

FINAL EXERCISES OF 1925 CLASS MEDFORD HIGH

Capacity Audience Witnesses Graduation Exercises—82 Receive Diplomas—Class and Scholar Awards—List of Class Membership.

Every annual high school commencement with its pretty settings, flower-scented atmosphere, enchantment, capacity audiences and graduates seated on the stage, creates the impression that it was the best of all previous commencements...

Following the invocation by Rev. E. P. Lawrence, Howard Spalding gave the valedictory address in an impressive and well-delivered manner...

He called attention to the fact that at the commencement five years ago last night he made his first bow to the Medford public, and at that time made the first plea for a new high school building...

He declared his appreciation and love for Medford, regretted that he had to part with the city, and hoped that the local schools would continue to develop into the best of educational systems...

Superintendent Smith also spoke briefly to the effect that during this time he had made many friends and acquired a few so-called enemies...

Then in a few well chosen words Superintendent Smith introduced the distinguished man who was to give the annual class address, Judge Charles Henry Carey of Portland...

Judge Carey, in his address, which is published elsewhere in this paper, said that he would not follow the usual custom at commencements...

He described the birth, growth and development of the nation in a few words and then proceeded to analyze conditions that "put us in being proud of our country."

The soul of America, the speaker said, is the spirit of its people, and the nation cannot be other than as its people make it.

The great blessings of Americans over those of other peoples throughout the world were pointed out, but for the purpose of showing the duty of maintaining and preserving our ideals...

Class Honors, Diplomas Given Then, following the singing of two beautiful and well rendered selections by the senior octets of the high school, Principal O. R. Campbell of the high school introduced the honor students and presented the honor cups.

First scholarship honors went to Howard Spalding, and the second honor to Miss Geneva Mandville, which honors were based on actual grades during the four years course in the high school.

The honor cup for girls went to Juanita Griffin, and the honor cup for boys to Mervyn Chastain. These were selected by the faculty first choosing four students for scholarship, student activities, good fellowship and character...

The Oregon conference scholarship was awarded to Miss Vera Champie. With a brief introduction N. H. Franklin of the board of education then presented the diplomas to the large class, the largest in the history of the Medford high school.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. William B. Hamilton, the big assemblage dispersed, and the 1925 commencement was but a very pleasant memory.

List of Graduates The members of the graduating class are as follows: Girls—Eleanor Sheffield Ames, Constance Beatrice Andrews, Dorothy Irene Brown, Katrina Edleen Bryant, Vera Champie, Cecil Nellie Cox, Irma Rose Davis, Ruth Elsie Dewey, Velma Bernice Dessel, L. Opal Dunham, Irene Eads, Clara Finley, Naomi O. Fluke, Marion Frances Gray, Clara Josephine Green, Sylvia Anna Grinstead, Helen Dolores Gregory, Sarah

ADDRESS OF HON. CHAS. H. CAREY TO GRADUATING CLASS MEDFORD HI. SCHOOL

The eloquent and thought inspiring address of Judge Charles Henry Carey of Portland at the commencement exercises of the Medford high school last night, the subject of which was "Our Country," was in part as follows: "The graduation exercises of our schools interest me and stir thought. At this very time in thousands of American cities the young people are completing fixed courses of instruction, and are facing new and practical problems. What shall we do next, is the question with many of them. Others, who have a definite plan, nevertheless realize the seriousness of important moves and are turning over and over in their minds the problem of how to get the most out of their lives, the most for themselves and for others.

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with this spirit. The individual, instead of working out his own salvation and securing his own freedom by establishing his own economic and moral independence by his own industry and his own self-mastery, tends to throw himself on some vague influence which he denominates society and to hold that in some way responsible for the sufficiency of his support and the morality of his actions.

"The local political units likewise look to the states, the states look to the nation, and nations are beginning to look to some vague organization, some nebulous concourse of humanity to pay their bills and tell them what to do. This is not local self-government. It is not American. It is not the method which has made this country what it is. We cannot maintain the western standard of civilization on that theory. If it is supported at all, it will have to be supported on the principle of individual responsibility. If that principle be maintained the result which I believe America wishes to see produced inevitably will follow.

"If we are too weak to take charge of our own morality, we shall not be strong enough to take charge of our own liberty. If we cannot govern ourselves, if we cannot observe the law, nothing remains but to have some one else govern us, to have the law enforced against us, and to step down from the honorable abiding place of freedom to the ignominious abode of servitude.

"The world has reached a stage in which, if we do not set ourselves right, we may be perfectly sure that an authority will be asserted by others for the purpose of setting us right.

"But before we attempt to set ourselves up as exponents of universal reform, it would be wise to remember that progress is of slow growth and also to remember that moderation, patience, forbearance, and charity are virtues in their own right.

"Discussing the complaint which he said is heard to a lesser extent than at the time of the Civil war that the federal government usurps functions properly belonging to the states, the president declared that despite the claim that this is a land of equal opportunity, "equality suffers often because of the divergences between the laws of different states."

"So long as some can go to a distant state for divorces which others are denied at home," he added, "there is not equality in this regard. When America grants valuable exemptions from taxation which other states impose, one person may enjoy while another is denied these rights.

"A few years ago a majority of the states had adopted prohibition or rigid restrictions on the traffic in intoxicating liquor. But other states did not cooperate in advancing this policy and ultimately by national action it was extended to all the union. By failing to meet the requirements of a natural demand the states become deprived of the power to act.

"If questions which the states will not fairly settle on their own account shall have to be settled for them by federal authority, it will only be because some states will have refused to discharge obvious duties."

Auto Tires Go Up June 1, Owing to High Cost of Rubber

AKRON, Ohio, May 29.—Prices on all automobile tires will be increased ten per cent June 1, by three of the principal tire manufacturers here. The increases are attributed directly to the high price of crude rubber. Akron rubber manufacturers now are paying 69 cents a pound for ribbed, smoked sheets, the price doubling since last fall.

OBITUARY

NORMAN—The funeral services for Fred J. Norman, who was injured in an automobile accident Sunday, May 24, and who died in the Sacred Heart hospital May 25, from contusion of the brain, and who was employed by the Owens-Oregon Lumber company as conductor on the Medford logging railway for the past two years. His wife, Mrs. Florence Norman, arrived in Medford Friday evening and made arrangements to hold the funeral services Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Perl Funeral Home. Rev. Oldfield, who united them in marriage at Ashland, will conduct the funeral services. Six of his fellow employees will act as pallbearers. The interment will be in Medford cemetery.

great legislative and official scandals, such as in the Credit Mobilier, the Erie transactions, the Tweed regime, and the carpet bag exploitations of the southern states. Such things are of the past. The corruption that was frequently noted in the municipal governments of the United States and often commented upon by foreign observers is no longer a blight.

"Our people have gained a better sense of civic duty, and voters take a keener interest. In the questions of government, the admission of women into politics has resulted in a better understanding of the responsibilities of the voter, and women are striving to inform themselves as to the structure and methods of government, as well as to qualify themselves for duties of citizenship. At the same time, the entrance of women into business, while altering in a degree the status in the home, and while displacing or disturbing the equilibrium of men's employment, has improved business methods and has broadened and increased the freedom of women's position.

"The people of the United States have developed a real interest in the welfare of the unfortunate. They raise and expend vast sums for the care of those who need help, and institutions are provided for almost every public charity. At the same time they have greatly improved the working conditions in factories and mines, have regulated train equipment, have prohibited adulterations of foods and drugs, and have made fraudulent advertising illegal. So, in a hundred different fields, by investigation and research, by intelligent assistance with accumulated information when needed for the purposes of agriculture and commerce, the government has been made practical and useful.

"It is a country of progress. It is a country of opportunity. These young people enter upon the scene at a fortunate time, for never was the field more alluring. The rewards for ambition were never more tempting, the incentive for usefulness was never more inviting.

"Let me be more specific and make use of an illustration. In international affairs we are hopeful that our country may bring about a modification of armaments and a discouragement of war. The aspiration of our people is not in the direction of aggression, or of conquest. And while it is not to be expected that foreign nations, differently situated and differently trained, will go as far toward making us view these conditions as we Americans might wish, the influence of the United States toward peace with reason is considerable, and will increase.

"The United States has become the most powerful nation of all. Her rapidly increasing wealth makes it inevitable that she must have a place in the markets of the world, and her citizens will be more and more engaged in international trade and commerce.

"Now, it is not more boastfulness that makes us view these conditions, if our country presents better opportunities for boys and girls, and if we have a better form of government, a more enlightened self-consciousness as a nation, then we must realize and take more seriously our responsibilities.

"It has become evident that duty summed up and expressed in the modern meaning of the word 'service' is a duty for us as individuals and as a nation. What does destiny have in store for our people? And what is to be our part in making the world a better, saner and more happy world for human beings.

"We believe in a government where justice shall prevail, and where every citizen shall be equal before the law, and where everyone will have educational advantages.

"We believe in a government of the people, by the people and for the people—where the equality of privilege is real and not a sham. We believe in sobriety, order and peace; the reign of law and respect for the courts, the maintaining of the principles of our constitution.

"But our nation cannot be better than its people. The laborer, and the banker, the merchant, the minister, the teacher, the farmer, the salesman and the miner, the mother with her domestic duties in the home, and the business woman in her place, those active in social and civic affairs, and those who are more immersed in personal duties—the nation is a composite of all these and more. The chief and the criminal are a part of our people, just as are the judges and the jurists. The selfish money grubber is there as well as the enlightened statesman and the philanthropist.

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dent Coolidge leading the exercises in Arlington national cemetery at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Touched by the solemnity of the occasion, thousands of Washingtonians and visitors gathered in the amphitheater to hear the president's address broadcasted of which was arranged for by several large radio stations.

Assigned to honor places in the assemblage were survivors of some of the wars that claimed the thousands resting beneath the rows of tombstones dotting the surrounding hill-sides, and now colorful with flowers and bunting.

Associations of veterans of the various conflicts arranged to hold services for their own dead before the presidential party arrived at the cemetery. These included services over the graves of army and navy nurses in the women's section of the burial ground, and the decoration of monuments throughout the capital to the memory of outstanding figures in the country's history.

A huge anchor formed of poppies was prepared aboard the U. S. S. Sylph for lowering into the Potomac river as additional tribute to the navy's dead, lost on the high seas.

Memorial exercises also were arranged aboard the U. S. S. Grampus. Servants of the nation now resting in other cemeteries throughout the city were remembered by relatives and descendants who joined with veterans' societies in paying respect.

PARIS, May 30.—(By the Associated Press)—French flags and the Stars and Stripes today were placed on the graves of all American war dead in this country, memorial day services were conducted at every war cemetery in France where American soldiers lie. The party of American gold star mothers now visiting France joined in the French and American services at Suresnes cemetery, near Paris, where American Ambassador Herrick spoke.

As these American mothers of soldiers who had died in the war knelt beside the graves of their sons, French troops stood at salute, buglers sounded taps and little children of France, orphaned by the war, scattered flowers upon the American graves.

Members of the American colony after attending various services, marched with members of the Paris post of the American Legion and with Boy Scouts and French school children along streets lined with French troops to the Arc de Triomphe, where the American ambassador placed a wreath upon the tomb of the unknown soldier.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 30.—A replica of the heroic bronze statue of Joan of Arc, by Fremiet, which stands in the Place de Rivoli in Paris, was unveiled here today as part of the observance of Memorial day. The statue was donated to the city by Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, who some time ago donated an equestrian statue of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, rough rider.

Mayor George L. Baker formally accepted the statue today and the dedicatory address was delivered by Major General J. Lyman Grant McAlexander, President Coolidge and President Gaston Doumergue of the French republic sent congratulatory messages.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—(By the Associated Press)—A pair of leaden wreaths was sent to the tomb of Woodrow Wilson today by President Coolidge and the war president was also remembered by various patriotic organizations.

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