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# The Beginning

Now that we, the seniors have graduated from high school, what shall we do? How shall we get along in our new way of life?

For twelve summers we have awaited with eagerness the opening of school in September; but for some of us the doors have been opened for the last time, and we look forward to seeing new doors opening.

What lies beyond these doors? Is it a higher education? Is it a good job or career? Is it a happy home, or is there nothing behind the door?

As a person furthers his education, he realizes that the more he learns the more he sees that he does not know. A high school education prepares a person for college, where he may pursue his main course of interest.

As time goes on, competition becomes keener in almost every field, and a person with a college education is almost certain of finding a desirable position, whereas a person with only a high school background may find it difficult to secure just what he wants in life.

Whether a person has a career or not, after he graduates from college, he has a very valuable asset. The confidence and self-assurance that a college graduate has in himself gives him a poised and natural grace. For instance a woman who has been through college, though she is married and stays at home with her family, knows that if the occasion should demand, she could make a substantial living for herself and her family.

As a higher education becomes more necessary, more people are going on to college after they finish their high school education. Thus they will be able to hold the respect of their children and their friends more easily than if they weren't sure of themselves. Knowing what is right gives a feeling of security that radiates to the people around him, and the knowledge and understanding of life and individuals that is gained in college is of tremendous value to anyone. In this, the twentieth century, the age of progress, there is no reason for a person with a high school education to drift aimlessly about on the sea of time when there is so much opportunity lying around just waiting to be recognized as such and taken advantage of.

Let us all resolve now, on this our day, that we shall make something of ourselves and that we shall be a credit to ourselves, our family, our friends, our community, our state, and our nation. After all, isn't the primary purpose of education the building of good and intelligent citizens?

We as high school graduates are not as a poorly equipped army trying to wage a great war, but we stand as a mighty fortress with a storehouse full of ambition and education to face the future.

—CANDY BLAIR

## In Memorium

Many words are not needed in a memorial to our beloved friend, Mrs. Lucy Coffin Ragsdale, Sr. She loved many and was loved by all who knew her. Many unnumbered acts of love and kindness endeared her to persons of all classes and races.

She had an eager and intelligent interest in every phase of life around her. Her work among business associates was met with respect and affection. She was a charter member and past president of the Jamestown Garden Club and was ever a vital part of its activities. She was also a member of the Modern Book Club, and to this group she brought stimulating thought and experiences. For long years she was a member of the local school board and took a deep interest in all aspects of the school and its problems. She was chairman of its Cafeteria Committee as long as her health permitted and gave valuable aid in setting up its modern equipment and in its smooth organization. She was a member and past president of the Jamestown PTA and faithfully attended all its meetings and events. Our new modern high school is honored by her name, THE LUCY COFFIN RAGSDALE HIGH SCHOOL.



MRS. RAGSDALE

But except for her family, her greatest interest was in her church and its work. She was present at all times when its doors were opened for services of any kind. She served in many official capacities in her church, and was a lovely and helpful hostess at all its social events.

We, the Ragsdale Senior Class, present this Senior Edition of *The Hi-Lights*, in loving memory of Mrs. Lucy Coffin Ragsdale, Sr. No one can take her place, but she has left us with an example we may follow but never hope to equal.

## Senior Memories

Our lives are slowly passing

With each remembered year  
We start each year with laughing  
Each ends with parting tears.

We watch our friends of childhood  
Grow to become so great  
Others gone before us  
Have left this world of hate.

Our guides throughout our school  
years  
Have taught us what they know  
Will help through pain and sorrow  
Into leaders we shall grow.

We've stood aside and watched as

One by one they've gone  
We lost our dearest leader  
Whose spirit lingers on.

We look to higher goals in life,  
We leave behind our youth  
We strive for greater wisdom  
That comes by knowing truth.

Now that these days are over  
And through these halls we pass  
We look on toward the future  
And leave behind our past.

—Judi Morris