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Business Training in High Schools

A True Story!
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MY last year at East High School (1926) was one of preparation for college. My parents planned it that way. My teachers advised it. Fellow students, most of whom were also going on to college, took for granted I would be one of them.

The whole situation seemed almost "too perfect" to me. I decided to do some investigating. I had a talk with Ken Riggs who used to be a scout master of mine. Ken said he didn't advise college. He'd been out of college for over a year and he hadn't a job yet. He thought four years of study and several thousand dollars ought to be at least get you a start. Several business men that I met were not too encouraging either. They seemed to think college was a pretty expensive luxury.

I was about to give up the whole idea of college when I met a friend of my father's. This friend said that college was one of the very best things in the world if approached in the right manner. "Don't go to college just to go to college," he said. "The fellows who really make college pay are those who get a practical slant on life before they go. In all means," and he "go to college but be prepared to make the most of the time and money that you spend while you are there."

That advice meant a lot to me. The result was that I stayed out of college for a year. This gave me time to decide on the right school and lay out my course of study for the first three years in a logical manner. In the meantime I took the regular one year business course at R. B. I.

Looking back at it now I will say that that year at R. B. I. was unquestionably the best of all my years in school. I really learned how to study at R. B. I. I learned to apply knowledge to practical aspects of life. I acquired typing and shorthand both of which aided me in classroom work and theme writing at college. Perhaps, best of all at R. B. I., was the friendly advice I received from instructors.

When I finished college R. B. I. had a job waiting for me. The job was a good one and at this writing, there seem to be some promotions ahead. I write this because I know that just at this time there must be many boys and girls who are asking themselves the same questions about college. And my advice is "There's no hurry about going to college. The more mature you are the more benefit you will receive. And "go to R. B. I. first!"

This is a true story. Names and details may be verified from the personal files of Mr. Veigel, President of Rochester Business Institute.



Graduates Gaze into the Future... These students—all presidents of their classes—typify American youth as they wonder what the future will bring. Reading from left to right they are: Blossie Hanley, Nazareth Academy; Bob Napier, Aquinas Institute; Kay Dowling, Sacred Heart Academy; Marie Meyer, Our Lady of Mercy High School. (Lyon Photo)

To Graduates of 1939...

The World to Today sees you graduate... the World of Tomorrow looks to you hopefully for inspiration and leadership. Today you receive the plaudits of your friends, your family, your relatives, your teachers and the townspeople who have watched you climb to the top in scholastic attainment.

Tomorrow you may receive the plaudits of the work-a-day world that bestows its praise and rewards for accomplishments the world itself shares in... achievements that bring benefits to all mankind. Youth is yours... youth's ideals... youth's courage... and the driving force that fortifies your ambitions.

This, with your Catholic education, is glorious equipment with which to go forth and conquer.

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William F. Love Presentation of diplomas by Mrs. Charles P. Kelley, President, Women's Board of St. Mary's Hospital. Medals as follows were awarded by His Excellency Bishop Kearney at Barre: Laureate Service in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral May 23. Medical Nursing Medal given in memory of Doctor Chalkin, to Beatrice Jeanette Baumgartner, the Doctor Simpson Surgical Nursing Medal awarded to Ruth Lavina McKinney, the Doctor Hartung Medal for Surgical Nursing to Madeline Margaret Griebel. Gold Miraculous Medal given by Sister Martina for highest average in Religion awarded to Agnes Hildgard Florack. Gold Miraculous Medal given by Sister Martina for General Excellence to Frances Joseph Dudley. Principal, Sister Angela.

St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Elmira: Commencement held April 27 in Dunn Memorial Auditorium. Speaker, His Excellency, Bishop Kearney. Diplomas awarded by the Rev. Philip McGarr, chaplain to 20 including: St. Joseph of the Diocese of Buffalo Principal, Sister M. Leona.

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Nazareth Hall: Commencement June 22 at 8:15 P. M. Speaker will be the Rev. John M. Duffy, Superintendent, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester. Diplomas will be awarded to 17 boys. Honors will be given as follows: The Most Reverend and James E. Kearney Medal for Oratory won by William Kraft, in his Most Reverend John Francis O'Hern Memorial Medal for Oratory won by Francis Colgan. The student winning highest honors and scholarship will be announced later. A Communion Breakfast for graduates will be held Friday, June 23 at 8:30 A. M. Principal, Sister M. Camilla.

Holy Cross: Commencement, June 23. Speaker will be the Rev. Alexander J. McCabe, Pastor. Diplomas will be awarded to 17 boys and 16 girls. Principal, Sister Mary Clare.

St. Boniface: Commencement, June 25. Speaker will be the Rev. Rev. Magr. John F. Bopp, Pastor. Diplomas will be awarded to 33 boys and 26 girls. Honors will be given as follows: 2 History and Civics Medals to pupils attaining highest percent; 2 Honor Ribbons to each 8th Grade for scholastic attainment; Religion award to each grade for highest mark; Perfect Attendance Prize will be awarded to 90. Department reward for five highest attainments in each class. Principal, Sister Mary Martinella.

St. Joseph: Commencement June 25. Speakers will be the Very Rev. Stephen Aulbach, C. S. S. R., Rector and Rev. John Healy, C. S. S. R. Diplomas will be awarded to 7 boys and 15 girls. Honors will be given as follows: The American Legion bronze medal for the Victory won by Mary Noto; Sterling Silver Honor Pin donated by Ludwig Fessner Co. for scholastic attainment. (Students winning highest honors and scholarships to St. Joseph's Commercial School will be announced later.) There will be Mass and corporate Communion for graduates, Sunday, June 25 at 9:00 A. M. Principal, Sister M. Flavia.

St. George: Commencement, June 27. Speakers will be the Rev. John Bakaya, Pastor, and Rev. Frank Valukевичus. Diplomas will be awarded to 8 boys and 9 girls. Honors will be given as follows: Awards to each class for scholastic attainment, award for excellence in Lithuanian, Joseph Melinis is valedictorian of class. Principal, Sister Mary Elizabeth.

St. Michael: Commencement, June 23. Speaker will be the Rev. Arthur F. Florack, Pastor. Diplomas will be awarded to 29 boys and 32 girls. Principal, Sister M. Benonia.

Our Lady of Good Counsel: Commencement, June 23 in the school auditorium. Ernestine St. Speaker will be the Rev. Edward T. Meagher, pastor. Diplomas will be presented to 10 boys and 21 girls by the pastor. Principal, Sister M. Solanus.

St. Andrew's: Commencement, June 25. Diplomas will be awarded to 25 boys and 24 girls. Principal, Sister M. Dorothea.

St. Peter and Paul's: Commencement, June 25 in St. Peter and Paul's Church. Speaker will be the Rev. J. Emil Gefell, Ph. D., pastor. Diplomas will be awarded to 25 boys and 25 girls by the pastor. Boys and girls of the First Communion Class will act as diploma bearers to the graduates. An honor pin will be awarded to the girl attaining the highest average. A medal will be awarded the girl attaining the highest average in history. Principal, Sister Mary Adolph.

Inmaculate Conception: Commencement, Friday, June 23 in Immaculate Conception auditorium. The Rev. Magr. Joseph S. Cameron will address the class. Diplomas will be awarded by the Rev. Leo A. Smith to 30 boys and 28 girls. Class officers are: President, Thomas DeWitt; Vice-President, Jay Meahan; Secretary, June Robinson; Treasurer, Mary Anne Richardson. Principal, Sister M. Valerian.

St. John the Evangelist: Commencement, June 25 in the afternoon in St. John the Evangelist's Church. Speaker will be the Rev. John E. Sullivan, pastor. Diplomas will be awarded to the school's largest graduating class, 38 boys and 33 girls. This occurs in the Silver Jubilee Year of the foundation of the parish. Principal, Sister M. Cecelia.

Blessed Sacrament: Commencement, June 23 in school auditorium. Speaker, the Rev. William J. Ayres, pastor. Diplomas will be awarded by the pastor, the Rev. Thomas F. Connors to 29 boys and 32 girls. Principal, Sister Francis Paula.

St. Mary's Boys Home and St. Patrick's Girls Home: Commencement, June 24 at 7:30 P. M. Speakers will be His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D.D., and the Rev. Hubert A. Eisky, D.D. Diplomas will be awarded by Bishop Kearney to 16 boys and 9 girls. Principal, Sister M. Mildred of St. Mary's Home.

St. Anthony's: Commencement, June 25 in St. Anthony's Church. Speaker, the Rev. Michael J. Tydings. Diplomas will be awarded to boys and 20 girls by the Rev. Paul M. Ciccolo, Principal, Sister Irma.

Our Lady of Victory: Commencement, June 25, in Our Lady of Victory Church. Speaker will be the Rev. C. A. Van der Meulen, pastor. The pastor will present diplomas to 5 boys and 8 girls. Principal, Sister Joseph Marie.

Corpus Christi: Commencement, June 22 in Corpus Christi Hall. Speaker will be the Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, V.G., pastor. Di- phor Hart assisted by Father Thomas will be awarded by Mons. Kolcher and Father O'Brien to 62 boys and girls. Mercy High School scholarship was won by Helen Morey. Principal, Sister M. Hilary.

St. Ambrose: Commencement, June 23 in the church. Speaker will be the Rev. Frank W. Mason, pastor. Diplomas will be awarded by Father Mason to 20 boys and 31 girls. Class officers are: President, John Marzetti; Vice-President, Robert Stumpf; Secretary, Bert Duffy; Treasurer, Mary Howe; Chairlady, Rosemary Loritz. Principal, Sister Nunilo.

Holy Rosary: Commencement, June 23 in Holy Rosary Church. Speaker will be the Rev. Magr. Charles F. Shay, pastor. Diplomas will be given by Monsignor Shay to 47 boys and 45 girls. Frances Eunice won the Nazareth Academy scholarship. Class Day will be held June 12 at Camp Stella Marie. Reception of Holy Communion and Solemn Mass, June 23. Communion breakfast after Mass in School Hall. Principal, Sister Teresa Vincent.

St. Francis Xavier's: Commencement, June 23 in St. Francis Xavier Hall. Speaker will be the Rev. Patrick Moffatt, pastor. Father Moffatt will present diplomas to 16 boys and 16 girls. Prizes are awarded for the following: Highest average, Religion, Perfect Attendance in all the grades. For perfect attendance, Rose Calagan; Loretta Effinger and Sam Minacappelli. Principal, Sister M. Athanasia.

St. Bridget's: Commencement, June 25 in St. Bridget's Church. Speaker will be the Rev. Gerald R. Ercennan, pastor who will give diplomas to 10 boys and 12 girls. The graduates will receive Holy Communion at the 10 o'clock Mass, Sunday, June 25. Graduating exercises at 7:45 in the evening. Principal, Sister M. Scholastica.

Holy Redeemer: Commencement, June 23 in Holy Redeemer Hall. Speaker will be the Rev. F. William Stauder, pastor who will award diplomas to 27 boys and 29 girls. Honor pupils who have maintained a rating of 90 per cent or above in the various subjects are awarded honor pins. All who have attained the standards for any individual subject are entitled to draw for prizes. John Hollis will give the class valedictory. Principal, Sister M. Leonarda.

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St. Patrick's, Corning: Commencement, June 22, following Benediction in the church. Speaker will be the Rev. E. A. Rawlinson, pastor. Diplomas will be awarded by the Rev. Bernard Newcomb to 9 boys and 17 girls. Principal, Sister M. Frederica.

St. Joseph's, Wayland: Commencement, June 25. Diplomas will be awarded by the Rev. William W. Heiser, pastor, to 7 boys and 7 girls in St. Joseph's Church. Principal, Sister Johanna Marie.

St. Mary's, Danville: Commencement, June 25 in the church. Speakers, the Rev. Edward M. Schick and the Rev. Joseph G. Markel. Diplomas will be awarded by Father Schick to 8 boys and 16 girls. Doris Pfantzer, Jane Feis and Stanley Fox have highest scholarship. Patricia Carey won a prize from the American Legion for having the best Poppy Poster in Livingston County. Patricia's poster will be sent to the state exhibit. Class officers: President, Stanley Fox; Vice President, Mary Lynn Gerber; Secretary, Richard Applin; Treasurer, Jane Smith. Principal, Sister M. De Nerl.

St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris: Commencement, June 21, in St. Patrick's Hall. Speaker will be the Rev. John Newcomb. Diplomas will be awarded by the Rev. William Rafferty, pastor, to 6 boys and 6 girls. Taking part in program will be Carl Graduates, Eggs of Upper Grades, Thomas, Kane, The Little Folks, Louis Bozette, Third and Fourth Grades, and Class of Girls. Principal, Sister M. Alfrida.

St. Mary's, Elmira: Commencement, June 26. Speaker, the Rev. John S. Maloney, Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester. Diplomas will be presented by the Rev. Charles McKay to 11 boys and 21 girls.

St. John's, Clyde: Commencement, June 22. Diplomas will be awarded to 13 boys and 11 girls. American Legion prizes, for most outstanding boy, John Braccio, most outstanding girl, Carmella De Lesia. Honors won as follows: Religion, Anthony Nicoletta, Carmella De Lesia; Science, James Boyce, Eleanor De John, Emma Patocchi, Edwin Salerno. Principal, Sister M. Anthony.

St. Patrick's, Owego: Commencement, June 23. Speaker will be the Rev. Michael Hynd, pastor, who will award diplomas to 4 boys and 5 girls. Principal, Sister M. Walburga.

St. Stephen's, Geneva: Commencement, June 23 in St. Stephen's School. Diplomas will be awarded by the Rev. William McPadden, pastor, to 19 boys and 22 girls. Class day was held June 7. Class officers: President, Margaret Handlon; Vice President, Robert Donahue; Secretary, Joan Roberts; Treasurer, Francis McCarthy. Principal, Sister M. Alberta.

St. Casimir's, Elmira: Commencement, June 25, in St. Casimir's School Auditorium. Speakers will be the Rev. Ladislav J. Szczepanski and the Rev. John E. Ciesinski. Diplomas will be awarded to 9 boys and 17 girls. Principal, Sister M. Frederica.

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