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Commencement Exercises

Charles D. Owen High School Graduates 191

One hundred and ninety one Charles D. Owen High School graduates were presented their diplomas in Graduation Exercises held Wednesday evening May 26 in the B.W. Spilman Auditorium at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

The Invocation was given by Frank Thielman. Miss Chrisann Ohler gave the Valedictory Address. The Graduation Address given by Lewis Anthony Wright. They were introduced by Rebecca Leigh Bridges.

Miss Brenda Diane Harwood recognized the Honor Students. The Scholarship Winners were introduced by Tony Wright. The Beta Club members were recognized by Miss Donna Pate. A tribute to Parents and friends was given by Ivan Byron Bailey.

Charles A. Lytle, principal and Olen Sisk, Asst. principal presented diplomas to the graduates.

An Anthem "The Way We Were" by Hamilch was presented by the Owen Senior Ensemble.

The Prelude, Processional and Recessional were presented by Miss Anita McCracken, pianist and Miss Janice Price, organist.

The Baccalaureate Service was held Sunday May 23, at 8:00 p.m. The Baccalaureate Address was given by Frank Shelby Thielman and David Charles Wilson. They were introduced by Robert K. Norton.

The Owen Senior Ensemble sang the Anthem "The New 3rd Psalm" by Ralph Carmichael. The Prelude, Processional and Recessional

were presented by Miss Anita McCracken, Pianist and Miss Janice Lednum Price, Organist.

SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS
Ninety-three Average or Above for Four Years
Chrisann Ohler
Valedictorian

Willeene Suzie Fowler, Carol Denise Harwood, Julie Jane Hoefling, Lisa Renee Hudgins, Pamela Kay Kelly, Jo Ann Theresa Matone, Anita Karen McCracken, Wendy Lou McMahan, Sue Blankenship McPeters, Mary Lynn Meadows, Carol Lynn Morris, Donna Lynn Pate, Rebecca Jean Petree, James Douglas Pool, Norma Jean Reese, Brenda Gail Robinson, Patricia Diane Stroupe, Abbie Marie Taylor, Frank Shelby Thielman, Mildred Louise Vaillancourt, David Charles Wilson, Susan Lynn Wilson and Lewis Anthony Wright.

SENIOR BETA CLUB MEMBERS
90 Average or above

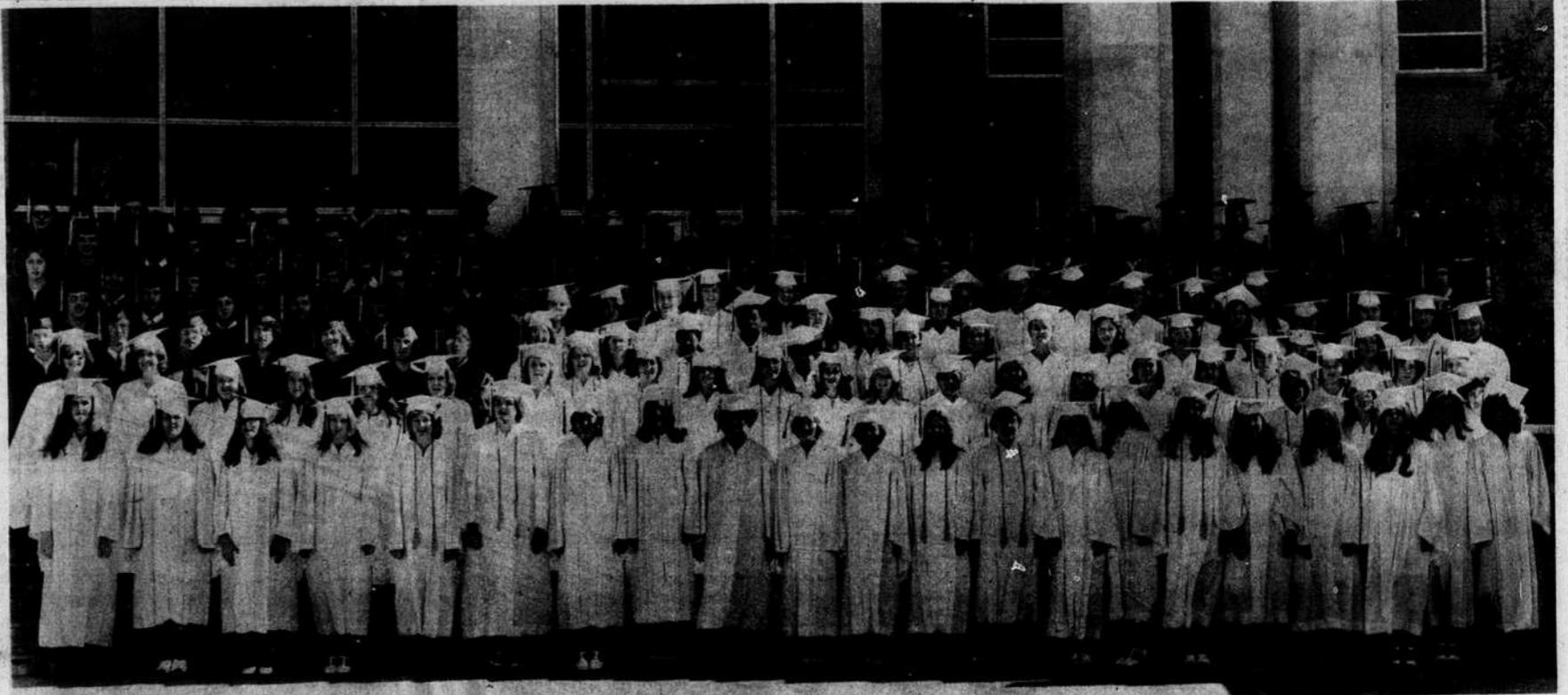
Richard H. Andrews, Douglas Howard Brooks, Terry Dennis Dalton, Roger Eugene Denny, Charles David Duyck, Willeene Suzie Fowler, Ned Henry Garrison, II, Carol Denise Harwood, Julie Jane Hoefling, Lisa Renee Hudgins, Debra Lynn Johnson, Pamela Kay Kelly, Jo Ann Theresa Matone, Linda Denise Matthews, Anita Karen McCracken, Karen Lynn McDermott, Wendy Lou McMahan, David McMurray, Sue Blankenship McPeters, Mary Lynn Meadows, Carol Lynn Morris, Chrisann Ohler, Mary

Dorinda Owens, Donna Lynn Pate, Rebecca Jean Petree, James Douglas Pool, David Walker Price, Janice Lednum Price, Norma Jean Reese, Brenda Gail Robinson, Joseph Terry Robinson, Hilary Elizabeth Runnee, Patricia Diane Stroupe, Abbie Marie Taylor, Jackie Lee Taylor, Frank Shelby Thielman, Mildred Louise Vaillancourt, Kathy Darlene Wagoner, Tina Yu Wang, Cheryl Lynn Wheeler, David Charles Wilson and Lewis Anthony Wright.

The Charles D. Owen Chapter of the National Beta Club consists of junior and senior students who have maintained a cumulative average of 90 on their high school work. The Beta Club exists to reward this meritorious achievement but even more important, it exists to promote the ideals of honesty, service and leadership among the high school students of America.

JUNIOR CLASS MARSHALS
Chief Marshal
Leslie Claire Davis

Thea Inez Copeland, David Turbyfill Dyer, Betty Inez Hall, Mary Frances Senn, Laura Renee Hipps, Tammy Jane Anderson, Debra Ann Stafford, John Allen Crawford, Dennis Kevin Edwards, Claire O'Connell Skidmore, Mary Jane Boyce, Betty Lee Smith, Phillip Lee Hillsman, Theresa Jean Smith, John Anson Daniels, Rebecca Gay Turner, Charles Franklin Eggers and George Lee Russell.



Patricia Kaye Alexander
Janis Gale Allen
Pamela Kay Allen
Judy Dotson Angel
Judith Reed Anderson
Richard H. Andrews
Dennis Eugene Austin
Ivan Byron Bailey
Robert Wallace Ballard
Sandra Jean Bartlette
Margaret Elizabeth Bass
Mark Edwin Bates
John Rhonda Blankenship
Carol Lynn Bordner
Sammy Eugene Branch
Rebecca Leigh Bridges
Robert Keith Bridges
Douglas Howard Brooks
Erlene Gayle Brown
Kathy Juanita Burleson
Vivian Kay Burnett
Laura Anne Burnette
Nancy Craig Butler
David Richard Carson
Anita Chandler
Evelyn Mary Chandler
Annette Yvonne Childs
Michael Lee Church
Robert Allen Church
Phillip Lowell Clark
Timothy Lee Clark
Michael Beniah Clevenger
Timothy Arnold Cody

Cynthia Lewis Cordell
Robin Lynn Cox
Tracy Gail Curtis
Terry Dennis Dalton
Rochelle Daniel
Donna Jean Davidson
Koketta Benac Davidson
Linda Lee Davidson
Harvey Joe Davis
Myra Jannell Davis
Roger Eugene Denny
Richard Doran
Charles David Duyck
Howard Jeffrey Edmonds

Deborah Lynn Eggers
Ronnie Formyduval
Willeene Suzie Fowler
Jackie Lee Foxx
Tony Fuertes
Teddy Dewane Gardner
Ned Henry Garrison, II
Terry Lee Gibson
Virgil Lunny Gilliam
Cynthia Gail Glenn
Mitchell Warren Glenn
Michael Kincaid Godfrey
David Ronald Grady
Dawn Renee Gragg
Ernest James Grant
Vernon Leon Greene, Jr.
Margaret Sherry Gregg
Michael Taylor Grove

Michael Douglas Hall
Jerry Lee Hampton
Kaye Shirley Hampton
George Edward Haney
Tony Harper
Brenda Diane Harwood
Carol Denise Harwood
Gwynnava Priscilla Haynie
Julie Jane Hoefling
Mary Kathryn Holder
Judy Marie Hopson
Alan Ray Howell
Lisa Renee Hudgins
Kathy Lee Hughes
Robert Henderson Inabinet
Debra Lynn Johnson
Tina Marie Jones
Gerald Jackson Kasey
Joseph Finch Keever
Malvin Gene Keever
Pamela Kay Kelly
Sherry Lee Kinnison
John Earhardt Klutz
Daniel Thomas Lackey
Edna Faye Lewis
Karl Anthony Logan
David Dean Lumston
Regina Michelle Lynch
JoAnn Theresa Matone
Linda Denise Matthews
Anita Karen McCracken
Karen Lynn McDermott

Donald Clifford McKenzie, Jr.
Wendy Lou McMahan
David McMurray
Sue Blankenship McPeters
Mary Lynn Meadows
Harold Edward Melton
Gary Dean Messer
Cathy Louise Mink
Cory Dwayne Moody
Carol Lynn Morris
Glenda Walker Morrow
Anthony Jerome Muckelvene
Patricia Ann Holcombe Mundy
Sharon Kay Nelon
Robert K. Norton
Chrisann Ohler
Mary Dorinda Owens
Hy Young Park
Donna Lynn Pate
Kanny Ray Patton
Michael Keith Patton
Roger Clay Patton
Clint Emerson Payne
Julia Dunn Perley
Arthur Curtis Pertiller
Rebecca Jean Petree
Eddie Darrell Pittman
David Leon Plunkett
James Douglas Pool
Deborah Kay Powell
David Walker Price
Janice Lednum Price

Michael Hubert Reese
Norma Jean Reese
Michael Allen Respass
Stephen Dean Rhinehart
Brenda Gail Robinson
Joe Lee Robinson
Joseph Terry Robinson
Linda Kaye Robinson
Michael Henry Rogers
Hilary Elizabeth Runnee
Richard Norman Schulz
Robert H. Seaward
Ronald Dale Settle
Patricia Lynn Silvers
Catherine Louise Simmons
Carole Elizabeth Smith
William Anthony Sneed
Gary Vaughn Sparks
Nappol Noy Srisupapol
Bobby Lee Stafford
Mark Lewis Statler
Rosemary Kay Statler
Dennis Kyle Stephenson
Judy Faye Stewart
Bobby Lee Strickland
Patricia Diane Stroupe
Sharon Pierce Stroupe
Clifford Wayne Summey
Gary Dean Summey
Teresa Lynn Swann
Abbie Marie Taylor
Jackie Lee Taylor

Frank Shelby Thielman
Audrey Lynn Thomas
James Henry Thomas
Joel Lee Thomas
Linda Lee Thompson
Woddard George Thompson
Mildred Louise Vaillancourt
David Ray Vess
Richard Darlene Wade
Kathy Darlene Wagoner
Tina Yu Wang
Richard Donald Watson
Jerry Dean Wells
Brent Everette Wheeler
Cheryl Lynn Wheeler
Keith Anthony Whittington
Carol Ruth Willimi
Lyle Dean Wilkerson
Steven Wayne Willard
Frances Darlene Williams
Mitchell Garrison Williams
David Charles Wilson
Shirley Ann Wilson

Susan Lynn Wilson
William Albert Wilson
Judith Gayle Wiseman
Keith Curtis Wright
Lewis Anthony Wright
Randy Lee Wright
Robert Alan Wright

Charles D. Owen Park Is Open To Public

The Charles D. Owen District Park on Bee Tree Road in Swannanoa had their opening ceremonies Saturday, May 22. Included among the many speakers were Roy Trantham, Buncombe County Commissioner, and Sheriff Tom Morrissey. Trantham commented that Owen Park was the first step towards

making the community an even better place to live. Sheriff Morrissey told the young ball players and the crowd that had gathered for the opening that competitiveness will help bring people together.

Local officials and board members who helped get the

park built asked for a silent remembrance for the late Jennings Johnson whose plans and work spurred the completion of the park.

Lunch was served at about 12:30 for \$1.00 a plate. Afterwards, the Babe Ruth League games got underway and continued for the rest of the afternoon.



THE CHARLES D. OWEN PARK Opening ceremonies were held Saturday, May 22. The speakers were flanked on both sides by the Babe Ruth League ball players, who played their first games that afternoon.

Benje's Bulletin Board

Benje is looking great!! After a trip to surgery, Thursday (May 20), to remove dead skin the doctors are hopeful they will not have to do so again. They were very encouraging about his progress for really the first time. They will still have to

deal with a great deal of scar tissue but that will take some time.

He has been laughing, joking and fussing at the nurses. He's eating better and is out of the One-A Intensive Care Unit. He's using his

hands more too. Please continue to write and send cards to: 1036 Anderson Hill Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45230.

He can enjoy them more now and they're really helping Benje and his mom.

Awards Banquet Fetes Athletes

The annual Charles D. Owen High School Athletic Awards Banquet was held Thursday

night, May 20 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. Awards were given out after the banquet for the coaches and players. Mike Godfrey and Marianne Myers received top honors this year as the male and female Athletes of the Year.

The Male Athlete of the Year Award was presented to Mike Godfrey by Lee Clapp, manager of the Northwestern Bank in Black Mountain. Mike also received an award for the Best Field Event Man in track. Miss Myers was presented the Female Athlete of the Year Award by Joe Tyson of the Jaycees. She also received the Most Outstanding Award in Volleyball.

The Big O Outstanding Team award this year went to the 1976 Girls Varsity Basketball Team. It was presented by Johnny Raines.

Others receiving awards were: (Key - M.V. Most Valuable; M.O. Most Outstanding).

Tennis - John Daniels, M.O.; Softball - Dorinda Owens, M.O.; Volleyball - Marianne Myers, M.O.; Girls Track - Luanne Price, M.O.; Golf - Rusty Worton, M.O.

Boys Track - Mike Reeves, Best Field Event Man; Mike

Godfrey, Most Outstanding Sprinter.

J.V. Baseball - David Ford, M.V.; Varsity Baseball - Kenny Patton, Best Hitter; Terry Robinson, hustler award; Ray Weaver, M.O. Wrestling - Tony Wright, M.V.; Clint Payne, M.O.

Boys Freshman Basketball - James Davidson, M.V.; Brad LeVine, M.O.; Terry Twitty, Selfless Award.

J.V. Basketball - Matt Black, M.V.; Marc LeVine, Mr. Hustle.

Ninth Grade Girls Basketball - Debbie Mucklevan, M.V.; Donna Maxwell, Most Improved.

Girls Varsity Basketball - Trophies were given to every player. A players award was given by the team to Coach Lee.

Boys Varsity Basketball - Bobby Stafford, M.O.; Kerner Long, M.V.; Rusty Worton, "Scrapper" award.

Freshman Football - Steve Harwood, M.V.; Tim Raines, "Headhunter" award.

J.V. Football - David Ford, M.V.

Varsity Football - Medallions were given to every player.

Most Valuable Manager Award - David Plunkett.

Most Outstanding Cheerleader Award - Becky Bridges.



FEMALE STUDENT RECEIVING AWARD — Marianne Myers received the Female Athlete of the Year Award presented by Joe Tyson of the Junior Chamber Jaycees.



MALE STUDENT RECEIVING AWARD — Mike Godfrey was presented with the Male Athlete of the Year Award by Lee Clapp of the Northwestern Bank in Black Mountain.