

SHREVEPORT NEWS

Proud Minutes for Class of 84.

Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sweethearts and hundreds of others thronged the City Hall auditorium Friday night to see Johnny or Mary walk shyly or boldly across the stage to receive their diplomas at the annual graduating exercises of the Senior High School. The number attending the exercises was roughly estimated to be somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000. The hall was packed to its capacity, many were standing in the aisles, every available space was occupied by onlookers and several hundred were turned away at the door after the auditorium became filled.

William Clay Holmes, who was introduced by G. C. Koffman, principal of the school, delivered the annual commencement address, and chose for his subject: "Citizenship, Its Responsibilities, both Old and New." He was frequently applauded during his oration.

Miss Bessie Kupperman, age 17, salutarian of the class, was presented the Hypatia Medal by Mrs. George S. Sexton, for leading her class with the highest honors in English for four years. Before presenting the medal, Mrs. Sexton made a short talk, praising the work of Miss Kupperman. Besides the Hypatia Medal, Miss Kupperman has won several other medals. In her freshman year, she carried off the state honors at Baton Rouge in a competitive English examination, and was presented with a gold medal, and in her sophomore year, she took the state honors in spelling at Baton Rouge.

The High School Brass Quartette played several pieces following the presentation of the Hypatia Medal, and was greatly applauded for their talent. This youthful quartette was composed of Paul D. Abraham, Arthur Castle, A. H. Weill and John R. Jeter.

Following the musical program Professor Koffman introduced Dr. Louis Abramson, president of the School board, who presented the diplomas to 84 proud and smiling students, 34 boys and 50 girls, forming the largest graduating class in the history of the school. Last year only 60 graduated.

The honor students of the class were Miss Yetta Valinsky, aged 17 valedictorian, and Miss Bessie Kupperman, aged, 17, salutarian, leading their class with averages of 94.7 and 94.4, respectively. Louis Abramson, president of the senior class for 1920, took the honors for the boys, with an average of 94.2.

The high school orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

The exercises were closed with the annual high school dance, which was given in honor of the graduates by the members of the Gusher staff, the high school paper.

The above is a clipping from the Shreveport Times of May 29, 1920.

Out of 84 graduates, three receiving highest honors were Miss Bessie Kupperman, Miss Netta Velinsky and Master Paul D. Abramson, son of Dr. Louis Abramson, who is the president of the school board. Should we not feel very proud of our children. Yes, and especially because honor came where it was due out of a class of 84 bright and competent children, ours

should be leaders of the many.

Mrs. Arthur A. Herold left for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Herman Loeb, who is in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Henry Florsheim and daughter, Miss Lotta, after a delightful visit with Mrs. S. J. Hyman of Troy, Ohio, for a stay in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stein announce the engagement of their daughter, Bertha to Mr. Abie M. Marx of Monroe, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Herold entertained with a swimming party, which was a farewell to Miss Edna Nossek of Chicago and to welcome home Misses Mary T. Weil and Natalie Heilperin. After visiting the Natatorium, the gay young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herold where a bounteous supper was awaiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Englander and their son, Israel and daughter, Gladys, have sailed for England to spend the summer with their families. They were fortunate in securing passage in a boat sailing so soon, accommodations are at a premium. In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Englander received a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks, (Mary Pickford) offering them a thousand dollars for their reservation. But all arrangements had been made and had they not gone at that time, it was not likely they could have secured passage before August. Mr. and Mrs. Englander and family will return to Shreveport in the fall.

Miss Eleanor and Juliett Perlstein of Beaumont, Texas, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Louis Selber. Miss Eleanor Perlstein is returning from the Benjamin School in New York City.

Miss Alice Steinan will spend the summer here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steinan in Park Place. Mrs. Steinan is looking forward to introducing her daughter to her friends, as Miss Steinan has been teaching at Vinton near Lake Charles ever since the family came from Homer to make Shreveport their home.

Mrs. M. Bodenheim and son who spent the past month at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Ark., have returned home.

Miss Eva C. Peiser has returned home from a visit to Mrs. Sam Lipshitz, Miss Peiser having gone over to be with Mrs. Lipshitz during an operation. Mrs. Lipshitz is now at home to her many friends feeling fine.

Dr. Stanton Friedberg of Chicago, the husband of Mrs. Aline Liebman Friedberg, formerly of this city, died rather suddenly following an operation. Doctor Friedberg was a specialist of eminence who gave his services during the world war overseas. Mrs. Meyer Benson of this city, sister of Dr. Friedberg, was with her brother. The wife and three children are left to mourn the loss.

"Les Neufs" entertained their friends with a hay ride. A large truck carried the merry crowd out on the Mansfield road where a spread was enjoyed by Misses Dorothy Goldstein, Myrtle Newman, Naomi Caplan of Houston, Sophie Siegal of Chicago, Susie Gold, Ida Abrams, Goldie Gold, Annie Abrams, Marguerite M. Kelley, Yetta Velinsky, Mollie Lipshitz, Flo

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