

# The High School Commencement

An event long to be remembered took place Friday evening when two of our young people, Inez Greenland and Ivar Knapp, were granted diplomas and graduated from the Binford high school, class of 1920. The opera house was packed to the doors, with parents, relatives and friends, who listened with interest to a most enjoyable program of songs and speeches.

The stage was prettily decorated for the occasion in the class colors,

young graduates dressed in snowy white, and other participants in the evening's program. The class motto "The End Crowneth the Work" was displayed in green and white in a prominent place across the arch above the stage. On the left wall of the hall was hung the motto of the class of 1921, "Upward Still and Onward," in blue and gold. Opposite, the class motto for the class of 1922, "Work Conquers Everything" was displayed in blue and white.



THE GRADUATES

green and white, giving a very pleasing effect. The background and the front of the stage were banked with branches of plum and cherry blossoms. A large flag hung in the rear. Potted plants, beautiful ferns and vases of cut flowers lent their delicate charm to the inspiring scene of the

Following the invocation given by Rev. L. M. Halling, the pupils of the school sang "Voices of the Wood," after which Ivar Knapp gave the Salutatory address, which was a very creditable effort. The school then sang "When the Roses Bloom," followed by a well rendered duet by Florence Greenland and Pearl Peterson.

Prof. John W. Ballard, of the University of North Dakota, delivered the principle address of the evening, choosing as his topic "Education and Business."

Following another song by the school, Miss Inez Greenland gave the Valedictory address, which was a splendid one, and did that young lady much credit.

Presentation of diplomas was made by Dr. J. R. Truscott, member of the board of education, in a few appropriate remarks, both to the high school graduates, and the eighth grade graduates, of whom there were thirteen.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Halling, which closed the first Commencement exercises ever held in Binford.

## THE VALEDICTORY

By Inez Greenland  
"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries."

Someone has said, "Life is full of golden opportunities for doing what we do not want to do. With five chances on each hand and one unwavering aim, no boy or girl however poor, need despair. There is bread and success for everyone under the American flag who has energy and ability to seize their opportunity."

It now becomes necessary for us, the members of the graduating class of 1920, to recognize our opportunity as we choose the path that leads out into the great world. Up to this time we have been guided by our parents, teachers, and friends. Now the door of the world is open before us, and we are obliged to use our own judgment in selecting paths of future usefulness and happiness, not for ourselves alone, but for society in general.

Great are the joys and privileges of being a high school student. Yet who would wish to remain one forever? There are other heights to climb, other prizes to capture in the great game of life, other "marks toward" which we feel an overwhelming desire to "press." What a world of thought is epitomized in the quotation, "I press toward the mark." We are told that "This is the spirit which has been behind all the world's great achievements, in every department of life."

Among all nations, civilized and uncivilized, we find one shared word, the word "press" down the curtain upon the life of the world.

life, a word to give utterance to which it is my painful task here tonight, the sad, sweet word "farewell." The time has come when we must bid good-bye to our high school days, teachers, and friends. We have longed for this Commencement, and often have we repeated to ourselves, "Oh how glad I shall be when I have completed my high school education and how I wish I were through." I know this is the way a majority feel, but when the parting hour arrives, a very different emotion steals over us. We never realize until it is too late that while we are attending school we are enjoying the happiest and most unclouded days of our lives.

It is in vain that we assure ourselves that we shall meet again; that we will form associations of alumni and at other Commencements visit the same spot.

To our parents, teachers, friends, and members of the School Board we give sincere thanks for the joys of this day. With patience and skill you have labored to make us strong and fit for the task before us. Like soldiers we have been training for a great and noble battlefield—life's battlefield. We realize our debt for all our glorious opportunities and we hope to pay it in part by helping others, as you have helped us.

School friends, with you we have spent and enjoyed many happy hours. We hope that during the years that you remain in Binford, your life will be as happy and free from care as ours have been. You are all working for the goal that we have now reached, and you are to enjoy the same opportunities that we have so lavishly enjoyed. May you improve them and fill our places more worthily. We bid you God-speed and a sincere farewell.

Fellow Classmates: Our relations as classmates must now be severed. There is an end to everything, "to pleasure and to pain, to wisdom and to toil." It well behooves us to step cautiously to the cross the threshold of high school days and emerge into the dazzling, dazzling, dim and tumultuous whirl of the busy world. Keep in mind the old admonition, "Think not that all is sunshine, nor that fame would wait on your bidding." "He who would win must labor for the prize."

Altho discouragements may come, and we may for a time be plunged into a sea of discord, let us go forth with unbending hope, courage and faith, ever remembering that most truly does "The End Crown the Work."

## THE SALUTATORY

By Ivar Knapp  
Members of the Schoolboard, Friends and Schoolmates:

We, the class of 1920, after four years of faithful service, appear to receive the well-earned promotion to the opportunities which life has in store for us. We have been but preparing the foundation of our life work and this Commencement is the first incident of importance. We believe as do most thoughtful people that an education is one of the first steps toward success.

"Success" is a small word with a large meaning. Many people look upon success only thru power and wealth. They will say, "See, he is a success, he is worth millions." and "She has done well, her husband has a great amount of property and plenty of money in the bank." Is this all that is found in the word "Success"? No, indeed. The father and mother with a comfortable and happy home, are they not a success? The man who toils and is happy in his home, is he not also worthy of the term success? Benjamin Franklin expresses his theory of success in the following quotation "He that hath a trade, hath an estate, and he that hath a calling hath a place of profit and honor. A plowman on his legs is higher than a gentleman on his knees."

We feel that the world has need of us, and we are prepared and eagerly looking forward for the responsible positions we are to hold in performing the world's work. Russell H. Conwell has said "Never does a young man so completely hold within his grasp his fortune and destiny as when he first ventures alone upon the great battlefield of life." During the past four years, we have been in training for the place we now to take on that battlefield. The

# LOCALS TAKE DOUBLE BILL

MANRTERFUL TWIRLING OF BESSE AND KINGSLLEY BRINGS TWO VICTORIES

Sunday proved an eventful day in baseball annals of this man's town. Taking the long end of the score in two good games of baseball before a crowd that filled the park extending into both left and right fields, is no small glory for one day. Seldom, if ever, do you find two more interesting ball games pulled off as a double header. Usually one or the other is a bad one. Sunday's games were an exception. Both were clean, hard-fought battles and absolutely devoid of any rag-chewing which oftentimes detracts from the interest of our great national pastime (Empire Opheim, of Cooperstown, officiated in both contests, and his fairness in making decisions was responsible in a large measure for the clean conduct of the games.

Both games may be described as real pitchers' battles and in summing up the work of them all, Besse of Binford, who worked against Hannaford, takes the lead. Up until the sixth frame he held the Hannaford crew without a hit.

In that inning he allowed two hits and a walk. Russell, who opposed Besse, had one bad inning, the eighth, when the locals jumped on him for six blows, netting four runs.

Kingsley, pitching for the locals in the Cooper game, got away with a bad start in the first inning allowing a run, but from then on he worked like a clock and would have held them ruinless except for an error which bobbed up in the eighth. Nelson, who started for Cooper, was wild, and was jerked in the third inning, Johnson replacing him. Two errors by his mate, and an unfortunate stumble by LaPlant in right field in attempting to reach Peterson's high fly, was the reason, if you ask me, that, for Nelson's withdrawal. That run, for which he was not responsible was presented the local team in that inning. Johnson, who replaced Nelson, filled the bases, but retired the side without any more runs.

The Hannaford Game

For the first six innings, Besse and First Baseman Ehlers had a merry time retiring the Hannaford batsmen. Ten were struck out and Ehlers gets credit for eight put-outs at first. In the seventh frame, Dougherty was hit with pitched ball, and stole second. In the throw to catch him at that station the ball danced off his legs and Dougherty continued on to third. Russell walked and took second. A hit meant a run or two, but Besse struck out Thorson and O'Brien.

(Continued on page 4.)

great public school system of America today is the sanctuary where thousands of boys and girls are preparing for life's successes. The preservation and development of the public school is the only sure way of obtaining happy and prosperous future generations. The nation is sustained by the government, the government by the people, and the people by the educational facilities made possible through the public school. The primary purpose of the school is to fit the boy and girl for their places in life, not necessarily for a place of riches and power but for one which will benefit the welfare of the nation and all society.

Kind friends, we welcome you here tonight. We are honored by your presence. This is the first Commencement exercise given by the Binford high school. Its success and our success are due largely to the help you have given us in maintaining our school. We hope this Commencement will be an incentive to future Seniors, that they will glorify the Binford High School, and with the idea of service to others incorporated in their definition of "success" may they ascend the ladder of life to its highest round.

Remember,  
We live in deeds, not years.  
In thoughts, not breaths.  
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.

We should count time by heart-throbs.  
He must live, who thinks more.  
Pulse the pointer, sets the beat.

of

Patent Leather \$7.00

only one leather in each

Gun Metal \$9.00

the Oxfords

at day she can be stylishly shod on comfort in the laced oxfords. Hot days, at home comfort luxury by two & three strap sandals.

White Canvas \$3.00

newest ideas thoroughly representations are more varied than

enables the right to appear in son

en Co.