

NORTH TEXAS COLLEGE

GIRLS GET DIPLOMAS

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS EXERCISES AT SHERMAN SCHOOL

Many Features in Connection with Class-Day Program, Including Love-Feast and Will.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.

Sherman, Tex., May 20.—This morning at 10 o'clock in the auditorium of North Texas College the commencement exercises of that institution were held. The auditorium was well filled with interested friends and relatives of the graduates and the exercises were interesting.

Miss Blanche McLendon took her station at the pipe organ and began the strains of the march, then at the door appeared two young ladies bearing strands of tamaric. These were followed by others and all came down to the stage, forming an aisle through which the lines of graduates, headed by Mrs. Key, passed and took their places upon the stage. Each of the graduates carried a single long-stemmed American Beauty rose.

After prayer by Rev. J. M. Binkley, Miss McLendon again played a pipe organ number with piano accompaniment. The salutatory, "Public Schools in the Dawn of Our History," by Miss Sue Barron, was an interesting paper. Miss Barron went back to the earliest days of Texas and pointed out as one of the reasons of the Texans' discontent under the rule of Mexico, the absence of public school advantages, following this with a complete history of the battle for better public school facilities down to the present day.

"Women in Industry," an essay by Miss Irene Snodgrass, was also creditable, the speaker picturing woman in the different phases of life and holding up the most desirable, according to her views.

The valedictory, "The Young Woman of Today," by Miss Mabel Colbert, was heard with rapt attention. Miss Colbert brought out some strong points, among other things for woman's rights.

Dr. Knickerbocker's Address.

Dr. Knickerbocker then addressed the audience. He said he had been well entertained with the sweet music and the splendid literary compositions, and, although he had argued the subject of classical music, rather upholding the proper kind of popular music.

Dr. Knickerbocker made many humorous remarks leading up to the heart of his address and kept the audience convulsed with laughter a part of the time, yet he presented a truth in all seriousness when he endeavored to show how training in the art of observation influenced the whole life. He appealed to his hearers to train their minds and hearts to see the beautiful in life rather than to seek fame and fortune in order to secure happiness.

Following Dr. Knickerbocker's address the degrees were conferred by Mrs. Key and the diplomas were distributed to the thirty graduates. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Key.

Many handsome gifts were distributed at the close of the exercises.

Class Day Exercises.

Last evening the class day exercises were held and proved a very pleasing feature of the commencement season. The reading of the class history and prophecy and class will, the giving of gifts and the love feast were all enjoyed.

Following are those who received diplomas today: Mary La Velle, Sherman; Weida Morris, Coleman; Myrtle Moss, Ennis; Edith Mathis, Wichita Falls; Ida McCollum, Valley View; Bessie Mays, Sherman; Dixie Mansker, Pottsboro; Mora Neilson, Decatur; Leonora Owens, Woodville; Leola Rigdill, Rudton, La.; Stella Salmon, Alto; Irene Snodgrass, Coleman; Lottie Settle, Amarillo; Jane Taliaferro, Madill; Alline Whitman, Caro; Leta Henslee, Celeste; Lula D. Hunter, Bullard; Bartow Morris, Eupera, Miss.; Mary Weaver, Annona; Jean Powell, Baird; Ruth Honaker, Farmersville; Ima Bess Reeves, Sherman; Vela Wright, Celeste; Katherine Sherwood, Moberly, Mo.; Constance Gilham, Nocona; Stella Connelly, Wichita Falls; Berta Smith, Gilmer; Juanita Stewardson, Sherman.