

Binford High School Launches Class of Twelve Fine Young People Upon Life's Journey

Commencement Exercises Friday Evening Marks Close of Year of Work—Excellent Program Given as Final High School Course—Many Patrons of School Were Present.



THE GRADUATES

Top row—Elias Halling, Blanche Greenland, Helen Alm, Mark King
Center—Floyd King, Lillian Koloen, Myrtle Hanstad, Harold Bakke
Bottom—Evelyn Alson, Jean Helland, Thinka Olsgard, John Hagberg

Amid a beautiful setting of green branches and vases of fragrant lilacs, Binford graduated the largest class of high school pupils in its history last Friday evening, June 1. Commencement exercises were held in the opera house, which was filled to capacity with friends and patrons of the school. Posted in a conspicuous place above the stage, and designed in elaborate markings, was the class motto in green and white, "Out of the Bay and Into the Ocean."

The program for the evening was opened by an invocation by Rev. L. M. Halling, followed by a song by the school.

The salutatorian, Miss Blanche Greenland, was splendid in her address, and made her audience readily feel the welcome she extended to them. Her delivery was good and showed that much hard work had been done in the preparation of her address.

After a selection rendered by the high school orchestra, various papers were read. Elias Halling very ably read the Class Newspaper, which contained much wit and humor and brought several laughs. The Class History was read by Harold Bakke, and showed the progress made by each class during their school career. The Class Will was read by Miss Helen Alm in a very creditable manner. Special mention might be made of the manner in which the Class Prophecy was given. Lights were lowered, and while the orchestra

softly rendered an oriental selection, Miss Nellie Prütz, of the Junior class, crossed the stage carrying a crystal globe which she placed on a table on the opposite side. Gazing into its depths she was able to foretell the future of each member of the class of 1923.

"What is Man?" was the subject chosen by Dr. Kjerstad, of Vadley City, for his commencement address to the students, in which he pictured the seeming smallness of man as compared to the size of the earth or other planets, and again, man's greatness, in that he is endowed with reason and imagination. He gave the class many words of encouragement and wisdom for their guidance.

Miss Evelyn Alson was excellent in her rendering of the valedictory, her address being filled with beautiful thoughts and showed great originality.

The musical selections by the orchestra were very much enjoyed and shows that great progress has been made by the boys in their work.

At the close of the program L. P. Larson presented the diplomas to the class in his usual fluent language and pleasing manner.

Diplomas were also presented to nine pupils graduating from the 8th grade, as follows: Gladys Standal, Robert King, LaVerne Reid, Markus Halling, Vable Brodshaug, Selmer Olsgard, Palmer Rorvig, Ethel Anderson and Donna Moore.