

Jones Martin, '91 of Battle Creek, in his spicy style told "Some Fads and Fancies in Modern Education." "Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow," was Miss Winifred Wells' topic and she handled it in a very pleasing and efficient manner and suggested that the Alumni Association place something in the new building and a stage curtain was suggested. The Alumni Song closed the program. The president appointed Una Moss, Ethel Powers and Lawrence Tubbs to act as committee to devise means to raise money to procure this much needed stage equipment. It was suggested that cards be sent all members requesting a contribution. The remainder of the evening was spent visiting the various rooms in the building, a social time and refreshments. Many said, it was the best Alumni meeting they had ever attended. All were delighted with the school building and the spacious gymnasium for such gatherings.

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Commencement evening, having been purified by a distant electrical storm late in the afternoon, was fine and the largest crowd that ever attended graduation exercises in Vermontville filled the auditorium or gym at the new school building which comfortably seated 450 parents and friends of the graduating class. As the march was being played by Mrs. F. E. Wilson the large class of Juniors formed a line at each outside aisle while the fourteen graduates, seven on each side, marched to their places on the beautifully decorated stage and took their seats, the Juniors taking their places at the front of the auditorium. The invocation by Rev. C. H. Phillips was followed by the Salutatory delivered in a very pleasing manner by Ruth Wheaton. The class history by Beatrice Frey telling of their doings during their four years

of high school work was very interesting. The class prophecy by Blanch Rood, Robert Gaut, and Walter Barningham was most unique and by the aid of the telephone, radio and various broadcasting stations and the screen the audience were able to hear from the class and know what they were doing in 1939—the fiftieth anniversary of graduation exercises in Vermontville. This all originated in the mind of Walter Barningham and was a very pleasing part of the exercises. Earl Briggs read the class will and no one in the Junior class was forgotten, some bequests were quite amusing. The Valedictory by Martha Zemke was an effort worthy of the speaker, worthy of the class and worthy of the occasion and will be found in full in this week's issue. K. H. Weller, secretary of the school board, presented the diplomas and Rev. D. A. Rood pronounced the benediction closing one of the best commencements in the history of Vermontville schools. The class, Superintendent Childs and the high school teachers are all to be congratulated on the success of the year's work and the closing exercises of 1929.