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## Two Wesleyan Seniors Get Special Honor

Two Nebraska Wesleyan University seniors were graduated with special honors at 63rd annual commencement exercises.

Robert Munkres, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Munkres of Broadwater, graduated with "highest distinction," and Samuel Kenneth Rogers, son of Mrs. C. D. Rogers of Tampa, Fla., received his degree with "high distinction."

Munkres and Rogers were the only seniors out of the 144 in the class to take honors examinations this year. Robert's brother James graduated last year with identical honors.

Rogers, who majored in political science and philosophy, will enter law school next fall. He has participated in many campus activities. He has been president of Blue Key, Pi Gamma Mu and International Relations Club during the past year, active in Campus Orientation Group, debate, student publications and YMCA and has been a member of the Student Senate.

Munkres, who will also enter graduate school, to prepare for a career in government work, civil service or with some international agency, has been active in Barbs and Pi Gamma Mu.

Each was elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary, during the year. The society selects its members from the top scholars in each graduating class.

## Two Cicero Riot Defendants Free

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Two defendants in the Cicero riot case were cleared of charges as the second week of testimony was concluded last week in the U. S. District court of Judge Walter J. LaBuy.

Five defendants still face charges in connection with the anti-Negro riot last summer in the all-white suburban town of Cicero against the moving of a Negro family into an apartment building there. The trial was recessed for the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Accused in this case originally were seven Cicero officials and policemen, facing charges on two counts—conspiring to keep the family of Harvey E. Clark Jr., a war veteran and college graduate, from moving into an apartment building at 6139 W. 19th St., and depriving him of his constitutional rights under the 14th amendment by not giving him equal protection of the law.

Judge LaBuy freed Town President Henry J. Sandusky and Fire Chief Theodore H. Wesolowski on the grounds that there was no case against them.

Still facing trial are Police Chief Erwin Konovsky, Town Atty. Nicholas Berkos, Police Sgt. Roland Brani, and two police officers, Frank Janoczek and Frank A. Lange.

## Selassie Birthday Honored by Stamp

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The sixtieth birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie will be observed with the issuance of a commemorative stamp, Ethiopian officials announced last week.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal  
R. Munkres S. Rogers

## Ministers Return From Conference

The Rev. R. H. Powell and the Rev. R. G. Nathan have returned from the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church held in St. Louis, Mo., May 27—June 1. The conference was held at Union Memorial Methodist Church with Bishop Edward A. Kelly Jr., in charge. Both Rev. Mr. Powell and Rev. Mr. Nathan were retained at their present charges.

## W. Rockefeller Is Chairman of Commerce and Industry Council

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Twenty-six representatives of management, headed by Winthrop Rockefeller as chairman, have joined forces as members of the Commerce and Industry Council of the National Urban League, 1133 Broadway. The Council is dedicated to the belief that there should be equality of opportunity for all Americans, and that there should be full utilization of the vast Negro manpower potential.

The Council works to strengthen and extend the industrial relations and vocational guidance program of the League, the nation's oldest interracial voluntary service agency which strives to promote equal economic opportunity for Negroes in all fields of endeavor. Members of the Council actively participate in and support the League's program and invite their friends and co-workers in industry and commerce to join them in achieving this goal.

Long-time member of the board of trustees of the National Urban League, Mr. Rockefeller serves as chairman of the Council with Ralph L. Mason, of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), as co-chairman. They comprise the

## Unemployment Falls

DETROIT—(ANP)—With unemployment in the Detroit area down to 52,000 the district has achieved that ideal employment situation known as "balancing labor market," according to Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC).

Max M. Hodton, MESC director, said last week that the 52,000 figure represents a mere 4.2 per cent of the total labor force available in the area.

The 52,000 figure also represents a 45 per cent drop from the 120,000 unemployed reported last December, when congress devoted several days of special hearings to the Detroit labor situation.

## 37th Spingarn Medal Awarded to The Late Harry T. Moore

### Would Cut President's Authority

WASHINGTON—(ANP) — The house of representatives last week approved and sent to the White House the controversial bill transferring appointment of the District recorder of deeds from the President to the District Commissioners.

The recorder of deeds proposal taking the \$9,300 job away from presidential patronage, originally was sponsored by Sen. Francis Chase, Republican of South Dakota.

The bill was introduced after the senate district committee refused to approve President Truman's nomination of Earl Wayne Beck, an old Kansas City political associate. This prompted the President to announce that he did not intend to send up another nomination for the post.

The bill passed the senate several weeks before the House took action on it.

The Recorder of Deeds post has traditionally been filled by a Negro since the days of Frederick Douglass.

### Mother of Honoree To Accept the Award

### Dr. Gathings To Represent NMA At AMA Meeting

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Dr. Joseph G. Gathings, president of the National Medical Association, last week was selected to represent his group before the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association at the annual meeting of the organization here June 9-13.

Dr. Gathings was selected by a majority vote after the board of trustees of the AMA had voted unanimously to request a representative from the NMA.

The request for a representative from the NMA came after correspondence between Dr. William McKinley Thomas of San Francisco, Cal., and Dr. John Cline, president of the AMA.

The invitation to have a representative of the NMA attend the AMA meeting is considered by many to be a step toward integration of Negro doctors into the organization. Other national organizations already have opened their doors to Negro professionals. Among them are the American Nurses Association and the National Conference of Social Work.

### Commander of Heart-of-America Council Dies

Edgar Anthony Isaacs, Commander of the Heart-of-America Council of the National Council of War Veterans in Kansas City Mo., died recently of a heart ailment. Commander Isaacs had been ill for some months but not confined. He had been planning to attend a council affair and was found dead in his apartment when other comrades called for him. Born in Brenham Texas, he had been a resident of Kansas City for thirty years and commander of the Heart-of-America Council three years.

He is survived by two sisters and other relatives in Texas. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas with full military honors. He was a veteran of World War I.

## YW Group Names Officers



Courtesy Lincoln Journal-Star  
Newly elected officers of the Business and Professional Girls League of the YWCA were installed at the dinner meeting. They are (from left) Miss Frances Lewis, president, June Good, secretary; Frances Bohaty, treasurer and Pat Laymon, vice president. Miss Katherine Weber was the installing officer and music was provided by Miss Ann Bromwell.

NEW YORK—(ANP) — The 37th Spingarn Medal will be posthumously awarded to the late Harry T. Moore, the victim of a Christmas-night bombing at his home in Mims, Fla., Dr. Louis T. Wright, chairman of the NAACP board of directors, announced last week. Moore was secretary of the Florida NAACP.

The Spingarn Medal is awarded annually by the NAACP to a Negro American whose achievement is judged the most outstanding of the year.

The medal will be presented June 27, during the 43rd annual NAACP convention in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Rosa B. Moore, 83, mother of the honoree, will accept the award in his behalf. Moore's wife also died as a result of injuries received from the bombing.

The citation accompanying the medal to Moore specifically reads: "In the truest sense exemplifies the truth that 'greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

Moore is commended for his courageous fight for greater political participation by Negroes in Florida, for the abolition of segregation at the University of Florida, for justice in the courts, for equal educational opportunities for colored children, for the equalization of teachers' salaries, and "against all the . . . manifestations of racism which flourished in his home state."

Former recipients of the medal include Mrs. Mabel Keaton Staupers, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Judge William Hastie, Walter White, Thurgood Marshall, Miss Marian Anderson and Dr. Louis T. Wright.

Although the presentation of the Spingarn Medal is expected to highlight the convention, another event, a forum on segregation, will attract much attention.

This feature will be sparked by two noted members of the legal staff of the NAACP who will lead discussions.

Leading the two half-day sessions will be Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, and Daniel E. Byrd, field secretary for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

The morning session will be devoted to disclosing the adverse effects of enforced segregation and the afternoon session to methods of effectively combating this segregation.

Still another event which should prove interesting will be the dramatization of "Fire in the Flint," by Walter White.

## To Hold Revival

There will be a revival meeting held at Grace Tabernacle, 18th and Cummings Sts. in Omaha, Nebr., starting Sunday, June 1, at 3:00 p.m. Evangelist H. C. Hall, of Chicago will speak. Rev. M. J. Bradford, a former Lincolnite, is pastor of Grace.