., Ada, O.
Sacred Selection Hiestand's Band
Male Chorus—"Wave Above Them" (Memorial)..... Lorense

Venedocia Lodge, No. 177.
Address—Memorial..... Bro. W. T. Hufford, Ada
America..... Audiences, led by Male Chorus

All knights in the county are expected to be present, and visiting brothers, and the public generally will be made welcome.

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VENEDOCIA.

July 8, 1902
[From last week.]

The last week has been a bad week to put up hay.

Some farmers have commenced cutting their wheat. Wheat will average a good crop.

N. R. Pollock and wife were at Elda, last Saturday and Sunday, visiting relatives.

J. E. Davis has the M. B. Jones' new house ready for plastering.

J. B. Jones will build a new frame house. J. E. Davis contractor.

J. E. Davis has L. S. Morgan's new house commenced.

W. M. Thomas is sick with sore throat.

Mrs. A. B. Pollock, who has been sick for some time, is better.

The Knight rank was conferred on Squire W. G. Jones and John N. Jones, by Venedocia lodge No. 177, K. of P. at their regular meeting last Thursday.

A Telephone Co., from Middlepoint is working in this neighborhood at present. They are selling shares at \$20 or \$12 a year for a 'phone in a resident's house. They are trying to get into Venedocia, but we don't see how as there are three different companies in town now. Everybody in town has from one to two 'phones. The U. S. is the oldest in town, then comes the Bell, then the best of all the Jennings. These three companies will leave no room for the Middlepoint Co. to come in.

Daily record of number of pieces of mail delivered and collected by rural free delivery, at Venedocia, for the month of June was: Delivered, 3,311 parcels collected, 475.

Pollock Corners.

Mrs. Olive Strother is quite poorly.

Mr. Evan C. Rees is very poorly at this writing.

Dr. David Davis was under the weather last week but is again able to attend to his duties.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Oliver, of Venedocia were guests of R. P. Pollock and family last Sunday.

John Beard and family were guests of Ye Scribe and family last Sunday.

D. Evan Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Venedocia is in a critical condition suffering from stomach trouble.

J. F. Distler was in Van Wert on business last Saturday.

Messrs J. F. and W. H. Distler were at Middle Point last Sunday night attending revival meetings at the M. E. church.

J. K. Bogart, of Columbus Grove, was a guest of R. P. Pollock and family over Sunday.

The members of Venedocia Lodge K of P. are making arrangement to attend the district meeting at Van Wert Wednesday, Feb. 21. They will also furnish music for the occasion.

G. R. Wilson, of Van Wert, was here last week in the interest of the Maccabees order. Mr. Wilson expects to institute a Lodge in the near future.

Mr. Griff Wilson has contemplated going West this Spring. He has resigned his position with Jones & Jones. Dave Griffith will be his successor.

Evan Lloyd and family will move to Van Wert in the near future to make that place their future home. Our loss is Van Wert's gain.

The bottom dropped out of the mud roads.

We observe among other things that there will be two tickets in the field for town officers in Venedocia this spring. Then the boys will have their fun.

Mrs. A. L. Pollock is complaining with lung trouble.

Messrs A. B. and W. H. Pollock were at on business last Tuesday.

Sympathy, with a few exceptions, is with the Boers.

Assa Pollock is somewhat under the weather.

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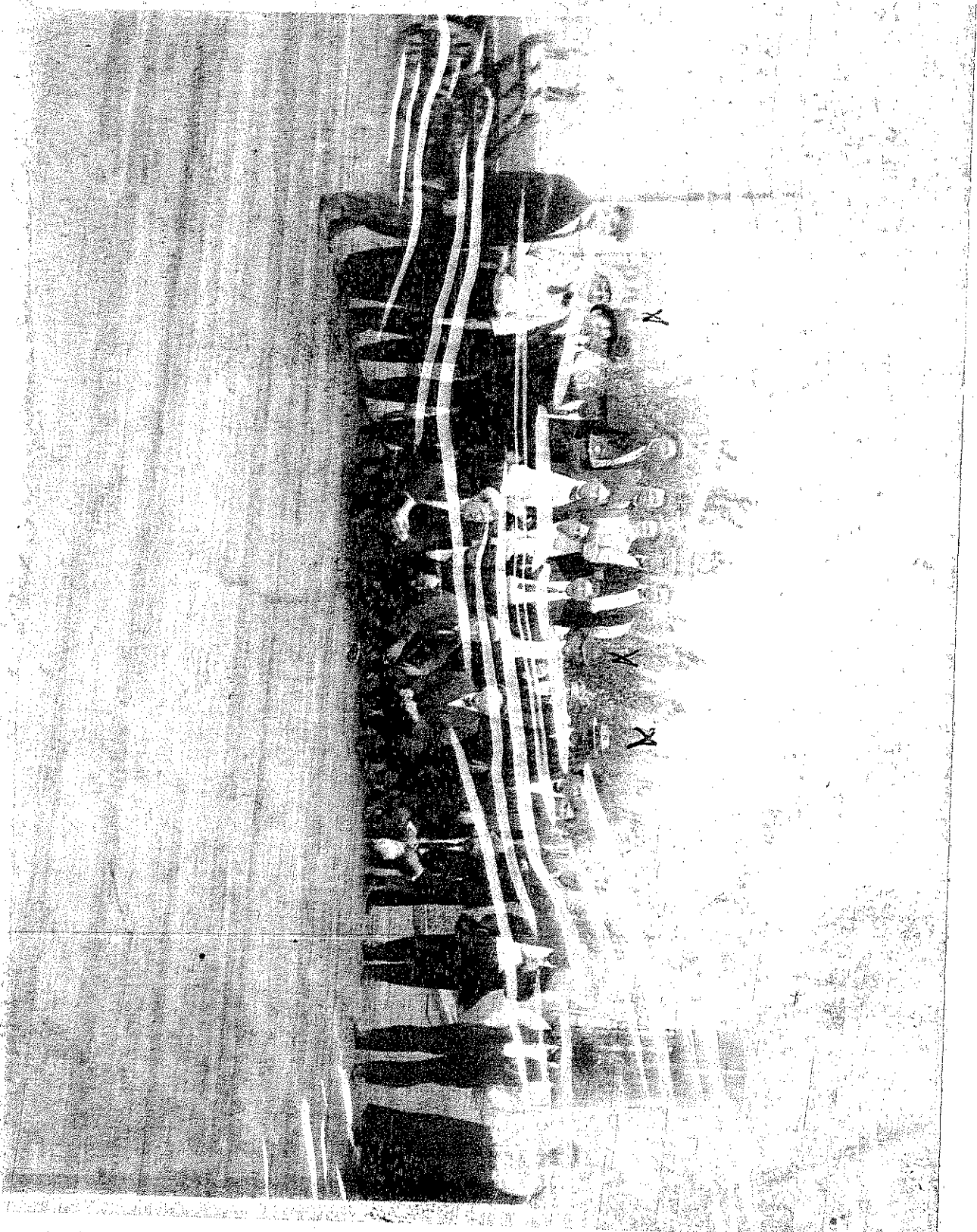
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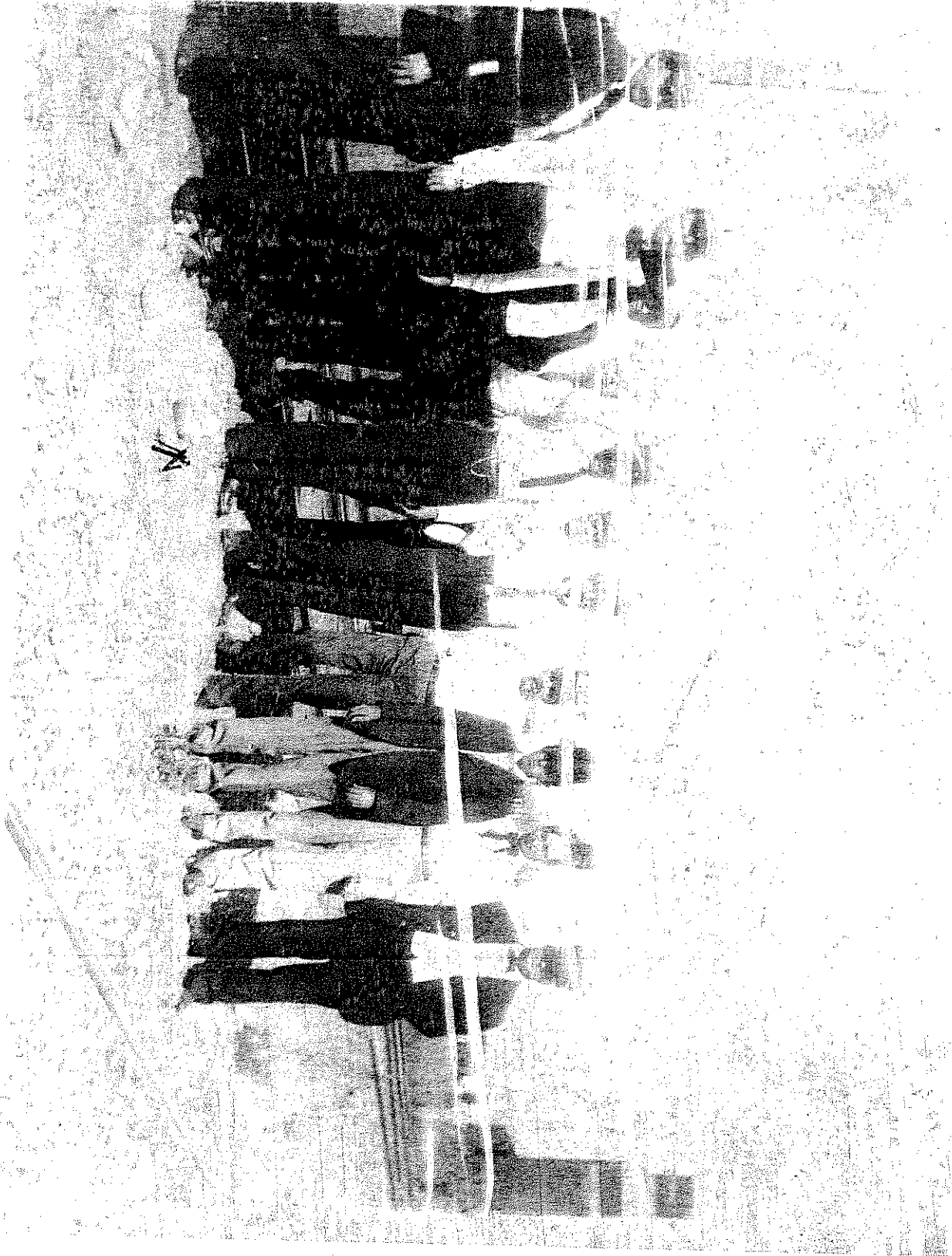
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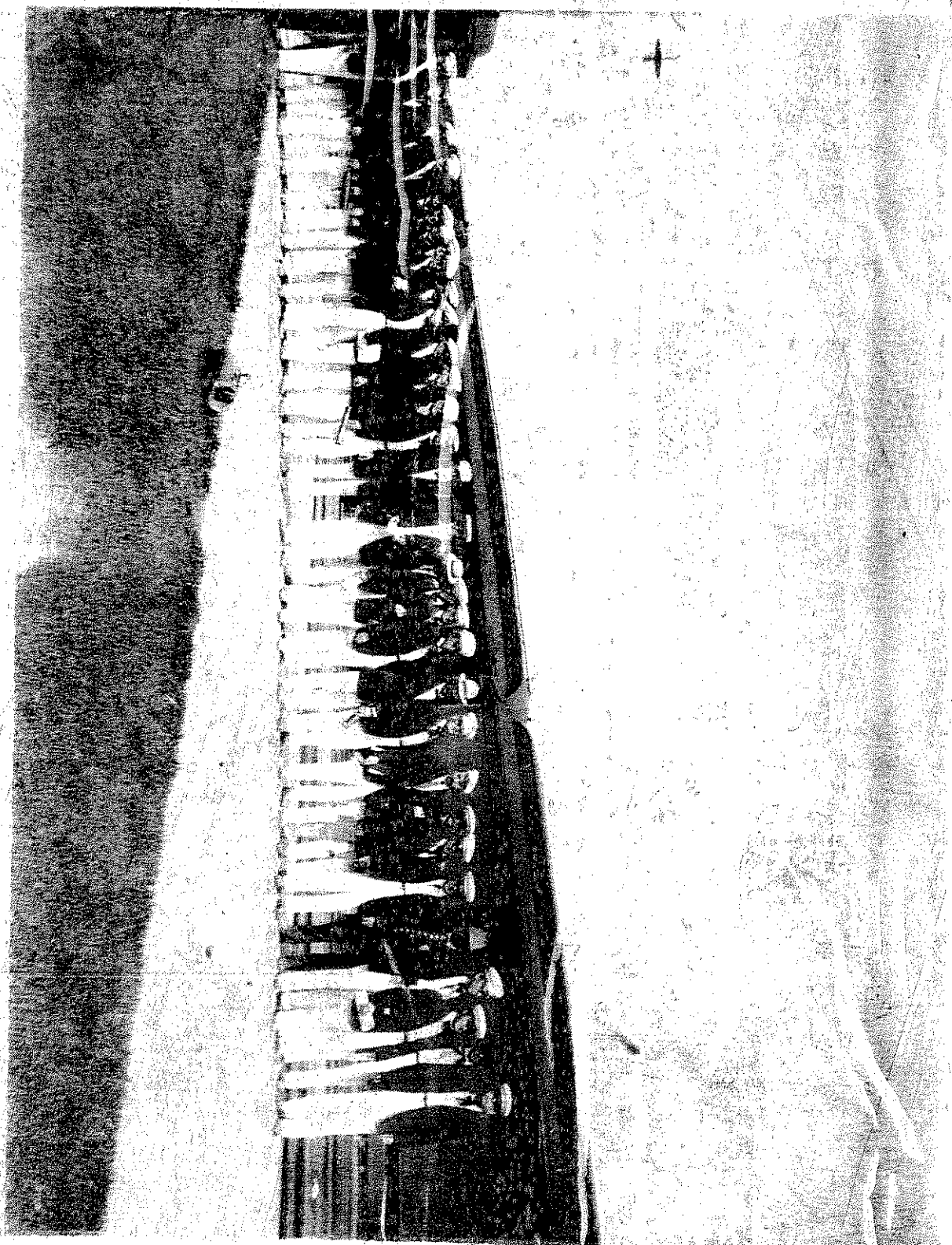


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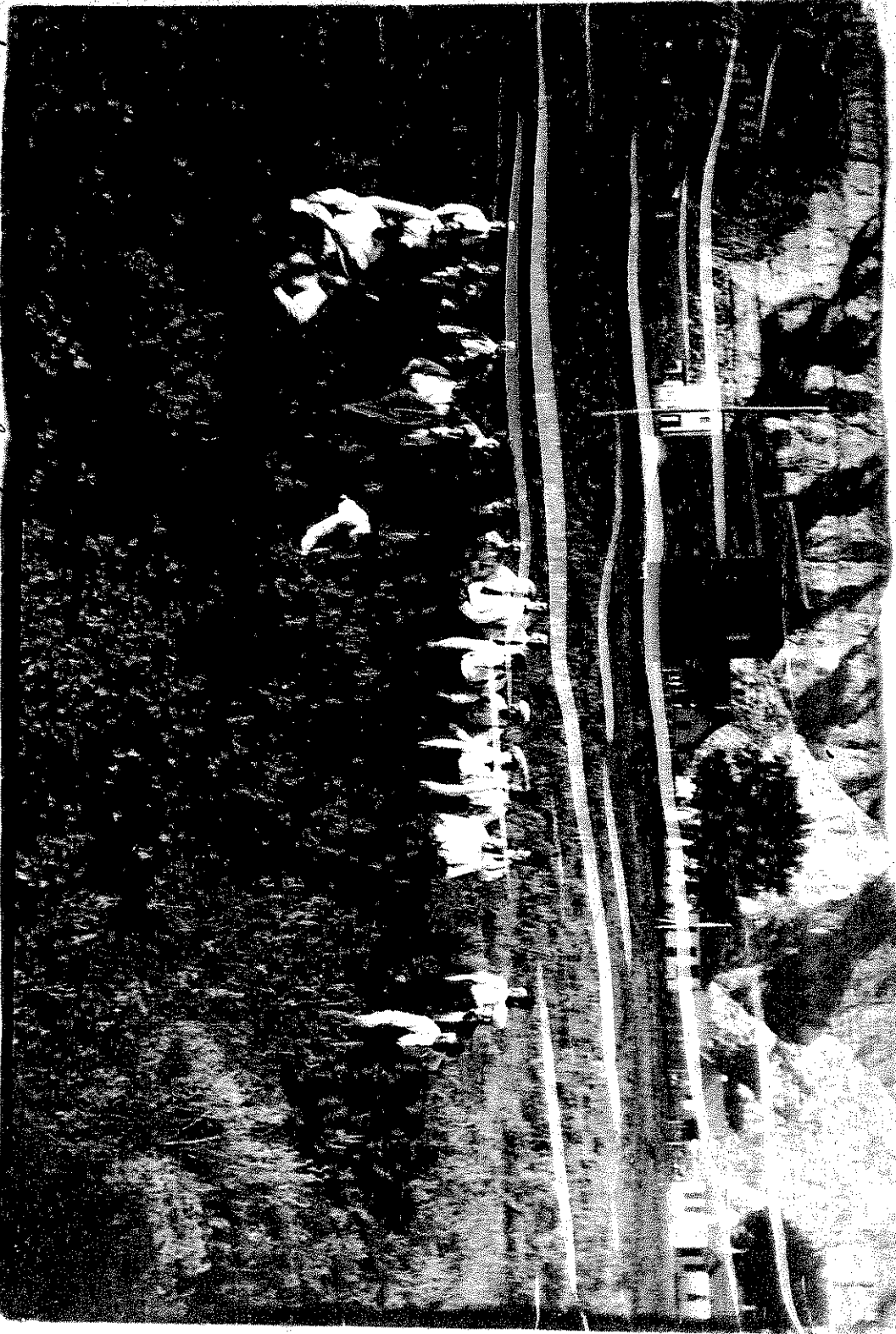


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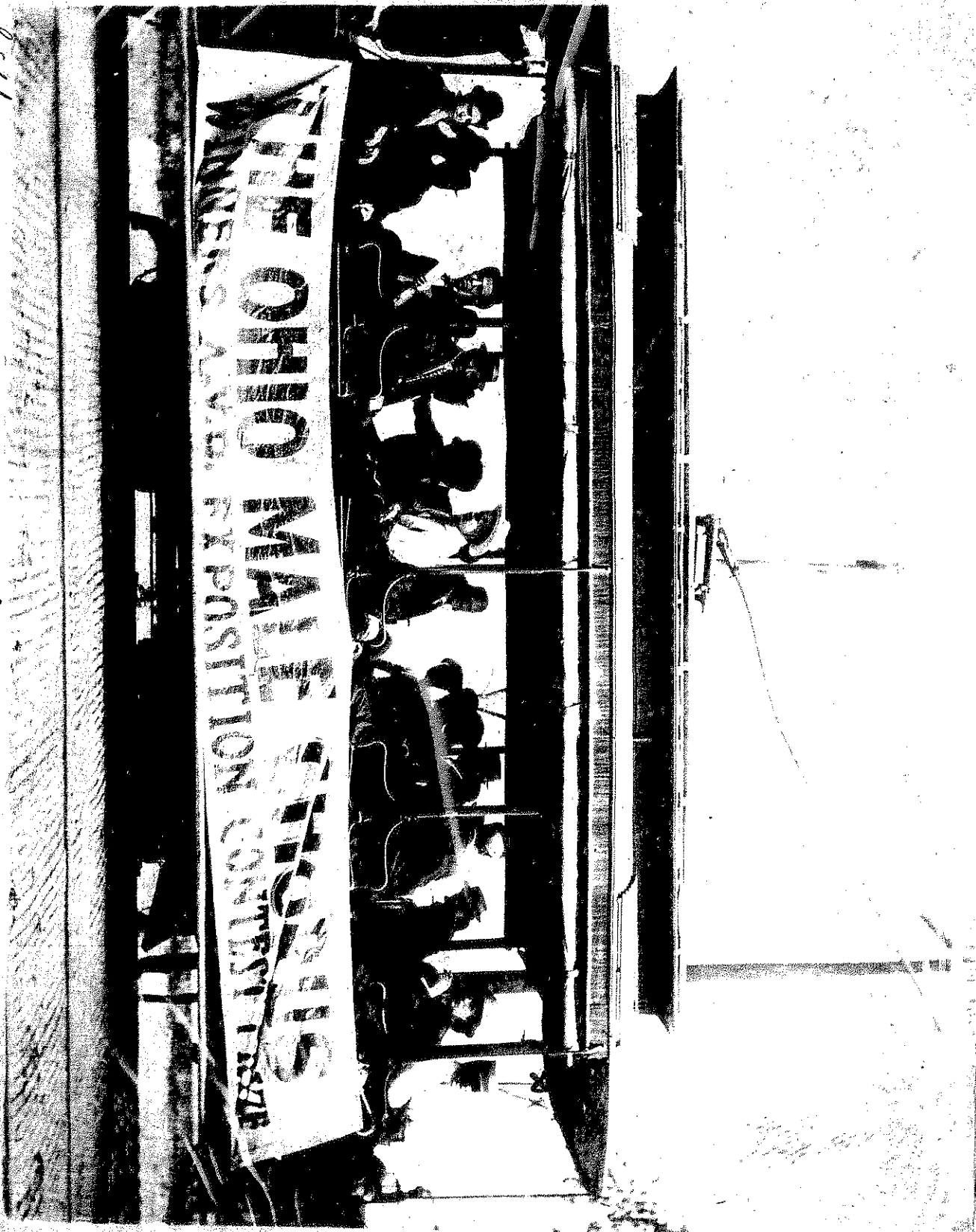
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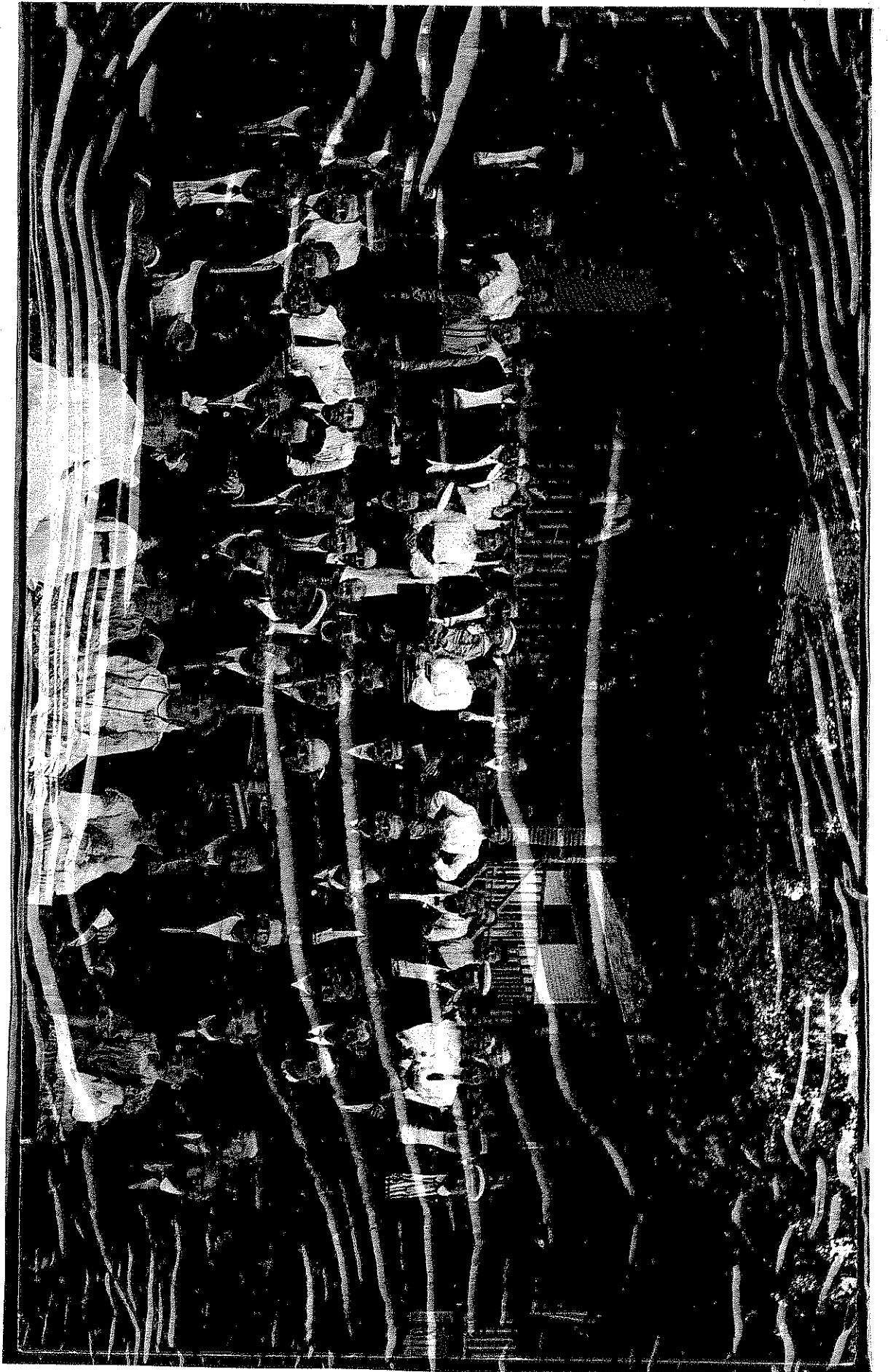
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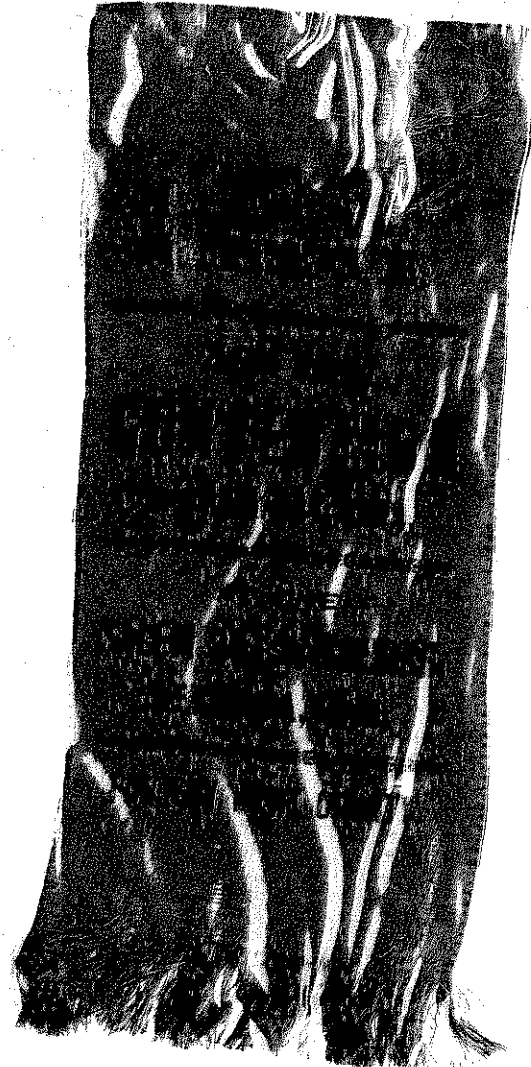
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A large crowd of Van Wert young people will go to Upper Sandusky July 4th to help the Wyandot Indians celebrate. *June 16-1899*

The Venedocia male chorus will have charge of one day's music at the International C. E. meeting, at Detroit, Mich.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

To be Held in York, Jennings and Hocking Townships—The Programs.

May 20-1902

The following is the program of the York and Jennings townships Sunday school convention to be held in the Presbyterian church in Venedocia, Sunday, May 25th.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises Superintendent
Paper J. Russell Evans
Recitation Lucile Pfeiffer
Topic, "The Influence of the Sunday School:
Why Doesn't It Effectually Reach the
of the People?" John Whyman
Discussion
Quartet Zion school
Recitation Eva Foster
Topic, "How to Teach the Proper Reverence
for the House of God" Adam Hirs
Address, "Normal Bible Lessons—A Train-
ing for Teachers," W. A. Marker, Snate
Collection

EVENING SESSION.

Song Service, fifteen minutes
Recitation Ada Burnett
Topic, "How Can We Induce Teacher and
Scholar to Study?" A. J. Better
Discussion
Quartet
Venedocia Presbyterian Sunday School
Paper Maggie Jones
Topic, "Mistakes of Sunday School
Teachers," J. Pryse Morgan
Program will be interspersed with songs...
Benediction