

# Ward-Belmont Plans Final Graduation

When "The Bells of Ward-Belmont" echoes from the ivy-covered brick tower at Ward-Belmont School this June for the school's final commencement exercises, it will ring down the curtain on a long tradition of education for young women, which began just after the close of the War Between the States.

The June graduating class, whose names are announced today, will



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be the last in the 86 years of the school's history. Next year the school will enter a new phase as a coeducational junior college under the administration of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Founded as Ward's Seminary by the Rev. William E. Ward, the school for young ladies was combined in 1913 with Belmont College, then a 23-year-old institution organized by Miss Susan B. Heron and Miss Ida Hood on the old Acklen estate.

Since the formation of Ward-Belmont with Dr. John Diell Blanton as its first president, the school has provided a high standard of academic work and stressed the art of gracious living as a part of the curriculum.

Representatives from every state in the Union have been schooled in the three R's and the arts, sipped tea in historic Acklen Hall with its plush carpets and Venetian glass doors, and have walked among the odd statuary from the Acklen residence which dots the magnolia-shaded campus. In the roster of its numerous graduates are headline names in America with an enviable record of achievement in the education of young women.

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Dr. Stuntz will also give the final address to members of the last preparatory class of Ward-Belmont School whose graduation will be held Monday, June 4, at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

The baccalaureate sermon will be

Milliken of Bowling Green, Ky.; Polly Morgan of Franklin.

Becky Jane Murrell of Vienna, Ill.; Barbara Parker of Loeburg, N. M.; Gwin Pryor of Calhoun City, Miss.; Elizabeth Roberts of Franklin; Cynthia Rushing of Little Rock; Joanne Sachs of Greenville, Miss.; Susan Schwabenton of Greensboro, N. C.; Mary Lou Schweitzer of East Lansing, Mich.; Sandra Seigle of Tyler, Texas; Bernita Stanbery of Cleveland.

Betty Lou Ungerleider and Donna Villevik of Louisville; Jane Ward of Bogalusa, La.; Bettie Warmack of Bruceton; Rebecca White of Franklin; Katherine Widgery of Memphis; Betty Wright of Fairfurlas, Texas; and Jacqueline Wright of Miami Beach, Fla.

The following senior college students from Nashville are candidates for general academic diplomas: Peggy Ann Bray, Dorothy Patricia Breen, Ida June Brown, Marlon Rhea Carson, Catherine Alfreda Conners, Katherine Tersina Connor, Mary Ann Cooper, Margaret Maxey Cooper, Lola Ann D. Del, Margaret Adrienne Floyd, Grace Keely, Gloria Kinsey, Virginia Mae Murdock, Kay Oslvie, Jane Pridemore, Beverly Anne Smith, Mary Katherine Stackhouse, Martha Robin Stephens, Kathryn Louise Williams and Anazell Zedler.

The following resident students are candidates from the college department for general academic diplomas: Betsy Ferrell Amis of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mary Madeline Baines of Albertville, Ala.; Barbara Ann Belisle of Oklahoma City; Diane Louise Brown of Greenville, Miss.; Paula Elizabeth Bunn of Louisiana, Mo.; Marylyn Byer of Houston, Texas.

Mary Johnston Connelly of St. Charles, Va.; Margaret Maxey Cooper of Oklahoma City; Mildred Ann Cox of Cookeville; Charlotte Elizabeth Dean of Anniston, Ala.; Alma Margaret Dismukes of Albuquerque, N. M.; Laura Diane Dorton of Crossville; Ridgely Duvall of Norfolk, Va.; Maryann East of Williamsburg, Va.; Mary Elizabeth Elrod of Toledo, Ohio; Lovelyn Marie English of Houston; Frances Elizabeth Flack of Kansas City, Mo.

Martha Lou Hackworth of Logan, W. Va.; Constance Harwell of Fayetteville; Mary Jane Heine of Bartlesville, Okla.; Alice Jane Hinds of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Betty Jean Holiman of LePanto, Ark.; Mary Draper Huddleston of Larmon, Miss.; Mary Lou Jackson of Bolingee, Ala.; Jeanne Jacobs of Scottsboro, Ala.; Mary Margaret Jarrell of Hamlin, W. Va.; Ellen Kaupe of Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Ann Carille Lewis of Greensburg, Ky.; Dorothy Isabel Lorenz Elkhart, Ind.; Emma Faye Lowery of Fargo, N. D.; Nancy McClellan of Elizabethtown; Jo Ann Mansfield of Atlanta, Ga.; Elizabeth Markley of Roanoke, Va.; Hazel Lamb Maxwell of Columbus, Ga.

Ann McPherson Meriwether of Eutaw, Ala.; Carolyn Ann Miller of Johnson City; Patsy Ann Neblett of Bardstown, Ky.; Jeanne Neely of Union City; Ada Marie Oakley of Austin, Texas; June Coker Oliver of Dadeville, Ala.; Jo Ann Paris of New Orleans, La.; Martha Lee Peterson of Indianapolis, Ind.; Martha Sue Porch of Waverly; Beverly Joyce Rakestraw of Albuquerque, N. M.; Ann Beverly Rehm of New Orleans, La.; Patricia Ann Rush of Jackson; Alyce Ann Sinclair of Carthage, Mo.; Mary Evelyn Smith of Greenville, Miss.; Nancy Ann Stewart of English, Ind.

Carolyn Rose Stutz of Louisville; Shirley Anne Thomas of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Carolyn Jean Tompkins of Corpus Christi, Texas; Martha Jane Van Tule of Clinton, Mich.; Daisy Caldwell Wade of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mary Emma Wash of

Shaker Heights, Ohio; Betty Lynn Walter of Houston, Texas; Peggy Ann Zook of Goshen, Ind.

The following students are candidates for diplomas in special fields: Textiles and clothing, Lola Ann Daniel, Mary Ann Cooper and Frances Ellis Flack; piano, Charlotte Mae Hervet; voice, Daisy Nadine Eastlin of Memphis, Gene Ann Hammond of Mobile, Ala.; Barbara Anne Locke and Norma Jean Locke of Shreveport, La.; Jodelle Gerain Stirmlinger of St. Paul, Minn.; clarinet, Vionne Gayle Shoemaker; violin, Grace Elizabeth Thompson; dancing, Sarah Ann Stebbins and Frances Claire Wigginton; Foods and nutrition, Harriet Hogan Drumright, Martha Lou Hackworth and Elizabeth Woodbury Markley.

Certificate candidates in special fields include: General art, Ridgely Baskerville Duvall, Dorothy Isabel Lorenz, Ada Marie Oakley, Beverly Ann Rehm and Daisy Caldwell Wade; speech, Lovelyn Marie English and Carolyn Jean Tompkins; riding, Diane Louise Brown; secretarial

training, Jeanne Cecile Grills and Hazel Lamb Maxwell; piano, Daisy Nadine Eastlin, Barbara and Norma Jean Locke, Dollie Frances Parker, Ruth Jeanne Ray of Orlando, Fla.; Beverly Anne Smith and Betty Lucille Toomey of Helenwood; voice, Barbara Anne Moorhead of Kenilworth, Ill.; Mary Louise Prentiss of Montgomery, Ala.; Mary Anne Wachal and Constance Pryor Webber of Bexley, Ohio.



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The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. Thomas C. Barr, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Sunday, June 3, at 11 a.m. The south lawn of the campus, marked by imported summerhouses, garlanded with greenery, will be the scene of the annual reception for graduates which Dr. Robert C. Provine, president, and Mrs. Provine will give that afternoon.

A time-honored traditional event of the school will be the Senior-Middle Step-Singing, which will be held in front of John Diell Blanton Academic Building June 3 at 6 p.m. following the reception.

Heralding the series of traditional closing exercises will be 36th May Day Festival which is presented annually by the physical education department.

Opening May 20 will be an exhibit of paintings by students of Joseph Van Sickle, head of the art department.

Another event which has been held in the past in connection with the end of the school year at Ward-Belmont is the production of a Shakespearean play on the lawn of club village. This year Saturday, June 2, at 8:15 p.m. "Twelfth Night" will be presented by speech students under the direction of Miss Catherine Winnia, head of the speech department.

Preparatory School  
Candidates for graduation from the preparatory school include the following Nashville girls: Miss Jeanette Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Baker; Miss Betty Bullard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Bullard; Miss Frances Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth Caldwell; Miss Patsy Cassette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Cassette; Miss Doris Ann Creagh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Creagh; Miss Kathryn Cummins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cummins; Miss Emily Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minos Fletcher, Jr.; Miss Martha Foutch, daughter of Mrs. L. T. Foutch, Jr.; Miss Caroline Griscom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griscom; Miss Eleanor Halliburton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Halliburton; Miss Mildred Ann Jarman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Jarman; Miss Dorothy Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Johnson; Miss Margaret Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Gilbert Marshall; Miss Nell Maxson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Maxson, Jr.; Miss Christine Poole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Poole, Jr.; Miss Harriet Provine, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Provine; Miss Nancy Simmons, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Simmons; Miss Susan J. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian J. Thomas; Miss Margaret Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson; Miss Allison Tidman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tidman; Miss Virginia Tipton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tipton; and Miss