

THE EAGLE CHAT

Valley View High School

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GRADE SCHOOL ENTERTAINS

Following the Grade School Graduation, Tuesday, the 1st & 2nd grades presented "The Tom Thumb Wedding." The bride was played by Duann Doty; the groom was acted by David Clifton. The minister who married them was played by David Roane.

Following this the third, fourth, fifth, & sixth grades presented an operetta called "The Children of Old Mother Goose." The boys and girls in these plays gave the Valley View audience an enjoyable evening. The "Eagle Chat" would like to compliment the teacher who worked with those plays for the fine job they did.

The eighth graders graduated Tuesday night, May 30. The procession was played by Nancy Lou Idell. Gynell Martindale and Betty Lou Henry were ushers and lit the candles. The graduates were: Dwain Hobbs, Janell Bevers, Jimmy Dyer, Charles Myers, Robert Martindale, Barbara Couch, Peggy Johnson, Thurman Martin, Royce Martin, Shirley Davis, Hervie Shackelford, Augustine Henely, Rosa Lee Dugger, Billy Maughan, Edgar Bierschenk, Barbara Garner, Eva Ann Mundell and Jeanne Blakey and Luther Bryant.

The high school students welcome the new freshmen to high school.

CLASS NIGHT. The seniors had their class night Thursday night, May 25.

Nancy Lou Idell played the processional; the class history was given by Gynell Godwin; introduction of seniors, Leon Brazil; the senior class trip, Dorothy Gregory; the class prophecy, Donald Rose; the class will, Royce Cooley; presentation of key, Gynell Godwin; presentation of gifts, Eugene Kuntz; the

recessional, Nancy Lou Idell.

THE CLASS OF 1950 GRADUATES

The program for the Commencement Exercise was; processional, Nancy Idell; Invocation, Mr. Dayton; Salutatorian Address, Donald Rose; Special Music, Johnny Walker; Valedictorian Address, Ann Harris; Commencement Address, Dr. James Boren; Presentation of the Class, A.E. Barnes; Presentation of Diplomas & Awards, Randolph O'Brien; and Benediction, Rev. N.R. Griffin.

Mildred Couch, Elaine Wylie, Dee Clements and Kenneth Couch were ushers.

Bobbie Turner and Royce Cooley were presented the V.F.W. awards by Austin Westbrook. Mr. Barnes presented Bobbie Turner and Eugene Kuntz with the Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award. Ann Harris was awarded three scholarships and one full year subscription to the Reader's Digest. Donald Rose received a one year scholarship to any church school. Dorothy Gregory received a two year scholarship to Mary Hardin College. Eugene Kuntz received a four year athletic scholarship to Mid-Western University; "The Eagle Chat" congratulates the Seniors of 1950.

The seniors of usual, when graduated, are free to roam at will, but the seniors of this year had to stay at school because of the new ADA Bill. They will get to leave with the rest, Friday.

"The Eagle Chat" wishes everyone an enjoyable vacation. Stay out of the sun light --- and be particularly cautious of moon-light. Too much exposure to sunlight can be dangerous; too much exposure to moon-light can be fatal. Beware!

After transcribing "The Eagle Chat" I did make some corrections and did a review of the 1950 yearbook and noted some things below.

Notes; Of clarity and understanding.

I noticed it listed the names of all the 8th grade graduates but didn't list the 12th grade graduating seniors. For this reason I will list here;
Billy Kirchenbauer, Joyce Anderson, Royce Cooley, Betty Weatherly, Carl Wilkerson, Bobbie Turner, Harold Taylor, Dorothy Gregory, Donald Rose, Ann Harris, Eugene Kuntz, Edith Wilson, Carl Hott, Josephine Bierschenk, Yuton Harris, Geneva Belz, Gynell Godwin, James Ray Miller.

The football team didn't do well in the 1949 season (school year 1950). Won 3 games and lost 6 games. But hey.... They beat Era 60 – 0.

Apparently girls basketball had not been played for many years prior but the 1949-50 school year they played. They won only 3 district games but noted they beat Era 30 – 23 early in the season and later when played again the Eagles won 60 – 28.

The boys did Track & Field for the first time.

The ADA Bill that is mentioned I believe it might mean, "Average Daily Attendance".

A.E. Barnes, High School Principle & Social Studies, football coach.

Leon Brazil, Vocational Agriculture instructor.

Randolph O'Brien, Superintendent.

The advertising in the back of the 1949-50 yearbook I intended to only mention a few home businesses but kinda got carried away with it.

The Valley View National Bank – "The Bank of Personal Service", owned and operated by home people.

Kile Feed Store – This would be Oma Kile and years later he and his wife Tisha Mae would operate Kile Taylor Shop on the south side of the town square.

Turner's Grocery and Market – "We appreciate your business", This is the family business of Clem & Leta Belle Turner who are parents of Bobbie Turner listed in the article.

Leazer-Keel Funeral Home – At this time in Gainesville, but has tie-ins to Valley View funeral home of families of Newton, Leazer, etc.

Schmitz Machine Shop – A. J. Schmitz who operated his business in the location where Barry Turner has his shop today.

Weseman's Market & Café – Local family.

Mill's Radio Service – Norman Mills who operated a TV, Radio repair shop in Valley View.

Grundy Cleaners – Local business in Valley View.

Swift & Company Gin – Local gin on west side of town.

City Barber Shop – "Your Patronage Is Appreciated" this would be Morgan Browning operating where the Bluebonnet Café operates today.

Miller's Pharmacy – "Where Friends Meet" this is the Valley View Drug Store where One13 Collaborative operates today.

Gregory Feed & Seed – Old feed mill in Valley View which was located just north of the Church of Christ. Note:

This is owned by Chig & Beulah Gregory and their daughter, Dorothy Gregory is a senior listed in the article.

B & M Grocery – “More Merchandise For Less Money”, This is Bundy & Masten business which operated on the south side of our town square.

Hudspeth’s Trucking Company – Local family which built the sheet metal building on northwest corner of our town square that was for a time used as the City Barn in much later years. This business gathered cattle from local farmers, ranchers and transported to the stock yards in Fort Worth.

Flint’s Dry Goods – “Your Business Is Always Appreciated”, I feel sure this business operated on the south side of our town square.

Clampitt’s Grocery & Market – “Our Pleasure Is To Serve You”, cannot speak to its location in Valley View.

Nichols Motor Company – Chevrolet house, Goodyear Tires, Texaco Gas Station, Valley View water works, “Congratulation to the Seniors of 1950”.

A special “Thank You” to Bill Maughan who passed a copy of “The Eagle Chat” from 1950 to me.

Best Regards,

Norman L. Newton, 12/15/2023