

# The Sweet Girl Graduates

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The class pageant. Girl graduates dearly love a class allegory wherein they can go the limit on splendor and sumptuousness. So this year the seniors of Swatme college, instead of just going out and planting a class tree and letting it wither, are giving a magnificent tree day pageant, with a queen of beauty and attendants and maids of honor. It is very impressive. After the tree is pushed into the ground Queen Arboria will rise from her throne and present her scepter to the president of the junior class with the words, "Rule thee thy realm full well," whereupon the senior class will up and sing the Alma Mater, "Fair Swatme, Ever True to Thee We'll Be." For weeks the girls have prayed for a slightly cloudy tree day, because blinding sunshine makes a girl squint like anything, and, of course, the place will be overrun with news photographers. And as luck will have it, the day of days is sunny.

Shakespeare outdoors. The graduating class of Miss Hooey's select school is giving "Much Ado About Nothing" (abridged and made just a little more refined) this commencement in a lovely outdoor setting. There was some talk about "As You Like It" being especially suited, because the side yard between the main building and the infirmary would have been swell for the Forest of Arden, but Elaine Lichenstein, who was picked for Rosalind, had to have her tonsils out about then, and, anyway, Miss Tousey, the English instructress, said that "Much Ado" would be easier to rewrite. (From left to right we have Grace Marie Godsend as Benedick, Patricia Tinkel as Beatrice, and Onita Casey as Dogberry.)



Nurses' training school. Shirley (named for the famous brand of poppies) has just graduated from training school and is now a graduate nurse, with proper enough credentials to go out and look after anything from scarlet fever to rickets. Looks nice in a uniform, but not so chic as she looks in her fur trimmed spring ensemble.

These four members of the Class of 1931 at Mount Ogiethorpe college are representative of the graduating girls at that institution of learning. From left to right we have Miss Alys Timbo, voted by her classmates as the most unusual girl; Miss Harriet Fibre, voted the girl who has done the most for her college as well as the most painstaking girl; Miss Dorothea Augenblick, senior class president and most popular girl; and Elfrida Stickey, voted the prettiest girl in the class. Miss Augenblick, the president, has done a lot for her class. When the girls were voting on "What man in the country today has done the greatest good for mankind?" (see the class statistics) it was Dorothea who persuaded the girls to vote for Edison instead of Ronald Colman.

The studious girl graduate. Ethel has already made a name for herself by writing short stories and poems that are considered very daring in college literary circles. She won't let her family read anything she does because, being very Victorian, they would hardly understand, and, of course, if they did it would be terrible. (Literary college girls used to wear rim spectacles and feature buck teeth, but no more. Nowadays you can hardly tell them from Follies girls.)



The class beauty. This is Elsa Mae Parrott of the 1931 class at Wobbe college. One and all, her classmates have voted Elsa class beauty. She got "A plus" in her chemistry, too.

The youngest girl graduate. Elizabeth graduates from kindergarten this June, and now she's ready for the first grade. Very proud of her graduation frock is Elizabeth.

When mother was a girl graduate, and suits and hats were built on a grander scale, this going-away costume was the latest word. And at the senior prom "Maple Leaf Rag" was the up-to-the-minute two-step.

Finishing school. Doris is graduating from her boarding school, and her family can't decide what to do with her prior to getting a husband. Doris wants to be a night club hostess or a movie star.