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THIS AND THAT (BY OLD FASHION) TO THE EDITOR:

High School commencements, with all the pomp and ceremony of higher institutions of learning, are over for the season.

Remember the sweet simplicity attending the closing exercises of schools of yesteryear, when the girls in bright gay dresses essayed and the boys in painful new suits orated to the delight of fond parents?

In this streamlined age the budding graduate is shunted to the rear to make place for some titled speaker who often uncorks a lot of glittering generalities or some far-fetched philosophy.

A graduate from the university of hard knocks could do a better job. He is more capable of imparting sound advice than the scholarly one who came up the smooth way.

We read that the Nazis tossed a Berliner into the jug for three years for reading an Allied leaflet. Punishment could have been more severe - he might have been forced to read "Mein Kampf."

A commentator predicts the complete collapse of all the Axis enemies by Christmas. Wonderful idea - but isn't that asking Santa Claus for too much at the same time?

When the Nazis first called Berchtesgaden Hitler's "mountain retreat" they never knew how prophetic they were.

The systematic mopping up of
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WCTU Celebrates 60th Anniversary

The Women's Christian Temperance Union celebrated the 60th anniversary of the organization last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Anna P. Kelsey on North Main. The W. C. T. U. was organized in Evanston, Illinois in 1852. The local union was started in 1892, with Mrs. Ann Hill Russell, mother of Mrs. Mabel Russell Lowther and Mrs. Bertha Winter, as president. It is interesting to note that 50 years later, Mrs. Russell's daughter, Mrs. Lowther, is president of the local group with a membership of over a hundred.

Mrs. E. A. Oldenburg led the devotions. Mrs. C. V. Cary and Mrs. Paul Byers, accompanied by Mrs. George Bruce, sang, "Sweet Will of God."

Mrs. Lowther described early activities of the W.C.T.U. in Ashland. Mrs. Minnie Bryant of Medford, county president, made appropriate remarks. Rev. Gordon Griffin, Rev. George M. Shuman, and Dr. George W. Bruce spoke briefly about the morning prayer services.

Delicious refreshments were served by the committee, Mrs. Mabel Russell Lowther, Mrs. Delbert Loree, and Mrs. Maud Marske.

DANCE AT CAMP JUNE 2

Mrs. Jewell Lockhart director of the Ashland USO announces that junior hostesses will go to Camp White Friday instead of the usual Thursday date. The affair will be an informal dance at Service Club no. 2.

Mrs. Ed Doyle returned Sunday from an extended visit with relatives and friends in Canada.

Lt. Kaegi Active in 59 Combat Missions

12th AAF AIR BASE.—Lt. Leroy D. Kaegi, 372 E. Main St., Ashland, Oregon, has flown 59 combat missions in the Mediterranean theatre of operations it was announced at headquarters of the light bombardment group for which he flies.

The A-20 Boston pilot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kaegi. He is a graduate of Ashland Senior High School, class of 1940, and attended the University of Oregon where he majored in science. At school, he was active in athletics and in the school orchestra. His fraternity is Alpha Sigma.

Lt. Kaegi entered the Army Air Forces, September 17, 1942, and became a pilot June 30, 1943. Overseas Dec. 25, 1943, his entire combat career has been in Italy. Many of his missions have been over the Cassino and Anzio Beach-head area.

In the U. S. he was stationed at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma; Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, Morris Field, Charlotte, N. C., and Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga.

He plans to stay in the Army if possible as a pilot or else to be a commercial pilot.

NEW SOLDIER FAMILIES ARRIVE IN ASHLAND

Ashland USO desk hostesses were busy last week end aiding incoming army families to find homes in Ashland. A new unit, a forestry group, have found Ashland a convenient location for families, while the men are engaged in work in the field. A number of apartments and houses are being inspected and reserved by men from Medford, according to Mrs. Jewell Lockhart, in charge of the soldier housing at the Ashland USO.

84 GRADUATE IN A. H. S. COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Rek Rutman, state superintendent of schools, was the guest speaker at the Ashland High School graduation held May 24th in the junior high school building.

Miss Laura Billings, salutatorian and Miss Barbara Heim, valedictorian, also gave the messages. The Rev. Earl F. Downing of the Church of Christ gave the invocation and the Rev. George Shuman of the First Presbyterian Church gave the benediction.

Frank J. Van Dyke, chairman of the school board, presented the diplomas to the class of '44, numbering 84.

- Adams, Betty Lee
- Ansama, Phoebe Florence
- Ayers, Ruth Payne
- Bailey, Lorin Jefferson
- Barger, Marvin Spencer
- Baron, Edwin Hugh
- Bartel, James R.
- Baugman, Roland L.
- Bell, Lois Patricia
- Berninghausen, Edwin D.
- Billings, Laura
- Black, Armita Louise
- Bostwick, Vivian Mae
- Brown, Ronald Ensign
- Burton, Florence Mouryne
- Bussey, Henry D.
- Clary, William Roy
- Cody, Martha Margaret
- Collinsworth, Beebe Lee
- Converse, Annella Faye
- Couper, Gemmy Lee
- Cornhill, Mary Elizabeth
- Crosby, Avis Norene
- Curtis, Mary Esther
- Cushman, Paul Edward
- Davis, Lyda Catherine
- Deisman, John T.
- DeMers, Richard Kay
- Erwin, Norma Dolores
- Evans, Don Elvin
- Flaharty, Richard Kenneth
- Garrett, Claude T.
- Gottling, Marvin Leo
- Green, Isabel
- Greer, Eunice Lee
- Haynie, Lilly Belle
- Helm, Barbara Elaine
- Hile, David James
- Hodgen, Norma Lee
- Huffman, Robert Lee
- Hunsley, Doris Jean
- Hurlburt, Virginia
- Kannasto, Frederick H.
- Kerr, Richard Donald
- Klavans, Virginia Lee
- Krueger, Bernard Eugene
- Lanning, Delbert Theodore
- Lantz, Victor Earl
- Massey, Leone
- Mekenson, Frances Mae
- Merriman, Dick Lawrence
- Messenger, Rose Mary
- Morris, Robert Gene
- Neal, Joan Augusta
- Newton, Gerald Laird
- O'Harra, Robert W.
- Owen, Lois Marie Arlene
- Pederson, Wilma Louise
- Powell, John Eric
- Quackenbush, Verna Grace
- Keed, Betty Sue
- Ricks, Benjamin Marion
- Riddle, Kenneth Sydney
- Riggs, Barney Leland
- Ring, David Bruce
- Roberson, Winfield A.
- Ross, Jacque Theodore
- Shere, Wilfred Kleisler
- Sample, LaPaula Jeanne
- Smith, Sylvia Vawn
- Speece, Shirley Ann
- Stebler, Dorcas, Elizabeth
- Stratton, Albert Glenn
- Sutherland, Myrtle Elaine
- Swanson, Barbara
- Taylor, Georgia Blanche
- Taylor, Geraldine
- Warren, Ila Bess
- Waybrant, Jack Franklin
- Weiss Shirley Louise
- Wenaus, Norma Eileen
- Williams, Donald Alva
- Witt, Bill
- Young, Marilyn Rae

