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Dr. Julius Bixler, president of Colby College, gave a most encouraging graduation address last night as he explained to the Class of 1943 of Lewiston High School, Where We Go From Here. In addition to Dr. Bixler's address, three of the honor students of the class gave their essays.

William H. Clifford, chairman of the Androscoggin County War Savings Committee, presented a Minute Man Flag to Prin. Linwood J. Kelley in recognition of the wonderful record the students have accomplished in the sale of stamps and bonds. Then Robert Maliar, president of the class, presented Mr. Kelley with a sum of money to purchase a memorial for the members of the class already in the service.

Dr. Bixler

Dr. Bixler's topic was "Where Do We Go From Here?" and his answer to that question was "into more education". Whatever you do after graduation, he told the seniors, whether it is war, further study at college or defense work, it is going to prove educational.

Ways in which this education will be different were outlined concisely by Dr. Bixler. Where in the past the students have been passively receiving knowledge they will now progress to an actively shared life, and in the case of the boys going into service they will be taking part in the greatest crusade the world has ever known.

They will turn from learning through words to learning through bitter emotion, and from life as an individual student to experience where they will find out about the tension in society which brings about such things as the current war.

Dr. Bixler closed with the hope that the seniors would carry their education out into the world with them, continue it and then come back to the life of ideas and unifying them.

Madeleine Giguere

Miss Madeleine Giguere, first student speaker, talked of what lies ahead for the youth of America in her address, "Frontiers of the Future". "Today", she said, "the frontier and all it stood for in American ideals is gone. There are no terrestrial oceans or new continents for us to explore and colonize, but in the field of science there are many new frontiers to be conquered.

Miss Giguere suggested a few of the possibilities which challenge the future pioneer—the isolation of the microbe which causes the common cold, the discovery of a cure for advanced cancer, and development of the full power contained in the sun and the ocean.

Cecilia Butler

William Wordsworth's great poem, "The Happy Warrior", provided the inspiration and title for an address given by Miss Cecilia Butler, daughter of the late John J. Butler, former principal of Lewiston high school.

Miss Butler based her remarks on the principles of Wordsworth's warrior—to choose your vocation wisely, have confidence in your ability and the determination to achieve success; to keep an open mind, increasing your knowledge from experience; to avoid arbitrary or dogmatic ideas; and to be honorable in all dealings with your fellow man.

Clement Hiebert

"Learning to Live Together" was the subject of an idealistic address by Clement Hiebert, class orator, who foresaw a new community of mankind rising out of the ashes of today's destruction, a community where "the freedoms expressed in the Atlantic Charter shall be translated into reality for all peoples, regardless of their race, color or nationality".

"The greatness of our country has always been this spirit of concord among all peoples", said Mr. Hiebert. "Looking no farther than our own City of Lewiston, we see French-Canadians and Yankees living side by side in mutual sympathy".

But, he continued, it is not enough to understand. We must practise that understanding. Likewise, freedom must extend until it has encompassed all mankind, for it is only by giving it to others that we shall keep it for ourselves.

Two seniors were heard in pleasing vocal solos, Alma Angela Pasquale singing "Carmena" by Wilson and Maurice Carbonneau singing "Because" by Guy d'Hardelot. Mr. Carbonneau's splendid singing at the senior class banquet Thursday evening prompted his inclusion on the graduation program.

Other musical features were selections by the orchestra and band under direction of Alton L. Robinson. Orchestra numbers were "Fifth Symphony" by Beethoven and "Die Meistersinger" by Wagner; the band number, a medley of Victor Herbert favorites.

The class ode, words by Barbara Helen Bartlett and music by Phyllis Clare Barron, was sung at the close of the program.

Robert O. Mallar, senior class president, presided throughout the evening. The invocation was delivered by Rev. A. I. Oliver, D.D.

Annual Awards

Prin. Linwood J. Kelley introduced a real surprise into the evening's program by the announcement of a new award, to be made each year from now on to the ten highest ranking members of the class. The awards are gold medals, but due to an unavoidable delay these had not arrived and in their places Mr. Kelley substituted individually inscribed tokens which are to be replaced by the medals as soon as they arrive.

The seniors receiving these medals Friday evening were, in alphabetical order, Cecilia Butler, Mariette Corriveau, Gladys Friedler, Marguerite Gervais, Madeleine Giguere, Clement Hiebert, Lillian Lown, Catherine MacPhee, Florence Palmer and Yvette Poulin.

National Honor Society pins were awarded to Phyllis Clare Barron, Cecilia Mary Butler, Gladys Friedler, Charlotte Louise Grant, Joan Teresa Haley, Natalie Doris Isaacson, Rohna Anna Isaacson, Shirley Gail Isaacson, Pauline Marie Kavanaugh, Lillian Lown, Gilles Romeo Morin, Louis John Palman, Beatrice Hope Ross, Jean Eleanor Snowe, Guy Nelson Turcotte, Madeleine Dinora Giguere, Clement Arthur Hiebert, Idalene Elise Walker, Gwendolyn Bramson, Jacqueline Eccles Coventry, Patricia Mary Drake, Patricia Anne Durgin, Julien Lionel Giguere, William Joseph Leahey, Geraldine Eva Lord, Florence Louise Palmer, Eugene Albert St. Pierre, Arline Bernice Tankle, Gisele G. Boucher, Marguerite Therese Carrier, Mariette T. Corriveau, Marguerite

Blanche Gervais, Lorraine Theresa Landry, Catherine Angela MacPhee, Robert Osborne Maliar, Shirley May Maynard, Frances Pauline Palman, Yvette Therese Poulin and Henriette Therese Roberge.

Other awards were made as follows:

Cecilia Butler, Jean Snowe and Clement Hiebert, degree of distinction in the National Forensic League; Mary Theresa Crowley, degree of excellence in the league.

Jean Snowe, Washington Medal prize speaking medal.

Gilles Morin, the Bausch-Lomb medal for high rank in biology, chemistry and physics.

Clement Hiebert, Rensselaer Polytechnic medal for high rank in mathematics, chemistry and physics.

Charlotte Grant, the Greely scholarship, half-year tuition at Bates College.

Pauline Kavanaugh, the D. A. R. Good Citizenship certificate, awarded for scholarship, service and popularity.

Honor Students

Honor students of the class, those having an average of 90 or over, were Phyllis Clare Barron, Cecilia Mary Butler, Gladys Friedler, Charlotte Louise Grant, Natalie Doris Isaacson, Rohna Anna Isaacson, Shirley Gail Isaacson, Pauline Marie Kavanaugh, Lillian Lown, Barbara Selma Supovitz, Madeleine Dinora Giguere, Clement Arthur Hiebert, Florence Louise Palmer, Simonne Theresa Begin, Gisele G. Boucher, Marguerite Therese Carrier, Mariette T. Corriveau, Marguerite Blanche Gervais, Dorothy Mary Grondin, Joan Teresa Haley, Catherine Angela MacPhee, Shirley May Maynard, Frances Pauline Palman, Yvette Therese Poulin and Henriette Therese Roberge.

Dr. William H. Chaffers of the Lewiston Board of Education, presented the diplomas to the graduating class.

Pauline Marcous served as chief of the corps of girl ushers from the Junior class, which included Jean Bouffard, Justine Brownstone, Pauline Chaffers, Cecile Comeau, Geraldine Croteau, Patricia Curran, Mildred Dubuc, Betty Filiettaz, Muriel Fortin, Maureen Kavanaugh, Cecile Levesque, Arlene Longergan, Marguerite Longley, Irene Mallhot, Beverly Malia, Norma McLeod, Ruth Murphy, Doris Nelson, Georgette Parent, Kay Penney, Irene Provencher, Virginia Stevens and Beverly Supovitz.

General dancing followed the program.

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