

gram, highlighted by an address by Paul Bolman of Illinois University, was further enhanced by a surprise musical program presented by Rex Hogan, high school music instructor.

Hogan, who returns to the United States Army Monday, had originally announced his girls' choral group would sing "Wings of the Morning," "Within a Dreaming Harbor," "Ave Maria" and "Beautiful Dreamer."

However, when the curtain rose, the audience was surprised to see Hogan in his army uniform and the girls dressed in patriotic colors. Under Hogan's direction, the girls sang a series of patriotic songs which drew heavy applause. An extra feature was a huge American flag which slowly unfurled above the chorus as it sang.

The high school band, directed by C. S. Porter, opened the exercises with a concert and the processional. Other musical features were Charles Ryrie's piano solo and the singing of "Where E'er You Walk" by Carl Belcher, one of the graduates.

The Rev. Robert Kemper offered invocation and benediction.

**Speaker Wins Audience**

The address by Bolman won enthusiastic applause which was a fitting compliment for the speaker's masterful delivery. Employing skillfully the fresh, breezy style and poise he has acquired from years of radio work, Bolman completely captivated his audience.

His subject was "The Man Inside" and before he had been speaking five minutes both the graduates and other members of the audience felt themselves being turned inside out.

Bolman told the graduates bluntly that human beings are prone to error and he outlined for them in a swift, gripping manner the values they must derive from the education to become a success in the world awaiting them.

"Hitch your wagon to a star," was his advice but, in the act of giving it, he hammered home some salient points concerned with the "hitching" which had an impressive effect.

Bolman found room in his address for considerable humor and he drew many chuckles as he swept along.

Bolman was introduced by Superintendent W. R. Curtis, who also presented the honor awards to the graduates. J. J. Beeby, a member of the Board of Education, presented diplomas.

Auto Stolen

Charles, an accomplished pianist, accentuated his high role in commencement proceedings last night by playing a solo on the program preceding the awarding of diplomas. It was "Troisime Ballade" Number 3 by Frederick Chopin.

**Silver Alpha Winners**

In addition to the five gold alpha winners, there were 18 graduates who received silver alphas denoting scholastic rank above 90. The group included Agnes Sharkey, Mary Chessick, Emma Jane Hickerson, Louise Lock, Moreland Voss, Don Hinrichs, Edith Wilson, Antigone Kodros, Howard Dunn, Clarence Perisho, Robert Graham, Lillian Tebow, June L. Nixon, Jack Fisher, Ray Platter, Dorothy Holt, Velma Lyons and James Coleman.

William Ash was president of the graduating class and presented the traditional cane and chain to Shelby Willis, president of the 4-1 class which will graduate in June.

Although the graduating class was officially 94 in number, only 93 students were present. One graduate, Kenny Peters, received his diploma Friday afternoon in Memorial Hospital where he is recovering from a broken arm suffered Thursday night during a swimming party at the Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. J. A. Ryrie of 1007 Henry street and her son, Charles, who departed Tuesday for the east, are spending the week-end in New York City with Mrs. Ryrie's son George, a student at Haverford College, Haverford, Pa. Next week, Charles Ryrie, who recently graduated from Alton High School, will enter Stony Brook Preparatory School, Long Island, N. Y. and George Ryrie will begin a new semester at Haverford.

**Charles Ryrie  
Valedictorian  
At Alton High**

**Heads Five Gold Alpha  
Winners With 96.8  
Average**

**94 Students Graduate**

**Paul Bolman, Illinois U.  
Radio Announcer, De-  
livers Address**

Charles Ryrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ryrie of 1007 Henry street, was valedictorian of the class of 94 Alton High School students who received diplomas at commencement exercises Friday night.

Ryrie had an average of 96.8, the highest of five which won their possessors gold alphas at the ceremony.

Jean Krinard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Krinard of 1711 Rodgers avenue, was salutatorian with a 96.5 mark. Close behind were Martha Beeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beeler of 1106 College avenue, with 95.9; Bertha Olian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Olian of 920 Main street, with 95.9; and Robert Schrimpf, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Schrimpf of 1209 East Fifth street, with 95.2.

Ryrie's rank of valedictorian brought the second high scholastic in three years to the Ryrie family, Charles' brother, George, having been salutatorian of the high school's graduating class in



# Charles Ryrie, Roosevelt Pupil Cited for 'A's'

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Student's Record Lauded  
During Assembly at  
School

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8 On High Honor Roll

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Awards Presented for  
Outstanding Work in  
Semester

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For making a straight "A" record ever since he entered Roosevelt Junior High School, Charles Ryrie was given special citation during assembly recognition ceremonies presided over by Principal Raymond Ready this morning.

Appearing on the high scholastic honor roll with him for gaining high honors during the last semester were Violet Johnson, James Stallings, Donald Hill, Jane VanBrunt, Marilyn Butler, Jane Hulmerichausen, Dolores Humphreys, and Bertha Olian.

Four were cited for preserving perfect attendance and punctuality records during the last seven semesters they have been in school. The records extended back into their grade school careers. Listed were Howard Shelton, Verline Bowman, Arthur Feller, Loretta McCormick,

Medals were awarded to a number of students for more specialized achievements.

They included:

Student Council—Dan Blodgett, Billy Harms, James Stallings, Stanley Rubenstein, Mary Sweeney, Violet Johnson, Donald Hill, Ed Blair, Maurice Taylor, Paul Wilderman.

Boys' Safety patrol—James Stallings, captain, John Ulmrich, Everett Johnisse, Robert Perryman, Stanley Rubenstein, Dan Blodgett, Russell Evans, Billy Harms, Dan Miller, William Godwin, Harold Brainard, Francis Wilkens, Jack Magee, Theodore Collins, Maurice Taylor, James Beall, Glenn Eilers, Howard Reed, Jerry Matthews, John Strickland, Ed Blair, George Sanford, Donald Hill, Howard Shelton, Carl Clark.

Ninth grade chorus—Lucille Dorris, Naomi Freeman, Thelma Hohnsbehn, Mary Moran, Charlene Myers, Mary Ellen Nickel, Mildred Owens, Stanley Rubenstein, Mary Sweeney, Eunice Wideman, Eleanor King, Virginia Spaniol, Juanita Richey, Loretta Lorch, Dorothy Phillips, Velma Early, Dan Blodgett, Maxine Bogart, Russell Evans, Bill Hayward, Betsey Marsh, Phillis Taylor, Doris Ulmrich, Violet Johnson, Alberta Warner, Maybelle Van Buskirk, Helen Wohlert.

Orchestra—Billy Harms, Hortense Unterbrink, (piano) Richard Quann, Francis Wilkens, Warner White. (Citation).

Miss Ruby Reeves gave honorable mention to the Shade and the Dugan-Lugar girls' volleyball teams.

Basketball letters went to James Stallings, Ed Blair, Thomas Bennett, Warren Elsner, and Everett Johnisse. Johnisse served as manager for the football and basketball teams.

All members of the band received bronze medals for having won second rating in the district contest here.

Harry Neidernhofer and Billy Harms were awarded gold medals for first ratings in the district solo contests, Harms a gold medal for top rating in the state, and Neidernhofer a silver medal for second state rating.

## Honor Student

1942 June



Charles Caldwell Ryrie, who will be among the six top-ranking seniors to be initiated into Stony Brook chapter of Cum Laude Scholarship Honor Society Friday evening during exercises at Stony Brook School, Long Island, N. Y., school authorities announced today. Ryrie, a post-graduate who will be awarded a diploma at commencement Saturday morning, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ryrie of 1007 Henry street. He will return to Alton during the week-end to visit his parents.



# Large Audience Attends Concert At Monticello

Mar 19 - 1940

A large and enthusiastic audience received the Monticello College Chorus, directed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones and assisted by Charles Ryrie, pianist, and Marguerite Craggett and Mary Jennings, violinists, during a concert Sunday evening in the college chapel.

Charles Ryrie, accompanied by his teacher, Corinne Frederick, gave a brilliant performance of the Haydn Concerto in D Major, which brought applause from the audience. Playing the three-movement concerto from memory, the 15-year-old pianist displayed unusual poise, maturity and musical insight. The beautiful melody of the second movement was clearly executed, and the difficult rhythm of the Rondo was ably interpreted. Mrs. Frederick commented after the concert she was "very well pleased with his performance."

Mary Jennings and Marguerite Craggett, presenting a Stoessel suite for two violins, were well received. The ensemble playing of the two young violinists displayed excellent balance. Tone quality in the Aria was good, and the rapid movement of the Gigue brought the suite to a sparkling close.

Of the chorus numbers, "Jim Jay", composed for the group by Miss Jones, was enthusiastically applauded. This number and Elgar's "The Snow" proved the climax in choral work during the evening. In a group of Old English melodies which opened the program "The Nightingale" of Thomas Weelkes was especially well sung. Miss Dorothy Moll as accompanist for part of the choral selections gave sympathetic interpretations.

# Charles C. Ryrie to Study for Ministry

June 3 - 1944

Charles C. Ryrie of 1007 Henry has been awarded preliminary honors in music at Haverford College commencement at the time of his withdrawal to enter Dallas Theological Seminary.

As an accelerated student, Ryrie has attended Haverford winter and summer since September, 1942, completing three normal years of college work in two. He distinguished himself in student activities, becoming vice-president of Cap and Bells Club, business manager of the plays and the glee club, news and sports editor on the Haverford News, co-manager of the track team, a member of the student council and a member of the music committee.

After a few days at home, Ryrie will resume accelerated study at Dallas in preparation for entering the ministry. Although unable to complete the requirements for a degree at Haverford under present selective service regulations, it is possible that completion of part of the four-year course of studies at Dallas Theological Seminary will enable him to secure his bachelor's degree from Haverford.

Ryrie is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ryrie of Alton, a member of an old Alton family. He is 19 years of age. His father said today that the theological school which his son plans to enter, provided the draft regulations can be complied with, is an undenominational school. The family have long been connected with First Baptist Church of Alton on both sides of his house. The young man is a grandson of C. A. Caldwell of the First National Bank & Trust Co. When he graduated from Alton High school in January, 1942, it was as valedictorian with an average of 96.8.

TURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1942

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# 'Charlie's Aunt' At High School Draws Big Crowd

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## Charles Ryrie Takes Lead Role; Play Gets Laughs

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A large crowd attended Alton High School seniors' production of the comedy, "Charlie's Aunt" Friday evening in the school auditorium—the event which opened commencement activities for the class to be graduated next Friday evening.

Star of the play, written by Brandon Thomas, was Charles Ryrie, who cleverly enacted the role of Lord Fancourt Babberley, alias "Charlie's aunt" from Brazil.

Adding to the high jocundity of the play was the triangular courtship of old Spettingue (Carl Belcher), Sir Francis Chesney (Jack Fischer) and the masquerading "aunt."

Other characters of the play, which was directed by Miss Dorothy Colonius, were portrayed by Nick Brown, Vic Unterbrink, Antigone Kodros, Margaret Harris, Bertha Olian, Agnes Sharkey, George Newcomer, Paul Barnes and Martha Beeler.

Annual baccalaureate service for the graduates will be Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The Rev. Robert C. Kemper will deliver the baccalaureate address.

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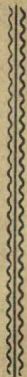
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