



**THE GRADUATES**

Standing, from left to right—Pearl Peterson, Lydia Halling, Susie Shaw, Irene Prits.  
Seated—Christina Holland, Nellie Shaw.

public schools of Blinford closed Friday with the various activities which mark the close of a school year, and six young women received their diplomas at the of the Board of Education at a commencement exercises held at the Blinford school Friday evening. The commencement sermon was delivered by L. M. Halling on Sunday May 23.

A motto of the Class of 1921, "Still and Onward," was seen over the stage in letters of a background of King blue. The speakers, forming a part of the program for the event. The stage was beautifully decorated with red and white plum and cherry blossoms and rear. Several vases were placed along the edge of the stage floor and a large flag hung from the center at the top of the stage.

Speakers houses was packed to the with friends and patrons of the school. The program was presented by Rev. L. M. Halling, followed by a song by the school. Lydia Halling gave the Salutatory address in a very clear voice and in a manner. She chose for her

subject, "Only a Commencement." Two more songs were rendered by the school after which Hon. A. O. Divet of Fargo, delivered the address of the evening. He gave the graduating class a splendid address replete with good advice for their guidance in their new characters as members of the active business life of the world. The address was most interesting and eloquent.

After the singing again by the school, Miss Irene Prits gave the valedictory address, the subject of which was "American Ideals."

L. P. Larson, president of the Board of Education, then gave a carefully prepared talk to the girl graduates, showing a few of the successes and failures from the beginning of time to the present, and where the cause could be traced to the influence of a woman. His talk was very well received. Mr. Larson presented the diplomas to the high school graduates, and to the eighth grade graduates of which there were eleven.

The program closed with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Halling. Blinford may well feel proud of her 1921 class, each member of which graduated with a good record of

work, and their future, under the motto selected for their school work, should be one of success in whatever field of endeavor their work may call them.

**ONLY A COMMENCEMENT**  
By Lydia Halling

Dear friends we welcome you here tonight.

You have come to commemorate with us and to witness one of the great events in our lives. The class of 1921 has awaited with happy anticipation this event which we shall ever hold dear in our memories. It is a time of conflicting emotions—the emotion of sadness at strife with the emotion of joy. We are happy and triumphant after the years we have spent in concentrated study and victorious won—yet, a sadness stands over us as we think of leaving our happy high school days. Golden years they have been, full of joy and sunshine—one long wonderful day, during which we have striven to climb steadily upward toward some goal, where culminate all of youth's ambitions and dreams. Now that the last round is reached, we find that it is "Only a Commencement."

An Alaskan fisherman stands upon the shore scanning the great stretch of water for the ship that will bring him rich treasure, so the class of 1921 stands upon the banks of the Sea of Knowledge, gazing far off over the glistening waters. It seems an innumerable distance. Can it be possible that we stand but on the brink of our journey—and safe on the other side? Is it quite comprehensible that we with our seemingly vast amount of learning, have not yet begun to row across the waters to that side of greater wisdom? As we stand with the thought "Only a Commencement" uppermost in our minds, and hearts, the voice of Experience encouragingly whispers, "Look not for fame nor glory, await the transient rewards, until Time impose its cruel hardships and toil upon you, just now, and you have spent your years rowing across the Sea of Learning. Many difficulties will confront you, only to be overcome and conquered by your strong will and responsibility. You must row your own way across the vast expanse—fight for your own battles, and when victory is won, then, and not till then, you receive the verdict 'well done.'"

"It surprises we exclaim, 'but our education—is it not completed?'"

And Experience with beckoning hand responds, "Ah, my children, your education up to this point is 'Only a Commencement.'"

"Our lives are made up of 'commencements.' Each day we learn something new. Every conquered difficulty contributes something to our wisdom—we learn to do better the next time. The years spent in high school have been preparing us for the journey across the sea into the land of material experience, and this evening with all its triumphant joys and cherished regrets, is to the Class of 1921 'Only a Commencement.'"

**AMERICAN IDEALS**  
By Irene Prits

If we were asked, "what is it that makes a nation great?" our answer would most undoubtedly be, "the nation's ideals." The wealth of a nation, the religion of a nation, the very life of a nation are all imbedded in its ideals. There is nothing that makes the standard between nations as the national ideals of one nation compared with those of another.

If one should ask "what makes the United States the world power that it has become?" The world's answer would be "The American Ideals." Perhaps the greatest of our American Ideals is that of self-reliance. "What impelled Columbus to continue his explorations when all the world was against him?" "What influenced the Pilgrims to stay in a desolate wilderness and face the dangers that swept so many of their number into an early grave?" "What kept 'Our Boys' fighting 'Over There' during the many long months that make up the last pages of our history?" That great and wonderful national ideal of self-reliance, the immortal one, has stone upon which our whole nation has ever rested.

In the hearts of our country men supported by self-reliance the ideal of liberty reigns supreme and glorious. America's love of liberty has been voiced by her poets and lyricists. Bryant said of Lincoln, our most representative, liberty-loving American:

Oh, slow to smite and swift to spare,  
Gentle, merciful and just!  
Who, in the fear of God didst bear  
The sword of power—a nation's trust."

We have not been selfish in securing liberty for ourselves, but we have helped other nations and down-trodden people (the most cherished of gifts).

Closely interwoven with the ideal of liberty, we find that of universal sympathy for other nations. This sympathy led us to intervene in behalf of the Cubans and Filipinos. Some people may say that we have only changed their rulers. Spain thought only of the profit she derived from her colonies while we took of their mental and physical betterment.

The backbone of Americanism rests in the backbone of a free education given to all equally and abundantly to rich and poor.

from the time of the landing of the first settlers, to our present day, believed in peace. Many times since 1620 has America been called upon to defend her ideal in peace. Did not our forefathers long endure the hardships placed upon them by a tyrannical king? Have we not always tried to settle our disputes and disagreements by arbitration before we entered the battle field? And why? To uphold our ideal of peace. The ideal of peace was so strongly imbedded in the hearts and the minds of our countrymen during the past fifty years, both in school and in the church, that we, the greatest of all nations, nearly sacrificed our laudable honor for the purpose of maintaining our peace ideal, when the greatest of world conflicts threatened at our very gates. Then, and not till then, did America arise and with unblemished dignity rally to the call of her ideal of Patriotism. "First in peace and first in war" when the occasion demands that the American display to the world his patriotic fervor. Poets have fittingly sung of our loyalty. George F. Root voices our patriotic sentiment in

"Yes we'll rally 'round the flag boys,  
We'll rally once again,  
We will gather from the hillsides  
We'll gather from the plain."  
The ideal of democracy holds a high place in the hearts of our fellow-men. The words in our constitution "all men are created equal" show the feeling that one American has for another. And so, before the law, the poor man may truly expect the same unbiased justice that is tendered the rich.

In no other part of the world does the laborer walk in such majesty as he does in America. Here the laborer and the rich man share alike the benefits derived from our land. The men who invent labor saving devices give them to the man who works in order to lessen his toil and thus permit him to better enjoy this life.

And why? In order to maintain the ideal of efficiency and humanitarian fellowship.

And now as we bid farewell to the present past, ever keeping in mind the love we bear our glorious America, ever cherishing the ideals that have made her the greatest of nations, we the class of 1921, have chosen an epitome of all those sacred American principles in our slogan of "Upward Still, and Onward."

**"THE ROMANCE OF TARZAN"**

"The Romance of Tarzan," which presents the concluding chapters of "Tarzan of the Apes" from the book by Edgar Rice Burroughs, pleases the eye with the same scenic magnificence, that distinguished the first Tarzan film and in addition provides an even more dramatic and closely knit story.

Opening in the African jungles where Tarzan, the son of a British noble whose parents who had been rescued as a baby from the awful fate that overtook his parents, and raised to a young manhood by an ape foster mother has been visited by a party of explorers from the civilized world, the story moves rapidly from climax to climax.

After giving his now-famous friends including a beautiful American girl, in whom he recognizes his long sought mate, from death at the hands of wild beasts and equally savage cannibals Tarzan is the victim of a conspiracy engineered by a member of the party who is vitally interested

**A Week for Signa**

In compliance with the order of the Committee of Forty-two, which is the central head of the Independent recall organization in the state, the state headquarters has asked all political clergymen, precinct captains and other workers in every precinct in the state to slash circulating petitions for the new constitutional amendment, the initiated laws, and so far as possible the recall petitions next week. Those who have not completed their allotted work prior to this time are asked to set aside their other work, beginning Monday, the thirteenth of June, and devote themselves to the circulating of the petitions and to have the work completed as early in the week as possible. In all events not later than Saturday, the thirteenth, as that petition drive may then cease.

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What  
Do  
You  
Need  
for  
Summer?

That question has been in our minds a great deal and we have tried our best to look ahead and provide the goods that you will need and enjoy.

We know of many items that we could print, but if you will give us a call, you will see for yourself that whatever you need or want can be found here.

It is a great part of our effort to keep up the quality as goods fall in price. There is a natural tendency to lower the quality, so we have to be careful to keep everything up to the grade we require. So no matter what the price you pay, you will find qualities at this store right up to its usual mark.

Do you know of any young lady who intends to get married next month? We say "next month" because June is a wonderful month for brides. We are equipped to supply many wants of the bride in furnishing a new home. And then we have innumerable useful presents. There are also many beautiful things here suitable as presents for school graduates.

It will add to our pleasure this month if we can be of any special service to you.

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