

Some years after the French Revolution had run its course, a very famous Frenchman, who had been a young man "Sic, what did you do during the Revolution?" The Frenchman answered: "I was considered an important man in my day, but I could not live through it."

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By G. R. A.

What Is More Impressive Than A Graduating Class?

Last Sunday evening, together with other parents and boys and girls being graduated in this year's Baldwin high school senior class, I sat with Mrs. A. W. in Birmingham First Baptist church, where haccaraunt services were held. It was a most fitting and my life that I attended a service of this nature; the other two times being when sons Bill and John, at 12, in a motor cap and gown, listened to the combined local clergy as they intoned Christian wisdom into the consciousness of graduating classes.

The occasion last Sunday evening included daughter Susan, who 17 years ago last March 11, made her first baby cry right here in Birmingham; the year's have passed along all so rapidly, and now she, too, has reached that stage in her life where beckon those paths that, what lead so much away from the home of her early youth.

Life is life. It always has been and will be so. Nature is one of growth, growth from infant helplessness to adult self-reliance. So, too, is the fullness of the stature of men and women; and that makes many parents at times wistful and a bit sad.

But that was a grand sight last Sunday evening, as those maroon and boys and white-capped girls, tasselled mortarboard hats, walked down the church aisle to seats arranged in front of the altar. There is any profession that a community can stage that is more deeply impressive than the parade of a graduating class.

So, from local public schools, I "three hopefuls" I hope to live to see them graduate from college university. And I hope to see them, I also hope, will cometh the grandchildren who, as they run the course of our lives, will similarly affect their own parents or this is the cycle of life; it is part of the American way.

Daughter Susan Ponders Our Public School Values

For 17 years I have waited for the day when my daughter Susan would write something to fill the column, or partly fill it. That day came last week when the Baldwin High school annual, the Piper, came off the press, and in the front portion of it was an editorial which she, as editor-in-chief, had written. With I hope, the pardonable pride of a fond Dad, I'm re-printing her notions on a subject that perplexes many adults today. So here are her ponderable thoughts.

"We people of the United States are lucky! We live under the most perfect government ever conceived for the benefit of mankind. We are at liberty to think, speak, worship, and write as we please. We are not taxed on our property. We have all these priceless heritages—democracy! When we are born, we are given a certain number of years. It depends upon the individual whether he makes the most of these opportunities or lets them pass.

"Our parents start us out in life with the opportunity of learning obedience, courage, cooperation, and loyalty. Then we are sent to school, primarily to further our education. However, the school offers much more than mental training; it offers a multitude of opportunities.

"To learn the fundamentals of the democratic way, we students receive good citizenship through participation in school affairs. We are given a voice in school government and are encouraged to take responsibilities.

"In a program of athletics, we learn to build strong bodies and learn good sportsmanship and teamwork. We learn to compete hard, to take defeat and to win gracefully.

"When we go to school, we meet many kinds of people and learn to get along with them. We are moulded into a brotherhood, with individual and mutual respect. We learn to be courteous, to be kind and companionable. We are encouraged to realize the best that is in us, and to realize the best of others. We have worked to the best of our ability to achieve the goals we have set for ourselves. We are proud of the form of graduation and honors.

"We are also in the world today would we have all these opportunities? We're all a part of the same life, and we're all doing the same thing. We thank God for the things that make these possible: the schools, the teachers, the parents for our environment, and our country for democracy!"

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Traffic Mishaps Take 3 Lives In 3 Days

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Board Organizes Wednesday Night; Officers Re-elected

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Non-Drafted Service Men Names Listed

Names of 107 men in Birmingham, Birmingham and Troy townships, who are members of the U. S. armed forces by enlistment or voluntary choice were revealed at the draft office here this week.

One Eagle Badge Given at Court

Boys Scouts of Birmingham held their annual spring Court of Honor at the Community House last Friday. A capacity crowd of Scouts and friends attended.

Own Radio Station Suggested for City

A home-owned police radio station for Birmingham is contemplated, it was revealed at the City Commission meeting Monday night.

Invite Public to See Fire Equipment

An invitation to the public to inspect the Birmingham Fire Department was issued this week by Chief V. W. Griffith. The engine house and quarters in the Municipal Building will be open after hours on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Water Tank Delay?

The City Commission Monday night.

Club Buys Defense Bond

The first organization in Birmingham to subscribe to the government drive to buy defense bonds was the Lions Club. Shown here are RALPH A. MAIN, PRESIDENT RICHARD H. FLEMING, P. C. BURNETT, cashier of the Birmingham National Bank, and ROBERT M. GAW, all club members. The club invested \$74 in the bond and will collect \$100 in 12 years.

Graduation Held at Bloomfield No. 5

Annual eighth-grade commencement exercises were held tonight at the Bloomfield Village School (Bloomfield District No. 5), with Dr. Ralph L. Lee, of Birmingham, public relations officer of the Greater Detroit School Board.

Summer Playfields Will Open June 23

Opening date of the summer recreation program has been set at June 23, but before that time, there will be a Leadership Conference starting next Wednesday afternoon at the city auditorium.

Bender-Warrick Plans Expansion

The Bender-Warrick Company, which now operates a small factory making electrical controls in the city, is planning to expand its operations by building a new plant in East Farmington, just outside the city limits.

Conditions in America Like in France Before Her Collapse, Says Doctor

America is now getting a sample of the disintegration which befell France before her collapse, Dr. Wentz said.

Get Fire Service

The City has renewed a contract with the Birmingham Golf Club, which has been in effect for 10 years.

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Graduation This Evening Under Lights

The end of high school life for 107 seniors in the June graduating class at Baldwin High will come this evening when Commencement Exercises will be held at 8 o'clock under the new floodlights at Hester Field.

California Man Scheduled to Give Principal Address

The Baldwin High band directed by Arnold W. Burnett, will play the opening march at the evening ceremony.

City Will Require Citizenship Proof of All Employees

No new developments appeared last week in the request of Birmingham D. P. W. workers for greater wage increases than those granted by the City Commission in its new budget.

College Student Deferment Asked

Several requests for deferment of college students have been received at the Birmingham Selective Service office, it was learned this week.

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Rural Book Truck Model

Mrs. Henry James, of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs, chairman of Home Economic Extension service, and Mrs. Warren C. Pratt, of Birmingham, president of the Oakland County Federation of Women's Clubs, announce a model bookmobile made by a Scotch Carolina WPA project and loaned here.

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