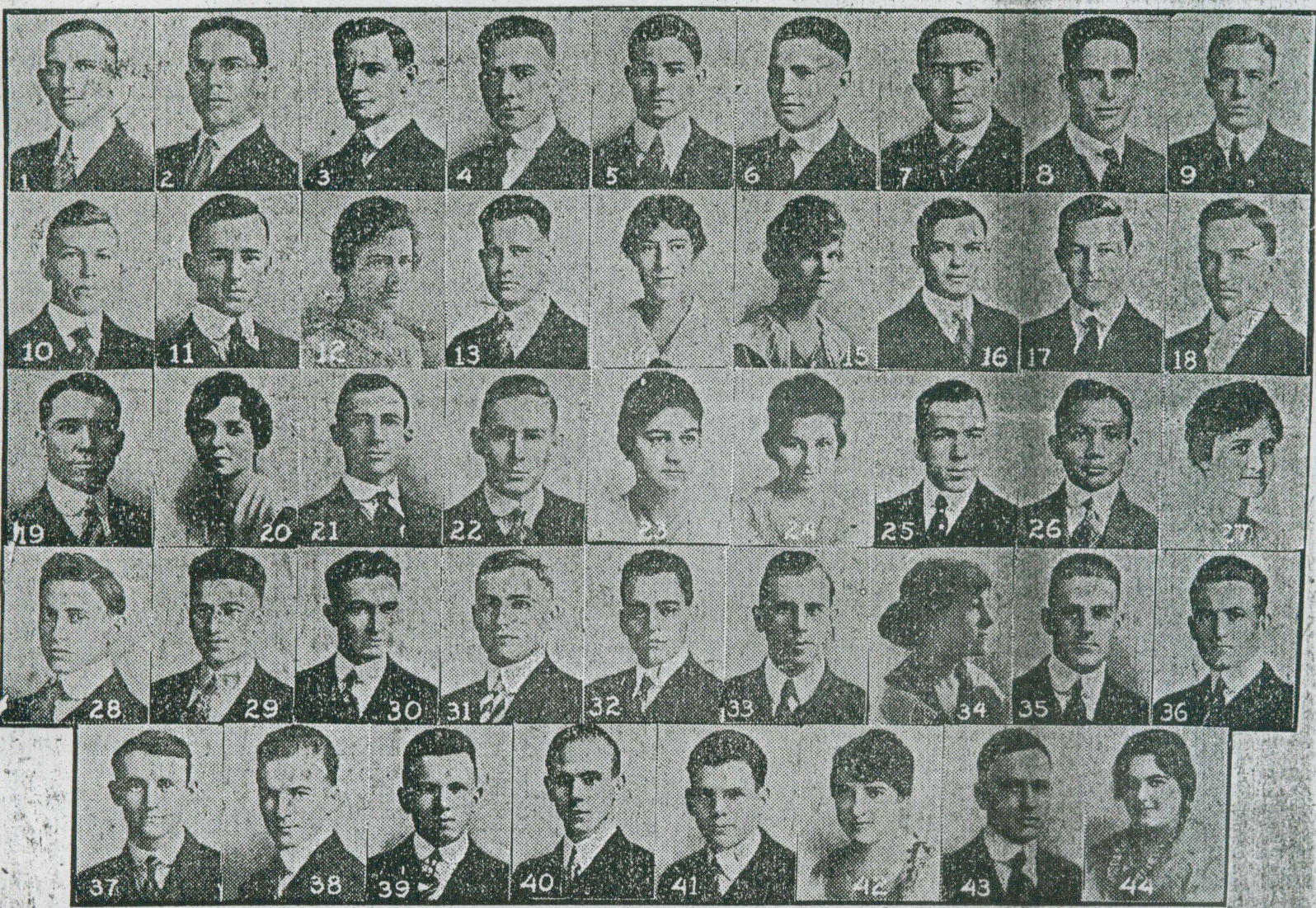


Class of 1917

# THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

## Nation Has Defenders Among These Graduates

Degrees to Be Conferred on Rice Students Now Serving Country



### IDENTIFICATIONS

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 2.—Robert Lee Bunting, B. A., Houston.  
 3.—Robert Porter Forrest, B. A., Mexia.  
 4.—Howard D. Fulwiler, B. S. in C. E., Abilene.  
 5.—Otta Lee Cain, B. A., Yoakum.  
 6.—Richard Olney Chandler, B. A., Port Arthur.  
 7.—Brantly Callaway Harris, B. A., Thomasville, Ga.  
 8.—Fletcher Wooten Harris, B. A., Thomasville, Ga.  
 9.—Edward Stretcher Rothbrock, B. A., Mercedes.  
 10.—C. M. Samford, B. A., Houston.  
 11.—James Stephen Waters, Jr., B. S. in E. E., Galveston.

12.—Helen Celestine Weinberg, B. A., Houston.  
 13.—William Perry H. McFaddin, Jr., B. A., Beaumont.  
 14.—Helen McMaster, B. A., Houston.  
 15.—Maud Michaux, B. A., Houston.  
 16.—Eugene Russell Mills, B. A., Houston.  
 17.—Patrick Henry Underwood, B. S. in E. E., Galveston.  
 18.—Francis Joseph Underwood, B. S. in E. F., Galveston.  
 20.—Ruth Sullivan, B. A., Temple.  
 21.—Lewis Jay Woodruff, B. A., Blesing.  
 22.—Richard Preston Yeatman, B. A., Marlon, Ala.  
 23.—Eleanor Bennett, B. A., Dublin.  
 24.—Vernor Lorraine Benton, B. A., Houston.

25.—Francis Tarrant Fendley, B. A., Galveston.  
 26.—Rudolfo Hulen Fernandez, B. A., Houston.  
 27.—Ruth Daugherty, B. A., Houston.  
 28.—G. W. Nordholtz Eggers, B. A., Galveston.  
 29.—John Emmet Niland, B. S. in E. E., Galveston.  
 30.—Thomas C. Pattillo, B. S. in M. E., Stamford.  
 31.—Clarence Walters Lokey, B. A., Lubbock.  
 32.—Samuel Harman Lowrie, B. A., Goldthwalte.  
 33.—Gladstone Bering Helsig, B. A., Houston.  
 34.—Isabel Mary John, B. A., Houston.

35.—Albert Tomfohrde, B. A., Houston.  
 36.—George Hamilton Traylor, B. A., Mount Pleasant.  
 37.—Wiley Beecher Teal, B. A., Dallas.  
 38.—Robert Nelson Tilley, B. S. in M. E., Huntsville.  
 39.—Jesse Newton Rayzor, B. A., Denton.  
 40.—Robert Milton Riley, B. A., Emporia, Kan.  
 41.—Harry Victor, B. A., Odessa, Texas.  
 42.—Adele Waggaman, B. A., Houston.  
 43.—Voellan Winto Whitfield, B. S. in C. E., Houston.  
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Houston Chronicle, June 3, 1917

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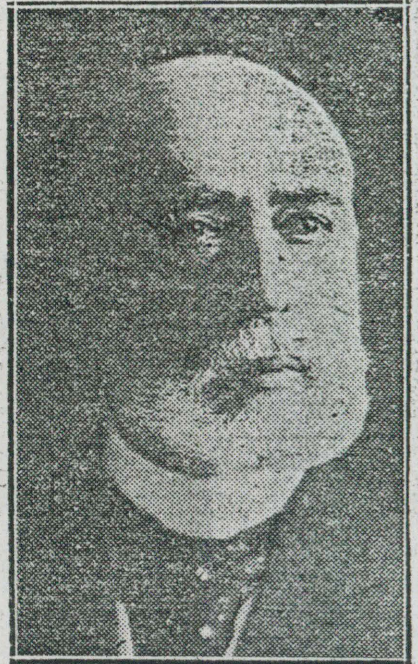
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**Rice Baccalaureate To Be Held Sunday**



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The academic parade on both Sunday and Monday morning will be held promptly at 8:45 o'clock, whether the students are all on hand or not, and all guests and graduates are asked to be present at 8:30 o'clock on both occasions.

**Garden Party at Rice Institute.**

Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Odell Lovett have issued invitations to a garden party to be given on Monday afternoon at Rice Institute in compliment to the members of the senior class.

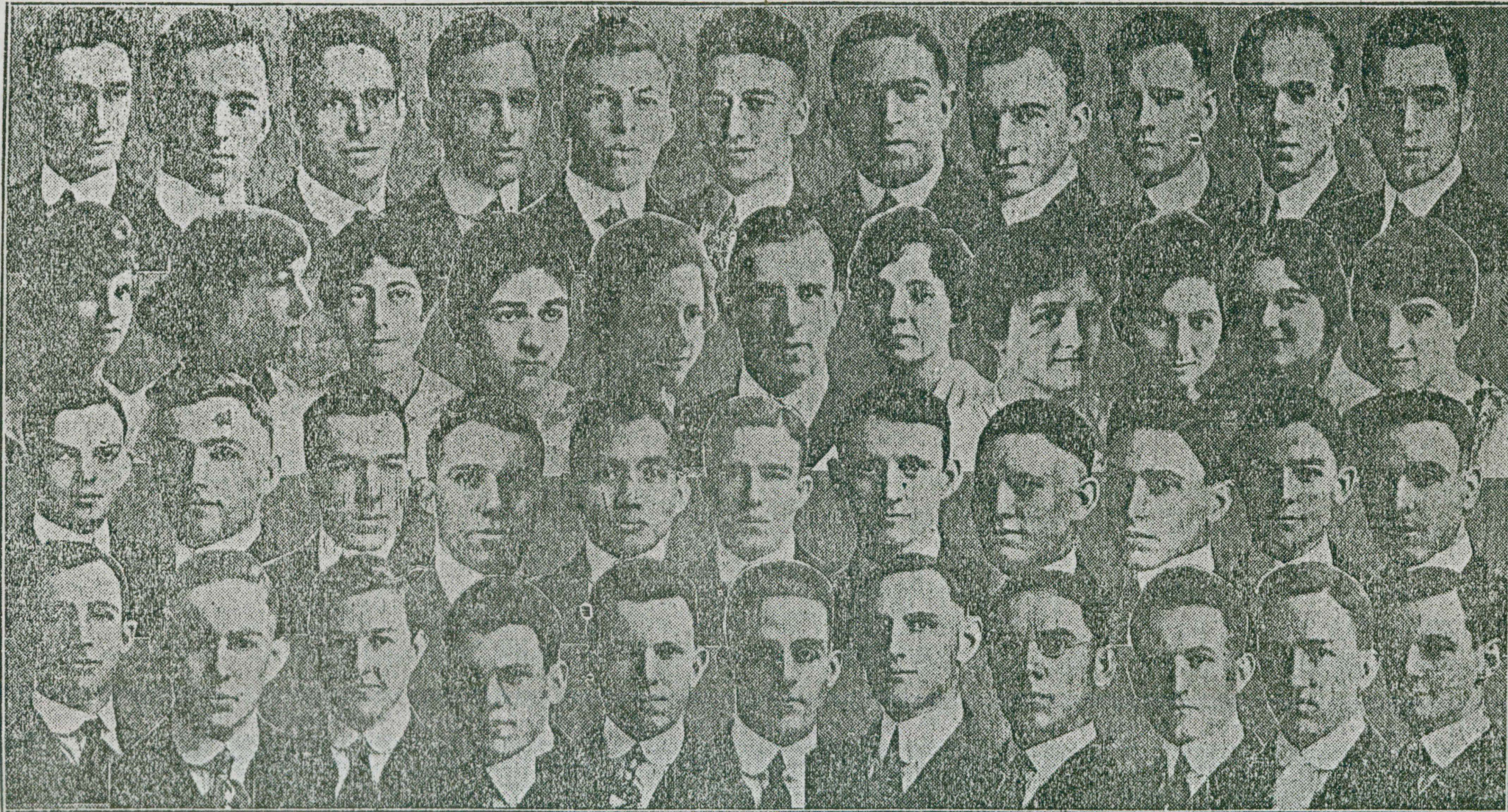
The hospitality will be similar in nature to the garden party given last year, pleasant memories of which still linger, and will take place in the academic court, between the hours of 5 and 7. Canopied tables and decorated booths will lend additional charm to the scene and Thayer's orchestra will discourse sweet music throughout the afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Lovett will be assisted by the members of the faculty and their wives and a few additional friends from town and the guests will include the senior and their friends.

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## Commencement Events At Rice Institute Begin With Dinner by Seniors

The senior dinner to be held Thursday evening at the Brazos Court will set in motion the various exercises and festivities attendant to the second annual commencement ceremonies of Rice Institute, which will culminate Monday evening in a grand whirl at the senior ball to be given on the commons.

Owing to the exodus of 17 of the seniors to the army officers training camp at Leon Springs, two deviations were necessary in the program. The first of these was the elimination of the class night program scheduled for Saturday night; and in the second place the grand ball was changed from the ballroom of the Rice Hotel to the commons of the institute, for reasons of simplicity desired because of the state of war the country is in. In other respects the program has not been changed.

Included in the exercises are three programs of general interest to the public. The first is the open meeting of the literary societies of the school Friday evening; the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and the commencement exercises at 9 o'clock Monday morning on the campus, when the 41 members of the senior class will receive their degrees and step into the busy world, their school and college days only a pleasant memory.

The baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning will be delivered by Dr. George W. Truett of Dallas. Provost William H. Carpenter, who will deliver the commencement address, has chosen as his subject "The University and the Nation." Doctor Carpenter was the official representative of Columbia University at the formal opening of Rice in the autumn of 1912.

The program for the commencement exercises include the following:

Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m.: Senior dinner at the Brazos Court.

Friday, June 8, 8 p.m.: Open meeting of the literary societies at the institute.

Saturday, June 9, 8 a.m.: Senior German in the commons; 2:30 p.m.: Tennis tournament.

Sunday, June 10, 9 a.m.: Baccalaureate exercises on the campus. Sermon by Rev. George W. Truett of Dallas.

Monday, June 11, 9 a.m.: Commencement exercises on the campus. Address by Provost William H. Carpenter of Columbia University; 5 p.m.: President and Mrs. Lovett's garden party for the seniors; 9 a.m.: Final ball at the commons.

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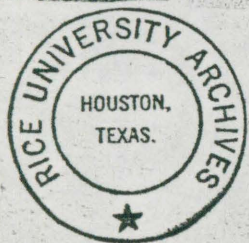
To the Editor of The Chronicle.

I have read with much interest the communication in The Chronicle from Mr. A. L. Guerard of the Rice Institute in reference to teaching French in the public schools of Houston.

I think this is quite an important matter, and have written to Professor Horn, requesting that he do what he can to bring this about, and believe that a similar request from those of our citizens having children in the public schools will assist materially in the matter.

Hoping that you will take any further steps that you can to help this along, I am, Yours truly,

William S. Patton.



# RICE TO FOLLOW NATION'S WISHES FAR AS POSSIBLE

## Dr. Lovett Outlines Future Policy at Banquet; First Commencement Event a Pleasant Affair.

That the Rice Institute will be made as near like a military camp as possible without sacrificing its academic features and that students will be urged to remain in school until they are definitely called upon to serve their country, was one of the important announcements made by Dr. E. O. Lovett at the annual dinner of the senior class at the Brazos Court. This plan, he stated, is in harmony with the wishes of the administration at Washington.

The class dinner was the first of a series of events to be held in connection with the commencement exercises of the institute. Nineteen of the members of the class were absent, having enlisted in various branches of the service, and many regrets were expressed at their inability to join their classmates in the pleasures of the occasion.

### Praise for Lovett.

John Emmett Niland, who later was elected president of the class when it formed its permanent organization, acted as toastmaster and acquitted himself in a very creditable manner. The first speaker of the evening was Albert Tomfhorde, who responded to the toast "Our President." Mr. Tomfhorde delicately referred to some of the disagreements which had developed during the four years between Doctor Lovett and the class, but used this only to show that the class now realized and appreciated the larger vision of the president of the institute and honored him for his breadth of view. He expressed the belief that all had felt it an honor to have the opportunity of attending the school under his presidency.

Doctor Lovett responded. After reviewing what had been accomplished by the school in the last four years, he touched briefly on the criticism that has been given some prominence—that the institute does not welcome women students. He dismissed the matter by saying that the present class of young ladies, "the happiest group of young ladies I have ever known anywhere," is a complete answer to the charge that Rice discriminates against the woman. He intimated that more would be done for them as soon as the financial condition of the institute will permit. He closed by referring to some of the plans contemplated for next year, already referred to.

### Past and Future.

C. W. Lokey responded to "Our Past," and Miss Helen McMasters took a peep into "Our Future" in a way that brought much laughter. Miss Isabel John spoke on the Campanile and its efficient manager, B. C. Harris, who took charge when J. N. Razor left for the training camp. Mr. Harris responded to "Our Soldiers" and paid a high tribute to the members of the class who have volunteered in the service of their country. His speech had

a patriotic ring to it. A larger percentage of Rice students have enlisted, he said, than from any other school in the state, since practically every student that is eligible has already gone.

L. J. Woodruff delivered a short talk on "Our Responsibilities" and Miss Ruth Sullivan closed the speech-making with an appropriate farewell talk. Just prior to this the class formed a permanent organization. Mr. Niland was elected president and Miss Sullivan was named secretary-treasurer.

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### Debate Tonight.

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The question for the debate will be: "Resolved, That the United States government should take over the management of the railroads

of the country, constitutionally granted."

### Class Night Abandoned.

Class night exercises were to have been held Saturday night, but it has been abandoned on account of the absence of so many of the members of the class who have enlisted.

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Houston Post, June 12, 1917

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