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SPIRITUAL MESSAGE

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 10-15

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no men can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God.

I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: Nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

S-M-I-L-E

How many people have smiled at you today? Did you smile back? Did you even think about it? Probably you didn't for the origin of a smile, grin, giggle, chuckle, or laugh is often taken for granted. According to Webster, a smile is merely "A change of facial expression involving a brightening of the eyes and an upward curving of the corners of the mouth." But do we consider these points when we smile? Certainly not! A smile is much more than this.

The smile is an unpatented device used by many, scorned by some and unknown to an unfortunate few. It is a symbol of affection, a companion of amusement, or an expression of pleasure. It is coincident with rejoicing or can represent sympathetic feelings. It can patch up a quarrel, brighten the hopes of the sick or the discouraged, and relieve the tensions bred by worry and trouble.

A smile is contagious. If you smile at someone and he returns your silent message, he may then extend the communication to someone else and on it will go. Smiles are funny things. You can't beg, borrow, or steal one. You can't even buy one no matter how much you may offer. The only way one can be obtained is for someone to give it to you. A true smile (not one which is forced and stiff) may flash spontaneously to some lips or may emerge from deep inside the heart. Either way, it is yours to give. You have an unlimited supply; there is no need to be stingy.

Therefore, let's not cache our smiles away and reserve them "For emergency use only." Instead, let's concentrate every day on extending "PROJECT S-M-I-L-E".

COMMENCEMENT MESSAGE

It seems strange that we should use the word "commencement" to designate the day on which we lay down for all time the school work we have carried for so many happy years. "Completion" would seem to be a more appropriate term.

But that would not be life, for in this world everything that marks an end, also marks a beginning. The end of one day is the commencement of another. The end of one task, the beginning of a new one. The tree blossoms, bears fruit, sheds its foliage, and immediately begins preparation for another crop.

So it is with our education. What we have learned at school, valuable as it is, is only a beginning. The end of our school work merely means the commencement of those experiences which will put to the test the principles we have learned.

Whether or not you rave derided all the advantages of the course you have just finished is a matter between you and your own conscience. Up to this time your work has been directed and made as easy and beneficial as trained minds could make it. From now on you must rely more and more upon your own efforts. The good you derive from your college work will depend entirely upon you. The success you make of your life career will likewise be due to your own initiative.

You have enjoyed that blessing which a benevolent state has bestowed upon her children—a free education. To you have been given freely that which great men of the past have obtained only with many sacrifices and much labor.

Today means different things to each of you. To some it is the commencement of higher educational work; to others it is the beginning of business life or home cares. To those who are going on to higher schools, I would say: Have a purpose. Do not go merely because a friend will be there, or for the social enjoyment it will afford. You will find plenty of both without seeking them. Select a goal and work toward it with earnestness. Know what you want and shape your course of study toward that end. To those who by choice, or necessity, are going immediately into some line of endeavor, I say, also: Have a purpose and work toward it. Do not work aimlessly, even for a single year. If you do, that year will be a wasted year.

You are well equipped. The fact that you will receive your diplomas in a few days proves that you have high intelligence, that you know how to work, and that you are ambitious. These qualities should carry you far.

As I complete this message to you, I am reminded of a certain professor who was to address a graduating class. To reach the stage he had to pass through a door which was labeled "Push." Using this as his text, he said, "In one word you will find the secret of success. Behold it for yourself." And he pointed to the door, on the inner side of which was emblazoned the word "Pull." Yes, "Push and Pull" for your Success.

The best wishes go with you as you leave the school door for the last time, and commence the larger life which lies just beyond the threshold. May your hopes and dreams be realized in the fullest degree, and in the years to come may your names reflect credit upon the institution which has been your home during the formative period of your life.



HONOR SENIOR SPEAKS

By Jerdene Alston

Today every youth is confronted with serious challenge of preparing himself to cope with the changing social, economic, scientific and religious society in which he has to live. The way he prepares himself is dependent upon the way he has or will use his educational facilities.

Have we used what has been provided, here at Lincoln, for that period of future adjustment? Can we truthfully turn the pages of history back on the graduating class of 1962 and declare that every waking moment of our time has been used to better prepare ourselves for adjustment in our society, or are we guilty of mis-using valuable time and facilities? The past can only be recalled with memory, these memories may be pleasant or unpleasant, depending upon where one places his values. Nothing can change what has happened, but unpleasant memories of one's past need not determine that the future will be the same. Profit from ones mistakes is an education in itself.

To prepare ourselves for the future, and the great problems that are constantly being under gone, we must resume the responsibility of giving serious thought to further study. The time has come for America to have better and many more scholars.

It is true that in seeking our places in the world, we graduates have no experience, but we have an eager, hopeful outlook; it is true that we lack wisdom but we have boundless courage and a capacity for industry. It is true that we do not yet know the rules of the game. But we have a firm faith in high ideals. With all limitation our adjustment and service to our fellow men will become a reality.

We have eagerly anticipated this occasion for four years, yet upon its arrival we feel somewhat sad and a genuine regret that the ties of friendship, binding us so closely in our work and recreation must now be broken. In seeking to further our educational growth, the memories of our stay here at Lincoln can never be forgotten. May our future be such to reflect credit upon our home, our school and our country.

FAREWELL, DEAR SENIORS

"Your school days are over, your books laid aside,
Never again to be read;
For the days that were happy
and carefree and gay,
Are the days that forever have fled.

"Life, with her problems and lessons severe,
Has added your name to her roll;
And you have commenced the long path to be trod,
Before you can win to your goal.

"May your pathway of life be made easy and smooth,
And your efforts along its bright way
Be crowned with success, is the wish of your friends,
On this, your Commencement Day."

Jerdene's Etiquette

Corner

How To Get Along With People

Seniors! It is very important for us to know how to get along with people, now that we are going out to face and share the problems of the world. After reading "Inspiring Messages for Daily Living" by Norman Vincent Peale, I found some information that will help us to get along with different people in the future.

According to Mr. Peale, first we must practice loving people. It is true that this requires effort and continued practice, for some are not very lovable, or so it seems. Every person has lovable qualities when you really learn to know him. Second, changing your critical attitude toward people and looking for their good points. Once you start picking at people critically, you will find yourself criticizing everything they do. Discard this mental attitude by finding something, however small, to praise in every one. Third, practice believing in people and show them that you believe in them. It is true that occasionally someone in whom you believe will fail you, in the greater number of cases your belief keeps them true. Build up a person in your own mind, that will cause you to like him better and it certainly will make him like you because your esteem of him raises his ego. Fourth, we must help others. Never do something for others and expect something in return. In doing things for others you develop the attitude of helping others and you will win their affection. This is the surest way of learning how to get along with people. Fifth, watch for every opportunity to congratulate a person on his birthday, or about his children or upon some achievement attained by his efforts. Look for every chance to say the right words and always do it sincerely without any expectation of return, when people are in sorrow or disappointment. Sixth and finally, according to Mr. Peale, we must pray daily that all self-consciousness may leave you and that when with other people you may be your own happy, natural and released self. Then when you are released from the inhibitions of self, people will like you because God has made the wholesome, natural individual that you really are to be attractive and likable.

THE SENIOR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for the guidance that Home, Church, and School have given us, and give us the Wisdom to use the knowledge that we have gained from this guidance in our future endeavors. Dear Lord, please guide us on our journey over the Highway of Life and help us choose which of two paths we will henceforth tread. Dear Lord, after we have chosen the road that we will follow, and we are on our way to the City of Light let us know that you are with us. If we stumble, help us to stand so we may be a credit to our Home, Church, School, and our Country.

EDITORIAL

WHAT WILL BE LEFT?

While graciously receiving congratulation gifts and well wishes, our graduates are probably asking themselves, "What Will Be Left?"

As someone has said "Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime." To those graduates who are still wondering, this quotation should have some meaning and inspiration. There are no limitations to what we can do if we strive to do so. "The sky is the limit" and it is our responsibility to try as hard as we can to reach some goal, as man can do with God's help, there are no limitations. What we will do next, is determined largely by what we are doing now. The aspirations, hopes and dreams, that are held by many of us, need not always be so if we utilize the time and opportunities we have to its advantage.

Perhaps some may have no aspirations, hopes or dreams, but all the great men who have brought us to this age of culture, by the realization of their dreams, they should give to us some inspiration to institute within ourselves to make our lives sublime.

Thomas N. Bynum

THE DEDICATION

Six years and five days ago our father brought forth on the campus a new student, conceived in hope, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created un-educated. Now we are engaged in a great struggle, testing whether this nation or any nation can endure without education. We are met here at Lincoln High School. We have come to dedicate our lives that we and others may live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot avoid this point. The teachers, living and dead, who taught here, have consecrated this building far beyond our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what we do here. It is for us the students, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who taught here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us,—that from these honored teachers we take zeal to that cause for which they gave their last full measure of inspiration—that we here highly resolve that these teachers shall not have taught in vain—that this school under the Board of Education shall have a new birth of expansion, and that education of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

The Seniors

P.T.S.A. NEWS

At the last meeting of the P. T. S. A. the installment of officers for the year 1962-63 were held. They are as follows: President Clifton Stone
Vice President... Thomas Merritt
Secretary Inez Minor
Treasurer C. H. Barnes