

Diplomas for 56 Adult Students

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AMONG THE proudest possessors of high school diplomas this month will be the fifty-six members of the Benjamin Franklin Adult School's graduating class.

What is more, the graduates of San Francisco's most unusual public high school this year, as in the past, stand as testimony to the fact that it's never too late to learn.

Typical of those who found time to complete their high school studies despite the responsibility of parenthood are Lander Goodson and Mrs. Gertrude Plummer.

Goodson, a World War II and Korean war veteran, is the father of four children ranging in age from 7 to 15. He plans to continue his studies at San Francisco City College and San Francisco State.

Mrs. Gertrude Plummer, mother of five girls from 8 to 17, finds herself graduating from the same school building she attended as a youngster—the old Adams School at 750 Eddy Street which now houses the Benjamin Franklin Adult School.

ANOTHER GRADUATE, Mrs. Eufrosina Kuntze, mother of a son 23 and a daughter 21, came to America from the Philippines in 1951. During World War II while her husband was a prisoner of the Japanese army, Mrs. Kuntze and her son were recruited for forced labor twelve hours a day, seven days a week.

She enrolled in Benjamin Franklin Adult School to prepare herself for employment, and completed work for her degree by attending both day and evening classes.

Other members of the graduating class include a concert pianist, a waiter, fifteen members of the armed forces stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco and several veterans of World War II and Korea.

Most of the graduates are planning to go on to college or will seek clerical jobs where

they will utilize the skills they have learned at Benjamin Franklin Adult School. Many are qualified as bookkeepers, comptometer operators and typists. Some have passed city and Federal civil service tests.

Benjamin Franklin is one of four adult high schools in San Francisco which each year graduates between 200 and 300 adults.

THOSE WHO will be graduated Monday are:

Odessa Adams, Herbert C. Anderson, Ralph A. Astengo Jr., Calvin S. Barnes, Louise E. Bedinger, Robert E. Beecham, Earl Alexander Browne, Jerrie Cain, Margaret Carpenter, Bong N. (John) Chin, B. Geneva Cobb, Joel Conard, Alvina Scholl Coppin, Berry Crosby, Jenny Dasovich, Lloyd E. Donaldson, Consolacion A. Douglas, Carl H. Edmonston, Conchita A. Estape, Lander F. Goodson, Jerry Bilicek, Thomas F. Donohue, Christian N. East, Herbert M. Gray, Max A. Gutierrez, Gordon W. Keck, James T. Magner, Reynaldo P. Marte, Margurite Green, Milton J. Hills, Frank (Yick Pang) Jew, Charles R. Johnson, Eufrosina A. Kuntze, Lawrence R. Lewis, Dorothy Bevens Lucas, Charlotte A. Lyons, Mayme S. McNeely, LeRoy C. Morris, Ella E. Moslev, Marie Murphy, Robert C. Neil, Gertrude M. Plummer, Patricia A. Portillo, John A. Schiattone, Noel S. Sturm, Mea Joy Waits, Roy Thomas Welch, Gene H. Woo, James Yee, Henry Montero, Louis R. Ramos, William T. Satele, Harold N. Saxon, Dean Smith, Hughes L. Turner and Paul D. Wolff.