

# Commencement



President Coffey gives Commencement Address



Seniors receive diplomas

The thirty-sixth annual commencement exercises were held on the 23rd of March, 1944, in the Northwest School Auditorium. White lilies and ferns and a Mendelssohn composition played by the school band under Miss Hanson's direction lent the appropriate atmosphere to this dignified and significant ceremony.

The invocation was spoken by the Reverend Abner S. Haugen after which the advanced choir sang "The Everlasting Strength" by Harris and "As Torrents in Summer" by Elgar. The senior response was given by Kenneth Price, the class president.

The class of '44 had as its distinguished commencement speaker, Dr. Walter C. Coffey, president of the University of Minnesota, whose subject was "The Importance of Conviction". Following the address, awards in scholarship, athletics, music and dramatics gave recognition to students excelling in those fields. Superintendent T. M. McCall presented one hundred forty-one diplomas and certificates to graduating seniors and advanced students.

"Minnesota Hail to Thee", the school hymn, sung by the entire audience, brought the commencement program to a fitting close.