

THE SENIORS OF 1918

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

We the class of 1918, are about to close a never-to-be-forgotten chapter in the history of our lives. To the impatience of youth our four years of high school life may have seemed long in the passing, but, as we are about to commence the new chapter, we realize how inadequate the time has been to prepare us to take up life's battles. Louder, and with a fuller meaning ring the words, "Oh, what things want knowing."

High School life has not been all pleasures. We have had our ups and downs, but we have fought and won our battles; and are we not the better prepared to square our shoulders and face life on account of them?

Life! What a wonderful word that is. It brings up before our minds eye, first, the complete past, which nothing but time can erase from our memory; second, the present, which is incessantly giving us opportunities to grasp; and lastly, the future, that vague indefinite time for which we are always planning. It may hold struggles and hardships in store for us, but we hope shall always be able to meet these with the same indomitable spirit with which we met those of our high school years. Temptations may confront us which will cause a conflict between mind and body, but, as Browning has said, "When the fight begins within himself, a man's worth something."

The echoes from the first rumblings of the war had were just reaching us as we entered our Freshman year. Little did we realize that before our high school days were over all the great world powers would be plunged into the maelstrom of the worst war in the history of the world. At the beginning of the war seemed far distant. We were interested, of course, but there were so many new and absorbing things about school life that the war took a very small part of our thoughts. Rather were we more interested in organizing our class, choosing a class motto, making haste to unfold our beautiful 1918 pennant, and planning activities peculiar to high school. Oh! We were very ambitious, but "on what strange stuff ambition feeds."

During the course of years we have passed through the varying stages of young manhood and young womanhood. The steady influence of our splendid faculty have developed character and brought our frivolous minds to a deep realization of the seriousness of life as it is today. We are now able to put the proper value on events transpiring. The war spirit has entered our very souls and we know that our whole future lies in the balance.

Our beloved and peace-loving country has been drawn into this erican or the Prussian standard of most terrible and disastrous of all wars to vindicate the right, the human right to settle whether the Ammorality is valid, and to make this world a better and safer place in which to live, for both the present and future generations.

How deeply are we stirred over the inhuman practices of a supposedly civilized nation, a nation whose public welfare requires that men should betray and lie and massacre; whose people are always right because they number 87,000,000 souls; and claim the right to say they form the soul of humanity and are bearers of a superior "Kultur."

We choose not the path of submission which allowed the sacred rights of nations and peoples to be ignored and violated, the wanton and wholesale destruction of the lives of innocent women and children. Old Glory is waving and our boys are singing another battle cry of freedom in the trenches "over there." A member of our class is one of those boys over there, William Pollock, and he sends us these few words of greeting for this occasion.

Somewhere in France.

Dear Classmates:
As it is nearing the end of another term of school, I think I should say "Hello" to the senior class. I have often wondered how the class of '18 was getting along this, their last year. I send my congratulations to the whole G. P. H. S. for the victories you have won both in foot ball and in debating. I surely wish I could have been going to school with you but you see I am over 8,000 miles from Grants Pass.

I like my work on aeroplanes O. K. It surely is great sport to ride in one. The longest trip I ever made in one was 35 miles. If any of the class wish to write to a lone-some friend, I should be pleased to correspond with them.

From,
WILLIAM POLLOCK.
Two other members of our class are thinking of us tonight from their posts of duty in serving their country as enlisted men. These are Robert Bestul and James Tuffs. Their presence with us would be gratifying indeed, but as that is impossible, we are glad to have one of them represented by the following personal letter:

Camp Kearney,
Linda Vista, Cal.
To the Class of '18:

Dear Friends—I am a long way from Grants Pass tonight but my thoughts are with you. I am writing just to let you know that I am interested in the class and want to send all of you my very best wishes for a great success.

I often wish that I could be with you to graduate, but I wouldn't be willing to give up my present life for even that pleasure, so must live the life that circumstances make me live.

The first few months that I was in the service I was "shipped" around a good deal, going from Vancouver, Wash., to Ft. Worden and from there to Ft. Lawton where we had three months of intensive training. Then our company was moved down here to Southern California, where we have been doing work in a very large base hospital.

The first couple of months the hospital was nothing more than a few large tents but now it is one of the biggest and most modern hospitals in any of the U. S. cantonments. It is a very nice place to work but all of our company is getting anxious to get "over the pond" where there is more excitement and I hope that it won't be very long before we get a chance to go.

Will close wishing best of luck to everyone in the class of 1918.

Your friend,
ROBERT M. BESTUL.

Every loyal American has been given the opportunity to do his bit. Appeals to our nation have met with ready response, so that we are proud of her—proud to say we belong to such a country. Ever ringing in our ears are the words, "Carry on! Carry on!" As our boys are carrying on over there so should we, here, answer to that command by striving to push onward and upward to higher and nobler things, that, after the war they may return to a strong, glorious, unconquered people, who proudly bear aloft the banner of Liberty, Justice and Freedom. Our instructors have done all in their power to instill this spirit into our minds, and may our success be their reward.

All things have an end. As at the beginning we made our start with the war I would that at the end the glorious victory of democracy might ring out to all the nations of the earth, but, if that end is not yet, still, we go out into the world with undaunted faith that peace, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness is invincible and will conquer, and to that end our good class of 1918 dedicate themselves. Wherever life leads them you will find them rallying around our flag 100 per cent American.

RUTH GIESLER.



Mrs. McKinney—"What is a catalyzer?"

Grace Presley—"What they spray cattle with."

Arline Bunch—"His father was a religious man and so was his mother."

Deal Wilkins—"If a negro can vote, why can't a woman?"

Pauline Dean—"They didn't want to pass the thirteenth commandment."



EDITOR—TED BIRCHARD '18

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Dear Readers:

It has long been the custom of the Senior class of Grants Pass High School, to publish an annual periodical, known as the Toka.

The purpose of the edition was to bring before the eyes of the citizens of Grants Pass and other interested parties, the activities, principles, and all inside items pertaining to high school life, which is more or less interesting to various members of the community.

Also the work required in the publication of such an annual was found to be extremely beneficial. It brought out talent that otherwise might have remained unheeded, and in doing this afforded an excellent opportunity for the execution of such talent.

The paper was conducted on the same basis as the larger periodicals giving those persons engaged in it an insight into the process involved in the operation of newspapers and magazines.

This year, owing to war conditions and absolute necessity of saving, the student body voted unanimously to cancel the Toka annual project.

The Rogue River Courier cooperated with us and kindly donated the necessary space to be used in publishing events of interest and all Senior activities. With this purpose in view, we the Senior class of 1918 present to you this edition.

TED BIRCHARD,
Editor.

SENIOR CLASS WILL

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: Being possessed of insane minds and totally unconscious of the fact and knowing not that we are about to be ejected from these halls of advanced ignorance by our keepers, alias faculty, into a cold and uncompromising world, we, the Senior Class of One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighteen of Grants Pass, County of Josephine, State of Oregon, United States of America, do hereby dedicate and ordain this our last sputter and gasp, camouflaged under the title—"Last Will and Testament."

Unto Grants Pass High as a whole we leave the absolute certainty that we shall not return—this in return for all the vast amount of knowledge we have so laboriously extracted from her.

Unto our beloved and esteemed Superintendent, J. G. Imel, we hereby bequeath and bestow one large, long, pole-like instrument equipped with a net on one end intended for the purpose of fishing his parrot out of the tree tops on dark evenings without calling out the neighbors supported by the home guard.

Unto our extremely worthy and vigilant Principal, Mr. Herbert H. Wardrip, we do on this 17th day of May, donate for future use and special benefit, to-wit, three classes of raw material comprising namely, the Fresh, Sophs and Junior classes in the vain hope that he will mould them into as perfect material as he succeeded in doing to us.

Unto Miss Juanita Parker, who has struggled along with us for the past two years, we do leave one iron bound, tin leaved, engraved book containing a complete allegory of professional crabbing to be used in place of Robert's Rules of Order. This is thought to produce a new and systematic method of handling all future Senior meetings and will please all parties involved thereof.

Next, in due appreciation of the good work done and allowing no mention to be made at all for the numerous faults of said individuals, France, Bonde-de-Che, to be equipped and members of the crew of intellectual demons, known as the G. P. H. S. faculty, we do hereby and officially equip, donate and wish off on, one huge volume, written, published and dedicated to Miss Katharine Maria Bridges, for the express purpose of obtaining knowledge and information concerning positions, applications, attendants, ambitions, aspirations regarding all lines of work from poultry raising to poetry, and from journalism to nursing.

Also, we do leave for future use, six pairs of rubbers and a complete wireless outfit. Miss Bridges, have you your rubbers on?

Unto Miss Anita Bedella Crellin, we do bestow in good faith and intentions and not wishing her any hard luck, one volume of complete answers, dates, important battles, etc., to date, for all monthly and yearly examinations, available at all times for all history studies immediately before examinations. Also we do bequeath to her one patented

machine for use in grading papers with but one general average, to-wit, one hundred per cent.

To Miss Mary Fearn, we do leave as a slight token of appreciation for delightful moments experienced by us in passing the Jewell residence on innumerable moonlight evenings for the sweet harmonious sounds, escaping from the out-of-tune ukelele and the beautiful (extremely high) soprano voice (off the key) which was soaring to every nook and corner in the city, one elegant, high priced, especially prepared high strung (muffled) ukelele with no strings on it, to be used in the wee sma' hours when it's a cinch the rest of the world or at least innocent H. S. students are peacefully purring. Also we do dedicate one air-proof, puncture-proof, sound-proof, compartment for use in holding musical recitals.

Unto Miss Gladys V. Cox, we do hereby unanimously, sarcastically and emphatically, with all due process of procedure and manifestations, donate one large motor car, for the express purpose of meeting trains and making her daily trips to the various schools in the city for the carrying out of her beloved and inspiring work of leading young and innocent artists and musicians off the straight and narrow path to loud colors and discordant sounds under the much exaggerated name of "A Long, Long Trail?"

Unto our next victim, to-wit, Miss Maude Gilman, we bequeath one large flea-bitten, H2O-soaked, be-whiskered volume, entitled, "The Latest—In Modern Grammar," containing definitions and uses of all slang phrases—with key to pronunciation. This to be a guide for future use when her "little devils" are too full of jazz, pep and spring fever, or when she forgets and talks natural.

Unto Mrs. Muriel Turner Verne Lancelot McKinney, we do bestow one large-sized cable, personal, private and sterilized—direct from France, Bonde-de-Che, to be equipped and kept running day and night. War tax on over 8,000 per day to be paid from our bank (rupt) account.

Unto Miss Gertrude Castle Clancy we do hereby ceremoniously donate unflinchingly and bald-headed, one enormous exaggerated magnifying glass, said glass to be used to find imaginary specks, spots, blotches, or blemishes in the plaster of the ceiling of the assembly. Also in order to show our true appreciation of real patriotism and ambition we leave for her approval one imported volume of exactly how to get into business or abroad and the technique necessary to be known by war workers who have plenty of financial backing.

MEMBERS OF SENIOR CLASS

Ted Birchard
Baseball, 2; basket ball, 1-2-4; football, 4; tie-up, 3; tennis, 1-2; president of Senior class; cartoonist Toka, 3; president of tennis association, 3; boy's quartette, 3-4; boy's glee club, 1-2-3; high school correspondent for Courier, 4; Bob White, comic opera, 4; Fractured Honey-moons, Senior play, 4; class will, 4; editor for Senior class.

Ella Anderson
Basket ball, 1-2-3-4; vice-president tennis club, 2; tennis, 1-2-3; glee club, 3; representative student council, 1; assistant business manager Toka, 3; chairman committee on decoration, 3; track, 1-2-3; treasurer high school student body, 4; Senior girls quartette, 4; class play, 4; debate, 4.

Vivian Isham
Glee club, 1-2; orchestra, 3; track, 1-2-3; president tennis club, 3; basket ball, 2-3-4; yell leader, 3-4; Toka staff, 3; president 2; Senior play, 4; debate, 4; student council, 4; historian, 4.

Helene Effield
Student body president, 4; Senior class secretary, 4; Senior play, 4; debate, 4; track 1-2; basket ball, 2; tennis, 1-2-3; chairman pin committee, 4; May Pole dance, 4; flower and gift committee, 3; decoration committee, 3; yell leader at tie-up, 3; Latin play, 3.

Helen Ellis
Glee club, 1-2; Latin skit, 3; flower and gift committee, 3; historian, 3; decoration committee, 3; Senior girl's quartette, 4; operetta, "Miss Bob White," 4; Senior play, 4.

Max Maurice Wilkins
Yell leader, 3-4; secretary and treasurer, 3; debate, 4; class play, 4; operetta, "Bob White," 4; football, 3; basket ball manager, 4; boy's quartette, 3-4; track, 3; class will, 4; tennis, 3; assistant editor, 4; tie-up, 3; base ball, 3; glee club, 3-4; cartoonist for Toka, 3.

Lucile Garber
Basket ball, 1-3; track, 1; chairman class colors, 1; orchestra, 1; May Pole dance, 3; decoration committee, 3; class play, 4; operetta, 4; program committee, 4; chairman Senior entertainment committee, 4; class prophet, 4.

Ruth Giesler
Toka staff, 1; class historian, 1; chairman decorating committee Junior-Senior party, 3; pin committee, 4; May Pole, 3; Senior play, 4; basket ball, 4; valedictorian, 4.

Margaret Rathbone
Senior play, 4; student body secretary, 4; track, 2; basket ball, 2-3; May Pole dance, 2-4; entertainment committee Junior-Senior party, 3; pin committee, 4; decorating opera house for commencement, 3.

Deal Wilkins
Foot ball, 1-2-3; basket ball, 1-2-4; gym work, 1-2; athletic board of control, 1-2; track, 2; operetta, "Miss Bob White," 4; Senior play, 4; decorating committee, 4.

Viola Walton
Eats committee, 1; entertainment committee, 3; temporary president, 4; program committee on class day, 4; committee on assembly entertainment, 4; Senior play, 4.

titles, out of their hiding places. Also two tons of carbon paper to be used for making carbon copies of letters. A copy of each of the said letters to be sent to various and sundry parts of France on certain designated days.

Unto Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell we hereby and officially dedicate beneath, donate and force upon, about six more days per week in order to give her a chance to become acquainted with Mr. Gunnell and an opportunity to eat her Sunday dinners at home.

We also wish upon her one large sized bottle, labeled, "Play Appreciation," in recognition of her patience in pounding "Fractured Honey-moons" into our solid domes when all we did at the time was to "refuse ourselves to do it." Also we bequeath to her fifteen able-minded debate judges to be used in her raid waiting to help Hoover, and incidentally our esteemed faculty's appeal for the championship.

Grace Presley
Freshman party committee, 1; basket ball, 1-2; track meet, 1-3; policeman at tie-up, 3; captain of girl's base ball team, 3; entertainment committee, 3; decorating committee, 3; eats committee, 3; Senior class play, 4; chairman car committee, 4; eats committee Junior-Senior party, 4.

Estella Feldmaier
Tennis, 2; Latin play, 3; flower and gift committee, 3; decorating committee, 3; entertainment committee, 4; eats committee, 4; property manager for Senior play, 4; operetta, "Miss Bob White," 4.

Leah Parker
Class play, 4; commencement committee, 3; entertainment committee, 4; eats committee, 1-2-3; debate, 2-3; class salutatorian, 4.

Mattie Williams
Committees, 1; basket ball, 1-3; May Pole dance, 2; Senior play, 4; glee club, 4; operetta, "Miss Bob White," 4; graduation exercise committee, 4; entertainment, 4.

Pauline Dean
Tennis, 1; decorating committee, 1; entertainment committee, 4; bacalaureate sermon committee, 4; high school song committee, 4; class song committee, 4; glee club, 4; operetta, "Miss Bob White," 4; operetta, "Bubbul," 2; Senior play, 4; gift committee, 3.

John Williams
Committees, 1; tennis, 1; glee club, 1-2; operetta, "Bubbul," 2; operetta, "Bob White," 4; eats committee, 4; Senior play, 4.

Hattie Gebbers
Entertainment committee, 1; decorating committee, 1-4; refreshment committee, 2; track, 2; basket ball, 3-4; motto committee, 3; entertainment committee, 3; refreshment committee, 3-4; decorating committee, 3; vice president, 3; class play, 4.

Arline Bunch
Freshman representative on Toka staff, 1; basket ball, 2; Senior play, 4.

Ila de Grasse
Class poem, 1; hike committee, 1; eats committee, 2; entertainment committee, 2; song committee, 4; class play, 4.

Reinhold Schmidt
Decorating committee, 3-4; Senior play, 4; track, 3; sergeant at arms, 4.

Silvia Duncan
Refreshment committee, 1; decorating committee, 3; entertainment committee, 4; gift committee, 4; Senior play, 4.

Ellen Taylor
Track meet, 2; May Pole, 2; operetta, 2; entertainment committee, 4; eats committee, 4.

Gertrude Kerley
Glee club, 4; class play, 4; Senior girl's quartette, 4; treasurer, 4.

Josie Wright
Basket ball, 4; track meet, 2; Senior play, 4; commencement decorating committee, 2; vice president of Senior class, 4.

Unto the Juniors who if unlucky enough will be Seniors next year, we do bequeath one magic moving picture machine for use in perceiving exactly how to get on the good side of members of the faculty, especially those under which they have classes. We, the Seniors of 1918, have long felt the need of such a machine and hope said apparatus will be of service to next year's graduating class. Said machine may be found in the northeast portion of South Grants Pass, somewhere in the scrap pile.

Unto the Sophs we donate with great pleasure and alacrity one set of books pertaining to the psychology of teachers and all persons with which they will have any dealings. This book for the express purpose of enabling said Sophs to be able to judge the exact and definite ability they may have in dealing with said persons. Also sixteen live boys to correspond to the extremely pretty

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