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Largest Class
in History Local
H. S. GraduatesDr. G. W. Rosenlof of the University
of Nebraska Speaks to the
Class of 1937.

Wednesday evening was held the commencement exercises of the Plattsmouth high school and in which there parted from the school eighty-two students, the largest class in the history of the school, completing twelve years of study through the grades and high school to acquire their common school education.

The auditorium was filled to its capacity long before the exercises opened, by relatives and friends of the members of the class, in whose faces was reflected the pride and the hope entertained for the young people of the class.

The members of the class entered to the professional march played by Miss Jean Knorr, member of the class of 1938.

Superintendent L. S. Devoe presided over the graduation exercises and introduced the various numbers.

The Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the First Christian church, gave the invocation and the benediction.

A group of the members of the class gave a very delightful vocal selection, "Dancing on the Green" by Manney. The young people presenting the number were Edna Mae Petersen, Rachel Robertson, Bernice Holoubek, Mary K. Wiles, Marjorie Tidball, Helen Ulrich, Charlotte Jasper, Harriett Goos, Betty Kalina, Maimie Schwenneker, Alice Vinduska, Adeline Vinduska, Edith Senf, Joan Moore, Frank Nelson, George Mark, Robert Valley, Dale Bowman, Richard Yelick, Wayne Falk, John Cloldt.

The class addresses by Miss Mary Jane Mark and Miss Edna Mae Petersen as salutatorian and valedictorian, were filled with deep thought and splendidly presented by the two young women.

The Salutatory

"The Future of a Graduate" was the subject of the remarks of Miss Mark, who told of the care with which the student in the high school is sheltered and the care the teacher gives in preparing their way for completion of the school work, the sacrifices that the parents make in assisting their children through the school. The high school life was the happiest that the child would experience. The student that goes from high school to college must find a different background and a far different consideration, no teacher to earnestly aid the student in the class work with the individual attention. The graduate too finds in the world outside many grave problems to be faced. The college professor or the employer will not have the patience that the student has received from their instructors in the school and it is up to the young people to make good on their opportunities or to fail through their own inefficiency. The speaker compared the classes of 1917, 1927 and the present class of the school. Twenty years ago the World War had been entered by the United States and great national and international problems were pressing, many of the class were to enter the service of the nation and the girls of the class to bear their part in the war. In 1927 there was great prosperity in the nation and money was plentiful and easy to secure for educational work. The class of today had come through the depression years and which had taught much to them and today with youthful enthusiasm they faced what promised a much brighter future. The depression has "made them conscious that individual success cannot last without community of national success."

The Valedictory

"Education Today and Tomorrow" was the theme of Miss Edna Mae Petersen, in her valedictory message. Miss Petersen in her opening stated that it depends entirely on the individual student just what the high school means to them and what benefits they derive from it. The knowledge that the student acquired in their school work was the real value of the education rather than the mere grade, but which grades of course were a requirement to com-

plete the school work. The speaker pointed out that hard and sincere work was necessary for success, that the policy of "getting by" was not benefitting the student and that they were merely cheating themselves. Miss Petersen in urging the education of tomorrow pointed out a broader curriculum, one in which the so-called dead material would be eliminated and the subject matter made more interesting and new to the student and teacher alike. What is really important rather than ancient history, the speaker stressed is the knowledge of the social and political subjects that would fit the young men and women to more fully understand the operation of government and permit them to take their proper place in the national life. In her conclusion Miss Petersen held the hope that school administration of the near future will be able to figure out a system that will so greatly interest students that they will go to school willingly, study industriously of their own accord, forget there ever was such a thing as cheating and make a good record.

Dr. Rosenlof's Address

Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, professor of secondary education of the University



DR. G. W. ROSENLOF

of Nebraska, was the class orator and took as his subject, "Safeguards to Democracy," in which he placed Education, a free school, Spiritual training, A Realistic state and the American Home as the safeguards of our form of government.

Dr. Rosenlof praised the fine addresses of the class representatives, the optimistic spirit of youth that it showed and which was a promise of the future of the nation. The past two years had opened much thought that the future of the nation might not be so bright or that the democracy that we had enjoyed for the period of the nation's life might not endure. Education had been the best investment that the government had made or that the youth could find in the world, the free school had built the foundation of the American democracy and typified the true American spirit of our heritage. The youth of today had a great problem that was theirs to solve and those of the future probably even more than the questions that have been faced by the nation in the past. He was convinced that the youth trained in our educational systems would be able to face the future, that the democracy that we have known would still remain. Dr. Rosenlof urged the strengthening of the spiritual safeguards of the nation, to see that the religious institutions were protected over the land to inspire the preservation of our national institutions and the love of religious freedom. He urged the selection of national leadership from men of religious training and background. The third of the safeguards was that of a Realistic State, one that was responsive to the needs of the people and the outlook for the welfare of all classes of the people of the nation. The fourth of the safeguards was that of the American Home, where the American democracy found its greatest expression and where under the family ties was practiced the tolerant spirit of true Americanism.

Through the teaching in the home the youth is taught the lessons so much needed in their future struggle in the world. The speaker paid a fine tribute to the class membership in his closing.

Miss Mildred Knoflick, who has

Closing of the
School Year at
Parochial School

Completion of Year of Study Marked
by Graduation of Class of Young
People and Program.

The St. John's parochial school held their closing exercises Thursday night at the Knights of Columbus hall before an audience that filled the auditorium of the hall to its capacity to enjoy the entertainment and the impressive graduation.

The closing exercises gave all departments of the school an opportunity of participating from the youngest of the primary grade to the thirteen young men and women who were completing their eighth grade work and are now ready for further advancement in educational fields.

The parents, teachers and friends were given welcome to the program by Albin Chovanec in a very clever manner and which expressed the appreciation of the graduating class for the attendance and interest of the friends.

The younger children of the primary grade gave a clever little playlet, "What Is in the Basket" and which was most thoroughly enjoyed by the large group.

The graduating class gave a real drama, "Such a Night" as their offering on the program, in which mystery was interwoven with fun and laughs provided by Harry Shiffer and Betty Jo Libershal as the colored folks. All of the characters were well taken and the three act drama held the close attention of the audience to the close. Taking part in the play were Edwin Hiber, Alice Rea, Albin Chovanec, Renee Brown, Mary Messersmith, Leonard Sikora, Clara Pitman, Rita Berlett, Francis Kvpil, George Downs, Harry Shiffer, Betty Jo Libershal, Helen Heigl.

The seventh grade of the school gave a laugh producing skit in "The Initiation," in which both the boys and the girls of the class participated and which entertained everyone with its humor.

The intermediate grades of the school gave "Those Jolly Final Exams" and which showed remarkable cleverness and training on the part of the youngsters taking part and was one of the best features of the program. Richard Case served as the school master.

The valedictory of the class was given by Betty Jo Libershal, who on behalf of the class expressed their gratitude for the tender care and the training that had been given them in the years of their schooling, fitting them for further advancement in life. She extended the thanks to the parents for the sacrifices that had been made to keep them in school and for the instruction that had given them the proper basis for their future life. The program was one that reflected the deep and earnest work that the members of the Ursuline sisterhood in charge of the school has given, the fine start in life that the young people will have in their future careers.

The class address was given by Father E. C. McFadden, of Syracuse, who took as his subject the parable of the sower, pointing out that in the school of life, some seed fall in fertile soils, some in stony ground and others grew among thorns and weeds. To the young people of the class he pointed out that in their training they had received the religious inspiration that would make them true Christians and that their harvest might be of good and not lost as in barren soil. He stated that the Catholic church had believed in the teaching of religion in the school and that this was carried on in their schools which they maintained as well as paying their part in the public school system. Father McFadden gave high praise to the public school system and their great advantages that they gave the student, pointing out that under our constitution religion must be separate from the school, that religious freedom of the student was not interfered with. He urged the members of the class to continue their religious study and to refresh themselves with the teachings of their church through their future life. No life was complete without the adoration of God and following the

precepts of the Christian faith as set forth in the ten commandments and the religious teaching of the church. The Rev. Monsignor Agius, DD, JCD, pastor of the St. John's church, made the presentation of the diplomas for the completion of their eighth grade studies to the following class:

Renee Brown, Rita Berlett, Albin Chovanec, George Downs, Edwin Hiber, Helen Heigl, Francis Kvpil, Elizabeth Joan Libershal, Mary Messersmith, Clara Pitman, Alice Rea, Harry Shiffer, Leonard Sikora.

The other awards and prizes were distributed by Monsignor Agius who also expressed the appreciation of the fine work of the St. John's parent-teachers association, the Catholic Daughters of America and the Knights of Columbus.

The following students were honored:

Prize for general excellence awarded to 8th grade as follows: Renee Brown, Rita Berlett, Albin Chovanec, George Downs, Edwin Hiber, Helen Heigl, Francis Kvpil, Elizabeth Joan Libershal, Mary Messersmith, Clara Pitman, Alice Rea, Harry Shiffer, Leonard Sikora.

Student's final certificate for excellence in penmanship awarded by the A. N. Palmer Co., to: Renee Brown, Rita Berlett, Albin Chovanec, George Downs, Edwin Hiber, Helen Heigl, Francis Kvpil, Elizabeth Joan Libershal, Mary Messersmith, Clara Pitman, Alice Rea, Harry Shiffer, Leonard Sikora.

Prize for catechism given by Catholic Daughters for the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, Harry Shiffer.

Prize for catechism in the intermediate grades, Mary Helen Zimmerer.

Prize for catechism in the primary grades, Joan Gradoville. Silver loving cup presented by Dr. Frank Molak won for second time by St. John's school in the marble tournament between St. John's and Holy Rosary parish. The contestants in this tournament were: Evan Smith and William Reddie. Cup won by Evan Smith.

Silver medal (also given by Dr. Molak) first prize for skill in marble playing won by Evan Smith. Bronze medal and second prize for skill in playing marbles, won by William Reddie.

FUNERAL OF MRS. ADAMS

The funeral services of Mrs. William T. Adams was held on Thursday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church where for many years the family had been members.

A large number of the old friends and neighbors were present to pay their last tributes to the memory of the departed, who for so many years had been a resident of the community and loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Dr. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, conducted the services and brought comfort in the scriptures and the tribute to the well spent life of the departed.

The Eastern Star mixed quartet gave the number "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," the quartet being composed of Mrs. Russell Reeder, Mrs. John E. Schutz, Raymond C. Cook and R. W. Knorr.

Mr. Cook gave as a solo, "Going Home," from the "New World Symphony" by Dvorak.

The interment was at the family burial plot in the Horning cemetery beside the husband.

The pall bearers were selected from the old time friends and neighbors, E. H. Spangler, Roy O. Cole, Walter Propst, County Treasurer John E. Turner, County Clerk George R. Scales.

DIES AT MASONIC HOME

From Thursday's Daily— Mrs. Alice M. Biggs, 72, died Wednesday night at the Nebraska Masonic Home where she has been a resident since February 11, 1937. She was admitted to the home from Mizpah lodge No. 302 A. F. & A. M. of Omaha.

Mrs. Biggs was born May 14, 1865 at Springfield, Illinois, and has largely made her home in Omaha where her husband, Albert Biggs is still making his home.

The body was taken to Omaha last evening for the funeral services and the burial which will be at the Prospect Hill cemetery in that city.

Duxbury Family
Home from Outing
Thru Many States

Judge A. H. Duxbury Attends Red
Cross Convention and Family
Tours Through East.

Thursday evening Judge and Mrs. A. H. Duxbury and the children, Dorothea Mae and Richard, returned home from an auto trip that has covered some 5,000 miles and taken them through twenty states.

The chief feature of the trip was the national convention of the American Red Cross at Washington, where Judge Duxbury as the representative of the Cass county chapter, was in attendance at the various sessions and brought home a great report of the meetings.

On leaving here the family motored to Hannibal, Missouri, where they visited the scenes of the life of Mark Twain, the memorial that is erected there and the various points of interest in connection with the life of the great author.

They then stopped at Salem, Illinois, visiting the birthplace of William Jennings Bryan, the mecca of so many Nebraskans.

From Illinois the party visited in Kentucky, stopping at Hodgeville, where they visited the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, the log cabin now being preserved in a beautiful marble hall and where all of the settings are in keeping with the early life of Lincoln.

They were unable to stop at Louisville owing to the great crowds that were on hand for the Kentucky derby, and instead motored to Bardstown, visiting at the home where Stephen Collins Foster composed "My Old Kentucky Home" and also visited the St. Joseph cathedral, one of the most beautiful church structures in the south and in which there are many of the wonderful paintings presented to the church in the colonial days.

From Kentucky they drove into Virginia and stopped at Lexington at the home of Stonewall Jackson, now a shrine for the visitors and at the Robert E. Lee chapel. They then continued through the old dominion and the wonderful apple growing country near Winchester and on to the skyline drive and to visit the great caves at Luray, Virginia.

In Washington they were met by Warren Farmer who assisted them in seeing the sights of the capitol city in the times when not in attendance at the Red Cross meetings. They were luncheon guests of Congressman Henry C. Luckey and meeting also Congressman Blanderup of the fourth district. They also visited Senator George W. Norris and had a very pleasant chat with the great senator. Judge Duxbury also had the pleasure of hearing the senator in debate with Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland on the matter of making the CCC a permanent institution in the nation.

The party drove to Annapolis, Maryland, to visit the U. S. naval academy and had the pleasure of a visit with James Robertson, II, who is a midshipman at the academy and is now completing his sophomore year. While there they witnessed the dress parade of the midshipmen, a very colorful scene. The Plattsmouth young man has made a fine record in the school and is well pleased with the navy.

They visited at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where Joe Creamer, brother of Mrs. Duxbury, is residing and then on the New York City for a stay and to look over the points of interest which included a visit to the statue of Liberty.

Boston was another spot visited and was of much interest as Judge Duxbury was here during his training in the navy and they also were at Plymouth Rock where first the Pilgrims landed in 1620. The family also stopped at Duxbury, Mass., where in early days members of this family had founded the settlement and gave their name to the village.

One of the most interesting spots visited was Quebec, where a part of old France still remains on the North American continent and the buildings and customs of the people are largely of the old world atmosphere. They found French largely spoken

in the smaller places of the province.

One of the places that will long be remembered was Callander, Ontario, the home of the Dionne quintuplets and who the family were able to see and enjoy watching the happy carefree children at play. The children who are three years old today, speak only French and each day are the object of visits from hundreds from all parts of the United States and Canada. Judge Duxbury states the children are even more charming than their pictures.

From Canada the family returned home via Detroit and last evening crossed the Missouri river and rested at their own home.

Many Matters
for Discussion
by the Ad Club

Vote to Observe Memorial Day Monday,
May 31 by Closing Stores
During the Afternoon.

Discussion of the occupation tax covered a good deal of the meeting time. City Clerk A. Olson was present and stated the amount that has not been collected as well as explained the use to which the money is being placed. After considerable argument, the club went on record with a recommendation to the city council that the provision be placed in the ordinance that funds shall not be transferred from the business fund. Motion to participate in a Rooster Booster day was killed. It was decided that such an activity should be initiated by the poultry dealers.

After considerable heckling upon the "Bill Posting" issue, the matter was referred to a committee on bill posting which is to be appointed by the president.

Roy Knorr, chairman for the banquet honoring the Sylvester brothers, reported a favorable reaction. Waldemar Scenicnessen announced that the ticket sale showed a clearance of approximately \$35 for the Korn Klub.

SOLDIERS MAKE DISTURBANCE

From Saturday's Daily—

At an early hour this morning at one of the all night taverns and lunch rooms a mild riot was staged by a group of soldiers from Fort Crook and Officer Jarvis Lancaster.

The soldiers had come to the tavern in a car and two men had gone into the place to secure a drink while the other two had remained in slumber in the car.

One of the men in the tavern had ordered a pop and had no funds when the pay time came around. He had then gone out to the car to try and secure money from the sleeping comrades. As the men came out Officer Lancaster asked as to which of the group was going to drive, all having apparently been drinking. One of the men asked the officer what business it was of his as to who drove, accompanying this with a short Joe Louis punch and with this the officer clenched with the batter. The second of the soldiers then swung at the officer and landed a blow on the side of the face. Other parties drove off the second man, Officer Lancaster finally subdued the warlike foe and the men were taken to the city jail. They were later turned over to officers at Fort Crook for punishment.

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School Awards
and Letters are
Given Students

Large Number of the Students Receive
Recognition for Services
in Many Lines.

The final convocation of the Plattsmouth high school was in honor of the students who in the past year have contributed to the success of the school with their services in many lines of activity, the athletic department, commercial department and the music department.

Athletic Awards In the athletic awards three of the members were honored for all three of the sports of the school, football, basketball and track, these being Max Seltz and Wayne Falk, seniors, and Warren Reed, sophomore.

In football letters were issued to the following:

Bill Carey, three years; Ray Wooster, two years; Joy Miller, two years; Jack Forbes, three years; Ronald Rebal, one year; Clark Pinney, two years; Warren Reed, one year; Earl Taylor, three years; Alvin Johnson, three years; Ben McCarty, one year; Robert Vallery, three years; William Armstrong, one year; Wayne Falk, two years; Dale Bowman, one year; Richard Hatt, two years; Frank Nelson, one year; Elmer Newton, three years; John Gayer, two years.

In basketball: Wayne Falk, two years; Raymond Wooster, three years; Ben McCarty, one year; Don McCarroll, two years; Warren Reed, one year; Robert Hayes, one year.

In track: Wayne Falk, one year; Bill Carey, two years; Max Seltz, two years; Warren Reed, one year and Allan White, one year. White was the only freshman to letter.

Cheer leaders lettered were: Flora Belle Meade, Gavin Farmer, Clara Toman, Dick Hall.

Commercial—Shorthand Junior order of Gregg Artists. Proficiency in writing shorthand: Hazel Payton won a gold pin because of the best paper submitted in a group of twelve: Blas Edgerston, Katherine Grosshans, Shirley Seiver, Mary Alice Shiffer, Frances McCart, Edna Mae Petersen, Marion Olson, Betty Voboril, Mary Katherine Wiles.

Complete Theory. One hundred shorthand words and phrases with transcription: Irene Anthes, Marion Olson, Hazel Payton, Edna Mae Petersen, Shirley Seiver.

Shorthand Speed Test, 60 word: Hazel Payton, Edna Mae Petersen, Shirley Seiver, Marion Olson, Irene Anthes, Mary Katherine Wiles.

80 Word: Cathryn Anthes, Genevieve Bloom, Wainita Johnson, Elva Johnson, Mary Ann Highfield, Maimie Schwenneker, Delia Solomon, Marion Olson, Irene Anthes.

These have earned their 80 word certificates earlier in the year: Evelyn Meisinger, Mary Jane Mark, Alice Hirz, Lova Sell.

Delia Solomon received a special pin for having the best paper out of a group of ten.

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