

GIVE DIPLOMAS TO GRADUATES OF 1920 CLASS

Address Given by Prof. Vining of Ashland Feature—Stage Bedecked With Flowers—Honor Cups Given Three, and Scholarships to Two—Dr. Riddell Presents Diplomas.

The commencement exercises last night, the 28th annual event in the history of the Medford high school, were presented before an audience that filled the Page theater and the 58 members of the graduating class are today facing the world with the class motto of "Life is What We Make It."

The stage presented a beautiful scene with the class colors, red and green, predominating in the decoration scheme. The stage was arched with a mixture of green tree leaves and here and there a red rose, and in the center the figures in red "20." The footlights were banked with floral bouquets, presents to the graduates, and in the front center of the stage was a large table on which rested the three silver honor cups and the diplomas to be awarded later. The large graduating class seated in the body of the stage, the girls in white and holding bouquets, flanked on the sides by the speakers of the night, completed the entrancing scene. In the pit was that splendid organization, the high school orchestra.

Program Was Snappy
The program went off with a snarl and vim, which made it seem much shorter than the average local commencement, a fact much appreciated by both the audience and graduates. There was not a hitch the entire evening. The star feature was the splendid address of Professor Irving Vining of Ashland, who added new laurels to his local fame as an orator and whose eloquent address was inspiring to every present. In fact, it was pronounced the best commencement speech ever heard in Medford.

Superintendent of Schools Davenport presided during the exercises and in presenting the class made a thoughtful address in which he praised the class as a whole and complimented its members on having finished their high school careers.

The program began with "The Light Cavalry Overture," by the orchestra, which was followed by the "Independence" march, played while the curtain arose and the graduates and speakers marched in and took their seats. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. D. E. Millard. Then came the salutation by Wilbur Godlove, as follows:

The Salutatory Address
"Parents, Teachers, and Friends: We wish to bid you a very hearty welcome to our commencement exercises. To you, tonight may be a very pleasant occasion; we will try to make it so. But at the most, it will be only one of many such occasions, which enjoyable as they seem, at the time, leave but fleeting impressions. To us, it is a wonderful occasion, marking the end of a period in our lives, certain to be clear in our memories forever.

"To those of you who have a personal interest in us as the boys and girls you have seen grow up, it, of course, means far more than to the chance guest to whom we appear on these occasions.

"To those, too, who can look back upon similar occasions in their own lives, it means a great deal. It reminds them of their hopes and aims at that time, and arouses in them a deeper sympathy and understanding of what we are thinking and feeling, as we begin these exercises tonight.



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"To our parents and relatives it is a time of pride and affection, and probably to them it has the most significant meaning. To our teachers it is a time of partial joy in the thought of the success and accomplishment of our tasks, and of partial regret over the necessary parting. Thus, we find very much depends upon the personal point of view.

"As for us this is the end of a distinct period in our lives. It has been by far the most important we have yet experienced, and will undoubtedly exert a profound influence upon our future careers. Looking back over the past few years, we feel that we have accomplished much, and I am sure that all of us, as we go forth upon our separate paths, will endeavor to give our best to the world.

"We truly appreciate the interest you have shown in us by being here this evening, and once again, in behalf of the class of 1920, I wish to extend to you our most grateful and sincere welcome."

Prof. Vining's Address

Now came the main event, the address of Prof. Irving Vining of Ashland, who recently arrived home from New York to spend the summer. In his address, the subject of which was "Adjustments to Success," he paid tribute to beautiful and tranquil southern Oregon and the Rogue River valley in comparison with the crowded condition and turmoil of the large eastern cities.

He appeared in a new light as an orator in Medford, showing his wonderful versatility as a public speaker. His remarks were filled with practical common sense advice, and were more in the nature of a confidential conversational talk to graduates and audience here and there punctuated with bits of the eloquence and oratory for which he is noted. He didn't preach or moralize—just stated common sense facts based on wide experience and personal observations.

Prof. Vining's general theme throughout was the adjustments of life to insure success and contentment. "Don't be discontented," he said. "Avoid the zone of discontent. Adjust yourselves to your environments, and if you cannot do this then change your environments." He advised young people to enter into the world without the mud of prejudice clinging to them, and if they entered college to not let the broader education and accumulation of world-wide views of knowledge, to destroy their individual view point.

A violin solo, "Serenata," was then rendered by Miss Ruth Campbell, one of the graduates, who responded to an encore. This was followed by the presentation of the graduating class by William Davenport, superintendent of the Medford schools.

Diplomas Presented

Dr. E. G. Riddell, president of the board of education, then presented the diplomas, and each member of the class was applauded as he or she came to the front.

Now came the event which the graduates and other high school pupils were greatly interested, the presentation of the honor cups by O. R. Campbell, the principal of the high school, with these words:

Awarding Honor Cups

"Friends of our high school and class of 1920. It is with a keen sense of pleasure that I have the special privilege of awarding the honors at this commencement. I have been closely associated with the members of this class for the past year and during that time have become very much attached to them, having learned their different traits of character, their ambitions and some of their disappointments. The class of 1920 is a strong class. The members are the kind which we are glad to commend to the confidence of the public, as they enter different lines of work in our community.

"In every class, however, we find students who, by their own effort, stand out above the majority of the class and it is to these students that we have at this time the pleasure of awarding special honors.

"The class of 1918 left to our high school this beautiful cup which is to be awarded each year for scholarship. The student who completes the work required by the state of Oregon and our board of education with the highest average is to receive this honor, so it is with pleasure that I award to Miss Jean Loomis the Valedictorian of the class of 1920 this honor cup.

"We have also two cups which were given us by the class of 1919. One a cup for girls and one for boys. These cups are to be awarded each commencement to the students who have made the greatest success of their high school career. The success to be measured by four things, character, scholarship, student activity and general good fellowship.

"The election of the two students for these honors is given to the high school faculty and the student body. The faculty make the nominations and the students elect from those the boy and girl to receive the cups. This year the girl selected for the honor is Miss Beth Clark. In the name of our faculty and student body I award to you this honor cup for 1920.

"The boy from this class who receives the same honor is one of our ex-service men, Mr. Dana Davis, so in the name of our faculty and our student body, I award to you this honor cup for 1920.

"We have two other honors to be awarded at this time. These are scholarships. Five of the smaller colleges of our state offer to the first class high schools of Oregon schol-

arship, which goes to the winners of ship, which goes to the winners of these a right to all the privileges of the college without charge for one year. The colleges in this association are Albany College, Pacific University, Pacific College, McMinnville College and Philomath College. One of these scholarships I award to Miss Helen Philbrook and the other to Wilbur Godlove."

Then followed a vocal solo, "Little Mother of Mine" by Everett Bravton, one of the graduates, who was forced to respond to an encore.

Next came the valedictory address by Miss Jean Loomis, the honor pupil of the class, who said:

The Valedictory Address

"There is something peculiarly fascinating about reminiscences, whether our own or those of others. They seem to have in them a trace of the magic that belongs to fairyland. They teach us that what we thought was gone is not entirely so, but only nicely laid away, as if in lavender and soft coverings, so that every time we bring them forth they seem more lasting and more fragrant than ever before. The last time we survey them before laying them away is always something of a rite, don't you think? One looks them over, and laughs a little, and sighs a little, and dreams a little, and then thinks over lots and lots of things.

"Our Senior class of 1920 is in just that position tonight. We are reminiscing a good deal, and have been the past few days, over school experiences of all sorts. And, though a number of members of the class especially those peculiar beings known as males, would doubtless scorn the idea of laying anything away in lavender and soft coverings, still that is what they are all doing—figuratively, of course, but true, nevertheless.

"Everyone has these little memory chests. Just now, ours are almost brimful with all the things we have to remember, but gradually, as time goes on, these will become sifted and rearranged, like rose leaves that shrink and wither, but never lose their haunting fragrance. Through this process they leave room for the many more which will be placed in our memory chests in time to come.

"All of our memories are different, for such things are always intensely personal—and yet they are all alike. They are alike in their idea, which is centered around our school; they are alike in their quality of happiness, for school days, so folks say who must know—are the happiest ones in a person's whole life. They are alike in other things, too, but the biggest resemblance of all, and the one of which I want to speak in particular, is the one of gratitude.

Gratitude All Around

"This deep undercurrent in all our thoughts is directed toward you—the friends, the patrons of our school. To you we owe the credit for the opportunities given us during our years here; to you we owe the successful completion of our high school course. One's gratitude is always hard to express, but at any rate, it is a very real thing, and I hope you all can feel its wide extent through our thoughts tonight.



THEY FIND RELIEF AT LAST

SPANISH WAR VETS DENOUNCE SOVIET

TACOMA, June 4.—The annual encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans of Washington and Alaska here today adopted resolutions calling upon school authorities to quash propaganda in the school books of the state. Veterans who have been attending lectures and classes on the soviet system of government were criticized.

James Dutton of Seattle was elected department commander for the coming year and Noah Shakespeare, Everett, vice president.

MISSOURI BLACKS OPPOSE LOWDEN

ST. LOUIS, June 4.—The Missouri Republican League club, an organization of negroes, today made public a memorandum sent to Missouri delegates to the republican convention asking the defeat of Governor Lowden. The negroes assert Lowden failed to protect them during the East St. Louis race riots three years ago and did not appoint a negro to public office in Illinois.

ROBERT WARWICK AT THE LIBERTY

Based on John Drew's famous stage success "Jack Straw," screened in a gala of fun and opens a two-day run today at the Liberty. It's the tale of an ice-man-writer who posed as an archduke to win the pretty daughter of newly rich snobs—and got her!

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SEEK PEACE WITH IRISH PEOPLE

LONDON, June 4.—The executive committee of the national railway union has decided to ask the calling of a special congress of the Irish and British trades unions "to try to bridge the gulf between the Irish people and the government." It was announced today by J. H. Thomas, M. P., secretary of the national railway organization.

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