

Tuskegee Ends 60th Year with Gala Commencement

Tuskegee, May 19 (ANP) Tuskegee institute closed the 60th year of her outstanding educational history with a roster of interesting and unique programs climaxed with a commencement address on Monday, May 19, by Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean, president Hampton Institute, and the awarding of degrees, certificates and diplomas by Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee.

The directors of the respective schools were presented by Dr. I. A. Drbigny, dean of administration. J. R. Otis presented 33 candidates for degrees in agriculture, James Bryant presented 15 for degrees in business, Dr. J. Max Bond 20 for degrees in education; Mrs. Carrie Gleed, 12 for home economics; G. L. Washington 24 for mechanical industries; Major Cleve L. Abbott, four for physical education; Dr. J. A. Kenedy, 16 for diplomas in nurse training. Two special certificates for refresher courses in commercial dietetics, and one trade certificate were also presented.

Albert L. Turner, registrar, handed the coveted crimson and gold booklets to Dr. Patterson as each graduate received a congratulatory hand shake from President Patterson.

Mrs. Bertha La Branch Johnson class of 1902? was presented by Dr. Derbigny to Dr. Patterson for an honorary degree of master of science. Baccalaureate sermon

was delivered by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president, Morehouse college, Atlanta, Sunday May 18, in the Institute chapel.

Early in the week alumni, especially those of the reunion classes of 1931, 1921, and 1911 began to arrive from all parts of the country together with parents of members of the graduating class. Among the early arrivers were Robert Morgan, Cleveland, who was guest interne representative at the annual dinner of the department of mechanical industries on Thursday night, May 15; Emory Thomas, Brunswick, Ga., present to attend the same function; J. J. Henderson, guest interne representative, annual dinner, from Durham, N. C.; Peter M. Jones, Memphis, guest interne representative; Alonzo G. Wright, Cleveland, principle speaker for the dinner of the mechanical industries departments Mrs. Edward Barney, wife of Edward Barney, class of 1911, outstanding contractor, Washington; Mrs. Fannie Hathway White, retired teacher of George W. Carver School, Lexington, Ky., and Dr. R. R. White; Warren Henry, class of 1931 came from Chicago to deliver the alumni address.

Feature for Thursday night was the annual banquet of the department of mechanical industries with Mr. Wright as the principle speaker. Mr. Wright the manger of seven filling stations in Cleveland has the distinction of having more over turn in his seven stations than is true of any other stations in Ohio. This is according to the figures of 1939. Mr. Wright tells an interesting story of how he got started in as filling station manager.

Some years ago Mr. Wright was employed in a Cleveland garage. While working on the car of a nationally known businessman, he overheard two men talking. The owner of the car made this statement: "Negroes can't run anything. They haven't the brains or the intelligence." Young Wright continued his inspection of the engine of the car. Two days later he approached one of the men who had taken part in the conversation. He stated that he had overheard the conversation and that he thought he knew one Negro who had brains and intelligence enough to manage a station. The man looked up in surprise and said "I don't think so; I don't believe you can do it, but if you believe you can do, we will turn over the station at 93 and Cedar to you as an experiment." Mr. Wright took him up on the offer. In a few years, two more stations were turned over to him, and at present he is operating seven stations, and during the past winter, it was proposed that he take on an additional two stations.

Friday afternoon occurred the commencement exercises of the junior high school of the Chambliss

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ORATIONS USHER STUDENTS IN LIFE
Presidents Malcolm S. MacLean of Hampton Institute, left and Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse, who delivered the commencement and baccalaureate addresses at Tuskegee institute last week ushering a large and enthusiastic group of graduates out into the world. Their respective addresses were acclaimed among the finest ever delivered at the famous institution.

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Children's house. Dr. Bond awarded certificates to 50 students, the largest class in the history of the school. President Patterson congratulated Mrs. Hattie S. West, principal, on the fine record made during the year. The commencement address was made by Dr. Derbigny. A feature of the children's house commencement was the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Georgia K. Logan, kindergarten teacher from 1915 to 1938. First honor student of the school was Harvey Davis; Mary E. Reynolds, second honor student.

At 7:30 Friday night, White Hall lawn was the scene of the beautiful tradition class day exercises.

Saturday was Alumni day. The campus swarmed with old graduates greeting each other and getting acquainted with present faculty and students.

Amongst the graduates were many proud parents of those to receive diplomas and certificates and degrees. For the entertainment of the visitors, the young women of the physical education department directed by Mrs. Amelia C. Roberts presented a physical education demonstration on the gymnasium floor.

Saturday night, Logan hall was packed for the speaking contest for the President's prize of \$50, and the awarding of annual prizes. The speaking contest took a unique turn this year in as much as the student representatives of the senior and junior class chose as their subjects the most outstanding experiences of their school year.

Following the custom of many years, the commencement exercises was divided into two parts. Demonstrations by departments at 10:00 a. m. showed the relation of the Tuskegee program to national defense. The department of commercial dietetics demonstrated how the economical operation of a food department conserve our national resources for National Defense. The physical education department demonstrated the part of body building for health and its essential place in the defense program. The department of mechanical industries demonstrated the effective work that is being done in training of mechanics and pilots and building constructors. The school of education stressed the development of cooperative stores and credit unions a san effective defense measure for rural communities. The value of recreation and rural drama was also brought out. The department of home economics made some very practical suggestions for the role of the family in national defense. The use of waste materials, the making over of garments, making of attractive furniture from scrap lumber, spools and draperies from sacks. The school of agriculture demonstrated how truly the farmer is the backbone of the entire nation.



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Ans: Make the new changes and build a new dining room to your little place of business. Do not under any circumstances change the type of food that you are serving—but dress the place up if you like. It seems to me that you will do a bigger business by having larger accommodations. Make the change immediately.

H. T. T.—Is there anything in this world that I can do to get my wife back again?

Ans: Make her a visit and ask her back. It is indicated to me that she will give your plea considerable thought but you are going to have to make a number of changes in your ways before she will give her consent to join you again.

A. B. C.—I am asking you to please tell me what is my brother and his wife's troubles?

Ans: Just a case of two stubborn people living together and neither one will give one inch or make any allowance for the other. Do not enter into any of their affairs—you are bound to be hurt if you do. They are happy together even though they never get along.

D. M.—Tell me why I have so many enemies in the church and what must I do about them?

Ans: People are inclined to stay clear of you and your son because you do not encourage friendships—but they are not enemies to you. The only way you have lots of friends is to get out and be friendly with the people in the church. If you live to yourself—you won't ever have close friends.

M. G. D.—I'm writing for my daughter, she won't do nothing for herself that will do her good. I just can't tell you all of her trouble but only she is got a going mind and when the moon changes, she changes too.

Ans: Some people are just "gad-about" and enjoy it. Your daughter will settle down when she finds the right man and mar-

ries. Right now she is not altogether happy at home or with her friends but a change will take place in her life before many years have passed.

E. E. C.—I'm a senior in high school and wish to know if I am going to be successful in entering college this fall?

Ans: Yes—it is indicated to me that you will enter college next September. Look around now for some kind of work to do so you can earn money enough to help with your expenses. Any and all money you put on your education will be money well spent.

W. S. P.—I am up against it tough at my age. I was going with a man for three years and quit him to marry a man with five children. Now my husband is so mean to me and takes other girls to go with too. What must I do before he runs me crazy?

Ans: After giving your case some serious thought, I feel the quicker you can get your freedom the better. Do it quietly and start life over again. You were taking a very big chance to begin with, marrying a man with five children—since you see no peace whatever with this man, talk to a good lawyer.

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