

The Bull Dog's Bark

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60 Receive Diplomas At D.H.S. Commencement

by Gail Gordon

Formal commencement exercises for 60 DeSoto High School Seniors were held on Friday evening, June 5, in the D. H. S. gymnasium.

The graduates entered from both sides to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and marched down the center aisle to their seats.

The impressive ceremonies began with the Invocation, given by Aralou Turner. Following this, Buddy Yarbrough, Class President, delivered the Address of Welcome. The theme for the evening, "No Man Is An Island," was developed by five Seniors. The first talk was on "Man and God," and was given by Dale Melton. He was followed by Tommy Mercer, who spoke on "Man and Government". Mardell Jordan then spoke on "Man and Mind". Sharon Johns' topic was "Man and Society." "Man and Work" was the final speech in the series, and was given by Vivian Clemons.

Mr. J. C. Luther, school principal, delivered the Charge to the Seniors. He then introduced Mr. C. O. Weaver, County School Superintendent, and Mr. George Boring, Chairman of the School Board, who presented diplomas to the Seniors before a background of palms and red and white flowers. Those receiving diplomas were: Jim Alsobrook, Claude Baker, Betty Barnwell, Carissa Bell, Jean Boggess, Bill Brace, Donald Brantley, Shirley Butler Gill, Vivian Clemons, J. B. Cline, John Congdon, Mary Carolyn Conoley, Allan Copeland, Alvie Davidson, Edward Dazey, James

Dyal, Lewis Farley, Tanya Fenton, Larry Fiegel, Jerry Flemming, Lynn Fussell, Frank Hagan, Hazel Marie Hammons, John Hay, Wilma Jean Holloway, Sandy Jerkins, Sharon Johns, Mardell Jordan, Ralph King, Tommy Kinslow, Madeline Lefebvre, Hal Lewis, George Mathewson, Barney McLain, Dale Melton, Tommy Mercer, Anna Morrison, Dorothea Parker, Diane Parkyn, Gilbert Randall, Jackie Roberts, Mike Saindon, Darlene Sams, Milton Shelfer, William Short, Earl Taylor, Linda Sue Tidwell, Ann Tinsely, Aralou Turner, Carol Wall, Peggy Walston, Kenneth Westberry, Connie Williams, Sandra Worley, Buddy Yarbrough, Homer Daughtrey, Carolyn Hill, Ronald Peterson, Harold Christ, and Delmar Coker.

Jim Alsobrook pronounced the Benediction, after which the graduates marched out to the gymnasium to the "Triumphal March" from Aida.

The DeSoto High Glee Club presented two numbers, "Hallelujah Chorus" by Beethoven and "Holiday Song" by William Schuman, during the ceremonies. Due to the recent illness of Miss Leona Moreland, Vocal Director, the chorus was directed by Mrs. Calvin Martin. The Glee Club was accompanied Albert Ralls, who also played the Processional and Recessional marches.