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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. Tonight we must say good-bye to our childhood, to old friends, and to familiar places, and we must step out into the world that is

waiting for us.
Yes, the world waits for us, as it has for every youth for thousands of years. In its vast splendor, it offer a great deal to each one of us, but it demands a great deal in return. It demands respect, integrand diligent service. To fulfill these sometimes overwhelming demands of life takes a very unique quality courage.

This country was founded by men and women of courage; common folk who were willing to give. thing in their quest for peace and happiness. The Revolutionary War nappiness. The Revolutionary War renewed this audacity of men who were willing to fight, and to die for their ideals.

And America was born. It grew

And America was born. It grew rich and bountiful. It's laws and ideals become the ideals of suppressed peoples throughout the world. Beneath the Statue of Liberty passed thousands who came to live in a land of freedom, beace, and opportunity.

With this increased walth, abundance, and power, came the inevitable enemies which require a resolution more lasting and more demanding than that required by

demanding than that required by are the evils of mankind; weak-ness, apathy, corruption, and big-

Atry. However, However, our country, guided men or great wisdom and stam-i, lived on. It's leaders faced see enemies with unflinching walor, never looking back once they had committed themselves to

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 more immediate threat; that of

a more immediation 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. Civil Rights demonstrations in cities such as Little Rock, Birmingham. Atlanta, Chicago, and even Buffalo reveal the insurgent discontent of minority groups. The pressures of conformity and indifference are contributing to a lack of integrity and tributing to a lack of integrity and responsibility in our youth. The generation of tomorrow is bred upon fear and indifference, and it this fear and indifference that is the most immediate threat to

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

Mar 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. We would however, possess the same characteristics that were typical of them; a reckless indifference to impending diasater, and a lack of direction and purpose.

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. I feel we are to be the latter. The younger generation, those of us upon this stage, who are soon to step into the world, are the key However, we have an alterna

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 ut-most. Herman Wouk wrote in his novel, "Youngblood Hawke", — "Death is only a sadness; tragedy lies in waste."

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"Tragedy lies in waste." These words reflect the tragedy of so wanty things; the waste of opportunities, the waste of resources, and the waste of lives. These wastes we must overcome, and to do this will require a very special:

courage.

As we walk along the pathway 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. Yet, those who have strength, who have direction and purpose will not stumble. Their dedication to homesty, prenamindedness; morality indeed to all ideals which are American—will sustain them.

ican—will sustain them.

In his book, "Profiles in Courage", the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, gave the key to life. I quote, "The courage 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—in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles,

sequences, in spite of obstacles, and dangers, and pressure—and that is the basis of all human morality". Unquote.
"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 cannot supply courage itself. For

wn soul." Unquote.
It is to this "courage of life"
int we must rededicate ourselves. Each one of us must look into his Each one of us must look into his own soul in search of it, and once we have found and instilled reso-luteness 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

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. The world is in our hands now. It's burdens weigh heavily on our souls. However, we will march our unalterable course of destiny, knowing that your efforts over the years have not been in vain. Your ideals will become our ideals; your courage will become our your courage will become our courage; and your dreams will become our realities.

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. eading 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

secondary level solence books valued at \$1500.

Salutatory • 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 spleendid lovelty to us have made out

ailty, ties of blood or sheer splendid loyalty to us, have made our paths pleasant and possible of travel.

Our national joy at having 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. Each individual on this stage owes the opportunities that stage owes the opportunities that brought about this climax to you who sit there. So tonight we welcome you to

So conight 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 hone to repay you in the years alyead—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 learntion of the lessons we have learned and the instructions that have ed and the instructions that have been given us, in the earnest en-deavor to make our lives as useful and successful as we know that you would wish them to be. We realize that this will not be an easy path to follow.

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'm sure that you remember also our so called silly sophomore days and our English classes. It seems like only yesterday that Mrs. Conde said, "If you would only write a plan, the theme would follow". It took some of us months to learn this plan should be written before the theme. I can remember writ-ing a theme and then because it was required dashing off a theme.

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 enjoy-

Early in May this year I enjoyed an experience that will long remain in my memory. I attended the Annual High School Press ed 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. Nearly all
of his spellbound listeners were
high school students.

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 in known

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. Rawan was the communication beautiful here. was the communication be tween one human soul and another. He defined communication as anything "that touches the railed at \$1598.

Abeart of one man and what avails
Rags were the only material to touch the heart". He also said,
used in making papers and it was
"You cannot communicate undernot until 1865 before wood with
sodium sulphite came into general
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 avidance of Science Award as evidence of superior scientific aptitude.

in announcing Lee Gwendolyn Kessler as the 1964 winner, Prin-cipal 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. The Bausch secondary schools. The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award provides recognition to senior stu-dents with the highest scholastic standing in science subjects."

Andover Playground Swimming Lessons And Pool Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday Mornings

9:30 - 10:00, Beginners 10:00 - 10:30, Advance Advanced

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Tuesday and Friday Morning

11:00 - 12:00 Tr. and Sr. Life Saving

Free Swimming-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2:00 - 3:00 — hoys 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 Thory—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 wilder-ness. We must not be still while there is yet one such cry.

ness. 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 eo simple that out of the millions of voices of America and the millions crying in the milderness, each voice would listen intently to one-cry and make that 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". 1-came to this earth in the plosiques twentieth century, I saw he mag-nificent opportunities be the and, whether I have conquered or not, I know that I have done my best with what God gave me to

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 Auchery; 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

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Tuesday
1:00 - 3:00 Hikes (walk or bike)
3:00 - 4:00 Free swimming or
games and grafts
Wednesday
1:00 - 2:00 softball or touch

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

- 3:00 Free swimming,

girls and boys 3:00 - 4:00 games, contests and

Friday
100-3:00 parades and contests
3.00-4.00 Bingo and games
Director Kenneth Overslaugh, Director Sandra Thorp Assistant

FFA News

FFA Banquet. the following awards presented:

Goodridge, Empire Farmer and the DeKalb Achieve-Bob

Award and ment Award

Gail Burdick, Farm Mechanics

Dairy, Farmore'

Award. Beryl Bird, the Star Greenhand Award

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

MacCrea.

Mr. Kessler gave a welcome.

Norbert Lynch presented the AndWell 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 Eur-

ope.
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 "Bobhie", was born August 25, 1946, and has three sisters and a broth-

er.
She has been active in FHA 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' Chub of Wellswille for two years.

the Future Nurses Cup or wens-ville for two years.

Her favorites include: song,
"Wives and Lovers"; hook, "Lust
for Life", food steak; color, yel-lew; and subject, biology. Her
favorite pastinges are reading and
listening to records. She is always head saying, "Not really?", and her pet reeve is people who uprate themselves.

While the matter and cience.

Mext 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, "Bobble".