



First Graduating Class

There were 20 correctional officers who received diplomas from the Western Piedmont Community College. The Western Correctional Center group had a luncheon program at Mon 'N Pop's Ham House in Drexel with Dr. James C. White, superintendent of the center, speaking. Then he and Dr. Gordon Blank, WPCC president, awarded the diplomas. There were also brief speeches by Lt. Gene T. Cousins, training officer and by Richard Greene, director of adult education at the college. First row (left to right) are William K. Southard, Charles T. Cottle, Esper W. Beam, Jack A. Ledford, William L. Lawson, Tommy E. Wakefield, and Cousins. Second row (left to right; are Stanley T. Carver, John W. Johnson, Johnny W. Brooks, Yates A. Kincaid, Doyle W. Shull, Ray T. Baker, and Greene. Third row (left to right) are Maj. R. M. Jarvis, chief correction officer, Ralph V. Stamey, William L. Garrison, Deanie R. Walker, Harper Ervin, Vincent F. Hudgins, Larry H. Phillips, and David V. Rodriguez. (Staff photo)