

# Mt. Edgecumbe High School awards 78 diplomas

Seventy-eight graduates received diplomas at the thirty-third annual commencement.

at Mt. Edgecumbe High School on May 23.

Richard Stitt delivered the commencement address. Mr. Stitt, a 1948 Mt. Edgecumbe graduate, is Executive Vice President of Sealaska, a Juneau-based Southeast corporation. He holds the BS degree from Seattle Pacific University.

Nellie Charlie and Fannie Andrew, Salutatorian and Valedictorian respectively, are both from Tuntutuliak. Both will enroll at Seattle Pacific University in the fall.

Jeff Maupin, Barrow, was awarded the Atlantic-

Richfield Scholarship to Dartmouth University.

Presentation of the class was made by Lawrence B. Welch, Principal and Leroy Demmert, Superintendent, awarded the diplomas. Mr. Demmert was assisted by Luki Akelkuk, Chairman of the School Board. Mr. Akelkuk is from Ekwoik.

The "Brave" Band, under the direction of Les Coursley, played the processional and recessional. Mr. Hawk, Director, and the School Chorus "Mastersingers" sang three numbers. Pastor Elwood Grisson of the Assembly of God gave the invocation and benediction.

Approximately 80 parents attended the graduation.

The first class was graduated in May 1948. Since then approximately 5,000 students have received diplomas from Mt. Edgecumbe, a federally-operated boarding school in Sitka.

Mr. Edgecumbe graduates have gone into all walks of life, with many occupying key leadership positions across the state. Positions occupied by alumni include public health administration, education administration, education, attorneys at law, medical, law enforcement and many, many others. Some went into the political field and were elected to the state legislature. Morris Thompson, a 1959 graduate, is seeking a seat in the U.S. Senate. Aga-

fon Krukoff, Jr. is President of the Aleut Corp. Gerald Ivey is Area Director of the Alaska Native Health Service.

According to Mr. Demmert, approximately 100 or more will graduate in 1981. The 1980-81 school year will begin with registration on August 21.

The 1980 Graduates are:

Margaret Abouchuk - St. Michael  
 Billy Acovak - New Stuvahok  
 Donna Ahkivak - Barrow  
 Nelda Akelkuk - Ekwoik  
 Christopher Alek - Ek  
 Grace Attatayuk - Nome  
 Helen Attungowruk - Barrow  
 Judith Brady - Sitka  
 Dora Brower - Barrow  
 Hara Brower - Barrow  
 John Choemak, Jr. - St. Michael  
 Katherine Cleveland - Quinhagak  
 Lucy Cleveland - Quinhagak  
 Stella Cleveland - Quinhagak  
 Donna Commack - Shungnak  
 Pamela Demientieff - Bethel  
 Sandra Dick - Tanana  
 Jessie Douglas - Ambler  
 Charles Evan - Lower Kalsing  
 Alice Field - Noorvik  
 Pauline Gallia - Goodnews Bay  
 Anita George - Pilot Station  
 Nick Gilla - Akiaik  
 Helen Gray - Ambler  
 James Bobby Guy - Kwethluk  
 Bessie Hansen - Portage Creek  
 Letta Hurler - Ekwoik  
 Oregina Hurler - Ekwoik  
 Bobby Iaphel - Bethel  
 Mary Jim - Bethel  
 Brenda Joe - Tetlin  
 Michael Johnson - Koliganek  
 Frederick Joseph - Akianuk  
 Eva Ann Kapotak - Portage Creek  
 Irene Kochutin - St. Paul  
 Rodney Lakanof - St. Paul  
 Paul Lestankof - St. Paul  
 Edward Lockwood - Unalakleet  
 Henry Lockwood - St. Michael  
 Franklin Lott - Akiaik  
 Lena Lupie - Tuntutuliak  
 Jeffrey Maupin - Barrow  
 Gustv McCarr - Koliganek  
 Fern Miller - Bethel  
 Joey Miller - Tuntutuliak  
 Bernadette Moses - Emmonak  
 Daniel Mute - Kipmuk  
 Irene Nick - Holitha River  
 Arnold Nicolai - Kwethluk  
 Marie Noah - Akiaichuk  
 Gregory Nothstine - Anchorage  
 Charlie Olanna - Brevig Mission  
 Luther Oscar Jr. - Bethel  
 Bobby Pavella - New Stuvahok  
 Elina Pete - Stibbings  
 Martha Peter - Akiaichuk  
 Abraham Redfox - Emmonak  
 Jacob Redfox - Emmonak  
 Ellen Sakengak - Barrow  
 Darrell Sam - Huslia  
 Michael Seal - Bethel  
 Benjamin Sockpenhuk - Shik Tootik  
 Carolyn Solomon - Barrow  
 Flora Solomon - Fairbanks  
 Sandra Solomon - Ft. Yukon  
 Patrick Spein - Kwethluk  
 Lena Tootik - Savoonga  
 Susan Tritt - Arctic Village  
 Nelson Kusavvile - Akiaichuk  
 Ernie Kasabak - Kipmuk  
 Beverly Kashavavof - St. George  
 Elena Kallia - Chagthhaluk  
 Louie Kinegak - Akiaichuk  
 Robert Williams - Akiaik  
 Waska Williams - Akiaik  
 Samuel Woods - Shungnak  
 Olinka Yohak - Kwethluk  
 Basil Zacharof - St. George