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## MERCHANTS AND GUIDE PAY TRIBUTE TO '47 GRADUATES

### Iowa NAACP Meets In Council Bluffs June 14-15

#### Ike Smalls of Des Moines to Preside at 8th Annual Conference Meeting

The eighth annual Iowa Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will convene in Council Bluffs, Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15, at Bethel AME church, 16th and Ave. A.

The state president, Mr. Ike Smalls of Des Moines will preside. The business sessions will open Saturday at 9 o'clock. Representatives of the 14 branches will make their reports. Mr. Frank L. Alsop of Cedar Rapids, a labor leader, will be guest speaker Saturday afternoon. Sunday evening will be youth night.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock a mass meeting will be held. The speaker will be Mr. LeRoy A. Carter, regional director of the Midwest, also assistant field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The subject of his address, "This Way to Unity."

Mr. Carter was born in Atlanta Ga., and attended the local schools. He graduated from Clark university in 1930 and later did graduate work in the University School of Social Work. He worked with the Atlanta Life Insurance company as auditor and later as manager of the Savannah, Ga. district.

Another feature of the Sunday afternoon session will be the presentation of a picture of the late George Washington Carver, famed Negro scientist, to the library of Council Bluffs by the state president, Mr. Ike Smalls.

#### NAACP to Demand Action Against Lynchers

RALEIGH, N. C.—T. V. Mangum, president of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the NAACP, announced this week that Attorney Herman Taylor of Raleigh and Jesse Bowser of Charlotte had been retained to defend Godwin Bush, young near-lynching victim, who made a desperate break from a lynch-bent mob in Rich Square, N. C. on the night of May 22, just one day after a South Carolina jury had acquitted 28 confessed lynchers in a verdict that shocked the nation.

Young Bush gave himself up to FBI agents after his dramatic escape from the mob.

Bush had been arrested by local police on Thursday, May 22, on a charge of attempted rape. He was later taken from the local jail by several armed and masked white men and pushed into a waiting car from which he leaped and ran as the thwarted mobsters fired their rifles at him.

Attorney Taylor, who was rushed to Bush's cell by North Carolina NAACP officials, subjected Bush to an exhaustive interrogation and expressed the firm opinion that Bush was entirely innocent of the attempted rape charge. Taylor declared that Bush was apparently the victim of certain circumstances to which any Negro in the South is exposed. The North Carolina NAACP has assured Bush and members of his family that it will defend him to the limit.

#### Occupation Forces Give Unsolicited Aid to NAACP

NEW YORK—Negro GI's serving in the occupation forces overseas are indicating their uncompromising support of the NAACP all-out attack on race hatred and bigotry in the United States, in an unprecedented and unsolicited fund and membership drive, it was disclosed at the Association's national office this week by Gloucester B. Current, director of branches.

Applications for the membership from individual soldiers as well as army units continue to pour in the New York office from far-flung bases in the Pacific as well as from Japan and Germany.

Indicative of the GI response to the NAACP's desperate drive against lynching and racial discrimination, 1st Lieut. Cauthion T. Boyd, Jr., a chaplain in the Marianas Base Command, wrote: "Because I believe in the objectives and accomplishments of the NAACP I have sponsored a voluntary drive in this Command asking each man to make a contribution. The men are all enthusiastic about the wonderful work being done by NAACP to make our country a decent one to return to, God bless you."

#### Association Attorneys Open First Attack On S. C.'s 'White Primary'

COLUMBIA, S. C.—NAACP attorneys Thurgood Marshall, Robert L. Carter and Harold R. Boulware, arrived in Columbia this week, prepared to open the NAACP's attack upon South Carolina's "white primary" laws.

The suit, on behalf of George Elmore and other qualified Negro voters of Richland County, S. C., names the Democratic executive committee and the Election Managers of Richland County as defendants for refusal to allow Negroes to vote in the Democratic Primaries since 1944, when the State of South Carolina repealed laws regulating the primary elections in that state. The state legislature took this action on the heels of the historic NAACP Texas primary victory in the United States Supreme Court, in April 1944, which gave Negroes in the South the right to vote in what had until that time been "white primaries." Under the present South Carolina primary system, the Democratic Party is considered a private, voluntary association with the inherent right to determine its own membership.

The action of the South Carolina legislature was taken when the body was called to meet in special session by the then-Governor, Olin D. Johnson who, alarmed over the Supreme Court decision,

#### Outstanding Tech High June Graduate



**COSETTA EUBANKS**  
Cosetta Eubanks graduated from Technical high school. She won the Mema Cug scholarship and the Ted Danusk Essay scholarship. She was the only Negro from Tech to compete for the annual Pepsi-Cola Scholarship.

Cosetta was on the honor roll seven times and won a citizenship award twice. She was the president and president of her homeroom during her sophomore and junior years and served on the Tech News staff for one and a half years. She was a member of the Senior Cabinet, Class Historian, and Annual Committee.

#### Chicago Girl Wins Scholarship to Wisconsin Uni.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Dr. Kenneth Little, registrar of the University of Wisconsin, has informed Bettye Jeanne Phillips, who will graduate from Hyde Park public school in Chicago, that she has been awarded a Legislative Scholarship to attend the University of Wisconsin for the next four years. This award was made on the basis of her scholastic record in Chicago and her ability to make use of the opportunities which the University of Wisconsin offers. She is one of the few out-of-state freshmen that will enter the University this Fall. She plans to major in Home Economics and Journalism.

The Honorable W. E. Nield of Racine, Wisconsin, named Bettye Jeanne for this scholarship. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Phillips of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Mr. Phillips is President of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial of Rocky Mount, Virginia and Special Representative of the Nehi Corporation of Columbus, Georgia.

#### A Salute to Our June Graduates

The Staff, Subscribers, and Readers of The Omaha Guide salute you, our June Graduates of 1947 on your achievement. You have done well and what you have done is a credit to yourselves and the community from which you are a resident. You have lifted your community by your accomplishment of a higher standard of appreciation through your increase knowledge and service rendered the community during your school days.

Many of you that received your diplomas from grade school are already looking forward to four happy years of pleasure and scholastic achievement in high school. Baseball, softball, reading, and arithmetic, patrol duty, clubs, etc. will become but cherished memories of yesterday.

To the high school graduate a new horizon is unfolding before you challenging you to do better and greater things. Opportunity awaits you on every hand; grasp it and hold on until you have won a glorious victory. Many of you will continue on to college, others will go to far distant cities scattering to the four corners of these United States, and still others will stay in the old home town keeping the banners of advancement and progress ever flying.

You, too, like your grade school fellow graduates will have your memories and experiences to recite to those that come after you, rich with the good things of your high school days. Your first boy friend, your first date to that all-school prom, football game, basketball games, etc. All your extra-curriculum activities will be re-experienced over with additions and plenty of hard work if you choose to go to college. Be not afraid for these days like your grade and high school days will be filled with a great deal of happiness.

Last but not least we pay tribute to our university graduates that have for the past four years equipped themselves for efficient service to humanity in the community that they choose to reside in permanently. When the road became rough and rugged many of you didn't become dismayed, but shrugged off your burden and with sheer determination and the will to achieve a victory you now stand on the threshold of a new and glorious day. May your pathway be one of smooth sailing as you glide toward happiness, security, and success.

When you look back at your Year-Books you too will have a store house of treasures of memories that will give you much pleasure as the years go by.

Yes! Graduates of 1947 may the light of vision brighten your pathway as you march forward to many victories filled with good-will toward all mankind.

#### Plans to Enroll in Pre-Law School



**EARL BENNING**  
Earl Benning graduated from North high school June '47. He was a member of the Boy's O Club and has received letters in wrestling. Earl was also a member of the R.O.T.C. Military Police and Choir. He plans to enroll in the University of Omaha this fall as a Pre-Law student.

#### JUNE AND AUGUST GRADS OF TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Graduating seniors of the Technical high school that received their diplomas at the June Graduation exercises were as follows: Hopie Bronson, Eugene Burnell, Floyd Cloud, Roland Cook, Cosetta Eubanks, Ralph J. Hunter, Laura Loudd, Dorothy O'Brien, August Station, Frank White, Ila Greene, Irma Greene, Bob Hammonds, Frances Grant. Those receiving their diplomas in August are: Clarence Buckner, Harry Donaldson, Horace Combs, William Payton, Ruth Seay, Delores Taylor, and Mary E. Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodora Thames, 2126 North 29th st., announce the arrival of their son, Alvin Earl, Baby Alvin was born at the University Hospital at 11:47 p. m. on May 31 and weighed six pounds 14 ounces.

#### Honor Student at Central High



**FLORENTINE LEE CRAWFORD**  
Florentine Lee Crawford graduated from Central high school, May 31. She received the Memo award, which was judged by the principals of North high school, one of the Central teachers, and members of the Memo club. She also received the Susie Paxton award in Latin. She was the Latin and Spanish teachers' assistant, and she was on the honor roll during her Junior and Senior years.

Florentine wishes to thank the members of the Memo club and thinks this opportunity is a challenge for every boy and girl in high school.

Florentine is the niece of Florentine Pinkston and will be heard in a pianoforte recital, Watch for the date.

#### Helena Thomas Dies After Long Illness

Miss Helena Thomas, 37, 2877 Binney st., died Thursday, June 5 at a local hospital after an extended illness. Miss Thomas was a native of Omaha; her father, Wesley Jones for a number of years a member of Clair Chapel Methodist church, YWCA and had taken an active part in USO work and other civic organizations. Miss Thomas is survived by her mother, Mrs. W. C. Edson, sister, Miss Henrietta Edson; two brothers, Mrs. Samuel and Mr. William Edson of Omaha; four aunts, Mrs. Estella Titus, Omaha; Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson Kansas City; Mrs. Ethel Bowers, Grand Rapids; Mrs. Nancy Lee, Dallas, Texas; uncle, Mr. William Jefferson, Omaha and other relatives. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Clair Chapel Methodist church with Rev. C. C. Reynolds officiating assisted by Rev. O. J. Burkhardt. Pallbearers were officers and members of the church, Y. W. Logan, L. V. Gray, C. N. Pankey, Ned Moore Lawrence Watson, Robert Jones, Burial was at Forest Lawn cemetery with arrangements by Thomas Mortuary.

#### JUNE AND AUGUST GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OMAHA

June graduates of the University of Omaha are Miss Ruth Anderson, R. N., with Bachelor of Science, major in Nursing; Miss Jennie L. Rudd, Bachelor of Arts, major in Sociology; Miss Myra Franklin, Bachelor of Arts, minor in Sociology, and Miss Florentine V. Goodlett, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, major in Business and Education, Miss Audrey Forest, Bachelor of Arts, major in Sociology, will receive her degree in August.

#### RECEIVES DIPLOMA FROM SOUTH HIGH

The students received their diplomas from the South high school graduation exercises in May: Erma Blackson, Alonzo Collins, Sam Beeks, Geneva Brown, Roy W. Robbins and Tommie Mae Williams.

#### First Annual Graduation Edition Acknowledges Achievements of Grads

#### Greater Support Urged for World Christian Missions

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (Special)—An appeal for greater support in behalf of world-wide Christian Missions was issued today by Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, Director of Radio for the Lutheran Hour. Speaking on the subject, "Into All the World—For Christ," Dr. Bertermann declared: "Christian missionaries have always written bright chapters in the forward march on Christ's Gospel by bringing the Holy Spirit's transforming, enlightening power to lands located in heathen thralldom. . . . The memorial tablet to Dr. Geddie in Annetum in the New Hebrides has this inscription: 'When he landed in 1848, there were no Christians here, when he left, in 1872, there were no heathen.' . . . Because our resurrected Redeemer is the almighty Lord of heaven and earth, therefore, He continues, 'Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.' Because I have 'all power,' our risen mighty Lord declares, 'therefore you are charged with the duty of winning the world for His King.' The all-ruling Christ, accordingly, calls for the universal proclamation of His sovereignty by His disciples. Here with Jesus' mighty command, the great commission, the primary purpose for which the Church of Jesus Christ exists and this world of woe and wickedness is still permitted to stand."

The Merchants serving the Mid-City Section and The Omaha Guide, pause in their daily schedule to honor the June graduates of 1947 in the First Annual Graduation Edition. These merchants and the Omaha Guide felt that the community and the city at large should know about the splendid effort put forth by our schools serving the Mid-City community in behalf of our children of this area in the preparing them for future citizens. They felt also that these children deserved some recognition and acknowledgment of their achievements. They wanted the subscribers, readers, and the citizens of the Mid-City community and the city at large to share with them (the Merchants and The Omaha Guide staff) the pleasure and happiness over these children's victory.

The merchants and the Omaha Guide and staff members have spared no pains in preparation of this interesting, enlightening and breath-taking edition.

The stipulation of these three hundred or more graduates in the effort they have put forth in order that they might march on to greater heights has been a major factor in the bringing of this edition to our numerous readers.

The merchants and the Omaha Guide staff wish the best of luck to these graduates and they are confident that this added acknowledgment of appreciation of the graduates will act as a direct incentive to them to continue to reach higher heights and at the same time continue to serve their community.

#### The Omaha Guide Acknowledge Support Given in This Edition

It is with the greatest of pleasure that the Omaha Guide staff, and officials sincerely thank those that supplied copy, advertisement, and worked diligently for the preparation of our many readers and subscribers the First Annual Graduation Edition.

We especially acknowledge and thank the excellent support given by the principals and eighth grade teachers of Long, Howard Kennedy, Lake, Kellom and Lotrop schools. The cooperative spirit given by the Technical High school, the Central High school, the South High school, and the North High school is deeply appreciated.

Generous support given by the merchants through their advertisement in this edition shows the vision of men and women of business establishments serving the community in the welfare of the young people of the community and their achievement.

To the students and the many friends of the Omaha Guide we thank you for your wholehearted cooperation in our preparing of this edition. The pleasure in preparing it for you, our graduates.

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Honorable W. E. Nield, Assemblyman from Racine, Wisconsin, presents Bettye Jeanne Phillips with his Legislative Scholarship. Assemblyman Leroy Simmons of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, looks on.

"TUT, TUT, NOTHING BUT BUTTER - NUT BREAD."