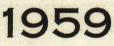
Programme

OF THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT





MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Thursday evening, June fourth --- seven o'clock

PROCESSIONAL
INVOCATION
CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESSRobert Hadden
American Prayer—StockMixed Chorus Accompanist, Ann Swartz
ORATIONGeorgenia Hopkinson
Let There Be Music—Williams
ORATIONJoanne Yanosik
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
Presentation of DiplomasDr. J. K. McCarrell
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERV. M. Smith
ADDRESS-YouDr. T. K. Cowden Dean of Agriculture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
BENEDICTIONRev. W. A. Hadden
RECESSIONAL

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Rosalie Antonioli Nancy Beaumariage Nancy Cowden Donna Errett GEORGENIA HOPKINSON RUTH RUSSELL HAROLD SNYDER RICHARD WHITE

JOANNE YANOSIK

CLASS OFFICERS

President	Robert Hadden	Class Flower
Vice President	Dale Wilson	Red Rose
Secretary	Georgenia Hopkinson	Class Colors
Treasurer	MICHAEL SOLTIS	Black and White

CLASS MOTTO

Experience is a hard teacher. She gives the test first; the lesson afterwards.

Hickory has been known as a "school and residence town" for a century. The history of our school certainly carries out that description.

Early in 1913, the Board of Education of Mount Pleasant Township decided that the high school, organized in 1902, must be expanded and modernized. About the same time, the state of Pennsylvania was planning to set up a vocational education program on the secondary level. Fortunately, the two groups were able to combine ideas, and Hickory was selected as the location for one of the first five vocational high schools in our state.

The first class was graduated from this building in 1916; the last class is leaving tonight. In all, a total of 1,504 graduates.

Our school has been a leader in many fields:

The Future Farmers of America was organized here in 1929. That same year the state of Pennsylvania recognized the Future Farmers of America. This makes the "H. G. Parkinson" Chapter of Mt. Pleasant Township High School one of the first to be recognized in the state.

Many people in our township will remember the "kid-wagons," horse-drawn vehicles which transported children to our schools. Our school was among the first in the state to provide transportation.

The first May Day Pageant was presented thirty-five years ago, May 30, 1924 and has become a tradition to thousands who have attended the programs.

For many years, the community joined with the school in Memorial Day exercises. These programs were made memorable by the band, chorus, soloists, and speakers who participated.

Our school outgrew its original building, and, in 1922, it was necessary to add six rooms, and to rearrange the facilities of the vocational education departments.

In 1933, for the first time, we had a commercial department. This department has grown and offers an excellent business education. In 1937, the commercial students helped compile the first Year Book, but that activity was soon taken over by the Senior Class. The Commercial department continues to publish monthly the student newspaper, The Rocket. This activity was started in 1947.

Many students feel that election to the National Honor Society is the crowning achievement of a high school career. Our chapter was organized in 1948. One hundred students, exemplifying the qualities of Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service, have been selected for membership in the eleven years since that time.

We are proud of our record as a high school, but we will continue to be equally proud of the work that will be done in this building in the future in educating our smaller citizens.

1915	BOARD OF EDUCATION	1959
ROBERT R. HAYES	President	Dr. J. K. McCarrell
	Vice President	
C. C. COATES	Secretary	V. <u>М. Ѕм</u> ітн
	Treasurer	
JOSEPH COWDEN	Member	W. K. Allison, Jr.
I. A. COOPER.		

CLASS ROLL 1916

JANE CARLISLE LESTER LYLE ELIZABETH MCCALMONT DAVID MILLER

CLASS ROLL 1959

ROSALIE ANTONIOLI PHYLLIS BARONI CATHERINE BAUGHMAN NANCY BEAUMARIAGE WAYNE BELL DANIEL BISTARKEY RAWLEY BOONE SALLIE CARPENTER DOUGLAS COULTER NANCY COWDEN SONDRA DALLMEYER BARBARA DAVIDSON CAROLE DOUGLASS WILLIAM ENGEL DONNA ERRETT KENNETH FEHL CLIFFORD GETZ THELMA GIBSON MARGARET GILBERT ROBERT HADDEN JOHN HAVEL JAMES HERRIOTT BETTY LOU HINERMAN GEORGENIA HOPKINSON THOMAS HOPKINSON NORVILLE JENNINGS

Martha Rankin Raymond Rankin Lynette Ray Mary Stewart

DOROTHY KASTE BARBARA LOWE **JOHN LUKANSKI** DIANE MCANANY WILLIAM MCMURRAIN RALPH MOORE MARILYN MULLEN BARBARA NAGY MERLE PREVOST WESLEY REEDY RUTH RUSSELL RUTH ANN SIMPSON HAROLD SNYDER MICHAEL SOLTIS JAMES STEADMAN DIANE STEELE THELMA TAYLOR WILLIAM TUSTIN BARBARA VERMEULEN RICHARD WHITE DAVID WILLIAMS DALE WILSON **JOANNE YANOSIK** LOUISE YANOVICH IEROME ZOOG

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1915-1917	H. W. BARR	1931-1932RALPH E. THOMAS	3
1917-1931	H. L. PEDICORD	1932-1941А. С. Sтаму	
	1941-1959	G. E. BAKER	

FIRST TEACHING STAFF IN THIS BUILDING, 1915

H. W. BARR, Principal MANTIE STRAWN KATHERINE BARR MARGARET STUNKARD, Intermediate JANE H. ALLISON, Primary H. G. PARKINSON, Supervisor Agriculture MILDRED GLEASON, Supervisor Home Economics KITTIE HAYES, Asst. Supervisor Home Economics WILLIAM C. MOORE, Grammar Grades and Librarian

PRESENT FACULTY

G. E. BAKER	Assistant Supervising Principal
Elsie Cowden	
JAMES GARRY	Driver Education
Leo Gispanski	
Mrs. Frances Gundlach	
Alfred Gunter	Science
ROBERT J. LOUGHRY	Agriculture
VIRGINIA O'BRYON	Social Studies
RALDO PARASCENZO	Spanish, English
George J. Reed	Mathematics
EUGENE J. SEILING.	Health, Physical Education
MRS. MARIE SMILEY.	
EDWARD WOOD	
Mrs. Helen Johnson	
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This program, in a sense, marks the closing of an era, too. Since 1933, the Commencement programs have been printed by the same establishment—first operating as Cooper and Swartz and later the E. W. Curry Company.

Baccalaureate Service

Mt. Pleasant Township School

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY THIRTY-FIRST

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Nine Eight o'Clock

PROCESSIONAL	Joan Britt
Invocation	Rev. W. A. Hadden
"LEAD ME LORD" — Wesley	Girls' Chorus

Accompanist, Ann Swartz

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER

(then)

SERMON — "Choose Ye This Day"....Rev. Richard Morledge Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Pa.

"SOFTLY AND TENDERLY" — Thompson.....Girls' Chorus Accompanist, Ann Swartz