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## DAVIS WILL ORGANIZE NEGRO WORKERS

### Honor Graduate Receives Scholarship

#### Alphonse Davis, March Graduate Of Technical High School Given Annual Award by Alpha Epsilon

Alphonse Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Davis, 2118 No. 28th street, honor graduate of the March class of Technical high school was named the first recipient of an annual award to high school graduates by the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. Mr. Davis was valedictorian of his class, and was highly recommended by the faculty and Principal Porter, of Technical high school. The alternative for the scholarship was Monroe Coleman, honor graduate of South high school.



MISS EDDY COLEMAN who has just concluded her studies at the University of Michigan on a scholarship from the National Tuberculosis Association. She is a health nurse in St. Joseph, Louisiana, and is particularly interested in health education.

#### Prominent Iowa Detective Passes

Mrs. Margaret Stewart, 3014 Manderson returned Saturday, August 7th, after attending the funeral of her brother, Detective John Rhoades, of Des Moines, Iowa, who died August 1st, after three months of illness.

Detective Rhoades was past master of the North Lodge, No. 2 and past junior and senior warden of A. F. and A. M. At the time of his death he was deputy grand master, and grand commander of the Hawkeye Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar Lodge.

Detective Rhoades worked as a mechanic at the city police station garage, later becoming patrolman and was appointed city detective in 1928. He is survived by four children Albert, Warren, Wellington, Elaine, all of Des Moines; four sisters, Mrs. Mattie B. Scott, Mrs. Mary L. Miles of Des Moines, Mrs. Margaret Stewart of Omaha and Mrs. Bessie Lewis, of Minneapolis, Minn.

#### LOST CAP CONVICTS MAN

The man whose head fit a cap found at the scene of a South Side years in the penitentiary August 6th. He was Fletcher Redd, 33, 5215 So. 31st street. When he burglarized the drug store of Frank Hermansky, 2723 Q street on July 3rd, he dropped his cap in his flight. Detectives Green and Wilson fitted the cap on all suspects taken to the South Omaha station.

Finally, it fitted Redd. Accused of the crime, he confessed. "My wife was sick and I needed money for medicine," he told Judge Yeager.

Redd had a previous conviction for auto theft.

#### 14 COURTS FOR MEET

Tuskegee, Aug. 12 (C)—Fourteen clay courts will be available for players at the 21st annual championships of the American Tennis Association here August 16-21. A new grandstand, which will seat 1,100, is nearing completion. Many fountains are being placed near the courts where Tuskegee's famous sparkling spring water may be easily available. Eight hundred players and fans will be housed in Tuskegee's modern dormitories, and others in the community.

#### Citizens Critize Local Cop for Shooting Boy

Cleveland, O., Aug. 12 (By Clarence L. Simmons for ANP)—Although it was later discovered that youthful Limmie Kennedy, 19, of 2833 East 75th place, had a police record, the citizen here are "hot" because of the action of Patrolman Sam Wolf and Joseph Prucha, who, according to their own record, shot and probably fatally wounded Kennedy early last Sunday morning about 4:15, in the vicinity of East 79th and Avrima avenue.

Kennedy was shot and wounded when he made a dash to flee the officers as they approached a Ford Coupe that he was occupying with two other boys, James Hawley, alias Howard Hawley, 21, of 1482 East 66th, and George Ozdinski, 14, of 7717 Holton avenue, both white.

The citizens on't credit the police story of the crime that is marked "justifiable shooting," because it has, apparently, become a habit to use quick triggers with defenseless lads as well as grown-up in this community. Not either of the three youths claim ownership of a pair of pliers found near the spot where Kennedy fell after being wounded in the shoulder.

These pliers, they said, fell from the wounded youths hand before he fell. It was his drawing them from his pocket that prompted the officer to shoot him, although the boy was shot in the back. The bullet, according to hospital attaches, may have penetrated his lung.

#### 'Clean Up' Drive In Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Aug. 12 (C)—25 organizations, among them the West Philadelphia Youth Council, two parts of the American Legion, four parts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the YMCA and YWCA, the Chris J. Perry Lodge of Elks, four different civic leagues, the Philadelphia Tribune, the Parent-Teachers Association, a voters league, all are banded together in a monster "clean-up" drive or Philadelphia Tribune building, 526 So. 16th street, and the slogan is Paint Up! Clean Up! Sweep Up! David Cobb is president and John F. Perdue, secretary. The campaign, which runs through September 15th is directed by seven different zone leaders. Prizes will be awarded. Mayor S. David Wilson has endorsed the drive.

#### 1,400 On Bishop Lawson's Outing

New York, Aug. 12 (C)—About 1,400 women and children boarded the S.S. Claremont Wednesday morning and sailed away to Bear mountain, then returned to Hook mountain to spend the day on the annual outing of the Refuge church of Christ, 56 W. 133rd street, Bishop R. C. Lawson, eader. The Lawson gospel singers, well known over Station WBNX, were aboard and there was speaking by the Rev. Thomas Gibson of New Rochelle and Rev. Melvin McDowell of Mt. Vernon.

#### Anti-Lynching Bill To Follow New Court Bill

Washington, D. C. Aug. 12—The motion to make the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill the unfinished business of the Senate to be taken up immediately will be made August 12 by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, immediately following the vote on the judiciary reform bill, it was announced here.

When the motion to consider is made by Senator Wagner the opposition will probably move to table this motion and here will come the first voting test, as a move to table is not debatable. Senators favoring the bill must be on the floor and ready to vote on this expected move. If they are caught napping the bill will be lost for this session.

President Roosevelt was told this week "one strong work from you right now can practically assure passage of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill before adjournment." The telegram was signed by Walter White, NAACP secretary, who has been here almost continuously since July 10th in the interest of the bill.

#### Visit Guide Plant

Mrs. Lillie Jenkin and Mrs. Beatrice Jones, 2340 Franklin street, Denver Colo., and Mr. and Mrs. D. J. D. J. Marsh of Canon City, Colo., were the house guests of Captain and Mrs. Rucker of 4409 Burt street this week. Before coming to Omaha Mrs. Jenkin and Mrs. Jones Jones spent ten days in Chicago where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Breda and Mrs. Georgia Mosby. All four visitors accompanied by Capt. and Mrs. Rucker visited the Guide plant Wednesday afternoon and expressed surprise at finding such a complete Negro newspaper plant in Omaha.

#### THE CORNHUSKERS

The final meeting of the Cornhusker Golf club, before the Central States Golf tournament was held Friday, August 6th at the Urban League Community Center, with the following present: Hanger Penney, Murray, Boyd Galloway, Malcolm Scott, Emmet Avant, Bernard Squires, Harvey Avant, Billie Davis, Lonnie Thomas, reported by long distance from Lincoln.

Boyd Galloway, club president, outlined the procedure for the Twin Cities meet and Mr. Squires read an invitation from Cleveland, Ohio inviting the Cornhuskers to compete in the National Tournament to be held on September 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Mrs. Georgia Spicer of Los Angeles, is in the city visiting with her sister and mother, Mrs. Mana Ellison and Mrs. Ester McKinney of 2821 Seward street. She was also entertained by her son and daughter-in law, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gibson, of 2226 Ohio street.

#### Seek to Start a New Writers' Guild

New York, Aug. 12 (ANP)—On the heels of his resignation from the Negro Writers guild, because of the stand that he and several other members took when an alleged Communist was voted into membership at a meeting held two weeks ago at the American Civil Rights building, Ted Yates, columnist, has been selected to head an organized group of writers to be known as the American Negro Writers guild.

The initial meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday evening, September 1st, at Appomattox Republican Club building. The names of Claude McKay, noted author and traveler; Bessye Bearden, celebrated society writer; Floyd J. Calvin, George S. Schulyer, Wilfred R. Bain, U. S. Poston, Arnold DeMille, Elmer Terry, Floyd Snellson, Levi Hubert, and Wilber Young have been given as potential members of the founding unit of the organization.

The split came about when Helen Boardman (white) was introduced by Louie B. Bryan for membership and given same after a verbal battle which almost caused two members to clash. A vote was taken and, it is alleged, the Communistically inclined members formed a majority and succeeded in getting the white woman into the organization. Ted Yates, executive secretary resigned on the grounds that he thought the word Negro stood for colored people.

#### Chicken Saves \$400 Cash For Woman

Washington, D. C., Aug. 12 (ANP)—Belaboring a colored footpad with a freshly fried chicken, whose big drumstick made a good substitute for a "billy," Mrs. Mae Telford last week routed the thief and saved her purse containing \$400 in cash. Owner of the Bedford Buffetaria, Mrs. Telford, with the day's receipts safely in her pocketbook, was enroute home, and she also carried a paper bag with the freshly fried chicken. Near home a man sprang at her, attempting to snatch her purse, but she retaliated quickly, walloping him over the head with the chicken until she put him to rout.

#### Italian Film to Be Released

Rome, Aug. 12 (INP)—"Scipione L'Africano" (Scipio, the African), an Italian film based on the story of Scipio, the Roman who insisted on invading Africa and was responsible for the eventual defeat of Rome's arch-enemy Carthage, was conceived at the outset of the campaign of Italy in Abyssinia. Actual production was started on the film after the rape of Abyssinia. The Ministry of Press and Propaganda, as well as the War Ministry, participated in the making of the picture. The film is scheduled to be released on October 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. McGee will leave Omaha on the 14th motoring to Baltimore, Md., where they will visit with relatives and friends. They plan to go to Washington, D. C., and New York City before returning to Omaha about the first of September. They will be accompanied by H. W. Black.

### United Federal Workers of America Announce Organization of Negro Employees in Government Work



MRS. ANDREW W. SIMKINS of Columbia, S. C., director of the Negro program for the State Tuberculosis Association, who has just concluded a six weeks' course at the University of Michigan. She was the holder of a special scholarship awarded to her by the National Tuberculosis Association.

The United Federal Workers of America announces the formation of a committee for organization of Negro employees of the Federal government. Mr. U. Simpson Tate, accountant for the United Federal Workers of America is the chairman of the committee. Mr. John Davis, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress, will act as its assistant chairman. Other members of the committee include Mr. Beverly V. Lawson, prominent Washington attorney, Mr. George Rycraw, administrator of the Negro Alliance, and Miss Majorie McKenzie, social worker.

The United Federal Workers of America which is affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization is opposed to discrimination in any form in the federal service. All employees are subject to discriminatory practices at some time, but the United Federal Workers of America recognizes that Negroes are subject to a special and unremitting discrimination. The elimination of discrimination, whatever its form, is an integral part of the program of the United Federal Workers of America.

The consistent denial of promotion to Negroes, their relegation to menial jobs, their assignment to undesirable positions, all of these are forms of discrimination which the United Federal Workers of America will strive to eliminate. In addition, it will work for the elimination of laws or practices which permit discrimination. An example of this form of legislation is the requirement that photographs must be furnished with Civil Service applications.

The United Federal Workers of America was formed on June 22, 1937, and was issued a charter by the Committee for Industrial Organization. Jacob Baker, former Assistant Administrator of the Works Progress Administration, was appointed Provisional President of the new union.

Mr. John Davis, assistant chairman of the Negro Committee, is the present executive secretary of the National Negro Congress. He was formerly associated with Mr. Walter White of the NAACP in a special study of labor and living conditions under the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Previously, Mr. Davis was the executive secretary of the Joint Committee for National Recovery, an organization which sought to protect the status of Negroes under the National Recovery Administration. He received his undergraduate degree from Bates college in Lewiston, Maine and his law degree from Harvard university in 1932.

#### Two Prisoners Shot In Ga. Jail Break

Washington, Ga., Aug. 12 (ANP)—Two colored prisoners were shot Tuesday in an attempted break from the chaingang, as a result of which Tom Booker, convicted slayer of Washington's police chief, Henry Sturdivant, is lying at the point of death with a shotgun wound in the stomach and Bubber Jackson, another long-term convict, was less seriously wounded. Eight of the 21 convicts on the Wilkes county gang took part in the attempted break, three of whom escaped and are being hunted by posses. Guards Flint and Lamar shot two colored prisoners, according to Chief of Police J. R. Orr. The officer said Jackson had planned the break and had leaped on Guard Flint, hurling him to the ground. A legislative committee is investigating the incident.

#### Dr. Bethune Visits Prairie View; Tes.

Prairie View, Tex., Aug. 12 (C)—The visit of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune of Washington to Prairie View college was a thrilling event last week. The noted educator, who is director of the NYA in Washington, said: "When I visited the NYA building here I could hardly keep from crying as I noted the cleanliness, and the facilities for education offered my people in general." Again, said she: "I want you to know I stand begging and pleading for our people, do your best, and let the word Negro spell efficiency, courage, and light in the affairs of the world."

#### 785 Set A.U. Record

Atlanta, Aug. 12 (C)—The record number of 788 summer students from 22 states, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands, and 148 children were enrolled at Atlanta university this summer. The summer sessions closed last Friday.

#### Dillard Uni. Dean To Study Rural Problems

New Orleans, Aug. 12 (ANP)—Dr. Horace Mann Bond, dean of Dillard university has been granted a years leave of absence to study rural education in the South, the project being sponsored by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. It will be conducted under the direction of the Division of Surveys and Field Studies of the George Peabody College for Teachers.

## Don't Forget Bathing Beauty Contest

Sponsored by Local N. A. A. C. P. Fourth Week in August