

## VALEDICTORY

Parents, members of the faculty, members of the school board and friends.

We, the graduating seniors of the class of 1945 are bringing to a close our High School days. We can truly say they have brought knowledge to us as well as enjoyment and we are deeply grateful to our parents who have kept us in school and to the teachers who have so patiently put up with our adolescent pranks and have endeavored to import education to us.

We have enjoyed spending our high school days in such a fine modern building and we hope that we have contributed in some small way to Mr. Hutton's tireless effort to keep the High School grounds in such fine condition as to win the praise of Mr. Condie, State High School Supervisor, who said on a recent visit here that New Plymouth has one of the finest kept High School buildings in Idaho. The School Board receives our thanks also for providing us with fine equipment and backing us in our activities.

After graduation we are faced by a dark and yet a bright future. By the dark future I mean the war which we are all praying will terminate soon and by the still brighter future I mean the years after the war, when the world will live and work in peace for the betterment of all mankind.

We cannot accurately predict what tomorrow's world holds for us seniors, for there have been so many rapid advancements in today's world that it is hard to visualize coming changes.

For example let's review some modern achievements.

Science has taken the first strides in the fields of plastics and synthetics. Television and radar are also in the inventive stages.

Aeronautics has advanced from the Wright's Brothers and Lindbergh's planes to today's Lockheed P-38 and Boeing's B-29, the latter which can be changed to a cargo carrying plane that will transport goods all over the world.

Automobiles have progressed

from the famous Model T to the streamlined Ford V-8.

Jet propulsion is the latest progress taken in engines.

Every home is equipped with modern appliances which make every day tasks easier.

Even schools have progressed from the little red school house to the modern consolidated schools.

New fields and opportunities are opening in every line of endeavor and we Seniors realizing this are facing the future with clear heads and steady hands prepared to meet any problem arising in the future.

We also realize that the road ahead is not a path of roses, but is filled with many obstacles and discouragements which can only be overcome by using to the fullest extent the knowledge, patience, cooperation, and good sportsmanship learned by us in High School.

In attaining our goals we will realize and appreciate more and more the efforts and sacrifices of our parents and teachers in helping us to obtain the benefits of a high school education, that will help us to become God fearing and law abiding citizens of the future.

We, Seniors may be a small stream in the river of today but watch that stream for it's launched on its way to the sea of success in the world of tomorrow.

## BERT PEARSON

The entire High School mourned the death of our coach and Science teacher, Bert Pearson, who's death came as a result of ulcers of the stomach. While on his way to Ontario, Saturday, April 28, he became ill and was rushed to the Ontario hospital. Several students donated blood.

He died May 1, at 7:55 A.M. Funeral services were held at the St. Alcyon church, May 4, at 10 A.M. School was closed Friday.

Bert had won the love and respect of the entire high school in his one year. His team won many trophies and his high standard of sportsmanship will live forever in the hearts of those who knew him.

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