

DEDICATION TO THE SENIORS

We are not going to sail the stately ship of life over the tumultuous waters of fear, doubt, discontent, and all the other obnoxious difficulties encountered in life. We, the Class of '53, do not fearfully await our fate in the world of men. We do not attempt to paint a glowing picture of early morning sunrise on life, with a noonday shadow, and a final magnificent sunset.

We, the Class of '53, know that a ship manufactured of sugar, will dissolve and send us plunging down into the dark mysterious depths of this thing called life. We do not look upon life with an awesome dreading, nor with a spirit of false confidence. We realize that we are life, that we have been meeting problems daily, and in most instances, have acquitted ourselves successfully.

After graduation there is no reason why we should not continue to buck the tide and make our way as men among men. We will not be pessimistic, nor will we be optimistic. We will strive to strike a happy medium. On our shoulders are placed the problems and entanglements, which generations before us have left unraveled. We do not pretend to have a solution to the world's many problems. A few of us may make an everlasting mark in history, while the greater majority of us will be infinitesimal buds on the tree of success.

We will be men like the good Samaritan of Biblical fame. If, in the course of our life, we are presented with an opportunity to contribute to the welfare of our fellowman in any respect, we will administer kindness and consideration naturally and openheartedly.

Above all things, we will live as gentlemen. Remembering always that, "A man that's clean inside and outside; who neither looks up to the rich, nor down on the poor; who can lose without squealing; who can win without bragging; considerate of women, children and old people, who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat; and too sensible to loaf; who takes his share of the world's goods and let's other people have theirs," commands the respect and admiration of all.

We will hold true to our ideals and belief, and respect the rights of others to do the same. When duty calls, we will be blinded to all temptations and diabolical excuses which may tend to drive us off course.

In all things, we will realize that there is a Power greater than ours, that guides and watches over us at all times. Putting trust in God, and maintaining that our fellowmen are our brothers, we, the graduating Class of 1953, dedicate our lives to the service of others.