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1956



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Dear School Board Members and Patrons:

We, the staff of Lowery High School, are happy to present the 1956 Graduating Class of seventeen girls and twenty boys.

It is our hope that these young people, in some way, have been helped in their efforts to grasp basic ideas and ideals that will lead them to a fuller appreciation for American citizenship and its responsibilities.

As they leave, our silent prayers go with them, for the future holds only the best for those who live upright and noble.

Very truly yours,
E. C. LAND, Principal

BACCALAUREATE EXERCISES



Sunday, May 20, 1956 4:00 P. M.

Processional Class '56

Song — "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Audience

Invocation Rev. M. H. Butler

Musical Selections School Chorus

"Bless This House" — "Rock-A-My Soul"

Introduction of Speaker Rev. A. C. Daniels

Sermon Rev. Howard M. Creecy, Pastor,

Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church

Morgan City, Louisiana

Musical Selection School Chorus

"Set Down Servant"

"Joshua Fit The Battle of Jericho"

Offertory

Announcements

Benediction

Recessional Class '56

GRADUATING CLASS

1956



JOSHUA COLE

Class President, President of Physical Education Club,
Honorary Science Club, Delegate to Bayou Boys' State,
1955.

GRADUATES



RICHARD ADAMS
Physical Education Club,
Captain Basketball Team



VICTORAN ARTHUR
Physical Education Club,
Chorus



JOYCE YVONNE AUGUSTA
Class Secretary, Chorus,
Secretary, Phys. Ed. Club,
Dramatics Club



**LILLIAN FLORENCE
BARNES**
Physical Education Club



HAZEL MARIE BILLY
Physical Education Club,
Chorus



MARY LEE BROOKS
Physical Education Club,
National Honor Society,
Honorary Science Club,
Dramatics Club, NHA, Chorus

GRADUATES



JOYCE YVONNE AUGUSTA
Class Secretary, Chorus,
Secretary, Phys. Ed. Club,
Dramatics Club



CLARENCE NOLAN BROWN
Physical Education Club,
Chorus, Dramatics Club



LAWRENCE BROWN
Physical Education Club,
Chorus



AUGUSTUS BRUNSWICK
Physical Education Club
Chorus



MARY LEE BROOKS
Physical Education Club,
National Honor Society,
Honorary Science Club,
Dramatics Club, NHA, Chorus



RUFUS BUTLER
Physical Education Club



LAWRENCE CHATMAN
Physical Education Club
Dramatics Club



MONICA KAY DELANEY
Physical Education Club,
National Honor Society, Hon-
orary Science Club, Orchesis
Dance Club, Chorus, NHA

GRADUATES



VICTOR PHILLIP DENNIS
Physical Education Club,
Chorus



MARGARET DOMINICK
Physical Education Club,
Basketball Team, NHA,
Cheerleader



FELTON GALLON, Jr.
Physical Education Club



SOLOMON GALLON
Physical Education Club



MARVA BUTLER GANES
Physical Education Club,
National Honor Society,
Honorary Science Club,
Chorus, Orchesis Dance
Club, NHA



ELOISE M. GRAVES
Physical Education Club,
Chorus, Basketball Team,
Honorary Science Club,
NHA

GRADUATES



FELTON GALLON, Jr.
Physical Education Club



HILDA MAE HUBBARD
Vice-President, Physical Ed.
Club, National Honor Society,
Honorary Science Club, NHA,
Dramatics Club



**ERNESTINE DELORIS
IRVIN**
Physical Education Club



FLOYD IRVIN
Physical Education Club



ELOISE M. GRAVES
Physical Education Club,
Chorus, Basketball Team,
Honorary Science Club,
NHA



MELVIN JUPITER
Treasurer, Physical Education
Club



MELVIN J. LeBLANC
Physical Education Club,
Chorus, Baseball Team,
Quartet, Dramatics Club



STELLA LOTTEN
Physical Education Club

GRADUATES



GEORGE MADISON, JR.
Physical Education Club,
Baseball Team



NAOMI WANDA NICHOLAS
Physical Education Club,
Chorus



BETTY MORALES RICARDO
Physical Education Club,
Chorus, Cheerleader,
Orchestrax Dance Club



WAYNE CORTEZ RICARDO
Physical Education Club,
Baseball Team, Basket-
ball Team. Delegate to
Bayou Boys' State, 1955



VIVIAN SIMS
Physical Education Club,
Basketball Team



CLAUDE V. SMITH
Physical Education Club



BETTY MORALES RICARDO
Physical Education Club,
Chorus, Cheerleader,
Orchesis Dance Club



MARIETTE STEWART
Physical Education Club,
NHA, National Honor Society,
Honorary Science Club, Presi-
dent, Dramatics Club



BETTY JEAN THOMAS
Physical Education Club,
Dramatics Club, NHA



LORETTA JEAN VERRET
Physical Education Club,
Dramatics Club, Chorus,
Cheerleader, Orchesis Dance
Club, NHA



CLAUDE V. SMITH
Physical Education Club



ETHEL MAE WILLIAMS
Physical Education Club,
NHA, Orchesis Dance Club



THELMA WILSON
Physical Education Club,
Dramatics Club, Chorus, NHA



**MILLIE LORRAINE
WRIGHT**
Physical Education Club,
Honorary Science Club,
National Honor Society

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Superintendent Gordon A. Webb

Mr. Gordon A. Webb is Superintendent of Ascension Parish Schools. He has had many years of experience in the field of education; serving as high school principal, teacher, director of High School Relations at Louisiana State University, Field Secretary for the Louisiana Teachers Association, and has worked for six years in the State Department of Education, two of these six years, as Assistant Supervisor of Education for Negroes in Louisiana. For the past three years, he has served as Superintendent of Ascension Parish Schools. We are fortunate to have Mr. Webb as our educational leader with this background of experience.

BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER



Reverend Howard W. Creecy

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Self-evaluation as a means of developing a more effective school program, has been an accepted organized procedure for more than twenty years. The entire staff at Lowery made use of the instrument used in self-evaluation — Evaluative Criteria — in order to improve the instructional program.



JUNIOR CIVIC LEAGUE — "To serve and help others" — The purpose of the Junior Civic League is to help improve the home, school and community.



MISS LOWERY AND HER COURT, 1956 — Sponsored by the Physical Education Club.

Front row: Left to right — Catherine DeRouen, 3rd Maid; Maxine Butler, 4th Maid; Dorothy Mae Smith, QUEEN; Eloise Graves, 1st Maid; Ossie Mae Dright, 5th Maid; Brenda Pinkens, 2nd Maid.

Back row: Left to right — Walter Nicholas, Melvin LeBlanc, Alvin Thomas, Louis James, John Summers, Claudel LeBlanc.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Thursday, May 24, 1956

7:45 P. M.

Processional Class '56

Song — "Star Spangled Banner" Audience

Invocation Rev. A. C. Daniels

Musical Selections School Chorus

"Now Thank We All Our God"

"Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountain"

Solo — "Without A Song" Louis James

Introduction of Speaker Mr. E. C. Land

Commencement Address Mr. Gordon A. Webb
Superintendent
Ascension Par'ish
Schools

Musical Selections Miss Babbette Joseph
"Ave Maria" — "Ma Soul's Been Anchored In De Lawd"

Awarding of Diplomas Dr. P. H. LeBlanc, President
Ascension Parish
School Board

Special Awards

Benediction

Recessional Class '56



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MISS EVELYN W. PIERCE

Retired

June 30, 1955

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity.

—Webster



MRS. JESSIE T. GIBSON

To Retire

June 1, 1956



Ascension Parish and its citizens have benefited much from the service of these two teachers.

Those of us who remain in the profession should accept the great challenge of their spirit.

May the blessings of God be with them always.

—E. C. Land and Faculty



Mrs. Mattie F. Daniels
Jeunes Supervisor

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E. C. Land Principal

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- Mrs. Myrtle C. Martin** 6th Grade
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- Miss Theresa O. Wilson** 5th Grade
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