



Ten Norton classmates who went from first grade through their senior year of high school were: back row, left to right, Don Schneider, LaDon Eppinger, Duane Hickman, Jerry Butler, Jim Melroy. Front row, left to right, Donna Scarlett, Patsy Ward, Esther Marie Phillips, Anna Marie Robben, Shirley Mathers
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Graduation speeches from 1947 recalled

Graduation Speech delivered May 14, 1947
By ESTHER PHILLIPS

Parents, faculty, friends: Four years ago we, the class of 1947, entered NCHS as freshmen. Each year seemed to gain momentum as it went past. Now, before we leave this school we wish to pause a few minutes to look back over the past four years in order to relive in a brief way, at least part of our high school days.

We have enjoyed the blessings which a benevolent state has bestowed upon her children — a free education. We have received freely that which our forefathers obtained only with many sacrifices and much labor. Whether or not we have derived all the advantages of our high school life is a matter between each of us and his own conscience. The fact that we will receive our diplomas tonight proves that we have put forth efforts, worked and studied for the past four years in order to fulfill the requirements set forth by that state. We hope that we have learned our lessons well and are now prepared to take our places in the world.

High school has meant to us a place to find ourselves; to find what is really under that skin of ours. Before we entered school our parents were our guides. Their continued guidance has been an inspiration to us. They have been leaders in a community which has given us many advantages. Our teachers and classes further guided our minds in learning. Sports and school activities have broadened our outlook on life.

During these four years we have learned that to live for the most in life means that we cannot live for ourselves alone. If we wish real success we must work and build together. More important than any personal achievement any of us may have obtained during our years in high school is the great lesson of teamwork.

We of our class were born during the years of depression. We have grown up during the terrible glorious years of the second World War. We realize, at least in part, the struggle our elders made to retain for us the wonderful gift of freedom that is our heritage as Americans. It is a great joy to know that we shall soon be able to take part of that burden on our own shoulders. To assume the responsibility before us is a great and grave undertaking.

As citizens of the nation that today holds a great secret at the beginning of the atomic age, high school students, who are America have their chance to help shape the future. We hope that future may mean peace and one world.

Someone has said that nine tenths of efficiency is preparedness. For some of us, tonight marks the end of formal preparation; to others it means only a gateway to institutions of learning. A mind like a parachute is no good unless it is open. In the years to come, let us remember then regardless of whether or not we are enrolled in school, it is vastly important to keep an open mind. Only by so doing can we hope to be able to help untangle and solve the big problems that are before the world today.

The highest aim of education is to enable a man to continue his learning. Everything that marks an end also marks a beginning. So it is with our education. What we have learned at school, valuable as it is, is only a beginning. The end of our school work merely means the commencement of those experiences which will put to the test the principles we have learned.

Thank you.
And Now — Tomorrow
Graduation Speech delivered May 14, 1947
By DON SCHNEIDER
Tonight is an important occa-

sion for each of us. Some of us have looked forward to this night. Others have dreaded it. But regardless of our feelings we all realize we are just starting life. Commencement, not completion, is what this occasion is called. The end of one task is the commencing of another.

Graduation from high school is only a small accomplishment. Rather than triumph we feel a greater responsibility of life to come.

Our thoughts tonight are in the future. Will we become future successes or future failures?

Success is desired and sought by everyone. Whether it be financial success or otherwise there is only one basic way we may achieve it in the field of work we choose.

The graduates of Norton Community High School tonight are faced with somewhat different problems than graduates of recent years. Science has had a great development during the past ten, even five years. Jobs are being changed and research is changing them more all of the time. We are in need of scientists to develop more the resources and industry of our great country. Some from this class will choose the field of science for their life's work.

Most of the girls of this class will become homemakers. Since our present concept of civilization rests on the home and family, the responsibility of the homemaker is a great one and her success is beneficial.

It is now evident that a great factor in world peace is the ability to trade peacefully. In this country there is a great problem of commerce. Educated men and women are needed to establish and operate a satisfactory system of commerce.

In midwestern United States farming is one of the most important occupations. Many boys of this class have been trained for four years so that they could become farmers. Some of them will begin now. Others will go on to school and learn still more about the science of agriculture. To produce and provide the United States and the world with food and grain is one of the most important and essential needs.

The field of religion will attract some of our graduates. With the help of this teaching, we will more nearly arrive at the universal peace we all so earnestly seek.

Many of us will go on with our school work and attend some college or university. By doing this we hope to increase our knowledge, to attain a cultural background and to become skilled in our chosen field.

There are countless other occupations the members of this class might follow. We cannot name them all. I would like to — from a graduate's inexperienced standpoint of view — express myself on what I think is one of the greatest secrets to success.

A person that has some special talent or is especially brilliant in some certain work, will, no doubt, be a success. But, not everyone can attain success by such talents.

Many men fail not because of external opposition, but because of improper use of their own ability. Many people lament that they lack means of success. The real road to success is to work and make the most of such means as we have. People want short cuts to education, prominence and wealth. These persons have an eye for the ridge pole, but not for the foundation.

We must look ahead with our heights in mind but also with a firm foundation for these thoughts.

Conditions may be against us, hard knocks may be our portion, but our thoughts should be upon the fulfillment of our purpose.

Circumstances and fate are powerful. Sometimes it may appear that we are predestined to be helplessly beaten. But it is certain a resolute heart can and will change that which seems to be impossible to change.

With this thought always in the minds of each member of the graduating class, we should accomplish all we set out to accomplish.

Working hard and proficiently in the field we choose will bring success in the end. As Andrew Carnegie once said, "No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself."

Sixty years of memories to unfold here

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delivered a speech on "Preparation". Don Schneider also spoke that day. His topic was "And Now — Tomorrow".

Members of the graduating class: Patricia Adams, Darlene Boxberger*, LeRoy Brown, Jerry Butler, Lowell Cochran, Mary Cox*, DeWayne Davis*, Wilbur Dunavan*, LaDon Eppinger*, Richard Esslinger*, Ethel Green-

wood, Phyllis Hager*, Paul Hansen, Donald Harmonson*, Marie Havens*, Donald Hemphill, Duane Hickman*, Alvin Hisey*, James Laws, James Maddy, Shirley Mather, Rosemary McClelland, Robert McKinley*, David James Melroy*, Margaret Nichol, Esther Phillips, Irvin Phillips, Anna Robben, Dean Roberts*, Denton Saltzman*, Gayle Sanderson,

Glenn Sanson*, Donna Scarlett, Donald Schneider, Virgil Severns, Miladeen Shaw, Nadine Shoemaker, Billie Smith*, John Snyder, Kenneth Snyder, Eddie Stewart, Russell Stoneman*, Joyce VanCura, Don Ward, Patricia Ward, William Whistler, Carman Wiltrout and Zeta Wray. (* denotes deceased)

Donation forms for park readily available

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The donation form for the Norton County Community Foundation can be found at www.discoverNorton.com. For donations to this project, please check downtown restoration. Donations made for the park are tax

deductible.

Mrs. Nelson said they have received some donations.

"We've had wonderful support from everyone," she said. "We appreciate it."

Other members of the committee include Elaine Johnson, Judy Holzappel, Carolyn Applegate,

Connie Glenn, Collette Miller and Mary Strutt. Teresa Stewart, she said, was instrumental in helping the group get started. David Riemann is also helping.

For more information on the Downtown Restoration Committee, contact one of the committee members.

Popularity of Pigskin Pick-Em continues

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Moore, Tim Moore, Randy Springer, all of Hoisington; Dwight Vallin, Long Island; Turner Linner, Sydney Brands, Darrell Moore, Clint Lowry, all of Alma; Denise Bailey, Shayle Bailey, all of Norcat; Tom Davis, Georgie Rorabaugh, Anastasia Foley, Douglas Daniels, Tom Baumann, Johanna Holmes, Craig Foley, Rick Green, Deb Thiele, all of Norton.

Missing two games were: Matthew Berneking, Salina; Evelyn Springer, Andy Moore, both of Hoisington; Jim Springer, Long Island; Julie Hilburn, Kristen Brands, Sandi Winchell, all of Alma; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; David Riemann, Lynn Nelson, Charlotte Stephenson, Chriselle Thomson, Jeris Norman, Diana Smith, Marj Allen, Baylee Miller, all of Norton.

Correct on all but three games were: Lucas Bailey, Mark Bailey, both of Norcat; Foster Brands, Marilyn Lowry, both of Alma; Barbara Springer, Hoisington; Darrel West, Dalton Miller, Deanna Gallentine, Tracey Sproul, J.J. Terrell, Linda Matson, Kama Mandl, Nathan Morse, all of Norton.

Miscuing on four games were: Ann Becker, Lenora; Linda Covington, Alma; Dustan

Daniels, Wilma Wiseman, Killian McMullen, Mary Ann Hager, Misty Nuzum, Rosalie Schulze, Virginia Carlton, all of Norton.

Fans missing five games were: Kenney Leiker, Hays; Laurie Cliff, Patty Gall, Erin Hill, all of Norton.

This week's entries

The second week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. on Friday. See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's *Telegram* for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy. The defending champion is Mary Ann Hager of Norton. Scores of last week's games were:

Smith Center 60, Norton 0
Trego Community 33, Ellis 26;
Phillipsburg 21, Plainville 8
Palco 58, Northern Valley 12
Logan 68, Western Plains 32
Kansas 52, Central Michigan 7
Auburn 23, Kansas State 13
Nebraska 52, Nevada 10
Georgia 35, Oklahoma State 14

TCU 27, Baylor 0
California 45, Tennessee 31

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