

Baccalaureate Services of 700 Graduates Today

Four Omaha High School Classes to Hear Sermons; Franks Slaying Is Stressed.

Seven hundred young men and women graduates of the four public high schools will attend baccalaureate services today, and they will be directed along the ways of usefulness and righteousness by the ministers of four Omaha churches.

Central high school, graduating class of 255, will attend services this morning at First Central Congregational church, where Rev. Frank G. Smith will speak on "Buried Treasures."

Rev. O. D. Baltzy, pastor of Kountze Memorial church, will speak this morning on "A Victorious Life," to the Technical high graduating class of 167. Rev. James E. Wagner, pastor of First Methodist church, will speak on "Wholeness of Life," to the South high graduating class of 148, to-night at 8 in the auditorium of the school.

Benson high class of 18 will attend services this afternoon at 4 in Benson Methodist church, where Rev. Arthur H. Adams will speak on "Foursquare."

The presidents of the four graduating classes are: Central high, Melba Burke; Technical high, Carol Jones; South high, Edward Curran; Benson high, Alton Dietz.

To Cite Franks Slaying Three of the ministers, excepting Rev. Mr. Adams, have references to the Franks slaying at Chicago in their sermons, referring to this tragedy as a horrible example of education without the directing force of character or principle.

In this connection, Rev. Mr. Wagner will ask: "Who will say of the slayers of the Franks that they were men?" Manhood consists in something more than physical strength, intellectual keenness or voluminous learning. The trouble with the slayers of the Franks boy in Chicago was that they had information but were devoid of high motives.

"We have all known educated fools. We have known 200-pound men who had degrees from colleges and could make money, who had not even a major fraction of manhood. "What is manhood or womanhood? It is something more than physical power, intellectual brilliance or depth of learning.

Manhood Is Character. "Manhood is a thing of character, ideals and fidelity to ideals. As we have known educated fools, we have known ignorant noblemen.

"Education in reality is something more than learning. It is not accurate to speak of an educated fool. Education has to do with character. Given a splendid physical form, a bright mind, a breach of learning, but one other thing is necessary to produce genuine manhood and that is the will to use physical energy, intellectual keenness, depth of learning in an unselfish way for a great cause.

"Lack of objective or wrong objective ruins more lives than lack of learning or of intellectual power. The will to do the best one knows guarantees fine manhood. If added to such character there is depth of learning, breadth of information, then great personality is evolved.

"It is the function of the teacher both to give information and to awaken his resolve to devote life's energies to good causes. That graduate leaving the halls of learning with nothing more than information has been cheated out of more than half of his education.

"Learning is but an instrument in the hands of intelligence and intelligence not aimed at some worthy end is like a storm-tossed ship without a rudder, and run comes."

Source of Life's Issues. Dr. Baltzy will divide his topic into three parts: "The Issues of Life Are Out of the Heart," "The Character of the Natural Heart," and "The Method of Establishing a Right Heart." A few excerpts from his sermon follow:

"The issues of life include our plans, purposes and acts, which have their origin and course from the heart. Position does not determine, for persons of the same position do very differently. Wisdom does not determine them, for persons who read and study the same books, do differently. Possession does not determine them, for persons of equal possession in both kind and quantity, do differently. Intellect does not determine them. One of the young men who has confessed to a part in the horrible Chicago murder is reported to be a doctor of philosophy at 19. The plans and purposes and acts of life are out of the heart.

"One of the world's greatest men declares the heart to be deceitful about all things, and desperately wicked. This is a rather unhappy contemplation for the source of all life's issues, the source of all things and desperately wicked? Is it true? It must be acknowledged that a great part of the world's business has relation to the deceitfulness of crimes. Either to prevent them, to ward against, or to punish them. Our laws, courts, prisons, penitentiaries, locks, bars, munitions are all evidence of the wickedness of man.

"The flood of lives gone wrong is not due to a deliberate planning of a course that would wreck them. Their hearts promised gain, but deceived them."

Life's Buried Treasures. Rev. Mr. Smith prepared his baccalaureate sermon around the thought of the "Buried Treasure." He will refer this morning to legends of buried treasures and of the thought cherished by most people, that they will discover a buried treasure, or will receive some great material benefit of a mythical nature.

"Education is the unfolding of powers of man by exercising each in its particular realm, by properly coordinating and subordinating, and by taking advantage of the great law of habit.

"There are almost unlimited potentialities folded within the life of every being. "The buried treasures within each

Wymore Pair Has Golden Wedding



Wymore, Neb., June 7.—Julius and Amelia Neumann celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at Wapello, Ia., June 3. They have lived in Wymore for over 40 years.

Mr. Neumann, a retired merchant, has been mayor of Wymore for three terms and also served as alderman.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred J. Kelly, Minneapolis; Prof. and Mrs. Harry Hinnon and son, Detroit; Dr. and Mrs. David M. Ausmus and their two children, Nashville; R. W. Neumann, Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Neumann, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Neumann, all of Wymore, were present at the wedding celebration.

Four of the five living brothers were present at the ceremonies. The ages of the five sum up to 410 years. They are Hugo Neumann, Omaha, 91; Fred Neumann, Exeter, 84; Charles Neumann, Sutton, 81; Jake Neumann, Des Moines, Ia., 78, and Julius Neumann, Wymore, 76.

A tribute of esteem was read by a body of 50 Wymore civic and business men, who came in a body.

young life are physical, spiritual, mental and social powers which should be developed.

"You should recover the buried treasures in other people. You will find them as you come to know them and it requires something more than rubbing elbows. There are buried treasures in the natural world. We should not stalk through the world and take things for granted."

Dimensions of Life. Speaking of "Foursquare," Rev. Mr. Adams, to the Benson high graduates, will present the following thoughts this afternoon:

"The first dimension is length, and what about the length of your life. I don't mean years, but ambition, willpower, dominant purpose. Length is the shortest distance between where you are and where you are going.

"Babbitt says, 'I never did any thing in my life I really wanted to do.' So many things work out differently than we thought they would. But go ahead, hitch your wagon to a star, have a great ambition, aim high and drive through to the accomplishing of your goal."

"But don't forget breadth. A straight line has no beauty until you join it up with other lines. There are other folks in the world besides yourself. You must sometimes take your eyes off your objective and realize that you have neighbors. What about your interest in your fellow man? Will your outreach be as great as your forward drive?"

"You won't enjoy the top of the grade when you make it if you haven't a few friends around to enjoy it with you. "And then the third dimension is height, the enhancement of an ideal, the exaltation of spiritual above material. Your ambition and purpose and human contacts will not complete your life. The forward drive to worldly success and attainment, the outward reach toward friends and loved ones and neighbors will not mean much to you if you do not reach upward to the great Father heart of God. No success will mean much if you leave God out. No friendships and fellowships on earth will sustain you if you neglect to get acquainted with God."

Over Border to Wed. Table Rock, Neb., June 7.—Miss Naomi Ord of Tecumseh and Ernest Stanek of Humboldt were married at Seneca, Kan., Wednesday. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Anna Ord of Tecumseh and for the past year was a teacher in Johnson county. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stanek of Pavnee City.

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Woodmen Observe 34th Anniversary in Big Program

Organization Founded Here in 1890; Now Has Membership of 700,000.

Radio station WOAW, Woodmen of the World, broadcast a special program Friday night in observance of the thirty-fourth anniversary of the organization of the sovereign camp, Woodmen of the World. Ten thousand camps of the Woodmen of the World life insurance association in all parts of the country met to celebrate the day.

The charter meetings of the organization were held June 6, 1890, in one of the rooms of the Paxton hotel. The first camp organized here was Alpha camp, No. 1, and had a membership of 135. The first officers were: J. C. Root, sovereign commander; L. J. Moss, sovereign advisor; B. N. Jewell, sovereign clerk; P. F. Roose, sovereign banker; W. C.

Homerville, sovereign escort; G. G. Siles, sovereign sentry; W. O. Rogers, sovereign physician. 104.6 Per Cent Solvent. Today the Woodmen of the World is declared the strongest fraternal organization. It was recently declared 104.6 per cent solvent, holding total investments in securities of over \$60,000,000, with gross assets amounting to over \$110,000,000. Since its organization the order has paid \$150,000,000 in death losses and disability benefits. It now has a membership of 700,000.

One room in the old Shely block, Fifteenth and Howard streets, was the first home of the organization. The order grew until finally it purchased the building. In 1912 the society erected its own structure, the Woodmen of the World building, valued at \$2,000,000.

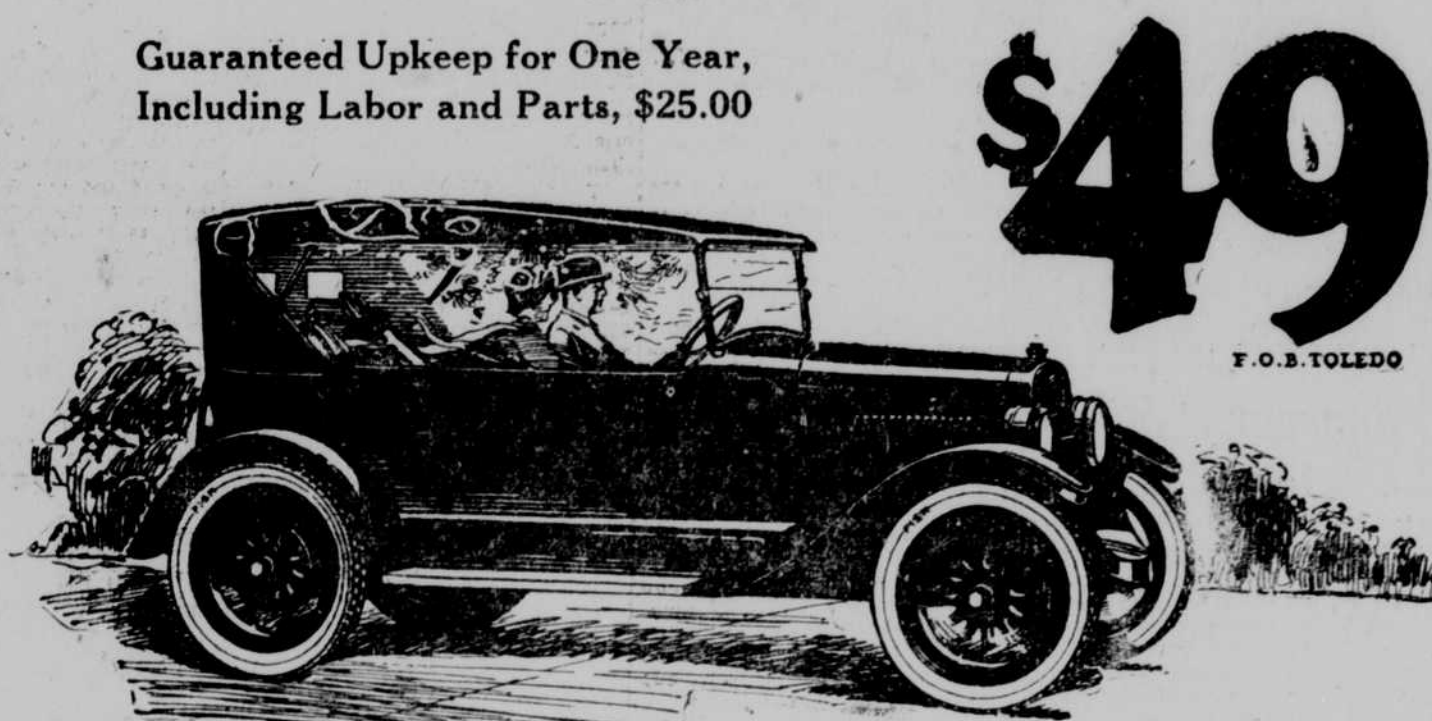
W. A. Fraser is present sovereign commander, having held the office since Colonel Root, the founder of the organization, died 10 years ago. Fraser has been engaged in Woodmen of the World work since 1897.

Hospital and Radio. Two of the latest enterprises of the Woodmen of the World are the war memorial hospital at San Antonio and the radio station, WOAW, Omaha. The hospital is a \$1,000,000 structure to accommodate afflicted

coefficients holders of the Woodmen of the World. It has 250 patients. Recently the organization purchased five additional acres of land to extend the activities of the hospital. The radio station was built and officially inaugurated at an expense of \$75,000 in April, 1923. The station now has a radio audience of 500,000. The present officers of the society are: W. A. Fraser, sovereign commander; B. W. Jewell, sovereign advisor; Morris Sheppard, sovereign banker; John T. Yates, sovereign clerk; S. A. Ferrell, sovereign escort; S. L. Caine, sovereign watchman; W. P. Varner, sovereign sentry; J. E. Fitzgerald, Elisha B. Lewis, T. E. Patterson, E. D. Campbell, William R. Rainey, T. Wells, W. M. Gray, sovereign auditors; D. E. Bradshaw, general attorney; A. D. Cloyd, sovereign physician.

Highway to Be Improved. Fordyce, Neb., June 7.—About 25 miles of the state highway from Fordyce to Wayne will be graded between July 1 and December 1, according to specification of contracts which will be given out about the middle of June. Extension of this highway north to the Nebraska approach of the Meridian bridge, which has been graded recently, also will be graded as soon as the grading has settled sufficiently.

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Eppley Hailed as Savior of Hotel Men's Association

Omahan Lauded by National Trade Magazine for Underwriting \$55,000 Deficit With Two Others.

High commendation of the work of Eugene Eppley in wiping out the deficit of the American Hotel Association is contained in the May 31 issue of the National Hotel Review.

"As chairman of the finance committee of the association, with a vital interest in collection of the amount outstanding and as one of the most active workers in the hotel field over a long period of years, Mr. Eppley sent the following letter to Vice Chairman Gehring," says the article.

"Like the good old soldier that you have always been, you have accepted our request for your assistance as your command. As chairman of the finance committee, I thank you most heartily. I am most happy and encouraged to have your assistance.

You may rest assured that I will be delighted to supplement your efforts wherever I possibly can. "I am confident that hotel men generally will see the wisdom of concentrating the campaign to wipe out this most humiliating deficit in your aggressive and unselfish hands, and that their abiding confidence in you will see the fund quickly subscribed and a distasteful condition to us all wiped out. Whatever the future of the A. H. A. may be, this debt of honor should be paid quickly, I'm sure. Use my name wherever it may be of service." Mr. Eppley is also commended editorially for underwriting the deficit of \$55,000 with two other officers of the association. The annual meeting of the association will open in Cleveland, O., July 14.

Rapid Transit by Bus. Crofton, Neb., June 7.—A rapid transit bus line which passes through here has been established between Norfolk, Neb., and Yankton, S. D. The line already has a good business between Norfolk and Pierce, and between Wausa, Crofton and Yankton. Good condition of the Meridian highway from Norfolk to Yankton makes possible the rapid transportation by the automobile buses.

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