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Every Thursday

Madison High Finals; Commercial Awards

On Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock the exercises began by the entrance of forty or more handsome sophomores, bearing beautiful chains of roses which had been constructed under the direction of Miss Mary Ouzts. When the sophomores had formed their flower decked isle in front of the stage, thirty-five seniors, led by two adorable mascots, John Hanner and Louise Roberts, marched through. The young men were handsome in their costumes of blue coats and white flannels, the young ladies lovely in afternoon and evening dresses of pastel shades.

Leonard vanNoppen's address of welcome, which showed unusual care in preparation was presented in front of the curtain. Mr. van Noppen spoke of the appreciation of the seniors to their parents, to teachers, and to the citizens of the community for having given them opportunities to develop taste for the best in literature, art, music as well as the opportunity to develop character. He showed to the audience a basket of flowers presented by the grade mother, Mrs. Robert Labberton, and also a basket of flowers sent by Miss Campbell, a former teacher of their class.

At the conclusion of the president's address the curtain was opened on a beautiful scene, the presentation of the class flower. The stage had been arranged as a yard of an old fashioned house. There was the little gate and the paling fence, with roses intertwined through the fence and over the gate. There were trellises, interwoven with vines and colorful roses. Artistically arranged were pines and gardeners of roses. Miss Dalton, dressed in a costume of pure white, was a lovely looking creature as she recited of the virtues of the rose and then called forth six girls who were strikingly beautiful as the flood lights played over them: Mary Rieves Lasser, as white rose, Virginia Glenn, as pink rose, Marguerite Wortham, as pink rose, Dorothy Martin, as American beauty, Cleta Young, as cream rambler, Gwendolyn Knight, as red rose. These she called from the whole garden of roses. Each recited a particular reason for the seniors to cherish in their memory.

Next Miss Nancy Webster, dressed in a striking costume of blue, surrounded by four fairies, presented her class colors, with an excellent reading, followed by a fairy dance by Wanda Grogan, Vivian Roberts, Helen Thomas, Anne Robertson.

Mary Ruth Wall, as mottoist, gave the motto, "To redeem the past, enrich the future." Major Everett in this scene, robed as a spirit of dark design is trying to persuade Richard Ellington, the senior, to lead a life of low ambition, when Mary Ruth Wall, as the beautiful Spirit of Hope, dressed in snowy white comes to his rescue, pointing him to the class motto. This scene was well acted and well spoken.

The next showed a playlet, "Believe It or Not," in three scenes. All the members of the class appeared in this. In the first scene a number of girls were singing, "In The Evening by The Moonlight," with the stage lighted up by moonshine. It developed that this old mansion which the seniors had rented for a senior club house, had been buried under its ghostly Hattie Grey Peay sees a class. Margaret Bailey, Elsie Collins, India Price, Mrs. Newkirk, Mary Ruth Wall and Pauline Satterfield decided to frighten the others by dressing in sheets and having a ghost dance. This was very pretty in the colorful setting. The purpose of a real ghost of "Long Ago," appears, frightening the would-be ghosts greatly. Sarah Williamson, as this ghost bride was a real beauty. Her lover, Berkeley Roberts, also gave a tableau. At the suggestion of John O. Busick the class went on a treasure hunt. Between acts Rob Cardwell presented athletic resume in a few well chosen remarks. According to Rob the year has been one of progress, thanks to Coach Kuykendall and Dr. Carter, to whom the athletes wish to pay the highest praises.

In scene two, all the seniors marched through the little gate in to the garden and were supposed to have the last rehearsal for commencement. The vari-colored costumes, in Mr. Park's home-made moonshine, with the garden setting, presented a striking scene as they sang "Moonlight and Roses." The secretary, Miss Gretchen Labberton, dressed in a lovely costume of pink lace over satin, called on Mary Ruffin Robertson, who presented a very original and unique history of the class of '32. James Tucker, in characteristic vein, gave the class oration, exhibiting much oratorical ability. Perhaps no other number brought forth so much merriment as the Journal by Richard Ellington. The gift-ors, Gretchen Labberton, Frances Klein, Mrs. H. E. Newkirk, Augusta Williamson, Mildred Joyce, Virginia Price, were clever in the presentation of characteristic gifts. Hattie Grey Peay very graciously gave the juniors the Class Crook, which was accepted by William Wade Gentry. Pauline Satterfield gave the sophomores a truck which was accepted by Howard Bailey and Lucile Wilson. Margaret Bailey presented the freshmen a doll dressed in a senior cap and robe. Berkeley Young accepted. Eleanor Webster presented Miss Corlie, debating coach, and five debaters with souvenirs. Paul Carter read a clever Last Will and Testament. The class of '32 marched out, after willing to '33 the Senior Retreat. The new senior class was left standing on the stage as the '32 class passed down the aisle, bringing to a close the very highly complimented exercises of class night.

On Wednesday evening diplomas were presented by J. O. Busick, chairman of the board, to the thirty-five members of the class. In doing so Mr. Busick referred them to the Bible for aid in their life work. "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days," quoted Mr. Busick. "I am young now I am old. I have never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed beg bread," he said was a quotation that his mother had often said to him and he gave it to the seniors to take with them.

Earlier in the evening Hon. J. C. Brown in a few eloquent remarks introduced Attorney General Siler as a man who needs no introduction to North Carolina audiences. From the very first Hon. W. D. Siler captivated his audience, sending through the house a ripple of laughter. He said among other piquant and quaint things, that the superintendent had departed from the customary order of commencement speakers, for literary speakers are the rule. He said his audience was different, for he usually spoke to twelve men who were so harnessed in they could not get out.

He did not know whether he would be able to hold his audience under these circumstances. He said many people were wishing for the good old days but about the best thing one can say of the good old days are that they are gone. He reminded the audience of the things that the "good old days missed": the Ford, Amos and Andy, clubs, community drives.

He referred to the people who say that everything is going to the bad, who say that children are the worst ever. He asked the children to remind the grown ups of the days of the "bustle". Mr. Siler congratulated the graduates on their success. He said it was not luck but hard work that put them into that position. Their diplomas represent work that no one else can do for them. The purpose of an education is to enable people to do more work and better work." Mr. Siler reiterated that every one must work. Work is no disgrace. One can't get something for nothing. He said that again he is departing from customary commencement address. It is customary to compliment the graduates on their good looks and he would follow that custom. Next it is customary to predict that a future president will come from this class. There is no hope of this since they are not from Ohio or New York. Again it is customary to hope that some of the ladies may marry the prince of Wales. He said he hoped they would marry some one more account than he, and settle down and live at home. He does not agree with Horace Greely on the "Go West" proposition. He fears cyclones and disturbances of the west and prefers that they stay where their folks have lived.

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James R. Beliles Killed For Money

Aged Recluse in Goins Section Found Shot To Death; His Pockets Ruffed; Over \$1,000 Found in Cabin

The lifeless body of James Russ Beliles, 72, was found near his cabin in the Goins section of Rockingham county, Friday morning by four young men, who were searching for the missing man. When discovered the body was partly covered by brush and leaves, except the feet, and there was a bullet hole in the back of his head.

Beliles had been missing since Tuesday of last week. He was a bachelor and lived alone in his cabin, near which his body was found. Sheriff Charles Field was immediately notified and he and his officers were soon on the scene. Murder was suspected and a search was at once instituted for clues. It was known that the dead man usually carried from \$150 to \$200 on his person and when found his pockets were turned inside out—not a cent on his person.

A search of his cabin was made by the officers and a \$49 was found. A pistol was secreted in various parts of the room in old clothes, hats, etc., and included bills, \$100, etc.

The county coroner, J. L. Anderson was appointed to empanel a jury and hear the evidence. The verdict of the jury was to the effect that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a pistol bullet wound, which took effect in the back of his head, going through. The bullet was removed, but was so badly damaged that it was impossible to get a line on it, though the size of the bullet indicated that it was a .38.

It is said that there are some clues, and intimations that the likely to be some arrests within the near future.

Since the above was printed another search of the cabin resulted in the finding of \$395 Monday. At the same time some strong clues as to the identity of the murderers have been unearthed, there being two suspects, and they have departed, no one knowing anything as to their whereabouts at this time. They left a trail that the officers say point to their rail.

Roller Mill At Stoneville Burned

Saturday morning about 2 o'clock the roller mill at Stoneville was discovered to be on fire, but the flames were beyond control and the building and contents were totally destroyed. It was by the most heroic efforts of the fire fighters, who were handicapped by the lack of water, that the flames were confined to this one building, though the Methodist Church, a filling station and some box cars near by were badly scorched. James Mitchell, the owner, is the loser, and it is said that his loss is not less than \$20,000, with no insurance.

It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin, as the building was discovered to be on fire a few nights before. The fire showing that it had been kindled with the purpose of burning the building. Mr. Mitchell also owned a roller mill at Boxwood, Va., and it was burned to the ground a few weeks ago. This fire is also believed to have been of incendiary origin.

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Kuykendall, c	6	0	1	0
Byrd, 1b	6	0	1	0
Gillette, rf	5	1	2	0
Laffey, 3b	5	0	1	0
McIntyre, ss	5	1	2	0
Harrington, lf	4	0	2	0
Stearns, cf	1	0	1	0
Williams, p	4	0	1	0
Young, c	5	0	1	0
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Barham, 2b	5	0	3	0
Martin, 2b	5	0	1	0
Fisher, lf	5	2	2	1
Hill, cf	5	0	3	0
Hicks, c	5	0	2	0
Condit, ss	4	2	1	1
Northrup, 3b	4	0	1	0
Johnson, 1b	4	1	1	0
Grady, p	4	0	0	0
Total	41	5	11	2

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Barham, 2b	5	2	1	0
Kuykendall, c	5	1	1	0
Gatewood, lf	5	0	0	0
Byrd, 1b	5	2	3	1
Gillette, rf	3	1	2	0
Laffey, 3b	5	1	2	0
Reynolds, ss	4	1	3	0
Turner, cf	4	0	1	0
Jay, p	0	0	0	0
Peterson, p	0	0	0	0
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Stuart, 2b	3	2	6	0
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HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Marjorie Holmes, Home Demonstration Agent

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