

Valedictory

As we, the graduating class of 1954, leave these protective halls of our Alma Mater we think back over the years that have brought a panorama of listening and learning before us.

Classmates, I know we all have absorbed but a portion of this knowledge that has been put before us. I feel, however, that it is safe to say that we all understand that we are entering a new phase of our lives where we will be making our own way in this world. We step out a little ways from beneath the guiding hands of our parents, just as our fathers and grandfathers have done before us. As we begin to feel more and more that this is our world, we find that it is being torn between Communism and Democracy and we must strive to bring it together in world peace.

Our Democracy is made up of Freedom, truth and understanding, and without these three things our great nation would fall just as Communism and her conquest must fall sooner or later for the lack of them. We have the freedom to act as human beings, the freedom to help others in trouble, and the freedom to be ourselves. As free people we are able to see and hear many truths which are being kept from people in other nations. We know the truth about our country and our government and thus we feel free. We have the understanding that comes from being a free people. We understand, somewhat, the misery and the torment suffered by the people under communism and we want to help, and we do help them by fighting communism.

Democracy is the foundation of our country. The United States of America is noted for being a kind, strong and helpful country. This reputation is an actuality because all Americans not only love their country, but participate in making it what it is. They work toward making it even greater. We are truly Americans and we stand for Democracy.

Speaking on behalf of the class of 1954, I wish to thank Mr. Clapp for all his kind understanding and patience with us throughout all our years under his supervision.

Barbara Miller

Salutatory

Parents, teachers, and fellow students; on behalf of the graduating class of 1954 I welcome you to our Commencement Exercises. On this, the turning point of our lives, we cannot help but think back on our years in Morris Central, and what we have achieved here. What we have learned is important, because from now on we must succeed or fail mainly on our own efforts. However, we never stand completely alone; behind each of us are parents, friends and relatives ready and willing to help us if we should need help.

We are graduating from high school tonight but none of us is finished with education. Whether we go on to college or business school, or whether we get jobs immediately, we still have much to learn that only Experience can teach us. We hope the education we have received prepares us for the Future, because the Future will be what our abilities and skills allow us to make it.

The advice of our parents and teachers will often be remembered when we face important events and decisions in later life; all the rest of our lives will be influenced by the things we have learned in school. We are grateful for our education, and happy for this opportunity to thank all those who have worked patiently toward this night, with faith in the Future.

Carol Saunders

JUNIOR CHARGE

- Pat Card When you go for a walk remember the "Little-Woods!"
- Leona Bendzlowicz Why don't you move to Pat's house so you won't have to get a certain fellow to take you home.
- Kay Beardsley It would be advisable for you to carry a piece of ice so that when a boy looks at you, you could use it to cool your burning cheeks.
- Joanne Benedict Since you have no luck in Morris why don't you join the lonely hearts club?
- Fred Colburn Why don't you stop bragging and start living?
- Larry Larsen More "know how" and less "say how".
- Howard Miller We always hear you talking about girls, lets see you get one.
- Doris Saunders Get a new boy-friend, you didn't make out so well with the first one.
- Jerry Joy If you want to live to grow old, calm down.
- Jim Talbot Next year see if you can come to school every day instead of every other day.
- Fred Bronger Get at least one failing mark so you can see how the rest of us feel.
- Ralph Lasher We know you like Kay so why don't you come out in the open with her.
- Barbara Parker Grab him quick, "Snerd is a romeo."
- Donna Goetchus When you become a sophisticated senior, please learn to control that childish giggle of yours.
- Eva Harrington Always keep the "Joy" bells ringing.
- Theresa Fazio Now that you have your father's car, you better get a safer chauffeur.
- Denise Morehouse You will never get a boy friend unless you come out and see what the world is like.
- Ann Harrington Stay away from the "Waters" or you'll get your feet wet.
- Grover Morehouse All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
- Sheila Rathbun You're an attractive girl, so why don't you spend more time with the boys?
- Roy Harrington Now that you've taken up magic, let's see you produce a girl.
- Bob Perrigo Better renew your life insurance, Bob, if you're going to keep riding with Howard.
- Don Saunders Why don't you acquire a little weight so you can have that "Atlas" physique.

Junior Response

- Kenneth Anderson You used to be a shy boy, but time does hidious things to a person.
- Maxine Jester Don't you wish college years were shorter? Dick has four years yet.
- Dick Stafford It's not such a good idea to get your feet wrapped around the legs of a couch, is it?
- Joyce Toomath We'll ask the state to get you a highway all your own so you won't have to worry about pedestrians.
- Betty Wilson You'd better get a razor to go with your remarks.
- Elaine Buhr Congratulations.
- Garre Rutherford You'd better get a pair of elevated shoes so you'll even be as tall as Ken.
- Albert Grenz Say Al, what makes Oneonta so "Gay"?
- Gregory Cooke Get a book to write all the jokes in, that George tells you.
- John Wassenaar What will coach do without you next year "Big John"?
- Glenn Wilson You can't get anywhere being freindly with all the girls.
- John Turnbull May you have a garden of "Brown eyed Susans" on that farm of yours.
- Bob Stephens Close your mouth--it's not a fly trap.
- Warren Kenny You can't use the excuse of score keeper next year. You'll have to pay to get into the basketball games.
- Albert Gugel What are you going to do when Harland is not around?
- Wanetta Daniels You like green don't you? Even green trucks?
- Harland Johnson You should try for a scholarship for a radio or T. V. school.
- Ronnie Halbert Be carefull or you'll lose that school girl figure.
- Doris Erikson You'll have to find another girl friend with a car to take you places now that Gene's coming home.
- Reita Chase and Barbara Miller Try for twin boyfriends too.
- Pat Sherwood Say Pat, when are we going to see Mr. Canada himself?
- Carol Saunders You'll need a muffler for that laugh or they'll be able to hear you all over Otsego county.
- Bob Black Why not find a shorter route to Sohne's.
- But seriously, Seniors, best of luck in all you do in the future and thanks a lot for leaving us at least half a room.

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