

'Facts Few', Miller Tells 38 Seniors

Serck, Fox Presented Top Honors During Commencement Rite

"It is a mine-trapped, fog-bound world," Dr. Floyd Miller told the 38 O'Neill school seniors at commencement exercises Thursday evening in the school auditorium.

"Facts are few and everyone is kept guessing," continued the assistant commissioner of education in Nebraska.

Dr. Miller also addressed his remarks to 35 members of the eighth grade class and entitled his talk "This Is Your Life".

Prefacing his address with gracious story-telling in the Adlai Stevenson manner, Dr. Miller told the seniors that America's actions are the most watched and most waited for in all history. He said the world is moving from crisis-to-crisis and it is difficult, in the light of all these things, to be philosophical.

"We live today in a world of dangerous opportunity in which ignorance is the greatest handicap. Ignorance today is a greater handicap than at any time in the history of mankind.

"We're also living in a world of intense speed and untold new speeds are yet to become reality. This speed is manifest in jet airplanes . . . in communications.

"Anything of importance that happens anywhere today is of importance everywhere."

'Everyone Guessing'

Dramatizing the point that facts are few and everyone is kept guessing, he offered the conundrum that hungry Arabs in North Africa learn about America's over production of foodstuffs and believe that a sizable group of Americans, flabby in figure, devote considerable time, expense and effort to diet reducing.

He admonished his youthful listeners that making correct choices is one of the most important objectives.

"Making choices—added up—will determine in a large part the kind of a life you will lead. Of the choices to be made, the one of choosing associates is of uppermost importance."

His second admonition was to urge the seniors to work hard.

"Whatever you choose to work at, work hard!"

His third salient point to the young citizens was urging them to continue to learn, no matter what the calling.

His fourth: Serving.

"By serving, I mean your fellowmen, your community and your God."

Dr. Miller was introduced by Supt. M. J. Baack. Principal Willard Solfermoser made presentation of awards to honor students:

Honors Awarded

Linda Serck, valedictorian, Nebraska State Teachers college (Wayne) scholarship, also a regents competitive award; Gordon Fox, salutatorian, alternate regents; Marlene Ermer, third; Judy Liddy, fourth; Demaris Lindberg, fifth; Judy Sanders, sixth; Gary Holcomb, seventh; Carole Johnson, eighth; Donna Summers, ninth.

Liddy and Holcomb were also regents alternates, and Holcomb was awarded the alternate scholarship.

H. J. Lohnaus, president of the board of education, presented the diplomas and Superintendent Baack presented promotion certificates to the eighth grade graduates.

The program included music by the band, directed by Prof. Duane Miller; a flute solo by Mardelle Johnson, senior, and a vocal solo by Brenda Cole, a senior. Rev. J. Olen Kennell of First Presbyterian church offered the invocation and benediction.

Professional and recessional music was played by the band, as the graduates marched in cap and gown.

List of Graduates

Brenda Cole, Bennett Devall, Marlene Ermer, Alice Frerichs, Fred Frerichs, Gordon Fox, Mardelle Gaskill, Karen Gruhn, Sylvia Harder, Gary Holcomb, Mardelle Johnson, Carole Johnson, Merle Jones, Judith Juracek, Vernetta Krogh, Verna Larson, Judy Ann Liddy, DeMaris Lindberg, Donald McKenny.

Kenneth McKim, Lorna Marcellus, Sharon Miner, Laura Oetter, Helen Rakes, James Reycoldson, Judith Sanders, Linda

Processional — O'Neill High . . .



'Youth Challenged in Each Era of History'

Henzlik Speaks at 26 Ewing Seniors

EWING—Miss Rowena Rotherham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rotherham, was awarded valedictorian honors Friday evening at Ewing high school commencement exercises. Twenty-six seniors were awarded diplomas.

Miss Rotherham also won the regents' scholarship and the church college scholarship. She plans to attend Creighton university, Omaha.

Salutatorian honors went to Virginia McDonald, who received the Nebraska State college (Wayne) scholarship and plans to attend college there.

Other scholastic recognition went to: Judy Cloyd, third place, Norfolk Junior college scholarship; Paul Gunter, fourth, Norfolk Junior college (music) scholarship.

Dr. Frank Henzlik, dean of the University of Nebraska teacher's college, delivered the address entitled "Today's Challenge to a Graduate."

Choice of Historic Eras

To illustrate his address, he told of a gathering of advanced educators who were posed this question: If you could live in any age of history, what age would you choose?

"A grey-haired history professor said he would choose the golden age of Greece—the era of Socrates, Aristotle and Plato. "But that was an age of intense suspicion and, for many, utter despair," Doctor Henzlik said.

"A woman educator in that gathering would prefer to have lived in the days of Shakespeare amid the setting of fashionable tea houses, rich literature and heavy drama.

The dean offered this comment on that era: "England in those days was

Serck, Janice Sipes, Barbara Sprague, Barbara Strong, Larry Strong, Donna Summers, James Tomlinson, Russell Thomas, Glenda Warner, Marvin Young, Robert Young and Archie Juracek (midterm graduate).

Eighth grade graduates: Constance Claire Anderson, Wilma Babutke, Jerry Bailey, Roy Bridge, Jerry Dexter, Larry Donlin, Bill Fricke, Norman Graves, Larry Godel, Bill Nelson, Sharon Niemand, Karon Nutter, Leonard Peterson, Sandra Perry, Margaret Corinne Rakes, Kenneth Sanders, Linda Seger, John Harder, Donald Hicks, Gary Jeffrey, Robert Jenkins, Judith Johnson, Marjorie Kennell, John Kurtz, Dean Larson, James McClellan, Ronnie Schmeichel, Jerry Smith, Sharon Sheets, Yvonne Steele, Lois Strong, Vernon Strong, Glen Summers, Merlin Velder and Sonita Wilson.

Loyalty, Honor Urged of Academy Grads

Unswerving loyalty, strict honor and a measure of the heroism of Christ are the qualities Rev. Alfred Hoelsing urged the St. Mary's academy seniors to take with them as they leave the protective precincts of their alma mater and enter into the world.

He preached to 44 seniors at graduation rites at 10 o'clock Friday morning in St. Patrick's Catholic church. Very Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan, church pastor, presented the diplomas. Rev. Thomas Hitch, assistant pastor and academy faculty member, officiated at the mass.

Other clergy on the altar included Rev. Francis Price of Emmet, Rev. Peter F. Burke of Ewing and Rev. Karl Kucera of St. Anthony's hospital.

"Your actions, your attitudes, your whole outlook, your responsibilities are greater because you have had a Catholic education," Father Hoelsing told the graduates.

"Your life is going to reveal how successful your Catholic education has been. You must have a love for all humanity as you go out from St. Mary's."

"You must be loyal to your church and to your school and you must grow in sanctity no matter where you are. Gaining loyalty and growing in sanctity are slow processes. You grow up or go down, step-by-step."

"Your enemy is evil. Your school and your church ask of you to combat evil by being loyal soldiers of Christ."

He warned his capped-and-gowned listeners they would encounter intellects along life's way "who cannot so much as find their God."

"There may be some of you who already have caused pain

and heartache to your parents, priests and sisters who have brought you this far.

"If you are a soldier of Christ always, if you grow in sanctity and if you remain loyal to the teachings of your school and church you will lead a good life and you will be successful."

List of Graduates

Patricia Allen, Cecelia Bahl, Connie Bazelman, Bonnie Burival, Cera Corke, Catherine Cuddy, Ellen Donohoe, Frances Ernst, Mary Graham, Jean Hickey, Eleanor Hoehne, Mary Hoffman, Helen Hynes, Rita Jilg.

Lorraine Kellar, Betty Krobot, Peggy Lee, Charlene Mahony, Carolyn Muff, Sharon Murray, Patsy Pollock, Marie Ritz, Mary Ryan, Carlene Schoenle, Donna Lou Turner, Dorothy Vitt, Eunice Van Horn, Judy Wanser.

Richard Allen, Arnold Bahl, James Becker, James Burival, Leo Havelka, James Frolich, James Hickey, Richard Jonas, Jerry McGinn, John O'Keif, Gene O'Neill, Dan Putnam, Tom Schneider, George Shoemaker, Gordon Slight, Mike Murphy.

Eighth grade graduates: Teresa Bosn, Gale Boyle, James Corke, Kathleen Donohoe, Margaret Donohoe, Tim Gilligan, Leonard Havranek, Catherine Hawley, Joseph Howard, Bill Hynes, Jerry Jergensmeier, Frances Kelly, Randy Lyons, Robert Murphy, Douglas Spittler, Maria Elena Stevens, Sue Tomlinson, Elizabeth Turner, Vincent Ernst.

Attends Commencement —

Miss Mary Froelich was home from Duchesne college in Omaha for the graduation of her brother, James, from St. Mary's academy. She returned Sunday.

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