

UNION HIGH SCHOOL DRAGONS





ALMA MATER

Chorus

All we owe is to our dear old school,
To fight with all our might,
To hold the standards high,
Until the time is nigh...

Verses

Union High our Alma Mater
We'll always cherish thee...
Till all our burning search for
Learning leads to victory.

Far and near on land and ocean
May it stand and grow;
Let all our true and firm devotion
Reign forever more.

Thrones may tumble, scepters crumble,
Castles may decay,
Our loyalty for our dear school
Is in our hearts to stay.

PRINCIPALS of UNION HIGH SCHOOL

MER ROUGE , LOUISIANA

Mr. Lynwood Rayford 1952—1955



Mr. Lynwood Rayford

Mrs. Glendora Goree 1955—1956



Mrs. Glendora Goree

Mr. Loyce A. Nute 1956—1972



Mr. Loyce A. Nute

1964

FACULTY

1965



*Seated: K. Watkins, A. M. Fudge, A. Robinson, G. Goree,
L. A. Nute, A. Andrews, Mariah White and I. Riser
Standing: E. Kyles, C. Haynes, H. Harris, I. Smith, P. Atlas,
Leo Duncan, J. Washington, B. Rabon, R. Johnson, B.
Duncan, J. Moore, J. Williams, J. Hay, V. Thurston,
and E. Rabon*

HISTORICAL SKETCH

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

1952-1972

Union High School had its inception in 1952, when the need for a high school in the outlying areas of Morehouse Parish was realized. In the early 1950's, the Morehouse Parish School board under Superintendent S. G. Lucky purchased ten acres of land from Leslie Clark and Willie Beth was to accommodate students from the agrarian communities of Bonita, Collinston, Gallion, Jones, Lightwood, Mor Rouge, and Oak Ridge who had previously commuted long distances or lived in Bastrop to attend Morehouse. They were now united into one school, hence the name became Union High School. The entire school building consisted of only four classrooms, an office, a teacher's lounge, a library and restroom facilities. The school first operated on a split-session in order to meet the needs of students from the agrarian communities. School began in July and continued through August, but was cut during the peak harvest season—September and October, to allow students to help gather the crops. School reopened in November and continued through May.

The school opened in 1952 with four teachers and 99 ninth graders. The teachers were Louis Johnson, Lynwood Rayford (who was also the first principal), Inez Riser, and Joseph Williams. Registering in the ninth grade were: Shirley Alford, L. C. Anderson, Victoria Armstrong, Viola Armstrong, William Armstrong, Della Barber, Bethea Benton, Orangie Brandy, Charlie Brooks, Daisy Brown, Bernice Bryant, Bill Chafford, Roosevelt Covington, Sadie Dantzler, Alma Davis, John Davis, Jamie Dunn, Bertha Evans, Barbara Fort, Gloria Fort, Sarah Fortenberry, Jeanette Goldsby, Julia Goldsby, Martha Grant, Rosie Grant, Jimmie Griffin, Irene Hampton, Hubert Hay, Joe Harris, Katie Hay, Leroy Harris, Linnie Harris, Otis Harris, Cora Hutchinson, Mildred Hollins, Sylvester Hollins, Andy Hollinquest, Leila Jackson, Leroy Johnson, Royal Johnson, Darly King, Doris King, Jeremiah King, James Lawson, Howard Lanier, Willie Martin, Nathaniel Mason, Elizabeth McNeal, Samuel McWoodson, Steward Minnieweather, Alonzo Mitchell, Trally Miller, Annie Ruth Neal, A. J. Parham, Joseph Parker, Beulah Perry, Claudia Presley, Henry Presley, James Reed, Flora Reeves, Huey P. Robinson, Ella Scott, Naomi Shelton, Mary Smith, Thelma Summerville, Zelma Summerville, Merrill Starn, Willie Taylor, A.C. Taylor, Mattie Walker, Bettye Washington, Ola Mae Washington, Bozzell Watson, Hattie Watson, Richard White, Ruth White, Ottie Wilson, Marcie Williams, Shirley Williams, W.C. Williams, Pearlean Williams, Samuel Wills, Willie Winston, Roosevelt Van Buren, Alona Markum, Bertha Bonner, Gloria Burks, James Craig, Doris Livingston, Labe Brown, Marlean Wilson, James Cannon, Lillie Green, Helen Williams, James Thomas, Edgard Shaw, Patsy Glosson, Earnestine Minor, and J. O. Rogers.

Even in the early history of the school, teachers were concerned about extra-curricular activities. The late Joseph Williams, a sports lover, sought the support of the principal and faculty in starting an athletic program. A mascot and school colors were decided on for the school. The Blue Jay became the school's mascot and the school colors were blue and white. Joseph Williams proceeded to organize the first basketball teams and coached both boys and girls. Lynwood Rayford coached the first baseball team. Louis Johnson was influential in starting drama. He worked untiringly for a number of years developing boys and girls in theatrics.

The school was small and needed one custodian. William Pegross served in this capacity until he became disabled. Charley Bates and Delia Bates, a husband and wife team succeeded him. Within a few years, Charley Bates became ill and passed away, and shortly thereafter his wife followed him in death. Hayward Perkins, and Napoleon Spencer were hired with Queenie Allen helping part-time. The school

was expanding and the job was too much for these three persons. Dude Jones and Vodie Spearman were added to the custodial staff.

Transportation was essential for the operation of Union High School because almost every student commuted. A group of dependable and safe drivers were entrusted with this responsibility. They were: *Sonnyboy Baker, *Jessie Bradshaw, *Celdell Brown, *Q. C. Carr, Ernest Carson, *Monroe Coleman, Raymond Conley, *Otto Davenport, *Rhod Hay, Gabe Hubbard, Joe Keys, *Wilbert Kilpatrick, *Randall Matthews, Frank Miller, *Joe Mitchell, *Alex Spearman, *Eugene Spearman, *Randolph Thaxton, *Rand Thompson, *Leon Tyler and *Emmanuel Wasson.

* = Deceased

Union became a two-year high school in 1953 when the ninth graders were promoted to the tenth grade, and 137 students came from schools in the outlying parish. This increased the enrollment to 236 students and 8 faculty members. Teachers added to the faculty this year were Baynard Duncan, Glendora Goree, Artis Hart, and Ezola Matthews. Glendora Goree was also the first certified librarian at Union High.

The school population continued to grow. Eighty-four students enrolled and 3 teachers were hired in 1954 bringing the enrollment up to 380 students and 10 staff members. Teachers who came this year were Phillip Atlas, Mildred Johnson, and Wilhelmina Merrick. Most students in this class were looking forward to graduation from high school in the eleventh grade with 12th was added to their disappointment. Union High School had grown at such a rapid rate until school board authorities had to start thinking in terms of another annex to house students for the incoming year.

School opened in July, 1955, with Wing A, that had been under construction the earlier part of the year ready to provide instructional quarters for present as well as incoming students. Union had now reached its peak. It had grades 9-12, thus becoming a four-year high school.

The enrollment was steadily increasing, students as well as faculty. The school now boasted an enrollment of 388 students and 13 faculty members. Teaching at Union for the first time were: Annie Fudge, Eva Kyles, Aileen Robinson, and Mary Faye Wilson. Glendora Goree acted as principal during the 1955 session. Loyce A. Nute, who had been hired as principal, was away in school certifying for his new job. Annie Marie Fudge became the first certified female coach for girl's basketball and Mary Faye Wilson was the first music instructor.

A white frame school building was moved on Union's campus to provide extra-curricular activities for the students. Students enjoyed many activities such as school socials and movies in this facility.

Nineteen hundred fifty-six was a milestone in Union High School's history because this year the first class graduated. The school had neither gym nor auditorium, consequently Baccalaureate services were held at St. Matthew No. 1 Baptist Church where Reverend L. B. Brass Pastored. Graduation exercises were held on the school's lawn. Students receiving their diplomas were: Shirley Alford, Bernice Bryant, Rosie Caldwell, Geneva Causey, Jessie Daniels, Sadie Dantzler, Tommie Dunn, Jeanette Goldsby, Irene Hampton, Hubert Hay, Royal Johnson, Howard Lanier, Thalla Miller, Alonzo Mitchell, Ambrose Reese, Flora Reeves, Earline Robinson, Marjorie Seay, Zelma Summerville, Willie Taylor, Mattie Walker, Willie Winston, Daisy Brown, Margaret Canady, Roosevelt Covington, Alma Davis, Rosa Grant, Lillie Green, Jimmie Griffin, Katie Hay, Ernest Lee, Jasper Lee, Nathaniel Mason, Claudia Presley, Henry Presley, James Reed, James Seay, Ernestine Stewart, Merrill Stum, A. C. Taylor, Richard White, Ruth White, William Charles Williams, Noel Winfield, and Gloria Fort.

Loyce A. Nute assumed his duties as principal in July, 1956. Under his leadership was a staff of 14 teachers and 442 students. The ever-increasing enrollment was in dire need of a gym and more classrooms. Superintendent S.G. Lucky and school board members sent their architects to the drawing board again to take action.

Construction began early in 1956 on a gymnasium and kitchen complex. The gym was ready for the opening date of school in July. The kitchen was not ready until a few months later due to a delay in the installation of equipment.

Everybody was excited about the gymnasium. The students were so proud of the new gym that they did not want to go on lunch break. For the first four months everything ran smoothly in the gym. The problems started when the lunchroom opened. The gym classes just before lunch and right after lunch were cut short to allow time to clean the floor and to put the tables up for lunch and to take down after lunch.

The kitchen opened for service in January 1957 with Dorothy Hay as the first manager. She was succeeded by Doris Smith when school opened the following July, who served throughout the school's existence. Valerie Jenkins also worked until the old Union phased out. Minnie Ivory Payton worked for a short while and was replaced by Mattie Whaley who served nine years. In 1963, Luvernia Freeman joined the lunchroom staff and served about two years. The lunchroom had some number one chefs and was rated second to none in Morehouse parish.

A very important moment came in May, 1957, when 61 proud students received high school diplomas, this becoming the first class to hold graduation exercises in the gym. These students were: Victoria Armstrong Milton Baker, Joyce Bass, Hazel Brown, Marie Brown, L. C. (Lou) Brock, *Harvey Barker, Joe Bryant, *Rosie Carr, Gloria Davis, Limmie Downs, Gloria Dunn, Otis Evans, Hattie Everett, Johnny Ford, *Sam Fort, *Sadie Hay, Daniel Haynes, Mildred Hollins, Lee Bertha Hubbard, Columbus Hunter, *Basil Hunter, Jr., Lillian Hunter, Jinnie Goldsby, Julia Goldsby, Naamon Johnson, Norman Johnson, *Woodrow Jones, Hamp Lenoir Jr., Willie Lenoir Jr., Leroy McArthur, Ruby Moses, Annie Neal, Ester Noble, *Geraldine Patten, George Payton, A. J. Parham, Minnie Pryor, Margie Rhone, Willie Richardson, Marie Robinson, Maarie Robinson, Aileen Robinson, Ellenor Scott, Levell Steward, Conolus Smith, Jimmie Smith, Mary Smith, Lonnie Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Teshe Turner, Andrew Turner, *Gus Tappin, James Tairrel, *Herman Watson, Shedrick Watts, August Williams, Charles Williams, Corine Williams, Lois Williams, and Ottie Wilson.

Union High School experienced growth each succeeding year. The 1957-58 session began with 467 students and 16 teachers. No new teachers were hired this term. Roosevelt Johnson, who was Ivory Smith's student teacher became his substitute teacher while he served in the military. The following July, Roosevelt was hired. Lula Hunter Armstrong substituted in Aileen Robinson's place, who was on maternity leave.

As the new principal, Mr. Nute wanted to give the school a new image by considering a change in the school colors and mascot. The students voted and the colors were changed to Silver Grey and Scarlet Red and the mascot became a Dragon. No other schools shared these colors or mascot.

Teachers and students worked untiringly to raise money to purchase a bus for school events. Their goal was achieved. The new bus was Silver Gray with Scarlet Red trim and lettering. Harry Whaley (class of 1957) and Clint Moore (class of 1960) were the first operators of the bus.

Two students (classmates of Clint Moore) Scipio Davis and Gene Audrey Broughton draw pictures of a dragon and their classmates persuaded Mr. Nute to allow them to paint their mascot in the Scarlet Red on the bus. There was one stipulation, if they messed up they would have to pay for the repainting of the bus. The entire class participated and the job was completed to the satisfaction of everyone.

By the 1958-59 session 486 students and 17 faculty members were about the business of education at Union High School. The curriculum also expanded keeping pace with the growing faculty and student body. Ivy Virginia Honeycutt substituted for Wilhelmina Merrick, who was on maternity leave. Willie Montgomery was transferred from Morehouse High School to Union High School adding agriculture to the curriculum as an elective, thus increasing the number of electives offered. A pre-fab building provided quarters for agriculture. *Willie Montgomery immediately began his agriculture and beautification programs. Every Arbor Day, the agriculture classes planted trees until the campus was dawned with beautiful magnollas, pin oaks, pines, and sycamores. An abundance of vegetables were grown that were consumed not only by the campus cafeteria but other cafeterias in the parish as well.

The cry for more rooms and a science lab could still be heard as the 1959-60 enrollment increased to 509 with the faculty remaining the same as the previous year. The graduation class of 1960 left the marquee as their departing gift and permanent marker.

The 1960-61 session was no different from previous sessions in that the enrollment continued to soar, Union High School now boasted an enrollment of 542 students 17 teachers. Annie Mae Andrews was added to the faculty. Purvis Carter substituted for Bessie Ruth Foster and Ruth Colbert for Baynard Duncan who took sabbatical leaves for the year. Improvements that were much needed became a reality this session. The science lab and additional classrooms needed to enhance the growth and development of students became a reality.

In 1961-62, the enrollment surpassed the 600 mark. Six hundred fourteen students had begun study at Union High and 19 teachers were on the job. Clara Bowie, Connell Osborne, and Billy Rabon were hired. Mariah White substituted for Annie Fudge, who was on maternity leave. Principal Nute sought to keep the curriculum in pace with the increasing enrollment. For the first time, French was added to the list for electives.

Six hundred seventy-two students and 20 teachers constituted the student body and faculty at Union during the 1962-63 session. Carrie Mae Potts joined the faculty also two substitutes: Tommie Rayford for Mary Faye Watkins, who was on maternity leave and Nathaniel Washington, for Joseph Williams who on sick leave. Union was growing at such a rapid rate until it seemed impossible to keep adequate classroom space. Superintendent Ted Wright realized this and again more classrooms and restroom facilities were provided.

In 1963-64, seven hundred forty-eight students enrolled at Union under the leadership of twenty qualified instructor. Pearlana Wallace and Juanita West joined the faculty this year. The graduating classes of 1963 and 1964 left stone benches under the trees as a gift to the school to aid in beautifying the campus. The outgoing class (1964) wanted to be remembered in the annals of the school's history. They left the first memory book depicting their experiences in school. They also changed the pattern of the class ring from the traditional gold Dragon mascot to a stone bearing the school's color of red.

The enrollment passed the eight hundred mark during the 1964-65 session and this was also the year of the largest turnover on the teaching staff. Eight hundred thirty students registered for school and twenty-six teachers completed the staff of workers. Arthurlean Atlas, Harvey Barker, Leo Duncan, Jimmy Hay, Daisy Honore, Betty Mason, Joe Moore, Elowise Rabon, Vivian Thurston, and Katie Watkins were added to the faculty.

Two new positions were created on the administrative staff. Billy Rabon became the first assistant principal. Eva Kyles became the first guidance counselor and both remained in these positions until the dissolution of the school. There was no clerical help at Union High until 1964, when Patsy

Williams, a former student became the first hired secretary. Prior to this time, Annie Fudge, Eva Kyles, and Wilhelmina Merriek helped with records and reports. Other succeeding secretaries were Virginia Carroll Tucker, Patricia McDade, Pauline Dunn Minniweather, and Irma Wade.

In the fourteenth year of Union High School's existence, eight hundred five students attended and thirty-three teachers were now on the job for the 1965-66 session. Nine new faces were added to the instructional staff. Joining the staff for the first time were: Carolyn Calloway, Lillie Dawson, Wilma Hayes, Billy Hollard, Lillie B. McCarter, Lorraine Miller, Lula Smith, Earl Thornton, and Geraldine Walker. This was the second largest number added to the faculty at one time. Business was added as an elective. Elowise Rabon taught Shorthand and Lula Smith taught Typing and General Business.

Union High School participated in its first varsity football game against T. W. Daniel High School of Crossett, Arkansas. Billy Rabon was head coach, assisted by Leon Conway, Roosevelt Johnson, Joe Moore, and Ivory Smith.

A decrease in enrollment occurred for the first time in the history of the school in 1966. During the 1966-67 session, seven hundred seventy two students enrolled and thirty-four teachers comprised the instructional staff. John Armstrong, Ralph Davenport, Jasper Davis, Charles Jackson, Ruth Nicks, Kelly Threats, and Margie Wallace were the seven teachers added.

During this session, construction began on the auditorium and stadium. Everyone watched eagerly as contractors and carpenters went about their work awaiting the day these facilities would be available for use.

Eight hundred thirty-five students and thirty seven teachers comprised the student body and staff at Union High School in the 1967-68 session. New faces added to the instructional staff were: Melvin Anderson, Chester Dyson, Mary Gaines, Deloris Hamlin, Naamon Johnson, and Raleigh Lucas. These teachers helped to relieve the teaching load in academic classes as well as electives. Band and Spanish were added to the electives offered.

The auditorium and stadium were completed just in time for the opening of school. Melvin Anderson, the first band instructor used the lobby of the auditorium for his classroom.

In May, 1968, the first graduation exercises were held in this new facility. The following students became the first students to receive their diplomas in the auditorium: T. Ella Alford, Katie Alford, Liller Blakely, Deloris Brandon, Ernestine Choyce, Loris Coleman, Ammie Covington, Janie Davis, Verdia Dennis, Donnie Dowles, Alfear Downs, Doris Dunn, Bethel Eave, Lillie Ford, Pauline Garrett, Maxcine Gordon, Scotty Haynes, Annie Herron, Ruby Higgins, Shirley Higgins, Betty Hobbs, Minnie Hobbs, Lubertha Hutchinson, Diane Jackson, Patricia James, Gloria Jenkins, Joann Johnson, Janet Jones, Queenie Jones, Clara Kennedy, Betty King, Dortha King, Mable King, Connie Logan, Manda Martin, Eva Massey, Mary McClinton, Joyce McCray, Essie Milton, Floria Mitchell, Billy Moore, Linda Morgan, Claudette Morrison, Emma Morrison, Linda Morrison, Earnie Moses, Linda Moses, Donnie Norris, Barbara Patten, Dorothy Payne, Melvinia Reese, Carolyn Robertson, Irrice Robinson, Bette Scott, Juanita Scott, Annie Smith, Betty Smith, Emma Smith, Katie Smith, Emma Spraggs, Betty Stewart, Idella Sylvester, Linda Thomas, Barbara Walker, Ethel Wallace, Janie Whaley, Maretta Whitmore, Harriett Williams, Virginia Williams, Willie Williams, Eunice Wilson, Ircan Wilson, Willie Alford, Theartis Armstrong, Thomas Armstrong, Willie Bailey, Joe Bradshaw, Nathaniel Bradshaw, Fred Brown Jr., Jordan Brown, Comer Carr Jr., Cornelius Carson, Larry Chafford, Willie Chatman, Jesse Crossley, Henry Eave, James Edwards, Larry Fenceroy, John L. Ford, Roy Ford, Theodis Fort, Johnny Fortenberry, Ernest Fudge, Joe Fudge, James Garner, Paul Garrett, Milton Givens, Eugene Glosson, Emmett Harden, David Hawkins, James Hawkins, A.C. Hollins Jr., Earl Holmes, Ray Ishop, Robert Jackson, Howard Johnson,

Robert Johnson, Sammie Jones, Willie Jones, Otis Kelly, Melvin Keys, Henry Lanier, Willie Levingston, David McGhee, Isaac Moore Jr., Ronald Moore, Fred Neal, Kenneth Olive, Robert Payne, Larry Payton, R.C. Ricks Jr., Percy Robinson Jr., Thomas Robinson, George Rucker Jr., Joe Seay, Vester Sims, Shellie Tappin, James Taylor, McKinnie Thomas, Freddie Thompson Jr., Gerald Thompson, Charles Washington Emmanuel Wasson III, Isiah Wilson, Lee Matthew Wilson, Lonnie Winston, Lonnie Winston, and Tyrone Wilson.

By the 1968-69 session, the enrollment decreased by some thirty students, eight hundred five students registered and the faculty reached its peak at thirty-nine. Anna Johnson, Ellen Murphy, Leander Wilson, and Mildred Walker were the last teachers hired at Union High School because the school was dissolved at the close of this session.

The last class of seniors to graduate from Union High School was the class of 1969. These students were: Lonnie Adams, Lillie Alford, Roy Alford, Vivian Alford, John Anderson, James Armstrong, Kathleen Armstrong, Donnie Bailey, Bobbie Baker, David Bates, Ora Betha, Edward Blakely, Arthur Bradshaw, Charles Brooks, Deloris Brown, Johnny Burrell, Gloria Canady, Rudy Carr, Ivory Carson, Ronald Carson, Diana Christian, Julius Christian, Barbara Coleman, Shirley Coleman, Dorothy Conley, Loretta Conley, Tim Daniels, Gussie Dennis, Deloris Dorsey, James Doss, Freeman Downs Jr., Tillman Downs Jr., James Flowers, Barbara Ford, Linda Fort, David Fudge, Mary Garrison, Mack Gay, Jewel Gayles, Bobbie George, Elmer Givens, Emily Givens, Riley Givens, Rose Givens, Theo Goldsby, Stella Gray, Marilyn Harden, Donald Harris, Tiney Harris, Edna Hawkins, David Higgins, Henry Hill, Troy Hill, Robert Hobbs, Harold Huiter, Harry Hunter, Edna Hutchinson, Joseph Jackson Jr., Robert Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Earnestine Jenkins, Hattie Jenkins, Andrew Jackson, Cynthia Johnson, Minion Johnson, Alma Jones, Geneva Jones, Lee Aubrey Jones, Robert Jones, Joe Lee King, Marshall Lee, Johnny Lenoir, Roosevelt Leopold Jr., Linda Loche, Lizzie Lumpkin, Blanchie Martin, Rudolph Martin Jr., Emma Mays, Dorothy Miller, Curtis Minneweather, Leonard Mitchell, Alice Moore, Frugwell Moore, Martha Moore, Eddie Montgomery, Eric Morgan, John Morris, Leon Morris, Daisie Morrison, Alice Moses, Dianna Neal, Cleartie Norris, Benate Odom, Theabury Odom, Mack Palm, Emma Dean Parham, George Payne, Clementine Pegross, Rosie Perry, Ella Randle, Daniel Richardson, Edward Ricks, Helen Robertson, Bobby Robinson, Larry Robinson, Mildred Robinson, Bobby Seay, Alfred Smith, Dianne Smith, John Smith, Robert Smith Jr., Larry Summerville, Patricia Sylvester, Patricia Taylor, Claytis Thirdkill, Clavin Thomas, Henry Thomas, Horace Thompson, Earl Thornton, Joyce Toney, Alex Turntine, Irene Wallace, Willie Wallace, Edward Watson, Alice Whaley Annie White, Dorothy White, Devora Williams, Dorothy Williams, Lucille Williams, Callie Wilson, Emma Wilson, Rosetta Wilson, Jessie Winfield, and Betty Winston.

Union was a school where parents, ministers, teachers and the principal worked as a unit to support education. Because of this unity, principal Nute's goal was to help students develop to their maximum potential. He succeeded in providing students with one of the broadest curriculums in Morehouse Parish. He was never at ease, constantly looking for teachers to provide new subjects. The year before the school was phased out, Art and Small Engines had been to the curriculum.

The last Union High faculty was:

Melvin Anderson
Annie Mae Andrews
John Willie Armstrong
Clara B. Clark
Leon Conway
Lillie Conway
Lillie Dawson
Ralph Davenport
Baynard Duncan Jr.
Annie Marie Fudge
Deloris Hamlin
Charles Jackson
Anna W. Johnson
Naamon Johnson
Poosevelt Johnson
Eva D. Kyles
Glendora Goree
Raleigh O. Lucas
Wilhelmina Merrick
Loraine Miller
Willie G. Montgomery
Joe Moore Jr.
Ellen S. Murphy
Billy J. Rabon
Elowise Rabon
Inez Riser
Ivory B. Smith
Lula D. Smith
Earl B. Thornton
Vivian Thurston
Geraldine Walker
Mildred Walker
Margie Wallace
James Washington
Katie D. Watkins
Mary W. Watkins
Leander Wilson
Joseph Williams

Even though the name union High became non-existent after seventeen years, it yet lives in the hearts and minds of some 9,567 students and 69 faculty members who passed that way. It stands out in our memory as an epitome of courage, dignity, pride, and progress as reflected in students it has helped to mold. AND THIS IS THE WAY WE WERE—1952-1972.

UNION HIGH SCHOOL
MER ROUGE, LA.

MAY 22, 1960

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION-----Mr. Rand Thong

MUSIC--"Trampin"-----Johnson
Soloist-Sarah Johnson

OFFERING-----Mrs. Doris Smith
Miss V. Leach
Mrs. Ada Hunt
Mr. Rhod Hay
Mr. W. Montgo
Mr. West Mosco

MUSIC--"Soon I Will Be Done"--Clark
Chorus

SALUTATORY-----Lucile Watkins
"The Desire To
Achieve"

MUSIC--"Ride The Chariot"--Smith
Soloist-Jeanne Rhone

VALEDICTORY-----Deloise Tappin
"Education For
Today's Living"

SOLO-"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"--
Soloist-Katie Bell Williams

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER---Mr. L.A. Nute
Principal
Union High School

ADDRESS-----Mr. E.E. Jones
Pastor
Galilee Baptist
Church
Shreveport, La.

MUSIC--"Alleluia, Glorious Is Thy Name"--
Chorus Olson

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS---Mrs. Velma Adams
Mrs. Mattie Davis

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS-----Mrs. W.S. Merriek
Presiding

MUSIC--"Hallelujah Chorus"(Messiah)-Handel

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS-----Mr. L.A. Nute

BENEDICTION-----Chorus

RECESSIONAL

HONOR GRADUATES: Tappin, Deloise
Watkins, Lucile — *Graveling*
Armstrong, John Willie *Graveling*
Daniels, Roger *Southern*
Anderson, Catherine *Graveling*
Robinson, Gustie Lee *Southern*
Murphy, L.C. — *Southern University*
Smith, Louise