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'17 Class Will Now Assume More Serious Duties of Life

Many friends and relatives thronged the Orpheum on Friday evening to attend the Commencement exercises of the 1917 class of the Red Cloud High School.

Thirty-six graduates were presented with diplomas by L. H. Blackledge, president of the board of education. This was the second largest class ever graduated in the history of the Red Cloud High School.

It was both a solemn and happy period for these boys and girls; solemn because of the fact that they were about to bid farewell to their class mates with whom they had associated for many years, and to go forth into the world to wage the battle of life, for themselves, each intent upon the vocation that he or she had selected, little knowing the many trials and responsibilities they were about to confront; happy because of the fact that the days of discipline and study were over, that the goal they had been striving to reach for so many years was at hand, and that they were now free to go their way no longer as boys and girls but as young men and young ladies.

It is our wish that they may continue to wear the self same smile that was visible on their faces on that joyous evening, and that in the years that are to follow they may lay siege to and conquer the problems of life in the same cheery way as they have spent the years in which they labored to receive an education.

Following is the program:
Invocation.....Rev. J. L. Beebe
Salutatory.....Tracy Druliner
Chorus.....Class of 1917
Oration.....Cecil Barrett
"A Captain of Reform"
Piano Solo.....Mable Lundy
"Les Huguenots"
Class Prophecy.....Dialogue
Oration.....Irene Pegg
"The Policies of the Present Administration."
Music.....Double Quartet
Valedictory Address Kenneth Johnson
"The Courtnship of Success or Fits and Misfits."
Benediction.....Father Fitzgerald

The three-act comedy drama, "The Thread of Destiny," the Senior Class Play, given at the Orpheum Theater on last Thursday evening was received by a large and appreciative audience. The scene was that of Virginia and the time that of the civil war, when our nation was divided against itself. It portrayed in a vivid manner the love of a northern soldier for a southern lass.

The Fairfax twins added no little merriment to the more serious parts of the play. The characters representing the southern darlies also led one to see life as it is lived by the colored people below the Mason and Dixon line.

The success of the play was not alone due to the excellent talent possessed by those taking part in it, but also to the untiring effort that was devoted to it by Miss Marguerite Richardson, as director.

Memorial Day Proclamation

Another year has come and gone and once more we find it our duty and privilege to ask every loyal citizen to observe the day set apart by our government to commemorate the memory of the heroes who offered and gave their lives for the preservation of our Nation.

Therefore, I, Robert Damerell, Mayor of the city of Red Cloud, Nebraska, do proclaim May 30th 1917, as the day to be consecrated to the memory of departed comrades and that business be suspended from 1:30 to 4 p. m., of said day.

ROBERT DAMERELL, MAYOR.

Last night two of our young men secured some liquor which they embibed in too freely and they were taken in tow by Marshal Boner. This morning they appeared before his honor, Police Judge Jas. Burden who decided that they should deposit \$14 each in the city coffer.



To be Raised Saturday

"Your Flag and My Flag" will soon float over our city from its lofty position on the new sixty-five foot steel flag staff which was erected on the intersection of Fifth avenue and Webster street on Tuesday afternoon. The committee in charge assisted by many of our patriotic citizens, assembled at this place and within a few hours the task was accomplished. Just two weeks time had elapsed from the time the committee was appointed to solicit the funds until the staff was erected, and the timely and efficient manner in which that body of citizens performed their duty is a fitting example of what can be accomplished when they work in unison.

A program has been arranged for the raising of the new flag and the dedication of this emblem of love, honor and freedom, which will be given Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. Attorneys J. S. Gilham and H. S. Fox will be the orators of the day. Messrs. Cotting, Walkeg, Bush and Thomas will render appropriate vocal solos. The Red Cloud Concert Band will furnish the music for the occasion.

Every citizen of the city and community should arrange to be present for if we have been unable to do any patriotic act in the past now is our opportunity to show our loyalty to our flag, our country and our president, for in order to win in this great struggle against our barbarious foes, each and every one of us must be willing to do our share.

Young Men Must Register

The selective draft provision of the war army bill, enacted by congress and signed by the President, on May 19 is now in effect and the day set for registration, June 5, has been made a legal holiday by a proclamation issued by Governor Neville.

Section 5 states that all males between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration. It shall be necessary for persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, national guard and the naval militia, while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for registration. Any person refusing or failing to present himself for registration shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered. Provided further that in case of temporary absence from legal place of residence, registration may be made by mail under regulations prescribed.

Those, who through sickness, are unable to present themselves for registration on that day, shall apply on or before the day of registration to the county clerk of the county wherein they may be for instructions as to how they may be registered by an agent. It is further stated that the time and place of such registration shall be between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., on the 5th day of June, 1917, at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent homes.

Recruiting Officer Coming

Postmaster H. C. Letson received a telegram last of the week from W. W. Waddell, Lieut. U. S. N., stating that Mr. Anderson, U. S. N. will be in Red Cloud, Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26, to enlist men for our navy to answer all questions that you may wish to ask. He requests that arrangements be made for a public meeting, and that he is expecting Red Cloud to do her share for the cause. He also urges Mr. Letson to secure the assistance of public speakers and ministers. As this is a matter of importance do not put it aside, or let the burden rest upon the shoulders of a few. Every one should take an interest in the matter and do all within their power to carry out the request of Lieut. Waddell. As Red Cloud has always maintained her position among the first in cities of her size, in matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the town and community, let us keep up our good record and remain in front ranks in this, the most important matter ever brought before us.

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