

TEN GRADUATES

Bid Farewell to Their School Days in the Ocala High School — Commencement Exercises Unusually Fine

Those occupying seats on the platform Friday night at the commencement exercises were the ten graduates, Professor Workman, Professor Maties, Mr. R. L. Anderson, Dr. W. P. Yocum, Major L. T. Izlar, Supt. W. D. Carr, Rev. W. H. Dodge and Rev. R. V. Atkinson. Across the width of the church was a large black banner, inscribed in gold with the class motto: "Vincit Omnia Veritas." Large boxes of manilla and brown-eyed Sasans with a number of beautiful pot plants completed the decorations.

The class of 1917 will go down in history as one of the largest and brightest classes that have left this institution. The audience that greeted them Friday night was an evidence of their popularity, and of the interest that is taken in the school. Every seat in the main building and the annex was occupied and every aisle was crowded, as well as the doorways. Not only was the audience a large one but was in every respect a representative one.

Hon. R. L. Anderson presided, and after the invocation by Dr. Dodge and a lovely piano solo by Miss Hope Robinson, the first speaker, Daniel E. Capleman, was introduced. The subject of his essay was the "Augustan Age of American Oratory." He handled his subject well, and his oration showed deep thought and preparation. He touched on the splendid orators of ancient times, finishing up with our own famous orators, and whom he eulogized in eloquent language.

He was followed by Miss Janet Weathers, whose essay, "The City Beautiful," was filled with beautiful thoughts, beautifully expressed and beautifully delivered. She spoke of the beauty in art, the beauty in poetry and many of the beautiful cities of our country, dwelling particularly on the beauties of Washington, which by many is regarded as the most beautiful city in the world. She concluded by begging that everyone would do his or her duty in making Ocala beautiful, so that before long she will become famous as the "City Beautiful."

To Miss Minnie Lee Carlisle and Miss Evelyn Liddon were assigned the pleasant task of reciting. Both bore in their class the reputation of being eloquentists of no mean ability, and Friday night they proved their claim to this distinction. Miss Carlisle recited "The Vagabonds." Owing to an intensely and painful sore throat her voice was not as loud and distinct as usual, but in spite of this drawback she did unusually well. Miss Liddon had chosen as her selection Father Ryan's beautiful "Noe rurne," and she recited it in a voice of sweetest intonation and simplicity.

In Miss Caroline Pastour's essay, "Gifts to Education," she treated particularly of money gifts and recounted the wonderful good that these magnificent gifts to humanity had done. She mentioned Mr. Rockefeller's recent gift of thirty-two million dollars for educational purposes, and also dwelt on the gifts of the Vanderbilts, of Mr. Leland Stanford, Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, Dr. Pearson of Illinois and many others. Incidentally she spoke of the splendid public schools that are all over our country and hoped that before many years have passed there would be a well equipped school in every village and hamlet in our land.

"The Wining of the West" was the subject that Edwin Spencer, Jr., chose for his oration. It was replete with knowledge and common sense, and he recounted the great adventures, the terrible hardships and the early pioneers had to undergo in winning the West for the greatest nation in the world, and he spoke in words of the spirit of the heroes that should be accorded to George Rogers Clark, Daniel Boone and many others of the early pioneers. Mr. Spencer has the makings of a splendid orator. His voice is excellent, his manners graceful and easy and indeed to this he has the distinction of being the leader of his class, his average for the entire term having been 96.7899.

The Class History was read by Miss Lucille Standley, the Class Prophecy by Brantley Weathers, Jr., and the Class Will by Harry Rubin.

The history of each member of the class from the time they entered the school was cleverly detailed by Miss Standley, and many of their escapades long since forgotten were recounted by her. Two members of the class, Edwin Spencer and Brantley Weathers, entered the school in the first grade, having as their teacher Miss Stevens, who is still a valued teacher in the school. One of Edwin's compositions, written in the first grade, and kept all this time by Miss Ste-

vens, was read by Miss Standley and caused a ripple of amusement to pass over the audience.

The prophecy of the class, by Brantley Weathers, was a good prophecy as we have ever had. The speaker was entirely at his ease and described in flowery language his bidding over the bright wings of the beautiful Silver Springs, and as he dreamed he saw himself still in the bottom of the boiling spring, and found himself seated in a chair drawn from the rocks at the bottom of the pool. As he was seated thus and musing a fairy all in white seemed to rise before him, handed him a scroll and offered it as suddenly as he had come. After scrutinizing it to what could possibly be upon the scroll he opened it up and to his delight spread before him was the future of the class of 1917.

That is why that Harry Rubin had graduated with first honors from the John Hopkins University, and was one of the most famous physicians and surgeons in America. Lucille Standley, the classing secretary, was married and mistress of a home of her own. Daniel Capleman, or "Doc" Capleman, as he was then, had made a great start in educational circles and was then at the head of education in the South. He was loyal to his own state, and had accepted the position as president of the Florida University. He saw that Jessica Martin had realized her dream of her youth, had gone abroad to study music, had met a Vicount and was happily married and wearing her honors in her foreign home with becoming dignity.

Evelyn Liddon, whom her classmates loved to tease as the only engaged girl in the class, had married the lover of her youth during the first vacation, and was as happy as the days were long.

He saw Caroline Pastour as a great and noted lecturer on the subject of Woman's Rights, etc., and noted that she was billed to deliver a lecture in the magnificent Ocala Opera House at Ocala, and was delighted at the prospect of having a good time chat with the friend of his youth.

Miss Janet Weathers and Minnie Lee Carlisle were conducting a modern and elegant private school for young ladies and were meeting with abundant success. Edwin Spencer was now Colonel Spencer, and as a lawyer his fame had gone out to every part of the country and his services in matters legal were in great demand. He had just then come to Washington to argue the case of the Sumter County oil Company vs. the state of Florida. Himself he depicted as a bald-headed man who had grown old gracefully and without regrets.

The class will was a very witty production and was well read by Harry Rubin. The document was gotten up in a strictly legal form, witnessed and signed by the lawyers, and recited all skills hitherto made by the class. In the will each member of the class had willed his or her most precious possession to some member of the junior class and the curious thing was that the writer made his classmate wish him, and he should not have yielded to the temptation, but he had not and he had not.

Miss Lucille Standley's essay on "Oratory" was delivered in a charming manner. She recited her essay and read her composition. Her delivery was excellent and her composition was well thought out. She had a very good knowledge of the subject and she spoke of the great orators of the past and the present. She spoke of the great orators of the past and the present. She spoke of the great orators of the past and the present.

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thy, Major Izlar delivered the medal. This medal, as we stated Friday morning, was given by Dr. W. C. Lindsay for the best average in scholarship and department for the term in the high school department, and was won by Miss Helen Brown, whose average was 96.7799. The other five of the "big six" of the Ocala High School as Major Izlar called them, and their averages were as follows: Ellen Carlisle, 96.5000; Mary Burford, 96.4000; Carl Lytle, 96.2000; Edwin Spencer, 96.2000; Robert Anderson, 96.1000.

The diplomas were delivered to the graduates by Mr. W. D. Carr, superintendent of public instruction for Marion county. Mr. Carr, in presenting these diplomas, made a few well chosen remarks.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. V. Atkinson, and this concluded one of the most successful commencement exercises ever held in Ocala.

Notes

The notes were the six following High School boys: Ben Todd, Charles McGeer, Robert Anderson, Ralph and Paul Robinson and Martin Pate. In their coat laps they were black and red ribbons, the class colors.

Each member of a graduating class received a large number of excellent flowers and lovely gifts, which were presented to them at the conclusion of the program.

GOVERNOR BROWARD MAKES A BLUNDER

This morning I introduce you to Mr. Broward of Jacksonville. Governor Broward of Florida went to sleep yesterday long enough for Mr. Broward of Jacksonville to get the gubernatorial car, and—

The Jacksonville charter bill was vetoed.

The governor of Florida did wrong to listen to Mr. Broward of Jacksonville.

By doing so he placed himself in a false position.

Mr. Broward of Jacksonville is a politician, who was a member of a faction.

This faction got control of the government of Jacksonville, and has ruled the city, through the board of bond trustees, which is a pure oligarchy with power to perpetuate itself in sin.

It was Governor Broward's duty to free the people of Jacksonville from the rule of these despots who are not responsible to the people, because of this self-perpetuating attachment.

The bill passed by Farris and Buckman made the board of bond trustees a body more powerful than it is now, but it provided for the election of its members by the people.

Yet Governor Broward vetoed this bill.

I take the liberty to say that the governor did wrong, because the principle of democratic government which he violated by his veto is greater than all questions of policy and expediency which may have prompted his action.

Mr. Broward has not the right to please his political friends at the sacrifice of the honor of the principle of government by the people, and which Governor Broward has proclaimed from rostrums in every county in this state.

His friends should not have asked him to make this sacrifice if they did wish him, and he should not have yielded to the temptation, but he had not and he had not.

Mr. Broward and I have differed about the form of government in Jacksonville for years.

He has been a bond trustee and up to date he has been a member of the board of bond trustees.

Mr. Broward is a politician, and he has been a member of a faction.

Mr. Farris, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Ross and Mr. Hughes, as presidential possibilities, seem to have subsided.

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