

Programme
OF THE
**FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
COMMENCEMENT**

1959



**MOUNT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL**

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Thursday evening, June fourth — seven o'clock

PROCESSIONAL	Band
INVOCATION	Rev. Joseph Laboon
CLASS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS	Robert Hadden
<i>American Prayer</i> —Stock	Mixed Chorus
	<i>Accompanist, Ann Swartz</i>
ORATION	Georgenia Hopkinson
<i>Let There Be Music</i> —Williams	Mixed Chorus
	<i>Accompanist, Ann Swartz</i>
ORATION	Joanne Yanosik
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	H. L. Pedicord
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	Dr. J. K. McCarrell
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	V. M. Smith
ADDRESS— <i>You</i>	Dr. T. K. Cowden
	Dean of Agriculture, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
BENEDICTION	Rev. W. A. Hadden
RECESSIONAL	Band

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ROSALIE ANTONIOLI	GEORGENIA HOPKINSON
NANCY BEAUMARIAGE	RUTH RUSSELL
NANCY COWDEN	HAROLD SNYDER
DONNA ERRETT	RICHARD WHITE

JOANNE YANOSIK

CLASS OFFICERS

President	ROBERT HADDEN	<i>Class Flower</i>
Vice President	DALE WILSON	Red Rose
Secretary	GEORGENIA HOPKINSON	<i>Class Colors</i>
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

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CLASS ROLL 1916

JANE CARLISLE
LESTER LYLE
ELIZABETH McCALMONT
DAVID MILLER

MARTHA RANKIN
RAYMOND RANKIN
LYNETTE RAY
MARY STEWART

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
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WILLIAM ENGEL
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MARGARET GILBERT
ROBERT HADDEN
JOHN HAVEL
JAMES HERRIOTT
BETTY LOU HINERMAN
GEORGENIA HOPKINSON
THOMAS HOPKINSON
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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
JEROME ZOOG

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1915-1917.....H. W. BARR	1931-1932.....RALPH E. THOMAS
1917-1931.....H. L. PEDICORD	1932-1941.....A. C. STAMY
1941-1959.....G. E. BAKER	

FIRST TEACHING STAFF IN THIS BUILDING, 1915

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

PRESENT FACULTY

G. E. BAKER.....	Assistant Supervising Principal
ELSIE COWDEN.....	English, Dramatics
JAMES GARRY.....	Driver Education
LEO GISPANSKI.....	Commercial, General Science
MRS. FRANCES GUNDLACH.....	Home Economics
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.....	Commercial
EDWARD WOOD.....	Vocal Music, Band
MRS. HELEN JOHNSON.....	School Nurse

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

PROCESSIONALJoan Britt

INVOCATION.....Rev. W. A. Hadden

“LEAD ME LORD” — *Wesley*.....Girls' Chorus
Accompanist, Ann Swartz

SCRIPTURE READING

PRAYER

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

“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY” — *Thompson*.....Girls' Chorus
Accompanist, Ann Swartz

BENEDICTION.....Rev. Richard Morledge

RECESSIONALJoan Britt