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Valedictory

THE COURAGE OF LIFE

by Lee Gwendolyn Kessler

Mr. Thomas, Rev. Holmes, Dr. Common, my father, members of the Board of Education, members of the faculty, parents, friends, and classmates.

Tonight is a very special moment in our lives; for tonight we graduate. This night is the culmination of thirteen years; years that have harbored much happiness and pleasure, and yet much hard work and many anxieties.

Yes, the world waits for us, as it has for every youth for thousands of years. In its vast splendor, it offers a great deal to each one of us, but it demands a great deal in return. It demands respect, integrity, and diligent service.

This country was founded by men and women of courage; common folk who were willing to give up everything and to endure anything in their quest for peace and happiness.

And America was born. It grew rich and bountiful. Its laws and ideals become the ideals of suppressed peoples throughout the world.

With this increased wealth, abundance, and power, came the inevitable enemies which require a resolution more lasting and more demanding than that required by any mortal foe.

However, our country, guided by men of great wisdom and stamina, lived on. Its leaders faced these enemies with unflinching valor, never looking back once they had committed themselves to their principles.

Now, after two World Wars, the present generation lives in a world bordering on destruction. Not only are we faced with the threat of nuclear oblivion, but also with a more immediate threat; that of internal decay.

Not since the beginning of mankind, has a generation been faced with such oppressive social evils. The crime rate in this country is the highest it has ever been. The consumption of alcohol and the addiction to narcotics are at a perilous high.

Ernest Hemingway, in his novel "The Sun Also Rises", described the generation following World War I as the "lost generation".

In a sense, we too could be called a "lost generation". We wouldn't be the product of World War One or Two or even of the Korean War, but rather of the Cold War.

However, we have an alternative. We can be this "Lost Generation", headed down a street marked DEAD END, or we can be the answer to the problems that plague our society.

to the future of this country.

However, if we are to carry on the heritage of America, we must face and accept the responsibilities of a free people; we must open and develop our minds; and we must utilize both our mental and our physical resources to the utmost.

"Tragedy lies in waste." These words reflect the tragedy of so many things; the waste of opportunities, the waste of resources, and the waste of lives.

As we walk along the pathway of life, we will encounter many obstacles; we will bear the burdens of seemingly insufferable responsibilities; we will experience the temptations of indifference, compromise; and we will know loneliness and futility.

In his book, "Profiles in Courage", the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy gave the key to life. I quote, "The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less magnificent a mixture of triumph and tragedy."

"A man does what he must". This is the key to life. This ability to face life's trials, to accept them, and to rise above them, takes a tremendous courage.

"Profiles in Courage" with, and I quote, "The stories of past courage can define courage—they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul."

It is to this "courage of life" that we must rededicate ourselves. Each one of us must look into his own soul in search of it, and once we have found and instilled resoluteness in our hearts, the doors to a happy and fruitful life will open upon an America of peace, content, and freedom.

Thus, I say to you, parents, friends, and to our forerunners, the great men of American history, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt, and John Kennedy—we hear your call; your summons to enter a world of hatred, fear, and pain with our invincible weapons of truth, knowledge, compassion, hope, and faith.

Thank You

Gift Of Books To The School Library

The American Association for Advancement of Science has given the school library eighty science books geared to the elementary reading level.

These books were loaned to the library in January and the school has just received a notice saying that these books, valued approximately at \$300, may be kept.

This is the second gift of this kind, the previous gift being 200 secondary level science books valued at \$1500.

Rags were the only material used in making paper and it was not until 1865 before wood with sodium sulphate came into general use.

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PLANNING LIFE'S PATH

Victoria Elizabeth Lynch

Members of the Board of Education, Mr. Kessler, Mr. Thomas, faculty, parents and friends:

We most certainly would be those typically thoughtless youths that the pessimists consider us if we failed to look with gratitude this evening toward those of you who by office, by teaching personality, ties of blood or sheer splendid loyalty to us, have made our paths pleasant and possible of travel.

Our national joy at having reached this scholastic milestone, the completion of the prescribed four years' course is tempered with a growing sense of obligation. This is one hopeful sign that we are reaching maturity; our realization that no man walks alone.

So tonight we welcome you to this occasion of honor to share the credit with you and rightly so, for you most certainly deserve a major portion.

We hope to repay you in the years ahead—not in the currency of the realm, for that would be hard to compute; not in reciprocal favors for that would be an equally difficult thing to estimate; nor would we repay in mere thanks alone, but rather in the application of the lessons we have learned and the instructions that have been given us, in the earnest endeavor to make our lives as useful and successful as we know that you would wish them to be.

I'm sure, fellow classmates, you can still remember, with what arduous patience Miss Baker gave us our introduction to parliamentary procedure. We learned that each meeting was to be conducted according to an established plan.

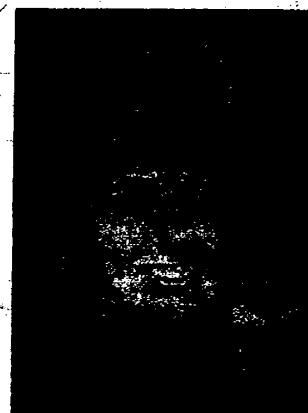
I have learned, as I know you have, this did not pay. So let us plan for our futures now. We shall aim high, realizing that it is better to make the summit our goal than to center our efforts on a half way mark, better to exert all our energies to attain that goal or to reach as near it as lies within our power and our ability.

In this plan for life we should not limit its scope to only ourselves and our individual futures but broaden it to include the future of the world. We are the citizens of tomorrow.

Early in May this year I enjoyed an experience that will long remain in my memory. I attended the Annual High School Press Day held at St. Bonaventure University where I was privileged to hear the renowned Carl T. Rowan of the United States Information Agency address an audience of nearly three thousand.

Mr. Rowan said that a plan of communication is vital. Now we live in 1964. We are well aware of the various and well developed means of communication known and used today and how many years they were in the planning. Right now you are probably mentally naming several of these—telephone, telegraph and T.V. But the communication meant by Mr. Rowan was the communication between one human soul and another.

He stated that each of us is a



Wins Bausch & Lomb Science Award

Lee Gwendolyn Kessler is the winner of the Bausch & Lomb Science Award at Andover High School. Throughout the United States, educators recognize the annual Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award as evidence of superior scientific aptitude.

In announcing Lee Gwendolyn Kessler as the 1964 winner, Principal James H. Kessler of Andover High School said, "These Awards are especially significant. Today, everyone realizes the importance of the study of science in our secondary schools."

Andover Playground Swimming Lessons And Pool Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Mornings
9:30 - 10:00, Beginners
10:00 - 10:30, Advanced Beginners
10:30 - 11:00, Intermediates
11:30 - 12:00, Advanced Swimmers

Tuesday and Friday Mornings
11:00 - 12:00 Jr. and Sr. Life Saving
Free Swimming—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
2:00 - 3:00 — boys and girls

Family Night—Swim
Tuesday Night — 7:30 - 8:30
Swimming instruction will be given to adults if wanted. Red Cross cards given for those passing test.

Kenneth Overslaugh, Al Barden and Sandra Thorp—instructors

Attention Boys And Girls

All boys and girls who will attend Summer Playground this summer, please decorate their bikes of the 4th of July Parade.

voice of America and as such we should hark to the millions crying out each in his particular wilderness. We must not be still while there is yet one such cry. One is more than an understanding democracy can bear.

To accomplish all this, will require an extraordinary plan indeed. Can you imagine a plan so great and yet so simple that out of the millions of voices of America and the millions crying in the wilderness, each voice would listen intently to one cry and make that cry his very own. This would be Utopia.

If we plan wisely now for our future in the world, as we reach the summit of life we will be able to say—"Veni, Vidi, Vici". I came to this earth in the glorious twentieth century. I saw the magnificent opportunities before me, and whether I have conquered or not, I know that I have done my best with what God gave me to offer.

I thank you

Andover Playground Schedule

Beginning July 6, 1964
Monday - Friday 9 a. m. - 12:00
1 p. m. - 4 p. m.

MORNINGS—Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (when not in pool for lessons) 10:30 - 12:00
Story book hour for children - Games and crafts for older children.

Tuesday and Friday (Early Bird contest each Tuesday) 9:00 - 10:00 Games and crafts; 9:30 - 10:30 Basketball for boys; 10:00 - 11:00 Archery; 11:00 - 12:00 group games and arts and crafts

AFTERNOONS
Monday
1:00 - 3:00 Mold making
2:00 - 3:00 Free swimming for interested boys and girls
3:00 - 4:00 Arts and crafts, softball, games

Tuesday
1:00 - 3:00 Hikes (walk or bike)
3:00 - 4:00 Free swimming or games and crafts

Wednesday
1:00 - 2:00, softball or touch football, craft projects
2:00 - 3:00 Free swimming, boys and girls
3:00 - 4:00 games and contests

Thursday
1:00 - 2:00 mold making and games
2:00 - 3:00 Free swimming, girls and boys
3:00 - 4:00 games, contests and crafts

Friday
1:00 - 3:00 parades and contests
3:00 - 4:00 Bingo and games
Kenneth Overslaugh, Director
Sandra Thorp Assistant

FFA News

At the FFA Banquet held on June 4th, the following awards were presented:

Bob Goodridge, Empire Farmer Award and the DeKaib Achievement Award

Gail Burdick, Farm Mechanics Award and the Dairy Farmer Award.

Beryl Bird, the Star Greenhand Award.

An Honorary Chapter Farmer Award was given to Mr. William MacCrea.

Mr. Kessler gave a welcome. Norbert Lynch presented the And-Well Producers prizes to the first place winner, Gail Burdick, and the second place winner, Raymond Mead. These prizes are given to boys showing leadership and cooperation in FFA activities.

Howard Burdick also showed pictures of his trip through Europe.

The FFA would like to thank all the Cafeteria Staff for their work in preparing the food.

"Bobbie" Smith Named Senior of the Week

Barbara Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Smith, has been named Senior of the Week. Barbara, nicknamed "Bobbie", was born August 25, 1946, and has three sisters and a brother.

She has been active in FFA for three years; Hi Herald three years; High School Red Cross one year; Camera Club four years; Library Council three years; and GAA for four years. She has also been a cheerleader for three years and has been a member of the Future Nurses' Club of Wells-ville for two years.

Her favorites include: song, "Wives and Lovers"; book, "Lust for Life"; food, steak; color, yellow; and subject, biology. Her favorite pastimes are reading and listening to records. She is always head saying, "Not really!", and her pet peeve is people who uprate themselves.

What is her goal? "Bobbie" has majored in math and science. Next year she hopes to study nursing at the Syracuse Upstate Medical Center. We wish you the best of luck and happiness always in the future, "Bobbie".