

Diplomas To 99 Boonville High School Seniors

Graduates Told To Hold Fast
To Freedom — Depart-
mental Awards Made

"Young people must have
faith in a Democratic way of
life," Dr. F. L. McCleure, pres-

ident of Westminster College,
Fulton, told 99 members of
the Boonville high school
graduating class and a pack-
ed auditorium at the annual
Commencement exercises May
22.

"Men were born to be free.
Keep faith and freedom will
not be destroyed," the college
president continued. "Devote
yourselves to a greater love
of freedom..

"America faces dangerous days,
but America must insist in its
citizens a love for the democratic
way of life so that democracy may
continue.

"America must create that
kind of freedom worthy of de-
fense," he counseled the senior
class. "We must prepare to
champion our democratic way
of life and make sacrifices to
assure it.

"You must forget yourselves; you
must be guided by faith.

"There are many here tonight
who are stirred with confidence
and high hopes. You must think
seriously. You must continue the
training of a mind that will let
you live an understanding and
satisfactory life.

"If you discover yourself and
learn and practice self-disci-
pline and self-forgetfulness, a
restful and satisfactory life will
result," Dr. McCleure said in
conclusion.

The 62nd annual Commencement
program began with an invocation
by the Rev. Emil F. Abele, pastor
of the Evangelical church and was
followed by a vocal solo, "Boats of
Mine" written by Anne Miller and
sung by Marjorie Williamson.
After Dr. McCleure's address, Joyce
Gowan presented a violin solo,
"Traumerel" by Schumann, Honors
and scholarships were presented by
Supt. L. E. Ziegler, while Robert
F. Blankenbaker, principal, present-
ed the class with diplomas.

In the absence of T. S. Smrall,
president of the Board of Educa-
tion, Supt. Ziegler awarded the di-
plomas to the members of the
graduating class. The program was
concluded with the benediction by
the Rev. D. P. Murphy, pastor of
the Presbyterian church.

Thirteen departmental honors
were awarded during the Com-
mencement program:

Diversified Occupations

EARL MEYER

Vocational Agriculture

HILLARD NIEBRUEGGE

Commerce

FRANCES EAGER

Industrial Arts

R. A. JOHNSON

Music

RAYMOND SANDERS

Latin

BILL ABELE

Mathematics and Science

CLARENCE GLOVER

Art

ALICE BELLE RASMUSSEN

Athletics

FRED BIESEMAYER

Girls' Physical Education

GENEVA SIECKMAN

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