

# Honor Speeches

## Excerpt from Valdictorian Speech

We all have certain objectives which we wish to accomplish in the future. How we accomplish them is up to us. We can, to an extent, control the future. Tomorrow will be what we make it. We must remember, while we are striving toward one objective, that personal gain is not the most important thing. Ambition is desirable unless it is a selfish ambition.

Youth is constantly given the advice, "Do something,--be somebody." To be somebody does not mean that we have to gain wide recognition or amass vast fortunes. Often those who accomplish the most win little fame. Seemingly insignificant tasks may be as vital as larger ones. What we do is very important, but how we do it is of even greater importance.

-Given by Marion Dorsett-

## Excerpt from Salutatorian Speech

If we want to be successful, we must be able to realize the difference between the false and the real, else we can never attain true success. Too often we think of success in terms of ability to get publicity, and ability to amass fortunes. In our struggle to do great and wonderful things or to get rich, we miss the real elements of success -- those things that would make our lives sublime. We find that we are seeking to achieve greatness in the sordid things of life with

the crown of success always out of reach.

This thought has been offered as a definition of success and failure. To have a dream, an ideal, and to day by day strive to reach that dream, that ideal, though it should never become an accomplishment, that is success, and to have a dream, an ideal, and to take no steps to make it a reality, that is failure.

Given by  
Ann Saunders

## Our Responsibility

Through the formative years of our lives, our thoughts and activities have been supervised closely. Thus far, our choices and decisions rather accurately reflect the guiding hand of our parents and teachers. They have done their best to help us form right thinking habits, proper responses, and healthy attitudes. However, from now on as we accept the added responsibilities which come along with maturity, we are going to have to do our own thinking, and make our own choices. Others may advise and suggest, but the final decision is ours and ours alone.

-Given by Liz Dickens-

## Rise, Face the Future

It is perhaps one of the attributes of youth to believe that everything is possible. We attack every

problem with confidence and it is this ability to believe in ourselves, in our parents, in our friends, in our teachers, in our community which has brought us to this night.

The benefits of civilization are available to us and to the whole human race. We are aware that the person who thinks holds the key to progress. We look to the immediate future as a training period to better prepare us to think soundly about the problem which will be ours.

It is time now to rise and step forward to meet the future, conscious of the work and challenge ahead of us.

-Given by Nancy Bruton-

## Band News

On Thursday, April 25, the West Montgomery High School Band presented a program in the school gymnasium. They also presented the same program in the Mt. Gilead and Troy Elem. Schools in the week prior to the program here. They also played at the dedication of the Town Creek Indian Mound Museum Visitation Center on Sunday, April 21.

The Band has recently completed its first annual Krispy Krema doughnut sale. They made a profit in excess of \$950.00. This money will be used for uniforms they hope to purchase next year.

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Student's answer to Exam question:

"This is one of those problems that I am content to leave with my elders until I am old enough to turn it over to my children." -- Beta Journal