

For What It's Worth .

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Just as June is the month for brides, so is May the month for graduates. Kindergartens, grade schools, high schools and colleges find this a busy period as they prepare for commencement exercises which yearly draw capacity crowds.

Parents, relatives and friends, who more than likely have never before come nearer to the school than the gymnasium or the football field, take advantage of this annual occasion to gather within the walls of the institution of learning to which they have entrusted the development of their offspring for the past several years.

Occurring in every hamlet, town and city throughout the land, the scene is always a stirring one. This is definitely one time of the year when democracy is displayed at its best for here in the span of a few brief hours all are made aware of the fact that regardless of race, creed or financial standing their children have an equal opportunity to acquire an education.

For the parent it is a wonderful day. There on the platform he sees his contribution to the world of tomorrow and he is proud and thankful. Any sacrifices which he may have made to bring about this event now seem petty in comparison with the finished product upon which he beams. Parents are perhaps the only people in the world who are not envious of the success of others when those others are their own children.

The dream of all mothers and fathers is that their children shall be even better equipped for the great adventure of adult accomplishment than they were. In this dream rests the secret of the greatness of America tomorrow and in the centuries yet to come, for so long as a nation lays stress on the importance of formal education for all its children, it cannot deteriorate.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foltz, former residents of this area, and daughter Karen (now Mrs. Don Jaklewicz) are here visiting friends. They attended Baccalaureate on Sunday. Karen was once a member of the same class.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chamberlain who are moving from Portland to Los Angeles, will stop at the parental Robinson home in Harbor this week. Mrs. Chamberlain and two children will visit here for two weeks.

Richard Adams arrived Saturday morning to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Adams, until Sunday evening. Richard

will graduate from Lodi Academy in about two weeks.

Mrs. Bertha Moore, former resident of the Winchuck, was visiting friends in this area last week.

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Baccalaureate Was Held Sunday Eve At Baptist Church

Rev. John L. Mumbower, pastor of Baptist Community church, Sunday evening delivered the Baccalaureate address to members of the class of 1952, at the Baptist church, when he urged them to "always seek the truth and the truth would make them free."

Noting the number of boys of the class in comparison to girls, he urged the class to prepare for life, first by gaining knowledge; second, by "devotion" to righteousness, and third by applying themselves to their work with the utmost of their abilities.

"My son once came to me when he was about to go into the service, seeking advice. I told him to first seek salvation and then all things would enrich his life. I know many of you almost as a son, and I wish to pass this advice on to you. Many of you will have your education or life work interrupted by call of military duty. You must not let it thwart your ultimate goal.

"Life is a series of expansions, of graduations, and commence-

ments. This is but an incident in that chain of many which will follow in your individual lives. Life should be richer, fuller and more enjoyable if each of you know the truth, and have the truth set you free," he concluded.

The Mothersingers, under direction of Mrs. Lee Rice, sang "I Wonder as I Wander," and Mrs. Evelyn DeMoss played an organ prelude. Rev. W. R. Paterson offered benediction.

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