

I extend my greetings and congratulations and best wishes to all of you who are graduating from our Loudoun County high schools.

For eleven years your teachers and school officers have done the best they could to provide you with the optimum opportunities for an education. The expenditure of money and energy has been great. You have already received as your heritage much more of our culture than the average person receives at your age. Yours is a trust and a stewardship. Before you are many years filled with opportunities for good or evil-there will be sorrow and pleasure, disappointment and elation, failure and success. I challenge you to have in your minds an unswerving purpose and determination to give back to civilization more that is good and true and wholesome and uplifting than civilization can or will ever give to you.