

The Giddings News

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**GRADUATION EXERCISES
AND SCHOOL CLOSING
AT SERBIN**

Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, a school closing program combined with graduation exercises will be given at the school house at Serbin. The choir of the congregation will assist in the entertaining program by presenting a few popular and well-liked songs.

The following ten girls and four boys will be awarded diplomas, which will be presented by the pastor of the congregation: Arene Krause, Margaret Symm, Irene Driessner, Bernice Kubsch, Mildred Kessel, Alice Dunk, Wanda Schatte, Lisbeth Schulze, Louise Kasper, Ruth Mertink; Milton Mersiovsky, Marvin Urban, Monroe Mertink, Robert Weise.

Salutatorian of the class is Monroe Mertink, valedictorian Wanda Schatte. Wanda bears the distinction of being the fourth child in the Ed. Schatte family to function either as salutatorian or valedictorian. The unique and interesting record is as follows:

Monroe Schatte, valedictorian in 1937, General Average 98.6.
Curtis Schatte, salutatorian in 1938, General Average 98.3.
Herman Schatte, valedictorian in 1939, General Average 97.7.
Wanda Schatte, valedictorian in 1941, General Average 97.1.

The above averages are, however, not the highest in the history of the Serbin graduates.

The following four "Ninety-niners" achieved the following higher averages:

Mary Beth Paulick, Valedictorian, 1931, 99.46.

Ellen Schmidt, Valedictorian, 1938, 99.53.

1940, 99.63.

Gladys Oltman, Salutatorian, 1940, 99.26.