

NEGROES BECOME MILLIONAIRES

HOWARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATES LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY

311 Graduates Receive Their Degrees in the Various Schools of This Great National Institution.

CHARACTER FOR SERVICE

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen Commencement Orator—35 Commissions to R. O. T. C. Students—Honorary Degrees Conferred.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—That Howard University is continuing to fulfill in a large and important way the enviable place of leadership it has gained among educational institutions in America specializing in the training of colored youth is evidenced by the new record set by it this year when three hundred eleven (311) degrees were conferred upon graduates of the classes of 1923 by President J. Stanley Durkee at the Fifty-fourth Annual Commencement exercises held on the university campus Friday, June 8th.

When the announcement went forth last year that 245 degrees were conferred upon graduates of the class of 1922 of Howard university in the liberal arts, science, religion, law, medicine, pharmacy, music, engineering and architecture, it was heralded as a great record in the history of colleges in the United States devoted to educational work among colored people. This year's class of 311 has broken the old record by sixty-six graduates. In addition to the degrees in regular courses, honorary degrees were conferred upon Charles Edward Russell, of Washington, D. C.; James Weldon Johnson, New York City; James Upshur King, Washington, D. C.; Mordecai W. Johnson, Charleston, W. Va.; and Daniel Smith Lamb, Washington, D. C.

Inspiring Commencement Exercises

The ceremonies in connection with the commencement exercises began with the academic procession which started from the steps of the Howard University Carnegie Library at three o'clock Friday afternoon led by the R. O. T. C. band. The procession was headed by Dr. J. Stanley Durkee, president; Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary-treasurer; Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., the commencement orator; the candidates for honorary degrees, and included trustees, deans, professors, members of the various academic and professional faculties, graduates and alumni.

Dr. Bowen Delivers Message to Graduating Class

Dr. Bowen, the commencement orator, in his address to the graduating class upon the subject "Life's Challenge to Men and Women of Brain and Character" said in part: "Young men and young women: I would prove derelict to duty and a traitor to my conscience and be unworthy of your confidence, were I to close this address without directing a personal word to you taken from the book of experience. With the same directness of speech that was used by an ancient seer to a mighty king, but not for the same purpose or as suggested by or springing from a similar occasion in the remotest sense, but for the purpose of emphasis and to stimulate your thought, stir your conscience and move your wills to action, I lift my voice and say to you, in brotherly kindness, but with no less emphasis and prophetic solemnity 'Thou art the man' and 'Thou art the woman.' "It has been impressed upon you, from time to time with biblical repetition, that mind is the measure of man, and as said the Scotch philosopher, mind is the only great thing in this world. I would not, if I could, I dare not if I would, fail to uncover my head and unsand my foot and worship in silence and in reverence before this ancient shrine of truth. "In your zeal for knowledge, book-knowledge, if you please, it would be surprising if you failed to note fully the other requirements which your teachers sought to set before you by the more real and silent method of personal example, namely, a beautiful, consecrated christian character for service. . . ."

MICHIGAN ATHLETE SCORES BIG VICTORY

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 15.—Coming within one and one-half inches of the world's broad pump record held by Ned Gourdin, of Harvard, De Hart Hubbard, Michigan's star black athlete, jumped twenty-five-feet one and one-half inches.

Hubbard won his event in the Western Conference Track and Field Championship Meet with ease. His victory helped Michigan to win out over Illinois by one-half point for the team title.

Hubbard was also in the lead in the last hurdle and would have won the 120 high hurdle race but stumbled and came in fourth.

Immediately he protested to the officials that the whole set of hurdles over which he ran had been misplaced intentionally or otherwise, and that he had been thrown after his stride and made to stumble. Charles A. Dean, referee, on finding that the hurdles had been misplaced, ordered the event to be run over again.

Although the contestants admitted that Hubbard would have won the event of the misplaced hurdles, they refused to run and Coach Guild of Illinois, said he would take his men off the field rather than submit to the ruling.

As a compromise, the event was eliminated from the program altogether.

WHITE HEAD TEMPORARY

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Frank T. Hines, director of the Veterans' Bureau, has issued a statement declaring that the present white head of Tuskegee Hospital is only temporarily appointed and that a colored man will fill his place as soon as he can be found.

NATIONAL BAPTIST HEAD TO ADDRESS WORLD CONGRESS

Doctor Williams, President of the National Baptist Convention, to Be Speaker at Stockholm, Sweden.

ELEVEN AMERICANS TO TALK

Two of the Number Chosen Are Colored—Dr. Wilson of Texas the Other Speaker of Race.

Chicago, June 15.—Dr. L. K. Williams, president of the U. S. National Baptist Convention and pastor of Olivet Baptist church in Chicago, with over 10,000 members, will be one of the eleven prominent American ministers on the program of the World Congress of Baptists in Sweden, July 21-27.

The only other colored speaker is a southerner from Texas, Dr. E. A. Wilson, of Dallas, whose topic is, "The Future of Negro Baptists."

The last meeting was held in Philadelphia in 1912. The meeting scheduled for 1916 in Berlin was postponed on account of the war, and this meeting will be the first for ten years. Several thousand official delegates are expected from the United States, Canada, South America, Central Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, the Philippine Islands, China, Burma and India, as well as from Great Britain, Sweden, Norway and the countries of continental Europe.

Several other topics of major importance besides the "colored people's religion", such as the question of international peace, in which the League of Nations will doubtless figure, are to receive the attention of the delegates.

THE WIDE-AWAKE TWENTY-FOUR CLUB

The Wide-Awake Twenty-four club will meet with Mrs. Bella Taylor, 2859 Miami street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

The May fete given under the management of Miss Hazel Roulette for the benefit of the Wide-Awake Twenty-four club was a decided success in every way. We are very proud of this young member and very grateful to her also for this splendid affair.

SILLY SOUTHERN STUNT

Philadelphia, Pa., June 15.—Because a Southern girl is editor-in-chief of the annual class book, three colored girl students' pictures and records were not placed with those of other members of the class, but were put on the last page of the book.

High Schools Graduate Large Number of Students

Colored Graduates Show Substantial Increase Over Former Years—Make Good Records—Active in School Affairs

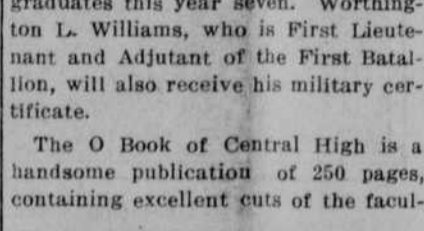
At the commencement exercises of the Omaha High schools to be held at the City Auditorium tonight over four hundred students from Central, Tech-



Dorothy Martin

and from Tech, James Calvin Jewell and Dorothy Martin. Floyd Maxey graduated from Central in January, making the total number of Central graduates this year seven. Worthington L. Williams, who is First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the First Battalion, will also receive his military certificate.

The O Book of Central High is a handsome publication of 250 pages, containing excellent cuts of the facul-



Ida May Jackson

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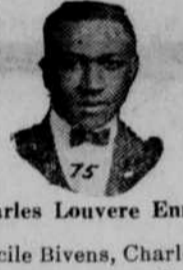
Ledrue Cooper Galloway

our race; six from Central and two from Tech. The graduates from Cen-



Worthington L. Williams

tral are Lucile Bivens, Charles Louvere Ennis, Ledrue Cooper Galloway, Henry Daniel Gordon, Ida May Jackson and Worthington Llewellyn Williams;



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Lucile Love Bivens

a credit to the staff who compiled and published it. From it The Monitor



James Calvin Jewell

family after school hours. Despite this fact she has stood well in all her



Henry David Gordon

classes, being exceptionally strong in mathematics. The cabalistic legend which the editor of the O Book has inserted opposite her cut, refers to this.

Here is what it says:

"To Lucile there's no mystery In cabalistic names or numbers Like 1066 which lesser minds encumber."

Charles L. Ennis has been prominent in athletics and music, having done stellar work in football and track work, as well as being a member of the band and orchestra. The O Book says of Charles, "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow ye die." Charles' philosophy of life never lets him worry much." He expects to go to college.

Ledrue Cooper Galloway, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Galloway, has been Central's outstanding athlete. His school activities are scheduled in the O Book as follows: Road Show (1), Football Reserves (1); Football team (2, 3, 4, H-Y (2), Class Basketball Champions (3), Basketball (4), Track (3, 4), All-State Tackle (3), All-State Half-Back (4), Rufnex (4), O Club (3, 4). (The bracketed numerals indicate the year, (1) means first year.) Here is what the same school publication says of him: "Lee has the Midas touch in athletics. One of the cleanest fellows who ever hit the line. His ability in hitting is not confined to the back field either—ask anybody in the 'Red Owl' club." Ledrue expects to study medicine.

Henry Daniel Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gordon, is paid this fine compliment: "Henry is very talented. He has ability to draw and ability to keep quiet. If only there were more like him." Henry expects to enter Boston School of Technology for a course in engineering. He is deeply interested in Boy Scout work.

Ida May Jackson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cheesborough, and among the comparative new comers to Omaha. She is musical and a (Continued on page four)

ANOTHER BIG CLASS GRADUATES FROM HAMPTON COLLEGE

James Weldon Johnson, Commencement Orator, Speaks on "Negro Citizenship." Other Notable Speakers

PRINCIPAL GIVES DIPLOMAS

First Hampton Candidates Get Degree of "Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education"

By Wm. Anthony Aery
Hampton, Va., June 15.—Principal J. E. Gregg, who presided at the Hampton Institute commencement exercises, which were held in Ogden Hall in the presence of a large number of local and visiting citizens of both races, presented four candidates for the degree of "Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education," which will be awarded on September 1: Harrison D. Jacobs, Pittsfield, Mass.; Thomas E. Johnson, Jr., Port Gibson, Miss.; D. Coaken Jones, Savannah, Ga.; and Burke M. Mathias, Boley, Okla.

Doctor Gregg presented a diploma to Ellen R. Nicholas, New Haven, Conn., graduate of the Normal School course, and a diploma to Estelle M. Jones, Danville, Ky., graduate of the Home Economics School advanced course. He also presented secondary school diplomas to 60 boys and 28 girls—members of the Academy, Agricultural School, Business School, Home Economics School and Trade School. Four more Hampton Institute men of the 1923 class will soon receive diplomas on the completion of certain work which is at present unfinished.

Doctor Gregg presented to the ranking scholar, Phyllis V. Calhoun, of Greenville, S. C., who had taken the four year course in Home Economics, a twenty-five dollar prize, which is awarded annually by the St. Phillip's Sunday school of New York. This student also delivered the valedictory address on "The Youth of the Twentieth Century," in which she stated young people have "tedious, difficult, enduring, noble things to do and must formulate their own creeds and create their own ideals."

James Weldon Johnson Speaks
That men and women who are willing to face the facts of life and learn the lessons of truth may accurately forecast themselves with reference to their thrift or indolence, their sincerity or their hypocrisy, their waste of time or their use of opportunity, and (Continued from page one)

OIL IS DISCOVERED IN FAMOUS BLACK BELT OF OKLAHOMA

Gushers Gushing Around Boley. One Of The Few Exclusive Colored Towns of The Country

POPULATION IS ON INCREASE

Settlers Confidently Expecting Wells To Make Them Millionaire Oil Magnates Overnight

Boley, Okla., June 15.—Oil prospectors are rushing into this city and section by the hundreds.

Over night the black metropolis of America has become a seething beehive of humanity and if the oncoming hordes continue within a few weeks Boley will have doubled its population. The cause of the excitement develops out of the spouting of the big oil well brought in on a quarter section owned by Rev. Robert Kirksey, located about four miles northwest of this city a short time ago.

Big Gusher
The new well is a big gusher, showing much more promise than the recent well brought in at Castle on McKern's quarter. Another well is being driven through the sand on the Sam Callahan farm just one mile north of Boley and the indications are that another big gusher will add to the already excited town in a few days.

Thousands of Acres
Thousands of acres of land in this section and Okfuskee are in the hands and control of the black folk. From Sand Creek back to Rusk, all of the land is owned by the Negroes and it is said that this new field will re-velop more millionaires than any other section has developed among our group. The new strike is said to be an extension of the field located two years ago at Clearview.

Black Millionaires
Oklahoma has smiled kindly upon many black folk who own her soil. In the past she has belched forth millions in liquid gold into the hands of hundreds of black men and women. This is particularly true in eastern Oklahoma. Luther Manuel, Sarah Rector, Queen Victoria Jackson and an unending stream of others have lived to see the barren hills and rocky crags transformed overnight into "Castles in Spain." Boley's citizens are dreaming just such dreams tonight, as many of Oklahoma's black folk have lived to realize.

ARKANSAS HAS ARMS REGISTRATION LAW

Wabbaseka, Ark., June 15.—This state has passed a law placing a special tax on all persons owning firearms.

Rev. Y. T. Polk, presiding officer of the local district of the A. M. E. Church, speaking at the quarterly conference, urged the church members not to be afraid of the law and stop leaving for the North.

SURPRISE PASTOR

The parishioners of St. Philip's Episcopal church effectively carried out a pleasant surprise upon the Rev. John Albert Williams last Monday night in honor of the thirty-second anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate. They invaded the rectory, spent a delightful social evening and presented the pastor with a purse as a testimonial of their affection. The presentation was made in brief and well-chosen words by Henry W. Black. The surprise was planned and executed under the leadership of Mrs. Isaac Bailey and Mrs. H. R. Roberts.

SELMA BARS KU KLUX

Selma, Ala., June 15.—(Preston News Service.)—The city council of Selma stopped efforts to organize a Ku Klux Klan lodge here by the passage of an ordinance at its meeting last Monday night forbidding the wearing masks or disguises on any street or other public place in the city.

ELKS' HEAD INJURED

Salisbury, Md., June 15.—J. Findley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of Elks, was seriously injured in an automobile accident en route here last Friday. The car in which he was riding completely overturned. He is now in the Salisbury Hospital.

From Nebraska to Arkansas and Back

Experiences and Observations of the Editor on Trip to Southland Where He Saw Many Things of Interest

HOT SPRINGS, A NORTHERN CITY IN THE SOUTH

Psychological influences are subtle, far-reaching and unexplainable. Places have an atmosphere, impalpable, indefinable, but felt. One becomes conscious of this atmosphere. Altho not able to explain it, but it is there and he feels it.

As soon as the train pulled into Hot Springs, I felt that I was in an entirely different atmosphere to that of any I had experienced since I crossed "over the Kansas line". Perhaps it was wholly subjective, mayhap largely imaginary, but nevertheless I felt a certain restraint and a rather uncomfortable oppressiveness as soon as I entered Oklahoma. This feeling remained with me, despite the hospitality and kindness of the dear friends who made my sojourn with them a joy and delight, during my visit in Arkansas. The only place where this oppressive atmosphere seemed to be absent was in Hot Springs. As I have said, perhaps it was purely imaginary on my part. But I do not think so. The people around the depot seemed to be different. While the South's dual system was in evidence, yet the lines did not seem to be tautly drawn. The whole air was different and I felt that I was breathing the atmosphere of a northern city. There seemed to be a cordial entente between the people and a wholesome spirit of camaraderie not found elsewhere in section.

That this psychological effect was grounded in fact was subsequently proven, for I was told, and things which I saw verified this—that "Hot Springs is the most-liberal and fair-minded city in the whole South!" The reason for this is that it is a deservedly popular health resort, largely built up and supported by eastern and northern capital and frequented by people from all parts of the world. Many northern people reside here and because of the cosmopolitan character of the place fortunately they have not become Southernized —for "a southernized northerner" as

you know is the most deadly of the species on the race question. Then, too, as one would naturally expect, the colored residents of Hot Springs are of a high type and progressive class. It is a fact that cannot be gainsaid that wherever you find a high-minded, progressive class of white people there you find a corresponding class of colored people, and vice versa.

Another very important factor that makes for pleasant interracial relations in Hot Springs is the fact that the United States government is largely interested here; for, as you doubt-

SCHOOL PUBLICATION PRAISES UNL GRADUATE

Dorothy E. Williams graduated last week from the Primary-Kindergarten course of the University of Omaha,



Dorothy E. Williams

where she ranked high in scholarship. She expects to continue her studies at the University and take her Arts degree next June. The Gateway, the school publication for 1923, says of Miss Williams: "She is a diligent student and a capable teacher, whose pleasant smile and cheery disposition quickly wins the hearts of her tiny pupils."

less know, the healing waters of the thermal springs, which give the city its name, are owned and controlled by the Federal government, under the direct care of the Secretary of the Interior. It was as early as 1832, nearly a century ago, that Congress set apart four sections of land, in the very center of which are these hot springs, 44 in number, as a government reservation. Subsequently the government expended large sums of money in improving and developing the reservation. The Army and Navy Hospital on the Hot Springs Mountain is a mammoth institution. The government bath houses lining Central avenue are artistic architectural gems adding to the natural beauty of the place.

All of these are factors, more or less important, entering into and contributing towards making Hot Springs different from other cities and towns in Arkansas, and, for that matter, as I was told from any place in the South. It is certainly a beautiful place, clambering up the eastern slope of the Ozarks Mountains, and emerald set with spruce and pine and cypress and oak and various hardwood trees, embellishing with becoming garniture the massive public buildings, stately fane of worship, attractive homes, lofty and spacious hotels, massive bath houses and hospitals and modern business blocks which make up this city of something over 20,000 permanent inhabitants and an annual tourist population of ten times this number.

The subtle consciousness of a different atmosphere which I felt as I stepped off the train at Hot Springs that Saturday afternoon in February and was met by the Rev. Gilbert Bernard Whitlock, the fine young priest in charge of St. Mary's church, was not simply subjective but founded upon the fact that I had unknowingly come to a town very largely northern in spirit and sentiment. Such is Hot Springs, a northern city in the South. (Next Article: SOME PLEASANT SURPRISES IN HOT SPRINGS.)