

Bellaire Grads Hear Hays

"I BELIEVE in the future of this country, this class and others around the country," said Congressman Wayne L. Hays addressing the 98th annual graduating class of Bellaire High School.

"The future of America is in their hands," he continued, "I don't have much time for pessimists who say that the world is going downhill. I don't believe that for 30 seconds. I do believe that not everything that needs to be done has been done."

"I'm not talking about spiritual things, that's out of my realm," said Hays, "I'm talking about material things for mankind. About 35 years ago there was a boy who sat in a graduating class not far from here. He probably didn't think that he was going to do much for mankind. But that man, Jonas Salk, went on to become a doctor and to conquer polio, one of the most dreadful diseases of all time."

Continuing, Hays said that "This disease was wiped out because one graduate out of the Pittsburgh area dedicated himself to helping others. I hope that there might be on this stage, a graduate that could be the one, or the assistant to the one who discovers the cure for cancer. I'm sure that this will be done in my lifetime or in the lifetime of this class."

"Of course, I know that the government in this country is not all that it should be," said Hays, "I agree completely with a statement made once by Winston Churchill who said that probably the worst form of government is democracy. This is true until you look at all other forms of government."

"In Russia," said Hays, "you would already have been given an aptitude test and a card that would determine your career. This might mean that you would have to work the rest of your life in the city's sewage system, as a laborer, on the railroad, or for

a few, there would be careers in medicine, law, in a trade. But wherever you would go, you would have no choice."

"I don't think for one minute that every graduate here should go on to graduate from college. The country also needs technicians and some of you may already have a job lined up. But whatever you decide to do, this government has made it possible for you to do it. You never need to stop learning, you can learn by keeping your eyes and ears wide open."

"There's an old saying that the best government is the government closest to the people. I'm not so sure that's true. I get close to 1,200 letters a week, 700 of which have nothing to do with my office. But we try to answer the letters and direct the people to city councils, township trustees or the other proper officials."

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to. So wherever you go, be interested in the government there."

Hays then went on to say that he hoped that many of the graduating class would stay in Bellaire. "Eastern Ohio is becoming a better place to live in every year," he said, "I've lived here all my life, I was born in this county and I have lived in every country of the world, and I'll tell you this. If I had to stay in Washington for 52 weeks out of every year and I couldn't come back to these hills on the weekend to get my faith renewed, you couldn't get me to be your Congressman."

"But sometimes we don't appreciate what we have. I've travelled 400 miles in France and I didn't see as many bottles and cans thrown along the highway as I can see in the three miles between Morristown and Henwood."

Hays then said that, although we should appreciate our resources, that doesn't mean

that we don't have to use them in such ways as strip mining. He said that he has seen strip-mined fields growing high in clover.

"Some of you may have a hard time getting a job," said Hays, "but you won't have any harder time than Jim Dixon (Bellaire School Superintendent) and I had. After I graduated from college with a certification in history, I went 15 months without a job. I finally got one unloading manure for a highway beautification project for \$15 a week. But I lived through it and I think I'm better off for it."

"As a parting thought," said Hays, "I believe in talking, not fighting. But if we're not strong we will be taken advantage of. We cannot be the policemen of the world, but we cannot withdraw within our own borders. The generation or two before this one was wasteful. They had a lot of natural resources. But now we can't ignore the rest of the world."

"Right now, 50 per cent of our iron ore, 35 per cent of our oil, 90 per cent of our aluminum, 60 per cent of our copper, 100 per cent of our chrome, 98 per cent of our tin and 100 per cent of our rubber comes from outside our country. So we can't live in isolationism unless we reduce the standard of living of our country."

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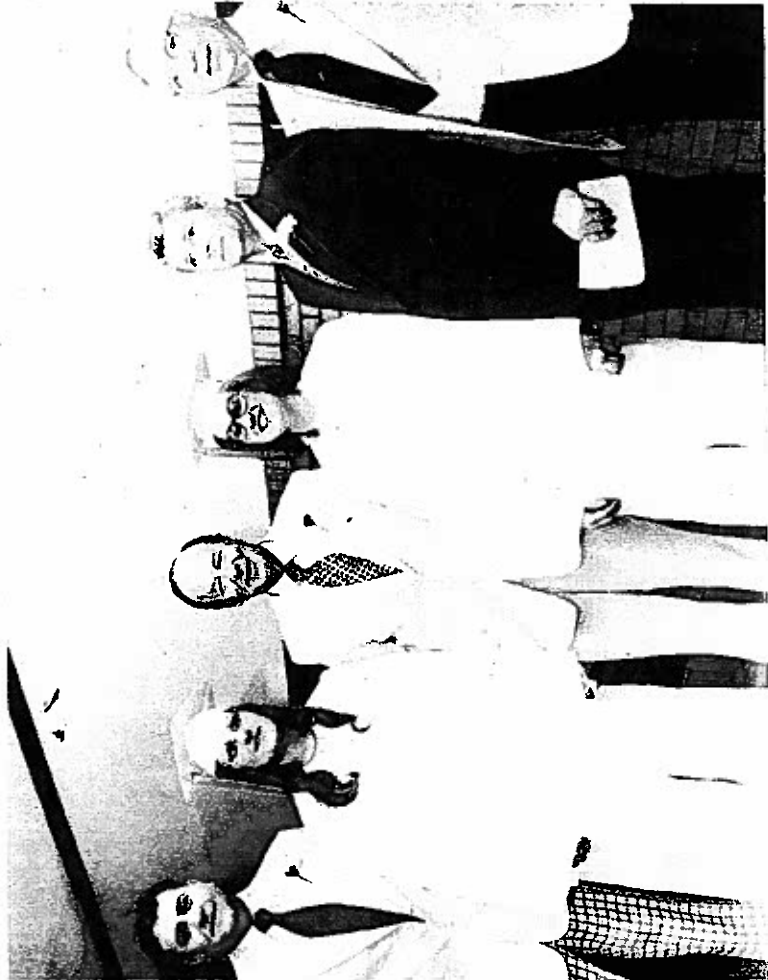
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ATTENDING BELLAIRE High School graduation exercises as main participants are, from left, Daniel L. Frizzi, president of the board of education who awarded the diplomas; Debra Graham, salutatorian;

Congressman Wayne L. Hays, main speaker; Betsy Giffin, valedictorian, Prin. Donald E. Miller and Supt. James A. Dixon.

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DURING THE seventieth Bellaire High School Alumni Association Banquet, Albert V. Noice, class of 1917, was presented with the annual alumni award. Presenting the award was William Thomas, at left; Dr. Robert Caldwell represented the class of 1925, and Miss

Kathy Freno is the president of the association. The banquet was held at the Sheraton Inn in St. Clairsville. The alumni association service awards to two outstanding seniors were presented to Betsy Giffin and David Liberati.

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Bellaire High Graduates Will Hear Address by Cong. Hays

BELLAIRE HIGH School will graduate 204 seniors at the 98th annual commencement Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, with Cong. Wayne L. Hays delivering the commencement address.

Carla Androna will be the organist for the prelude and the Senior Processional, led by Marshals Patricia Boone of the Y-Teens and Walter Bauknecht of Alpha Hi-Y.

The Rev. A. Boyd Keys, of the Bellaire Christian Church, will have the invocation, followed by two selections, "Graduation Day" and "I Believe", sung by the Concert Choir under the direction of Miss Mary Catherine Brehm, vocal music instructor.

Touchdown Club

Cong. Hays will be introduced by Supt. James A. Dixon, and following his address, Prin. Donald E. Miller will present the graduates to Daniel E. Frizzi, president of the Bellaire Board of Education, who will present diplomas. The benediction by the Rev. James

L. Lotz, of the South Bellaire United Methodist Church, will close the exercises.

Valedictorian of the class is Miss Betsy Jo Giffin, and the salutatorian is Miss Debra Sue Graham. Other honor graduates are:

Jeffrey Alexander, Joseph Buti, Carl Givens, Dana Greenwood, Pamela Jeffreys, David Liberati, Wendell Mokros, Jonne Planey, Joan Strobe and Thomas Tuttle.

Immediately following the graduation ceremonies, the class will be guests of the senior parents' committee at the traditional all-night party in the high school cafeteria.

Sunday evening, the class was honored at the 98th annual Baccalaureate Service in the auditorium, at which the Rev. Russell Newbert, of the Trinity Episcopal Church, delivered the sermon, urging the graduates to make God part of their adult lives, and imploring them to live by the precepts of Christian standards.

The graduates also were honored by the Bellaire High School Alumni Association at the annual dinner and dance Saturday evening.