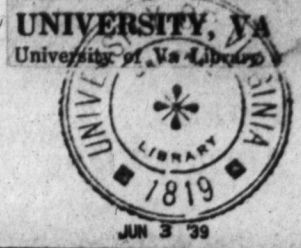


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GRADUATION AT OCCOQUAN HIGH

Students Participate in the Closing Exercises

At the Occoquan High School the commencement exercises began Sunday with the sermon to graduates. This was delivered by Mr. Page Etchison, director of religious education at the Y.M.C.A. in Washington. His topic was "The Two Gates." It was taken from the life of St. Peter who when he was a prisoner in Jerusalem was passed thru the gates of the prison by God's influence and reached his friends thru the little gate by his own efforts. Thus there are two gates in life. Rev. A. H. Shumate and Rev. D. N. Calvert had a part in this program.

The names of the graduates appear on the accompanying photograph. Of these Charlotte Howlett received the highest award and Warren McInteer was second. The former received the medal offered by Buck Keys Legion for her outstanding qualities. She received also a year's subscription to the Reader's Digest offered by the publisher.

The graduating exercise's proper took place Monday night. There were seven speakers and a mistress of ceremonies, Geraldine Porter. She announced that these seven speakers wrote on the double theme, "Education enriching life and life enriching education." She said that the class was divided into groups to gather material each for a different phase of the subject and that one person assembled, wrote and delivered the speech. Charlotte Howlett's subject was the "Mutual Reaction of Education and Life." She stated the full meaning of them, "Lives Given for Others" was John Slovensky's subject. He spoke of Horace Dodge, Walter Judd and Horace Mann. He summed it up in "Be Ashamed to Die Until You Have Achieved Some Victory for Humanity." "Reaction of Life and Travel," Hazel Wolfgang's subject, told how travel and education affect life. She herself has visited much of the United States, beside Porto Rico and Shanghai. She quoted Francis Bacon and the inscription on the Union Station in Washington. "Education and Government" was handled by Claggett Hawkins with great deliberation. He had not much good to say for Nazism or Fascism, but had great words of praise for the Democracies of the World.

Natalie Lieberman's theme was "Education and the Occupations." More and more are the professions dependent upon education, and those in the professions must keep up with the times.

Warren McInteer treated in a rather unique fashion "Worthy Preparation for Leisure." In this work-a-day world there is a place for leisure, but not for loafing. Education must show the way.

Dorothy Gordon summed it up in "Education is Preparation for the Moral and Spiritual Life." She took as high ground as did Charlotte Howlett at the outset. Like the others she left with the audience much to think about.

Under Miss Selma Pilsand's direction, the Glee Club sang two selections, "Can't You Hear Me Calling Caroline" and "An Irish Love Song."

Cynthia Lacey, undoubtedly accomplished pianist, played in the midst of the program, Frühlingsrauscher by Sinding.

Superintendent Haydon presented a playlet "Beyond the Port" by Beulah Bailey Woolard, a kind of allegory which makes the school course seem like a four-year voyage. Miss Irons directed this play and the credit of its success is due her. The feature of the play was a duet by Mildred Bryant and Claggett Hawkins.

ENTERTAINS FOR CLASS OF 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harris, and Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Cooksey entertained at a weenie roast at the Cooksey Cabin, on Occoquan Run, Monday evening, for the 1939 graduating class of Manassas High School, in honor of Miss Ardith Harris and Mr. Howard Cooksey, who are members of the class.

Swimming, boating and eating were the order of the evening. The majority of the class attended and enjoyed themselves immensely.

GRACE LADIES AID TO MEET

The Ladies Aid Society, of Grace Methodist Church, will meet Thursday, June 8th, in the Sunday School room of the Church at 3:00.

GRADUATING CLASSES IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

Occoquan, Miss Elizabeth Vaughn, Principal.



Reading from left to right. Back row: John Slovensky, Claggett Hawkins, Wallace Winfree, Orva Walker, Ben Purvis, Rue Purcell, Walter Jigiello, Morgan Hensley, Melvin Lieberman, Robert Smith.
Middle Row: Cynthia Lacey, Geraldine Porter, Hazel Wolfgang, Dorothy Abel, Dorothy Gordon, Lucille Stefko, Gladys Gordon, Thelma Carney, Natalie Lieberman.
Front Row: Eleanor Austin, Elizabeth Reid, Charlotte Howlett, Doris Perks, Dorothy Browne, Doris Jean Cato, Eula Jellison.

Dumfries Graded School Miss Catherine Davis, Principal.



Front Row: Harvey Cornwell; Dolly Haggerty, secretary and treasurer; Alice Thurston; Betty Lovelace, vice-president; Mitchell Mills; Norman Lloyd, president.
Second Row: Dorothy Smith; Bernice Bourne; John Liming; John Liming; Charlotte Oertly; Virginia Katsarilis; Nan Roop; Alfred Anderson; Catherine V. Davis, teacher.
Third Row: Leila Sisson; LaVerne Fletcher; Blanche Bailey; Linda Lou Gnadt; Snooky Perry; Louise Cumberland; Audrey Ginn; Paul Florence; Louise Anderson.
Fourth Row: Elgin Brawner; Janice Brawner; Ann Hamilton; Mildred Liming; Ethel Hedges; Catherine Lowe; Mary Pandazides; Dorothy Bailey; Jean Hardenbrook.



Haymarket High School, Prof. W. E. Moore, principal.

Front Row: Tom Piercy, Lucille Gardner, Mary Carter, Mary Sloper, Dorothy Hayford and Theodore Smith.
Second Row: Rolfe Ellison, Harry Welsh and Andrew Smith.

TEA FOR GRADUATES

On Saturday afternoon, May 27th, Miss Harriett Lewis entertained the graduating class of Osbourne High School at tea. Other guests than the members of the class included the High School Faculty and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Haydon.

Laurel was used as the principal decoration. On the table a bowl of yellow roses and blue Iris reminded the guests of the school colors.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, olives, mints and cookies were served. Mrs. Marianne Shacklett and Mrs. Noel Lynn, Sr., assisted the hostess at the punch bowl.

VETERAN'S GRAVE TO BE MARKED

The grave of Robert L. Spindle, Confederate Veteran, will be marked on Saturday, June 3, at 3:00 p.m., in the Cemetery of St. John's Church, Centreville. The public is invited to be present.

MRS. BROADDUS TO PRESENT PUPILS

Mrs. Margaret Broaddus will present her violin and piano pupils in a recital at the Parish Hall, Manassas, on Monday evening, June 5th, at 8:00. The public is cordially invited.

FESTIVAL AT GAINESVILLE JUNE 9th

The Ladies of Gainesville Methodist Church will have a strawberry and ice cream festival on the church grounds on Friday evening, June 9th, beginning about 5:00.

WANTED: A Confederate Flag

Through the columns of the Journal, A. J. Powell, caretaker of the Manassas Battlefield, or better known as the Henry Farm, wishes to know if some individual or organization will present him with a Confederate flag.

Anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. Powell at once.

GRADUATION AT MANASSAS

Pupils Conduct Exercises at Osbourn High School

Graduating exercises at Osbourn High School began Sunday evening with the sermon to graduates at Grace Methodist Church. Rev. H. P. Baker presided and the invocation was delivered by Rev. J. M. DeChant, pastor of Manassas Presbyterian Church. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Robin Gould, D. D., pastor of Francis Asbury Church, in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Dennis Baker presided at the organ.

The graduation exercises were held Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium. In contrast to the procedure of recent years, these exercises were conducted by the graduates themselves, with Miss Joscelyn Gillum presiding. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. R. M. Graham and the welcome was extended by Miss Gillum, president of the senior class.

Various aspects of education were presented in sequence, beginning with "School History," by Betty Collins. "The School of Today" was discussed in three sections. Betty Beane presented "The Academic Offering" and this was followed by a discussion of "The Vocational Offering" by Lester Harris. "Student Participation in School Government" was discussed by Herbert Burke.

"Ideal Secondary Education," by Fay Fletcher, was followed by "The Needs of our School" by Lucy Johnson.

Musical selections were rendered by Messrs. Knox and Blakemore, and by the high school glee club under the direction of Miss Faith Van Dusen, with Miss Nancy Waters accompanying. The prizes were awarded by Mr. R. Worth Peters, principal of Manassas Public Schools, and the diplomas were awarded by Prof. R. C. Haydon, Division Superintendent of schools. The benediction was delivered by Rev. A. Stuart Gibson.

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GRADUATING EXERCISES AT HAYMARKET

The closing exercises of the Gainesville District High School began Sunday evening with the Baccalaureate sermon in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Haymarket, by Rev. Roscoe Johnson, pastor of Pace Memorial Methodist Church, Richmond, Va., assisted by Rev. W. F. Carpenter, rector of the church. Rev. Johnson delivered an inspiring sermon.

On Tuesday evening the auditorium of the school was filled to capacity with patrons and friends. Nine graduates were presented with diplomas. The exercises were opened by a professional by the seniors, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Bevard, of the faculty. After the audience had joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer, led by the Superintendent of Schools, a musical selection was rendered by the Boys Glee Club.

Seventh Grade certificates were presented to 19 children and Mrs. Maude Jordan's annual prize was awarded this year to Burgess Hoffman. The Athletic and Citizenship awards were presented by Mr. W. E. Moore, principal of the school, to Rolfe Ellison. The P.-T. A. prize for scholarship and citizenship was presented by Mrs. John Sweeney to Mary Parsons Carter.

As a parting gift the class left a dictionary and stand to the school which was presented by Andrew Smith and accepted, in behalf of the school, by Rolfe Robertson, Jr.

Musical selections were rendered by Mr. D. B. Eutsler, of the faculty, accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Baker, of Manassas; by the girls glee club, and by Gordon Pattie, of the Junior class.

The commencement address was delivered by Mr. K. E. Wallace, of Washington, D. C., and his inspiring talk was followed by a few remarks from Prof. R. C. Haydon.

KIWANIS HOSTS TO COUNTY GRADS

Young People Furnish Delightful Program

Students from the several high schools were the guests of the Kiwanis Club at its regular meeting last Friday evening. O. D. Waters was program chairman.

Greeting the young people was Father Widmer who stressed the message of service as well as of welcome and hospitality.

In the absence of Professor Haydon, it devolved on Miss Joscelyn Gillum, of Manassas, to conduct the program.

Her message to the club was as follows:

"Mr. President and Members of the Manassas Kiwanis Club:

It is my pleasure tonight to extend to you the most sincere thanks of the graduates of the secondary schools of Prince William County, for your kind hospitality this evening. We, of the schools, are here tonight at your invitation to be entertained and in turn to entertain you. We have partaken of this delicious dinner, and are now at the point at which, I am given to understand, we should show that appreciation by acting in some manner that would touch your sensibilities, either pleasantly or unpleasantly. My task is to say thank you and to introduce to you the representative pupils of the graduating classes of Prince William County schools. Before doing that, I wish to express to you some ideas of what we, as graduates of a modern American school system, have to look forward to. We can look forward only to those things which you, as established citizens of our community, are willing for us to do and will stretch forth your hands to assist us in doing. In this day, when the youth, entering the world as a worker, finds an uncertain future facing him, it is a wonderful thing to find a group who are ready to act as friends and counselors in the way that you have done.

Throughout our four years of high school, it has been a source of inspiration to us that you have been so genuinely interested in our school. We hope that now that we are passing out of school you will continue to give the same kind of encouragement to those who are coming after us, and we trust that we, with the examples that you have set for us of splendid citizenship, high courage, achievement, integrity, and progressiveness, maybe encouraged to follow on."

She then called upon the following to offer numbers, all of whom were vigorously applauded and encored. Duet, by Mildred Bryant and Claggett Hawkins, accompanied by Miss Martha Keller, of the Occoquan High faculty. Their specialty was Indian music, sung very sweetly and well modulated.

Next followed a reading by Miss June Foster, of Nokesville. It was somewhat brief but very humorous.

The Garman sisters of Nokesville High, Misses Kathleen and Genevieve, gave a duet which called for some musical imitations.

Haymarket contributed a violin solo by Gordon Pattie, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Bevard of the faculty.

Visitors for the evening included Miss Nancy W. Waters, Miss Joscelyn Gillum, Mr. John Gregory, Miss Martha Grymes, Miss Dorothy Bevard, Miss Mary P. Carter, Miss Dorothy E. Claggett H. Hawkins, Mr. Warren H. McInteer, Miss Martha L. Keller, Miss Charlotte Hawlett, Miss Dorothy Browne, Miss Mildred Bryant, Mr. C. O. Bittle, Miss Kathleen Garman, Miss Genevieve Garman, Miss June Foster, Mr. John W. Harpine, Jr., and Mr. Rolfe Ellison.

BETTY McMICHAEL WINS W.C.T.U. PRIZE

For the past three years the W.C.T.U. of Manassas has offered prizes on the eight essays written by the High School Students of Prince William County on the subject, "The effect of alcohol on the human life prizes have been awarded for this year as follows: 1st prize \$10.00 to Betty McMichael, Nokesville; 2nd prize \$5.00 to Eugene Nolly Nokesville; the next best 6 papers received \$2.00 each: Frances Browers, Haymarket; Faith Ellis, Haymarket; Fay Fletcher, Manassas; Martha Grimes, Manassas; Ellen Haislip, Occoquan.

The 1st prize paper winning the \$10.00 prize will be published later in the Journal.