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Red River Valley Stock Breeders Stage Pavilion Benefit Sale On May 20

Plans are being made for the live stock pavilion benefit sale to be held at the pavilion, Crookston, May 20. Seventy-five head of stock, including, principally, pure bred bulls, swine and sheep, are expected to be donated by prominent breeders. Animals that are donated for this sale are being listed with the committee consisting of C. G. Selvig, Frank Jeffers, G. R. Melin, Arthur Marsden and John Husby.

The bankers of northwestern Minnesota are planning to cooperate actively in this sale according to the Ninth District association officers who are communicating with the individual members to arrange that all purchasers, so desiring it, may secure credit, without interest, from May 20 to October 1 on any animal purchased at the pavilion donation sale. This will be done if the plans of the officials of the bankers' association are carried out. It is expected that animals from the very best breeding lines will be offered with the result that the Red River Valley live stock industry will profit permanently from this event.

The association will pay the transportation charges on the animals consigned to Crookston. W. H. Krause and H. O. Tellier will officiate as auctioneers, donating their services free of charge. Newspapers and the agricultural press will cooperate fully also. The Crookston association of public affairs will serve a big lunch at noon in the armory adjoining the pavilion.

Among the prominent visitors expected are Governor Preus, who will auction off the first animal; W. A. McKerrow and D. A. Wallace, the brother of the new Secretary of Agriculture.

There is every indication that May 20 will be a big Red River Valley day, outshining all others. Seeding will be done by May 20 so farmers, generally, will be able to take a day off. With good prospects for a productive season and a returning normal prosperity, the event promises to be a success in every way.

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Northwest School Graduates 54. Commencement Mar. 24. Pageant and Operetta to Be Given Mar. 23.

The thirteenth annual commencement exercises of the University of Minnesota, Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, will be held on March 24, when 54 seniors will complete their courses. President J. C. Brown of St. Cloud Normal School will deliver the commencement address and Superintendent C. G. Selvig will present the diplomas in behalf of the University Board of Regents. Rufus Logan will give the class address and Mr. S. M. Sivertson will announce the scholarships to be awarded by the Crookston Milling Company on that occasion.

Other events of commencement week include the baccalaureate sermon to be given on Sunday, March 20 by Dr. K. R. Stolz. The final inter-society will be held on March 21 when the Pioneer, Lincoln and Agrarian debating societies will compete in the annual debating classic of the year. The debating trophy was won in 1916, 1917 and 1920 by the Pioneers and in 1918 by the Lincoln Society. On March 22 the annual reception by Superintendent and Mrs. Selvig to the graduating class will be held at their home on the school campus.

The senior class and chorus of 80 voices give an operetta, "Twilight Alley" on March 23 at the Armory.

The cast of characters in the operetta to be given by the 1921 Seniors and choruses of the Aggie School include students from all parts of the Red River Valley. They are Dame Needy, Gladys Erickson, Twin Valley; Meg, her eldest daughter, Sophie Krbechek, Erie; Jack, her only son, John Forder, Gatzke; Angelina, an emigrant child, Miss Katherine Kneeshaw, of the faculty; Lily, daughter of the owner of the tenement, Esther Landby, Swift; Meg's Seven Sisters: Myrtle Erickson, Goodridge; Agnes Torgerson, Stephen; Luella Hansen, Shelly; Mabel Vesledal, Erskine; Marie Austin, Malung; Marie Larson, Argyle; and Charlotte Stennes, Hendrum. Jack's Baseball Nine. John Landby, Swift; Rufus Logan, Ada;

Jay Moses, Pelican Rapids; Walter Anderson, Clearbrook; Eldred Lindahl, Hallock; Laudy Reske, Oslo; Louis Emerson, Minneapolis and Lloyd Ness, Ada.

Both acts of the operetta take place in the court of "The Old Shoe" a tenement in Twilight Alley. Miss Louise Pederson is director of the operetta and orchestra; Miss Margaret Burns is dramatic director, and Miss Cora Paulsberg is the accompanist.

Preceding the operetta the pageant, "The Valley Spirit Speaks," written by C. G. Selvig will be presented. It was originally given at the school when the Northern Minnesota Editors met in Crookston last January and was repeated during the Red River Valley Farmers' Week before the delegation of Minnesota legislators, twin city and Duluth delegates and live stock association members at their annual banquet. It depicts the development of the Valley and portrays the influence of the famous spirit of cooperation which exists here.

The characters represented in the pageant, "The Valley Spirit Speaks" include well known Red River Valley products and institutions. Esther Landby, Swift, appears as "The Spirit of the Red River Valley; Eldred Lindahl, Hallock, Number One Hard Valley Wheat; Amos Kasberg, Eldred, Red River Valley Early Ohio; Myrtle Erickson, Goodridge; Queen Alfalfa; Alice Beede, Marion Canute, Edna Hanson, Ruth Ireland, Jorges Rodseth and Sue Thorson, Franklin School pupils, are Alfalfa Fairies; Ray Knutson, Gully, Red River Valley Live Stock; John Mansfield, Roosevelt, Valley Boy; Neva Gibbons, Crookston, Valley Girl and Percy Hanson, Newfolden, Red River Valley Farm School.

The pageant is directed by Miss Margaret Burns, head of the English Department of the Northwest School. The costumes are by Miss Bernice Nolan and A. M. Foker is the stage manager.

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COMMENCEMENT 1921 (Continued from Page 1)

There will be no difficulty in catching the interpretation of the pageant as the players are trained to have their voices reach to the farthest parts of the Armory.

Parents and relatives of the graduates will arrive in time to witness these productions and to attend the last meeting of the senior class on the morning of Commencement Day. A thesis on "The National Farm Bureau Federation," will be given by Leland Lincoln, Stephen. Other numbers are Greeting—R. R. Smith; Solo—Miss Katherine Kneeshaw; The Class of 1921, Harry Melick; Response for the Class of 1922, Clifford Lee; Class History, Alma Lindgren; Class Prophecy, Clara Gilbertson; Class Will, Ole Negaard; Address—R. H. Mueller, Senior Class Counselor and Song—"The Senior's Farewell" by Senior Octette.

A feature of the Baccalaureate exercises will be music by Messrs. Thorson, Uggen, Onstad and Miss Aune and by the English Lutheran Church Quartette. On Commencement Day the Fisher-Bygland Octette will sing. At that time special awards will be made to the students who have made the most progress in debate and in public speaking during the present school year.

PAVILION SALE

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In direct connection with the above is the increasing importance of live-stock farming. For this reason many will secure more and better live-stock for their farms. Those that come to Crookston on May 20 will be able to make a beginning if they are not already the owners of pure bred stock.

The proceeds from this sale will go to the pavilion building fund. With expenditures of \$71,527.37 and receipts of \$47,059.25, there remains the sum of \$24,468.12 to be raised.

A successful sale on May 20 will assist greatly in reducing the amount of the association's indebtedness. Later announcements will include full information regarding the animals consigned and the names of the donors.

SENIORS GIVE FINAL THESES PRACTICAL ADDRESSES GIVEN AT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

An unusually interesting selection of Senior thesis subjects has been a feature of the assembly periods beginning last December. In each case the address is very carefully prepared, committed to memory, rehearsed and finally given before the school.

The 1921 list of senior theses includes the following: "Why you should choose the Guernsey Cow"—Earl Jensen; Food Requirements of

the Student"—Hazel Perry; "Value of Boys' and Girls' Club Work to the Community"—Luella Hanson; "Potato Seed Selection"—Eldred Lindahl; "Potato Seed Certification in the Red River Valley"—Amos Kasberg; "Raising Hogs for Market in the Red River Valley"—Harry Melick; "The History of the Guernsey Breed"—Roy Melick; "Raising Sheep in the Red River Valley"—Kenneth Monson; "The Selection and Treatment of Potato Seed"—Elmer Bredlie; "Electricity in the Farm Home"—Alma Lindgren; "The History and Development of Hereford Breed of Cattle"—Maurice Bursheim; "The Value of Certified Seed Production Work"—Egon Nelson; "Potato Tuber Diseases and their Control"—Wilbur Johnston; "One Year's Business on the Farm"—Ole Negaard; "Table Linens"—Agnes Torgerson; "A Library in the Home"—Clara Gilbertson; "Fashion: Its Use and Abuse"—Sophie Krbechek; "Red Clover Seed as a Profitable Crop in the Red River Valley"—John Landby; "Necessity of Silos in Live Stock Production"—Jay Moses; "Business Training for the Home Maker"—Edith Shosten; "The Planting of Orchards in Northwestern Minnesota"—Elmer Skime; "Care and Renovating of Clothing"—Charlotte Stennes; "Color in the Home"—Marie Austin; "Clearing Stump Land in Northern Minnesota"—Ray Knudson; "The Cleaning and Care of the House"—Marie Larson; "Planning a Windbreak for the Farmstead"—Martin Swedin; "Feeding and Care of Dairy Cattle as a Factor Influencing Milk Production"—Clyde Green; "Securing a Stand of Alfalfa in the Red River Valley"—Milton Marmorine; "Planning a Model Farm Home"—Gladys Erickson; "Beef Feeding Experiments"—Harold Hallstrom; "Sweet Clover as a Forage Crop"—George Jorgenson; "Farm Home Landscaping"—Bena Flikke; "Windbreaks in the Red River Valley"—Veral Gibbons; "The Basket Lunch"—Esther Landby; "Social Life on the Farm"—Myrtle Erickson; "A Model Dairy Barn"—Percy Hanson; "Sweet Clover as a Crop for the Red River Valley"—Joseph Johnson; "History and Development of Duroc-Jerseys"—John Kappes; "Practical Farm House Accounts"—Laura Kjallberg; "Future of the Draft Horse"—George Norquist; "Public Speaking for the Farmer"—Joseph Nowak; "History of the Short-horn Breed"—Herbert Remick; "Herefords in the Red River Valley"—Victor Norquist; "The Best Method of Farming in the Red River Valley"—Gilmar Lee; "Growing Potatoes more successfully in the Red River Valley"—Nobel Olsen; "Gas Traction as the Practical Means of Power in the Red River Valley"—Edwin Sather; "Recreation on the Farm"—Mabel Vesledahl; "Orchards in Northern Minnesota"—Carl Gullingsrud; "Purebreds as a Factor in the Improvement of Live Stock"—Martin Anderson; "Control of Sow Thistle in the Red River Valley"—John Forder; "The National Farm Bureau Program"—Leland Lincoln.

ALUMNI MEETING.

At the meeting of the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni association on February eleventh the report of the reorganization committee was adopted. A new constitution and by-laws were also accepted.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were President, Nels Palm, Alvarado; Vice President, Herman Skyberg, Fisher; Secretary, Walter Sprung, Ada and Treasurer, Helen Huot, Red Lake Falls.

A new section of the constitution provides for the payment of a five dollar life membership fee from each past graduate of the Northwest School and from each new member.

This provision has been made so as to form a fund for the association in order to place the financial affairs on a firmer working basis.

There is need of using the income from this permanent fund to meet various expenses connected with the meeting and banquet. In addition the alumni decided to provide premiums for farm crops and live stock exhibits by alumni at the Red River Valley Winter Shows. Publishing an alumni directory and other items as well as keeping more closely in touch with alumni affairs will entail some expense which can be met when an alumni fund is provided.

A letter will be sent to each of the graduates of the school asking them to join the reorganized association. It is hoped they will join in the usual responsive manner and become members of the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni Association.

WALTER V. SPRUNG, Secretary.

RED RIVER AGGIE.

The Aggie Board, headed by Earl Jensen and John Landby, is rapidly completing preliminary work on the 1921 Red River Aggie.

The plan this year is to publish a yearbook that will be larger than the 1920 volume by about sixteen pages. It will contain records of especial interest since this has been more or less of a red letter year for the school. For example, it will feature the new paved roadway, the soldiers and sailors memorial, and the new dining hall. Then, too, the largest senior class in the history of the school graduates this year.

The pictures for the annual have all been taken and are in the hands of the engraver. The literary work has been completed. There still remains the work of printing the book. It may be that it will not be off the press until a short time after commencement, but that is not to be deplored since the school year is so extremely short.

It will be a good book when finished. Mr. Harold H. Grandy, '15 has furnished the art work, which in itself indicates that it will be attractive.

The Aggie Board plans on publishing but a limited number of these books. Those who desire copies, should send their names and addresses to Mr. John Landby, Business Manager, immediately.

Large Attendance at Farmers' Week Meetings and Red River Valley Winter Shows

The eleventh annual Northwest School Farmers' Week Meetings and Red River Valley Winter Shows surpassed all expectations as to attendance and number and quality of exhibits. In spite of the hardships encountered both by exhibitor and visitor because of the present financial depression, the exhibits greatly excelled those of past years, and the attendance exceeded that of any year in the history of the show, with approximately six thousand paid admissions. Visiting delegations from all over the state were present, including official representation from the Minnesota Legislature, as well as from the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth. Those attending were provided with four full days of instruction and inspiration.

Farm Crops Exhibit.

The exhibits of farm crops were even better than those of last year. The Valley again lived up to its reputation for high class grains, grasses and root crops. Of approximately seven hundred entries in the farm crops division, the largest number were in the potato classes, followed by corn, oats, wheat, barley, flax, and rye. To Polk county went the honors for having the largest number of exhibitors. Kittson was second and Red Lake third. However all counties in the Valley were represented. Fifteen hundred dollars in premiums was awarded.

New Building Occupied.

The machinery and industrial division swelled with pride as it showed itself off in its new home. For the first time these exhibits were provided adequate space in a convenient location. The new brick building owned by the Red River Valley Live Stock association, built in 1920, is further evidence of the progressive spirit of the Valley. The show space in this building was all sold early. By decorating their own booths, the exhibitors contributed in making the industrial exhibit building the most attractive of any. There were innumerable labor-saving conveniences and necessities shown as well as farm tractors and machinery.

Live Stock Sales.

There was much interest shown in the live stock sales. The quality of the stock was better than that of former years but the prices obtained were noticeably lower. Many live stock authorities present agreed that this condition would afford a golden opportunity for the man starting in the business of raising pure bred stock. The sales amounted to an approximate total of thirty thousand dollars, distributed among the various classes as follows:

Holsteins, 29 head, \$20,860; short-horns, 24 head, 5,080; herefords, 3 head, \$335.00; duroc-jerseys, 34 head, \$2,279; poland-chinas 19 head, \$840; and chester whites, 8 head, \$407.50.

Challenge Cups Offered.

There was keen competition for the four challenge cups. C. L. Spaulding, Warren, won the Red River Valley Dairymen's association cup for the best herd of dairy cattle shown. The Red River Valley Livestock association cup went to Charles Franks also of Warren for the best herd of beef cattle shown. The Red River Valley Livestock association cup for the best herd of swine was hotly contested for by F. A. Green and Son, Stephen, and A. Marsden and Son, Hendrum. The Marsden herd was awarded the prize cup. Alumni of the Northwest School will be pleased to know that in the sheep classes the school took a large share of prizes including the silver cup awarded by the Red River Valley Development association. The poultry show was sponsored by the Northern Poultry association. This department also showed a considerable growth since last year and for the first time it was found necessary to decline entries because of lack of space. The total number of entries passed the four hundred mark. C. E. Brown of the Northwest School was the official judge.

Farm Problems Discussed.

The recent slump in the prices of farm products caused an unusual interest to be taken in the farm marketing conference. The purpose of this conference was to devise some plan whereby better methods of marketing agricultural products might be secured. Sessions were held on two succeeding days, at the close of which a series of resolutions were adopted. The resolutions were submitted to the Committee of Seventeen from the American Farm Bureau Federation which met the following week for the purpose of discussing the same problems. The following authorities on marketing addressed the meeting: N. J. Holmberg, state commissioner of agriculture; L. E. Potter, president, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation; G. E. Prater, manager, Minnesota Potato Exchange; Charles E. Gunnels, assistant secretary, American Farm Bureau Federation and A. G. Cartwright of the United Grain Growers, Limited, Winnipeg. Mr. Cartwright explained in detail the method of pooling wheat as it is practiced in Canada.

Women's Meetings Successful.

The women's sessions of this year were successful to a degree never before reached during former meetings. This was due to the unusual interest

manifested by the women as well as by the attractive and well arranged programs. Miss Alba Bales, head of the home economics department, Agricultural College, North Dakota, and Miss Julia O. Newton Minnesota leader of demonstration work were among the speakers who delivered interesting and helpful addresses on home-making subjects. Some of the others who contributed to the success of the meeting included Miss Esther A. Ferris, demonstration agent of Clay County; Mrs. C.G. Selvig; Miss Lottie Ward, Northwest School; and Miss Edith Turner of the Crookston high school. The women were also addressed by several of the prominent speakers who came to deliver lectures in other departments or to address the evening sessions. The numerous demonstrations and style shows as well as the addresses were of an entertaining and helpful character. The meetings were all well attended.

Record Crowds Attend Evening Sessions.

Among the most important features of the week were the evening sessions held in the armory. The prominent speakers who addressed the audiences on these occasions all gave messages of great interest. Each evening the capacity of the house was taxed to the limit. Those who heard the address of Duncan Marshall last year returned this year to hear those of Dr. Henry Clark, Dr. Charles B. Mitchell, Mrs. Peter Olesen, and President Lotus D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota. Mrs. Olesen who has become nationally known as Minnesota's "Silver Tongued Orator" delivered a lecture on "The New Social Consciousness." Her address was received with much enthusiasm. The program on which she appeared was given entirely by women, at least six taking a part. The subject of President Coffman's address was "Life's New Values: What Makes Them." In his discussion he impressed the need of carrying on scientific research work in order to increase agricultural production and to make available the natural resources of the State of Minnesota. It was very well received. Hundreds were in attendance from all Valley counties.

Many Associations Met.

Not to be overlooked are the numerous association meetings and banquets which took an important place among the activities of the week. The Red River Valley Development association, the Red River Livestock association, the Northwest School Alumni and other organizations held their annual meetings and dinners. In addition the Crookston association of public affairs kept open house. Many good programs were enjoyed and various discussions were carried on for the accomplishment of greater things agriculturally in the Red River Valley.

All the members of the Northwest School and Station staff and county agents in this section of the state had important parts in making the meet-

ings, show and various contests a success. The different department meetings were directly in charge of the school department heads. The music furnished during the week was of the highest order. Space does not permit a full review of each part. The community singing was a big feature. Mrs. Lucille Holliday Swain was the leader. Miss Louise Pederson, of the Northwest School and the different groups that sang came in for a great deal of commendation.

Evidence Of Real Co-operation.

The program of the week and the shows are made possible only through the loyal co-operation of hundreds of individuals who are members of the co-operating groups and associations. Their success in large measure is due to the wonderful spirit created in the Valley. Each succeeding year witnesses material advancement in making this section of the state the home of prosperous and progressive people.

HOME PROJECTS FOR 1921 ARE UNDER WAY.

Practical home projects, under the supervision of the Northwest School staff, will be undertaken by seventy-one students during the coming summer. The object of these projects is to train the student to apply in a practical way, on the farm or in the home, the scientific principles taught in the class room during the winter course.

Interest in the production of Red River Valley certified potatoes is evidenced by the action of twenty-six students who chose potato-growing as their project. Pure seed grain projects with wheat, oats, and barley will be carried on by fifteen students, to improve the quality and yields of these grains in their home communities. There are seven live stock projects including dairy herd management, baby beef, sheep and swine management. Corn, alfalfa, sweet clover, gardening and farm accounts will occupy the attention of many students.

Thirty-five projects in sewing, bread making and canning have been undertaken by thirteen girls of the home economics department.

Each student will be required to keep careful records of the production costs, including labor, for his projects and must submit a final report summarizing returns, expenses, and profits. So far as possible each project will be visited at least once during the summer months by either the instructor or the project leader. Regular school credits toward graduation will be granted to students who complete satisfactory project work.

JUNIOR SHORT COURSE.

The ninth annual Boys' and Girls' Short Course and Club Week will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture the week of April 4-8, inclusive. Any boy or girl 12 to 18 years of age may attend. The total expenses for the week will be \$4.50. This will cover the cost of board in the dining hall and room at one of the dormitor-

ies and all other expenses. Each student should bring his own necessary bedding—sheets, pillow, pillow slip, blankets or quilt.

The school bus will meet the evening train from Warroad on Saturday and all trains on Sunday and Monday mornings. Notify the Northwest School as to the time of your arrival. As soon as you have decided that you are coming write for room reservation.

Plans are being made for the most successful Junior Short Course in the history of the school. The Red River Valley boys and girls are accordingly invited to avail themselves of this week of recreation and education.

POULTRY HOUSE PLAN.

A new poultry house which will meet more successfully the requirements of northern Minnesota winters, has been designed by C. E. Brown and A. M. Foker of the Station staff. The house is of frame construction and large enough to accommodate one hundred birds. A complete set of blue prints and a bill of material for this house may be had for twenty-five cents. Address, Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, Minn.

PHOSPHATE TESTS.

Increased yields have been secured by the use of phosphate fertilizers in several sections of Minnesota. Up to the present time there have been very few tests conducted on farms in the Red River Valley. It is highly recommended by the Northwest Experiment Station that small tests be made in this wherever possible.

The Northwest Experiment Station has alimited quantity of treble superphosphate provided free of charge by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company to be distributed in lots of 125 pounds each. The only expense is the freight. Full directions for applying the fertilizer will be furnished by the Station.

At the Northwest Station additional experimental work with commercial fertilizers will be begun this season, for the purpose of finding out what effect gypsum as well as treble superphosphate have on the type of soil found at the Station. Direct fertilization of potatoes is a new project in the horticultural department for 1921.

FACULTY ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday evening, February 19th, the faculty rendered a varied program of entertainment for the students of the school.

At eight o'clock the curtain rose on a school room scene in which various members of the teaching force demonstrated to the students how they conducted themselves in "days of yore." Mr. Foker admirably filled the position of rural schoolmaster and Mr. Brown and Mr. Kittleson exhorted the "pupils" as only school directors can. The scene closed with the singing of "School Days."

Following this Mr. Foker gave a very interesting chalk talk, demonstrating to his audience that he has

unique ability along this line.

In the next entertainment Miss Bruem, Mr. CcCall and Mr. Peck amused the students with the one-act farce, "Courtship under Difficulties."

Miss Nolan with her saxophone and Miss Kneeshaw with her vocal ability, delighted the students with a vaudeville skit that might have come directly from the Orpheum circuit.

The closing number was a representation of "The Old Oaken Bucket" by the entire faculty.

Following this, refreshments were served to those present by the faculty.

JUNIOR SENIOR BANQUET.

On Monday evening, March 7th, the Junior class entertained the Seniors and members of the faculty and station staff, the occasion being the annual Junior-Senior Banquet.

The tastefully decorated dining room of the new dining hall forecasted an evening of good fellowship and friendliness. The Juniors and their class advisors, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Smith, are to be congratulated for the preparation of such a beautiful setting and the well rendered after-dinner program. To Miss Ward, also, and the freshman boys and girls much credit is due for assisting in the affair. As was the custom of the past, Junior colors, old rose and gray, predominated in the general color scheme of the decorations.

Following the more carnal side of the affair, Mr. Clifford Lee, president of the Junior Class likened life at the Northwest School to a drama, played upon the stage. As a central theme, the following words of Shakespeare, guided the thread of the program: "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players." He presented Mr. John Landby, who considered the Northwest School as the stage for our particular drama.

Miss Kneeshaw proved to be a fitting prima donna in the rendition of several excellent vocal solos.

Thereupon the toastmaster called on Miss Marie Larson who spoke in behalf of the Senior class upon the subject "Stars." Very naturally the Seniors may be considered the stars in our particular local drama.

"The Understudy" was represented by Miss Neva Gibbons of the Junior Class and was a cleverly developed and unique response to the Senior toast.

Miss Nolan pleased all present with several saxophone selections. Then Mr. Mueller represented the faculty as the "Directors" of the drama; and Mr. Charles Smith of the class of '22 spoke of the Junior class as the "Scene Shifters."

Finally, Superintendent Selvig, using as his subject the "Play Wright" gave an excellent inspirational address, encouraging both classes to work out in their lives the highest ideal of the school and of the great Playwright.

Taken all in all, the occasion will be long remembered by those present. The music of Smith's orchestra added to the general harmony of the evening.