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GRADUATION COMMENTS

August 27, 1971--10 a.m.

OUTLINE:

1. HISTORY LESSON
2. YOU'VE GOT THE KEY
3. JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL--TODAY'S CHUCKLE
4. OBJECTIVE: PREPARE FOR EMPLOYMENT
 - a. PRIMARY CITIZENSHIP REQUISITE--ABILITY TO SUPPORT YOURSELF
 - b. STEPPING STONE TO FUTURE EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS
5. CURTIS P. HARDING:

WE'VE BECOME A JOB ORIENTED SOCIETY. YOU'RE A NOBODY
TO YOURSELF, YOUR FRIENDS, OR YOUR CHILDREN--UNLESS
YOU HAVE A JOB.
6. TRIBUNE--SKI PLANT COMPLIMENTARY PARAGRAPH
7. UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE
 - a. TECHNOLOGY BUILDING
 - b. STUDENT CENTER
 - c. CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING
 - d. FALL QUARTER
 - e. NERVOUS ABOUT GETTING A JOB--I SAY THAT'S WONDERFUL!
THAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FIERY HORSE AND AN
OLE MULE.
8. ARABIAN KNIGHTS--YOU'VE DONE A GOOD JOB OR YOU WOULDN'T
BE HERE TODAY. I SUSPECT WE ALSO HAVE
SOME REGRETS.
9. LAMPLIGHTER

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I REMEMBER THE STORY A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY USED TO TELL! IT WAS ABOUT AN OLD LAMPLIGHTER IN SCOTLAND. EVERY EVENING AT DUSK HE WOULD COME ALONG WITH A TORCH AND A LADDER AND CLIMB UP THE LADDER TO THE STREET LAMP AND LIGHT IT. THEN HE WOULD GO TO THE NEXT LAMP AND LIGHT IT AND SO ON DOWN THE STREET. FINALLY THE OLD MAN WOULD BE CLEAR OUT OF SIGHT. BUT YOU COULD ALWAYS TELL WHICH WAY HE WENT BY THE LAMPS THAT HE LIGHTED.

NOW, IF YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN YOUR WORK--IF YOU WANT TO BE RESPECTED AND ADMIRER, THEN--

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK

DO YOUR JOB WITH ENTHUSIASM

BE PROUD OF YOUR PERFORMANCE

COOPERATE WITH YOUR FELLOW EMPLOYEES

YES, DO YOUR JOB IN SUCH A WAY THAT EVEN WHEN YOU ARE OUT OF SIGHT, WE WILL ALL KNOW WHICH WAY YOU WENT FROM THE LAMPS THAT YOU LIGHTED.

ON BEHALF OF THE COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF, I WISH YOU SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO RETURN TO THE CAMPUS OFTEN AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TRANSMIT THE MESSAGE THAT JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE AWAITING THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATE FROM UTAH TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

I WISH YOU ALL GODSPEED!