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SOUTH ASSEMBLY

[ca. 1948]

"Speeches
1948-51" file

I. Returning home -
Principal's office.

II. Teachers -
Excellent background a) college.
b) business.

Book story - Miss Laura Wilson

III. Compliment athletes.
All around championship
Student body participation

IV. Senior Honor Society & Quill & Scroll

Compliment those chosen.

Urging for those who missed.

Urging those who yet have a chance.
Set your goal high & your rewards & achievements will be lofty.

V. My goal "You can't make footprints on sands
of time by sitting down."

VI. Your goal, don't let it be a Hobbes Utopia,
"A Hobbes Utopia is where nobody has
anything, & you share it with everybody."



Pope:

"Each individual seeks a several goal"

Personal goal

Community "

Devotion:

Story of sailor

Conclusion

Set your goal high - those who
have been honored have.

Make your goal an unselfish one.

Be a devoted person to your goal.

Introduction

1) Speaking here is like returning home
except previous speaking engagements ~~were~~ before
my contemporaries.

Having seen the gamut from the
7th grade through the 12th. I put in

many trying but thoroughly enjoyable

hours as a student at South. I

^{in 6 yrs} practically
guess, I knew every room and

~~every~~ unfortunately in that period of time,

for one reason or another, got to know the Principal's Office, ^{much} too
well.

During this period at South

I was fortunate to have many of the

same teachers ^{that} ~~you~~ are on the faculty

at the present time. Before going



Senior Honor Society

Scholarship
Service
Leadership
Character

Quill & Scroll

(Journalistic honor
society)

Truth
Initiative
Opportunity
Leadership
Fidelity
Enlightenment
Fellowship

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further let me say that in future years,
as you go to college or when you enter ~~the~~
business ~~world~~ you will appreciate
tremendously the excellent training you
^{a student} received while at South High. From
my own experience I can truthfully say
that when I entered the Univ. of Mich.
I was better prepared to handle the work,
because my teachers at South had so
well grounded me in the fundamentals. ~~of~~
^{fine high school}
This background was very helpful when I
went on to Yale Law School & ^{the benefits} ~~it has been~~
have carried over into my professional
work.

Some of you undoubtedly have taken



or plan to take 4 years of Latin. I did &
 although it was a chore at the time I am
 now very grateful for the benefits have more
 than compensated for the time spent. I
~~understand Miss Wilson is teaching advanced~~
~~Latin at the present time~~ Miss L Wilson
 was teaching Advanced Latin at that time
 and in our small class we had one boy
 who was a little on the humorous side,
 & not the best student. ^{after a particularly trying day in class} One day Miss Wilson
 noticed that he wrote something ^{in his left} ~~in the fly~~
 book. As class ended she called him to her
 desk & asked what he had written. He, a
 bit sheepishly, showed her and this is what
 it said, "In case of fire, throw this book in."



Being still vitally interested in high school (4)
athletics, I have been following the excellent
record South has been making this
year in athletics. Your representatives
have won the City Championship in
football and they did the same in
basketball. In ^{the} spring sports your various
teams are near the top so it appears
the All Around Championships will ^{be in the custody} ~~be in the custody~~,
as it should, ~~within the confines~~ In passing
let me compliment those of you who have
worked so diligently to achieve this honor
for your school and I wish to compliment
the student body as a whole as well as the
participants, for it is the wonderful school
spirit of each & everyone of you that makes
over the years
South's record, so enviable.



This assembly, however, is in
your fellow
honor of ~~these~~ students who have gained
distinction in ~~an~~ other fields. ~~For~~ Each of them
chosen for the Senior Honor Society or
Quill & Scroll deserves your admiration &
respect. Election to either of these societies
is a high honor and they should be
proud of their achievements. Each of you
in the audience should be proud of them.
& very happy that recognition has come
their way.

Those of you who missed making
either society should strive more diligently
in the future. Don't be ^{discouraged} ~~disappointed~~ by
an initial disappointment.



Those of you who are still eligible
in the future should do your utmost
to be as successful as those who have
been honored today. Set your goal high
and your reward will be equally lofty.

What ^{further} remarks I have to make are
equally applicable to all of you for each ^{one of you} has
a long life ahead. Some years ago
I read a short quip that has stuck with
me & it has been sort of a guiding light
in my own approach to living. I don't
recall the author but here is what he said,
"You can't make footprints on the sands of
time by sitting down." Set your goal
high & then keep moving toward it.



"Each individual seeks a several goal." Pope.

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In setting your goal don't limit it to a Hobbes Utopia. "A Hobbes Utopia is where nobody has anything, & you share it with everybody." Make your

aim ~~goal~~ a true American goal. Pope, (1688-1744 Most famous Eng. poet of 18th Century) the English poet; said, "Each individual seeks a several goal." You as individual

citizens of our community & of our country should have a several goal. Few ~~of us~~ ^{can be}

entirely unselfish so we do have that is human nature personal aims, ~~but~~ ^{however,} I hope that more will combine ^{desire for} ~~these~~ personal success with

a desire for community welfare. We all must feel that we are a vital part of the community, we all must do our utmost to make our community ~~a~~ ^{the} finest



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place in which to live. ~~But~~ Only by complete community participation can we achieve the goal for a better society, the kind of a society you & I want to be a part of. Don't ever feel that you as individuals can't do something for the community. All of us can & all of us must. In setting your goal in life include your community & our country, if you don't, I know you will lose much of the satisfaction you might otherwise gain.

Whatever you set as your goal ~~be~~ or whatever you do in life be truly devoted to the cause. Don't have a shallow synthetic, or false devotion. Be sincere,



be honest ~~and~~, mean what you say or do.

Speaking of devotion I am reminded of.