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## CLASS OF 1925 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE IS HELD

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FILLED  
WITH LARGE CONGREGATION.**

### "POISE" IS SERMON SUBJECT

The Rev. H. G. McClusky Delivers Strong and Able Address to Members of the Class.

Last evening the class of 1925 of Plattsmouth High school gathered at the First Presbyterian church where the baccalaureate service was given by the Rev. H. G. McClusky, pastor of the church, the address being one which was both interesting and uplifting to the splendid class of young men and women who are in a few days to leave the public schools to assume their places in the world in the lines in which they have decided upon.

The handsome church auditorium was filled to capacity long before the hour for the service by relatives and friends of the graduates of 1925 to enjoy with them the splendid services that had been arranged. The pulpit was attractive in the bright-hued flowers that added a pleasing touch to the scene.

The class, composed of Cordelia Black, Oscar Campbell, Mildred I. Crom, Elmer R. Fitchner, Damian F. Flynn, Leslie A. Gansmeyer, Layvern B. Glaze, Clara B. Gobelman, Frank M. Godwin, Edna M. Gorder, Carl B. Graves, Clyde H. Graves, Theodore J. Hadraha, Willis Hartford, Harry A. Hill, Pearl M. Hill, Ruth E. Hogan, Fred Howard, John A. Iverson, Lillian Koulek, Joe Krejci, Raymond W. Lambert, Helen Libershal, Gladys A. Meisinger, Elsie C. Nelson, Edna D. Newton, Mathilda Olson, Mary A. Park, Leola E. Parker, Ruth A. Patton, Clyde R. Peck, Harley Puls, Howard M. Quinton, Anna K. Sedick, Forrest B. Shrader, Anne M. Stetana, Verna V. Smith, Frances I. Stewart, Perilla L. Stoehr, Nellie V. Stout, Ruth E. Tiddball, Fred P. Tritley, Walter Tritsch, Antonia Vasek, Donice Vroman, Mable G. Zeman, Ross M. Vargas, W. Victor Wehrlein, Helen R. Westcott, Ella Margaret Wiles and Helen M. Wurl, with the members of the faculty, occupied seats at the front of the church just in front of the pulpit. The members of the class in their graduation gowns and caps presented a very striking picture of the youth of the community.

The invocation was offered by the Rev. Walter R. Robb, pastor of the First Christian church.

The choir of the church had arranged a very attractive musical program in keeping with the services, the anthem, "Fear Not, O Israel," being the anthem selected, which was beautifully given.

The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz, pastor of the First Methodist church. Mrs. H. W. Black, who has been one of the most pleasing vocalists of the city, gave a solo number, "Morning and Evening Prayer."

A very beautiful contribution to the program was the solo, "O Life Eternal" given by Mrs. H. W. Black, Miss Estelle Baird and Frank A. Clout.

The services were closed by the benediction offered by the Rev. Father George D. Pierce of the St. Luke's Episcopal church. Following this the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. McClusky: "POISE"

Text: Matthew 11:28, 29, 30. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Scripture Matthew 11:16-30.

Poise means a counter weight that makes a perfect balance. Scripture speaks of being weighed in the balance and found wanting. That life would be out of poise. Scripture says "Be ye temperate in all things," which means always be under perfect control. And in our text Christ says, to strike that balance and gain that control it will be necessary to come unto me. I will see that your life attains comfort in rest, that your efforts will work smoothly and your burdens will not worry you. I have come that you might live more abundantly, I have come that you might have peace. Archbishop Trench has expressed this fact well in these lines:

"Lord, what a change with us one short hour. Spent in thy presence will avail to make. What heavy burdens from our bosoms take. What parched grounds afresh with a dew. We kneel, and all around us seems to lower. We rise, and all the distant and the near. Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear. We kneel, we rise, how full of power. You young people have lived long enough to know that our lives are

cast into the swirl of mighty forces, pushing, shoving, pulling and attacking us in one way or another. Matthew records of Christ, "They spit in His face and buffeted Him." This incident is but the evidence which proves that anyone who attempts to live a noble life is confronted with such indignities. He will be set upon by unrelenting evil spirits. He will be attacked by trials that will cause him to cry out in despair. He will also be always in ready reach of an ever-present power that will solve every problem and carry him through every crisis. Paul says, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ, who strengtheneth me." This power comes through our God, and His Son Jesus Christ, who is always present help in time of trouble. What everyone of you ought to know as you face life's problems, is that you can do so with perfect confidence of a noble success and keeping your lives free of poise in the face of life's baffling temptations.

To give you this poise that will make your life count for the very best and most, I want to present the claims of Jesus Christ, which claims you cannot ignore, or find yourself on the rocks of disaster. It is a sad thing for a sailor to watch his fine ship being pounded to pieces on the rocks of the shore by a raging sea. Its grace, its serviceability wrecked and ruined because it lost its course. But how much more deplorable to see a human life shattered in its career by losing its bearings through some deficiency of character. Again we hear the acclaim of safety in the scriptural words, "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life: the wayfarer man though a fool may not err therein." The Hindus bathing in the sacred Ganges, the Mohammedans falling to his knees in prayer, the pagans of the Hottentot dancing frantically to drive away evil spirits and the American, furiously fighting the judgments of his own wickedness, all to no avail, ought to cause us to rejoice that we have a friend in Christ who gives rest to such troubled souls and teaches us how to make our lives labor with ease. As one traveler said, "When I walk through the streets of pagan city and see there the fifth and terror of their ignorant life, I rejoice to again reach the peace and order that our American cities possess." Those poor souls without Christ are—

"As some poor sufferer in prison From year to weary years is racked by pain. Long he remains and cannot find content. But ever sighs and chafes against his chain. So do thou see in each sinner A prison full of untold misery."

And in these lines we catch also the pathos of the defeat of those in a Christless life—

"On that hard pagan world, disgust And secret loathing fell. Made business and hated lust Made human life a hell."

Wherever Christ has gone, people have become grand and lovely. Let us take up our cross and follow Him: First, Christ never side-stepped an obligation. Peter said to Him as He spoke of having to die on a cross, "He is far from thee." But Christ said, "Get thee behind me, Peter. It will be His duty and He faced it. You will never enjoy rest until you have performed that obligatory task. A small vessel at sea was suddenly confronted by a storm and had no time to scud for harbor, but the captain's strict order was "Keep facing it." You will notice St. Paul's description for the armor of the Christian soldier, there is no provision for the back. He is not supposed to turn his back to the enemy. When Paderewski was premier of Poland, a burly leader of a radical commission expressed his contempt for the premier by turning his back upon Paderewski. This fine Polish leader was quick to see that spirit of insubordination and was firm in his decision that his authority should be respected, and with a quick and powerful action he spun this snubbing soviet about face with the words: "How dare you turn your back on the premier!" And all Poland loves Paderewski today for the firm manner he used in the management of Poland's affairs through such trying times. When Christ said, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest," it was the same as saying: "Face your obligations and perform them quickly and you will enjoy happiness. For I know of nothing that will give one the sense of pleasure so much as the knowledge that you have done something well. I have seen people fret and stew and worry, before a load of responsible work. And I have noticed those same people singing and gay after the task has been accomplished. Of course, it would be a higher type of their religious faith were they able to sing along while working at their task. For worry is an indication of the lack of faith.

"Let poets sing their lifting songs And gaily smite their lyre. Give me the man who whistles while He's putting on a tire."

To the writer of these lines, such a person was on representing conditions which he would like to attain. But it ought to be the condition of everyone who works and solves his difficulties in the spirit that that is what he is for, just to straighten out the crooked places of life. As was stated in "The Thief of Bagdad," "Happiness must be earned." The shirk is the one that has the hard time in this life. When Garfield

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## RETURN FROM LONG STAY IN OLD ENGLAND

**Mr. and Mrs. John McLean at Omaha With Avard Family—Have a Rough Trip On Return.**

From Tuesday's Daily— This morning, Jack McLean, former well known resident here and at one time head of the local Masonic lodge, arrived in this city to visit with old friends after an absence of several years in England, his old home.

Mr. McLean and wife arrived in New York a week ago today and came to Omaha on Saturday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Avard, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Avard being sisters. The voyage across from Liverpool was very rough, Mr. McLean stated, and a strong northwest wind was battled all the way across by the White Star liner on which they were passengers. Their boat reached Boston on Saturday a week ago but they were from Saturday to Tuesday in going to New York, dense fogs and storms holding their boat back as it was necessary to proceed with the greatest caution.

In speaking of their stay in England, Mr. McLean states that the people living in the United States are certainly fortunate even in their poorest localities as the conditions in England are very bad and the unemployment in the narrow confines of the isles has grown to millions. Coal mining and the ship building industry which were among the leading industries of England, have been greatly crippled in the past two years, many of the large ships having been equipped with oil burners which hurts the coal industry and also the German shippers have secured contracts for the construction of many large steamers because of the lower cost of production. The excessive taxes make it almost impossible for the common people to more than just exist and even in this case it is necessary for the use of the national unemployment insurance that gives small sums to the unemployed that saves them from starvation.

To add to the distress, soviet agents in England have created more dissatisfaction and trouble that has kept the government constantly on the watch for possible dangerous outbreaks. It is one of the chief aims of the Russian regime to bring down the confidence in the English and American governments as the bulwarks of democracy and following which the soviet government feels that it would have easy work in undermining and destroying the organized governments in France and Germany and the continental nations of Europe.

Mr. McLean is planning to remain in Omaha until he can secure some suitable location but is sure going to remain in the United States. The McLean and Avard families were in England largely on account of the condition of their relatives who are aged and in poor health, the family lives near the Scottish border in the north of England.

**ASSESSOR MAKES RETURN**  
From Tuesday's Daily— The second of the precinct assessors yesterday made their return to County Assessor W. H. Puls, he being Wilson Gilmore, assessor of Mt. Pleasant precinct, and he now shares with B. F. Hill of South Bend the honor of being the first to be under the wire with their reports. The work is now being rapidly closed up and a larger part of the assessors will be ready to report in the next few days, Mr. Puls thinks.

**RETURN FROM FLORIDA**  
From Tuesday's Daily— Frank B. Shopp, wife and daughter, who have been spending the winter at Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Florida, have returned home and are now busily engaged in getting their home at Tenth and Pearl streets back in shape for the summer. They are expecting that Hon. W. H. Newell, father of Mrs. Shopp, may be able in the next few weeks to make the trip back to Nebraska and spend the summer here.

**HAS NICE POSITION**  
The many friends of Miss Anna Seiver, who was for several years connected with the local telephone exchange, will be pleased to learn that she is now the head operator at York, one of the largest exchanges of the Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company. While here Miss Seiver was one of the most efficient operators on duty and her work added much to the excellence of the service. Later she was transferred to David City as head operator and since to York, her work being given just recognition. Hans Seiver, her father, while returning the last of the week from Grand Island, where he was in attendance at the state convention of the A. O. U. W., stopped at York for a visit with his daughter and also in looking over the Nebraska state I. O. O. F. home, one of the greatest institutions of its kind in the state, and was very much pleased with the conditions there.

## MRS. KIRKHAM BETTER

**From Tuesday's Daily—** Mr. and Mrs. Beal of this city have received word that their daughter, Mrs. B. L. Kirkham of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, who is at the Mayo hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, is now some better. Mrs. Kirkham was taken there some time ago for examination and treatment and it was found that she was suffering from a tumor. The growth was removed a few days ago and the patient is now showing very pleasing gains in strength and it is hoped will soon be in such shape that she can return home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham will be remembered here by the older residents as they made their home here for many years. Mrs. Kirkham being connected with the Journal and later the Cass County Democrat.

## FUNERAL SERVICES OF HOWARD YOUNG ARE HELD TODAY

**Held at the Late Home at 2 O'Clock by the Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz.**

From Tuesday's Daily— This afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late home on Pearl street occurred the last rites in memory of Howard M. Young, a resident of this city for the past 34 years.

The services were simple and impressive, the Rev. Frank Emory Pfoutz of the First Methodist church offering the prayer and words of comfort to the bereaved wife and sympathizing friends on the loss that has come to them.

During the services, Mrs. E. H. Wescott sang two of the old hymns that had been requested by the family, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Near to My God to Thee." At the conclusion of the services the body was borne to Oak Hill cemetery to be laid to the last long rest.

Howard M. Young was born near Mount Lery, Ohio, December 8, 1848, and passed to his reward the morning of May 19, 1925, being 76 years, five months and 15 days of age.

He was married to Miss Martha R. Young of Youngsville, Ohio, in 1877 and immediately they decided to come west. They found their location at Ashland, Nebraska, and relying upon the farming life for a time.

Thirty-four years ago they moved to this city where they have since resided. After coming to Plattsmouth, Mr. Young followed the business of bill posting until his health would not permit.

At the age of 25 years ago he was stricken with paralysis and from that time has had more or less difficulty in caring for himself and has had to depend upon his faithful and devoted companion, who has served him lovingly and devotedly as she was able.

There is one sister, Mrs. Ella Rector of Dayton, Ohio, four nephews and two nieces and he devoted wife to mourn his departure. The only child, Mrs. Mable Middaugh, preceded the father into the future life 25 years ago.

In his former and more active years, Mr. Young was a member and worker in the Presbyterian church, present session. He was a man of God as a comfort even to his last days.

He was well known here and a large company of friends unite in extending their sympathy to the bereaved wife and companion in her grief and pray that in the providence of the Father's wisdom her last years may be years of peace and comfort in the memory of a well lived life.

## ATTENDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

From Monday's Daily— This morning Rev. H. G. McClusky departed for Columbus, Ohio, where he goes to attend the meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States, that will convene there on May 29th for the planning of the church work and the selection of the officials of the church. Rev. McClusky is one of the clergymen of the state selected for the position of delegate from Nebraska. The general assembly will have many weighty problems to be considered, including the consolidation of the north and south branches of the church and various other matters. William J. Bryan, well known statesman, will be one of the prominent figures of the assembly and also the Rev. H. H. H. D. D. of Omaha, who is to be urged by Nebraska as the general moderator of the church.

This is the second time in Rev. McClusky's eighteen years of ministry that he has had this high honor bestowed upon him. The local church feel much gratified to have their well loved minister chosen to attend the general assembly and feel the church and presbytery will have in him a very capable representative.

Mrs. John Hiber was a visitor in Omaha today, going to that city on the early morning Burlington train.

## 'Q' SUPERINTENDENT URGES STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN DRIVING

**N. C. Allen in Plea for Cut of Rail Crossing Accidents—He Says Deaths Are on Increase.**

From Monday's Daily— Urging that automobile drivers use more care at railroad crossings in order to halt the steady and alarming growth of railroad crossing accidents, N. C. Allen, superintendent of the Omaha division, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, in an interview Saturday pleaded for an observance of the "stop, look and listen" rule by auto drivers.

Mr. Allen's statement was made following publication of figures showing a regular increase in the number of crossing accidents since 1917, when comprehensive national figures on this type of accidents were first obtained.

Accidents on Increase. "The statistics," Mr. Allen said, "which are available through the interstate commerce commission, have brought forcibly to the attention of those who are in charge of the operation of railroads, the fact that while we have been able to reduce materially the number of accidents among our employees as well as the accidents to passengers, auto accidents at grade crossings continue to increase with the growth of the automobile traffic."

"The large number of fatalities at grade crossings have led the management of the different railroads to do everything possible to reduce these accidents. Automatic signals have been installed, crossing bells, crossings have been properly graded and the view been corrected at hundreds and hundreds of crossings, yet these accidents continue to increase. After all has been done that seemed possible for the railroad companies to do with the automatic devices, bells, warning signals and signs, the accidents continue to occur."

Solution With Individual. "We find in the railroad, among our employees, that their coming years may be as pleasant as the past in the church and that they may be able to enlarge their sphere of influence and good work."

DR. LAKE AT HOSPITAL  
From Tuesday's Daily— The Plattsmouth friends of Dr. L. B. Lake will be pleased to learn that he is now somewhat better at the Swedish Mission hospital in Omaha where he was taken a week ago suffering from an infection in the left leg. Altho his condition is still serious, he is expected to recover, but will have to remain in bed for some time at least. Mrs. Lake is a daughter of Mrs. J. R. Vallery of this city and Dr. and Mrs. Lake are frequent visitors here.

HEALTH CONFERENCE  
Plans are being completed for the health conference for all children under school age. The examinations will be held at Central, Columbia, and Wintersteen Hill school buildings. The local doctors and dentists are giving their time to this examination and with the aid of two nurses sent by the state we hope to take care of all children who desire to be examined. Watch this paper for further notices.

HOLD PLEASANT MEETING  
From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening the members of the W. H. E. S. club were very delightfully entertained at the home of Miss Mildred Schlatter on North Third street and proved a most pleasant occasion for the young ladies comprising the club. The evening was spent in bridge and in this Miss Esther Healey proved the most successful and was awarded a very appropriate prize. At the close of the evening dainty and delicious refreshments were served that added to the enjoyment of all those in attendance.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL  
From Tuesday's Daily— Last evening Thomas F. Murphy, who has been in the St. Joseph hospital in Omaha for the past few months, was brought home, as his condition has so far improved as to make it possible to move him. The many friends are delighted to see Tom back home again and trust that in the quiet and comfort of the home that he may continue to show marked improvement.

## ROUNDS UP RUNAWAY

From Tuesday's Daily— Yesterday afternoon word was received in this city of the fact that a young lad, Earl Murfin, aged 14, of Springfield, had disappeared from his home and was thought to be heading east. Last evening about 6:45 Officer Clyde Jackson noticed a strange lad on the streets here and proceeded to question him as to his identity and with the result that the statement was secured that he was the lad missing from Springfield. The boy said that he had secured rides and walked from his home to this city and had been here since in the early afternoon. Officer Jackson called the parents at Springfield and they arrived last evening to secure the prodigal and return him home.

## RECEIVES CALL TO CHURCH CHARGE IN THIS CITY AGAIN

**Rev. Walter R. Robb of Christian Church Receives Call and Accepts Charge Again.**

From Monday's Daily— The many friends of Rev. Walter R. Robb, pastor of the First Christian church over the city, whether members of the church or not, are delighted to learn that the pastor has decided to accept the call extended to him by the church a few days ago and will continue as the spiritual adviser of the church for the coming year.

Rev. Robb has done a great deal toward the upbuilding of the church in the city and has proven a real factor in the religious life of the community, his very able administration of the church with his earnest and sincere work in the pulpit having placed the church on a much larger field of activity and increased the membership of the church to a marked degree.

Mr. Robb and his splendid family will receive the well wishes of the friends that their coming year may be as pleasant as the past in the church and that they may be able to enlarge their sphere of influence and good work.

There is left to mourn the death of this splendid lady the aged husband and two daughters, Mrs. Jeanette Tartach of Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. Ethel Morgan of Hay Springs, Nebraska, as well as two grandchildren, Marion and Jean Morgan. Three sisters, Mrs. Alex Ballance, Mrs. Mary Peace of Michigan City, Ind., and Mrs. William Lewry of St. Louis, also survive her.

Mrs. Ballance was a member of Home chapter 189, Order of Eastern Star, of this city, and for a number of years, while her health permitted, took an active part in the splendid work of the order.

The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the home on Granite street and the interment will be made at Oak Hill cemetery beside her son, France Ballance, who passed away two years ago, and a son, William, who died in infancy many years ago.

F. P. Sheldon, the Nehawka merchant, was in the city yesterday afternoon for a short time looking after some matters at the court house.



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