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Mary McLeod Bethune, A Great Educator, Dies In Florida At The Age Of 79

(From Time Magazine)

"Be a Daniel!"
She was a Negro and virtually a pauper, but plucky little Mary McLeod Bethune was also a dreamer. In 1904, with only \$1.50 in cash, she started a school for Negro girls in Daytona Beach, Fla., and then she wanted none other than Soap Tycoon James N. Gamble, son of the founder of Procter & Gamble, to be a trustee. "But where," asked Gamble as he gazed at her shacklike building on the former city dump known as Hell's Hole, "is this school of which you wish me to be a trustee?" "In my mind," replied Mary Bethune. "And in my soul."

James Gamble soon learned that nothing on earth could stop Mary Bethune. She not only got her school, she also became something of a legend in her lifetime. A devout Methodist, she would start each morning with a prayer, e. g., "With this new day, O God, let some new strength be mine." And each day, some new strength was indeed hers, until Mary Bethune became known throughout the nation as the First Lady of her race.

Piercing Eyes. The daughter of two former slaves and one of 17 children, she was born in a log cabin near Mayesville, S. C. At nine she could pick as much as 250 lbs. of cotton a day; at eleven she began her daily five-mile trudge to school at a small Presbyterian mission. At 15, she boarded a train for the first time in her life and set off for the Scotia Seminary in Concord, N. C., and later to the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. There she found herself the only Negro in a sea of strangers. "White people's eyes pierced me," said she. "Some of them were kind eyes; others would like to be but were still afraid."

After graduation she taught in Georgia, married a fellow school teacher, Albert Bethune, moved on to Daytona Beach. By that time she already had plans for a school of her own. To raise money, she baked sweet potato pies and sold them from door to door. She peddled fried fish, sang in local hotels. She borrowed a shack, collected boxes for furniture, squeezed elderberries for ink, used charcoal slivers for pencils. When the Daytona Normal and Industrial Institute opened, its student body was five girls and her son.

With the help of James Gamble and other men of means, it grew into a flourishing secondary school and later, after merging with the neighboring Cookman Institute for Men into a full-fledged four-year coeducational campus. Bethune-Cookman's assets rose to more than \$3,500,000, its enrollment to 750, its faculty to 52. Meanwhile, Mrs. Bethune was making a name for herself in other ways. "Be a Daniel!" she urged her followers. "Take the vow of courage."

"I Believe in You." Her plump figure, invariably supported by a favorite cane, became a familiar one at Negro rallies throughout the U. S. She founded the National Council of Negro Women (more than 800,000 members, was special adviser to Franklin Roosevelt on minority problems ("Mrs. Bethune, I believe in you"), served as special assistant to the Secretary of War on WAC training. In all her work, she was a symbol and part of the progress of the Negro race itself. "Now," she once said, "I have come to the point where I can embrace all humanity—not just the people of my race or another race. I just love people."

Last week, when Mary Bethune died in Daytona Beach at 79, just one year after the U. S. Supreme Court's decision against segregation in the schools, she had seen her greatest dream come true. "There is," she once said, "no such thing as Negro education—only education. I want my people to prepare themselves bravely for life, not because they are Negroes, but because they are men."

The one right we all have is the right to be wrong.

Unless we wrestle mightily for the liberties of others, we shall not preserve our own.

Every time you turn green with envy, you're ripe for trouble.

Garden Club Show June 5th

Gardenia Garden Club will have its annual spring flower show Sunday, June 5th at Zion Baptist Church, 2215 Grant St. in the first unit of the church. The public is invited. No admission. Time 3 to 7 P.M.
Mrs. Thearis Niley, President

Hobart Allen Suffocated In Dirt Cave-In

Hobart Allen, age 53 years, of 2624 Hamilton St., died of suffocation Thursday, May 19, 1955 as the result of a cave-in of a dirt embankment while laying a sewer line.
He was an Omaha resident 29 years and was preceded in death by his wife, Hattie B. Allen, who died in October of 1950.
He is survived by two brothers, John and Theodore; sister, Mrs. Hazel McDonald, Chicago, Ill.; niece, Mrs. Deloris Baring, Des Moines, Ia.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 23, 1955 at 2:00 p.m. from the Myers Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. J. H. Reynolds officiating. Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery.
Pallbearers were Messrs Cecil Williams, Isiah Davis, James K. Banks, Charles Turner, Jack Hamilton and Leo Moore.

Omaha Guide's roving reporter on the phone.
We called Mrs. J. Smith at 2711 Charles St. and we were happy to hear her say that she is a subscriber to the Omaha Guide and has enjoyed reading the columns for many many years.

The roving reporter asked Mrs. Smith for a news item, explaining in details that we were hungry for personal local news items from our subscribers. Mrs. Smith said she would keep her eyes open from now on and if any local news was in her neighborhood she would be glad to call us.
The tiny colored girl, first of her race to win the coveted honor is the granddaughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Vivian T. Key. The Rev. Mr. Key is the pastor of the Lothian, Md. Methodist Church.
Viewers saw Gloria's lips working before spelling each word she was given, with her head bowed and eyes closed. She said later, "I would bow my head and ask the Lord to give me strength to spell the next word."
Her prize consisted of a gold medal and \$200.00 in cash for the purchase of books for her school, plus the opportunity of representing the Baltimore region in the national finals to be held in Washington May 16th to 21st.

\$200,000 Property To Chest Fund



Mrs. Pearl C. Anderson, widow of the late Dr. J. W. Anderson, recently gave property worth at least \$200,000 to the Dallas County Community Chest Trust fund.

The property includes four buildings, a parking lot and three garages. In the instrument of conveyance, the prominent citizen expressed preference that the property be used "regardless of race, color or creed, for the care of needy men, women and children, and for aiding, reformation or relief for victims of narcotic drugs, intoxicating liquor, released inmates of penal and reformatory institutions, wayward or delinquent children or adults."

Girl 12, Wins Spelling Contest

Winner of the Baltimore Sunpapers annual spelling bee, outlasting fifty other contestants, is Gloria Lockerman, 12-year-old eighth grade pupil at Booker T. Washington Junior High School.

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Hazel McKee Rites Saturday

Mrs. Hazel McKee, age 49 years, of 3870 Harney St., expired Wednesday afternoon, May 18, 1955 at a local hospital. She was an Omaha resident eight years and was a Jehovah Witness.
She is survived by her husband, George McKee of Omaha; son, Herbert Scaife of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 a.m. from the Myers Funeral Home chapel with Brother L. D. Kenoly officiating. Interment was at Grace-land Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Messrs Joe Flowers, McHenry Jones, Hardy Prayer, Winfield Raglin, Robert L. Washington and Neal Sampson.

Legion Will Hold Service Sun. May 29

Memorial services will be held Sunday, May 29th at 11 a.m. PLACE: Calvin Memorial Presbyterian Church, 24th and Wirt St. All members of the Post, Ladies Auxiliary members and War Mothers are requested to be present.

We will assemble at the Legion Lounge, 24th and Parker St. at 10 a.m.

Let us remember our sick in V.A. Hospital. They are Dr. W. W. Peebles, James C. Greer, Tom Jones and John Jones.

Let us always keep our oath and obligation to our needy comrades, thereby fulfilling our sacred pledge to God and Country and our fellowman.

J. L. Taylor, Commander
Burns H. Scott, Adjutant
N. H. Cowan, Pub. Officer
P. S. Sorry to report the illness of Mr. N. H. Cowan.

Mr. Ralph Underwood, of 2539 Burdette, one of Omaha's well known business men and for a long time an active in the American Legion, has been ordered to bed because of a serious illness. We hope for him an early recovery.

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Joseph Cole Returns From Town Hall Triumph



A baritone turned tenor, Joseph Cole, recently gave a successful Town Hall recital. Mr. Cole also has appeared in recital in Chicago and other cities. Critics of both New York and Chicago were generous in their praise of his voice.

In the above picture Cole is seen returning from his New York engagement. Accompanying him are his wife and an unidentified person. The trio is about to step off the airliner on which he returned. (ANP)

Jane Fonda Appears In Country Girl

Director Kendrick Wilson of the Omaha Community Playhouse who has a penchant for turning up the right talent for certain parts, came up with a corker today. Playing the ingenue in the forthcoming production of "The Country Girl", will be Jane Fonda, the 17-year-old daughter of Henry Fonda who stars in the play.

This will be the first professional appearance for Miss Fonda who is now studying dramatics at the Emma Willard school in Troy, New York. She has had roles in school productions of "The Rivals" and "Everyman."

The casting of Miss Fonda is a story in itself. She put in a long distance phone call to Wilson on Sunday and requested an audition. The Omaha director had met her several years ago and remembered that she looked the part. For twenty minutes the Omaha-New York wires buzzed with lines from "The Country Girl" and, before she hung up, Jane had the promise of the role if it met with her father's approval.

This as it turned out, was not too easy to secure. Fonda, now on the West Coast, was contacted and expressed an initial reluctance. However, Dorothy McGuire, with whom he will co-star in Omaha, convinced him that Jane's debut on the same stage that gave him his start would be good for her and for the show. The Omaha-born actress reports that the father seemed secretly pleased at the proceedings which go one step further than the first performances of the daughters of Helen Hayes and Mary Martin.

Ken Wilson said that the part had him worried and the appearance of Jane Fonda on the scene bordered on the miraculous. The understudy in this role will be selected from a group of local actresses now reading for the part.

"The Country Girl" will be presented at the Music Hall of the Civic Auditorium beginning on June 24th.

Military Directors Needs Field

Young men between the ages of 25 and 40 are needed as assistant field directors at military installations, it was announced today by Miss Beth Bruce, Director of Personnel, Red Cross Midwestern Area Office.

Red Cross assistant field director serve as a link between the servicemen and women and their families, and provide counseling, emergency communication, and assistance in helping solve personal and family problems related to the military service for the personnel they serve, Miss Bruce said.

Applicants for the positions should have a college degree in social work, social studies, or related fields, and must be willing to accept assignment wherever needed in the world. The starting salary for new applicants will be determined according to background and experience. New employees normally spend one year in military installations some where in the Midwestern Area before becoming eligible for overseas assignment.

Miss Bruce said that a normal overseas tour is for two years. Dependents may join employees overseas, whenever housing is available, and transportation and maintenance are provided for the family while enroute.

For all assistant field directors assigned overseas, the Red Cross pays maintenance and makes travel arrangements without cost to the employee.
Men interested in receiving further information on these openings should write to the Director of Personnel Service, National Midwestern Area Office, American National Red Cross, 4050 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis 8, Missouri, or contact their nearest Red Cross chapter.

The Omaha Guide's roving reporter. On the phone.
Reporter called Mrs. Travis of 2718 Caldwell for a local news item. Mrs. Travis had to call her off guard. She couldn't think of a thing but Mrs. Travis promised to become her neighborhood roving reporter. She will call in each week, and give us the news of her neighborhood.

3rd Annual Vanity Show At Omaha Uni. Fieldhouse Saturday Eve., May 28th

Mrs. Townsend Died Saturday

Mrs. Salina Townsend, age 49 years, of 2621 Burdette St., expired Saturday, May 21, 1955 at a local hospital. She was an Omaha resident ten years.
She is survived by her son, Willie Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; three brothers, A. Toles, Ft. Smith, Ark., Sam Toles, Los Angeles, Calif., and Bill Toles, Bristow, Okla.
Funeral arrangements pending. Myers Brothers Service.

3rd Negro Is Grad At Naval School



Chicago — Lucius Gregg was in a class of 788 "middies" who were graduated from the U.S.A. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., in the class of '55. Gregg, thus became the third Negro to be commissioned from the famed school. He is the son of Mrs. Rachel Jackson Gregg of Chicago. Cong. William L. Dawson appointed him to the Academy. (ANP)

Mrs. Clara Wilson

Mrs. Clara M. Wilson, 36 years 3120 Maple Street, expired Friday May 20th at a local hospital. Mrs. Wilson had been a resident of Omaha thirty-four years. She is survived by her husband, Mr. J. B. Wilson, mother-in-law Mrs. Ledressa Wills. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from the Peoples Mission Church, 1710 North 26th Street with burial at Mt. Hope Cemetery and arrangements by Thomas Mortuary.

Mrs. M. Marshall

Mrs. Myrtle L. Marshall, 48 years, passed away Saturday morning May 21 at her home after an extended illness. Mrs. Marshall had been a resident of Omaha twenty-six years and was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board until her health failed.

Mrs. Marshall is survived by her husband, Mr. George R. Marshall, mother-in-law Mrs. Hettie Marshall of Omaha and other relatives. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from Mt. Nebo Baptist Church with the Rev. Claude Williams officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery with arrangements by Thomas Mortuary.

The Ideal Mother Is Selected

Mr. Irene Polk Martin, 1955 winner of the Ideal Mother of the Year, sponsored by the Baltimore Afro-American newspapers and the first Marylander to win the coveted honor is a noted churchwoman.

Mrs. Martin, the mother of twelve children—six boys and six girls—is a member of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, here, of which the Rev. Charles D. Gerald is the pastor. Her husband, Louis H. Martin, retired county agricultural agent, and the first Negro to receive the appointment in the state more than thirty-five years ago, is the lay leader of the Metropolitan Church.

TO ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL SPONSORS, SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL MEMBERS:

We wish to extend to you a cordial invitation to be our guest at the THIRD ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW for the members of the School Safety Patrols, Principals and Sponsors.

The place—Omaha University Field House. The address—62nd and Dodge Streets. The day—Saturday. The date—May 28, 1955. The time—10:00 A.M. sharp.

Your promptness, on this occasion, at the appointed time, will permit the THIRD ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW at the Omaha University Field House to start on schedule. This will allow plenty of time for our party.

Your OMAHA SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL IDENTIFICATION CARD will be honored for admittance to the show and will also permit FREE TRANSPORTATION ON BUSES between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

A variety of refreshments will be furnished, and members of the High School Traffic Council will assist the Members of the Omaha Police Department with the serving.

This THIRD ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW is being shown for all School Principals, School Safety Patrol Sponsors and School Safety Patrol members, to show our appreciation for the fine spirit of performance and cooperation in the past. It is hoped that you will attend.

We have marked off May 28, 1955, on our desk calendars, as one of the gala days of the year. We are looking forward with keen anticipation and pleasure to meeting you there. DON'T DISAPPOINT US!

Cordially yours,
Henry Boesen, Com. of Police and Public Safety
Harry M. Green, Chief of Police

Marksman To Compete Next Sunday

The roar of jets will mingle with the sharp "ping" of BB guns at Strategic Air Command Headquarters, Sunday, May 29th.

The Omaha Safety Council and Offutt Air Force Base will be host to 350 junior marksmen in the annual Firearm Safety Tournament in the base gym.

Dick Stork, chairman of the Safety Council's BB gun committee says 28 clubs from Omaha, Council Bluffs, Bellevue, Ralston and Offutt, will be represented.

Two all-girl clubs will compete along with mixed groups from other clubs, but all eyes will be on the Hickory Street clubbers. These youngsters took team honors at the tournament last year and later this spring, won the first National Rifle Association postal match, nation-wide.

The meet begins at one p.m., with 28 contestants shooting at one time. As the afternoon progresses, Offutt will provide between-shoots entertainment such as a judo exhibition, fencing, and a trampoline act. A jet will be parked for close observation.

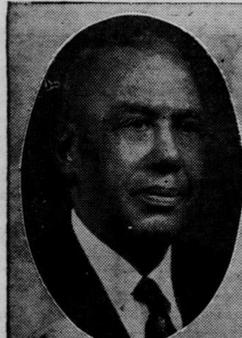
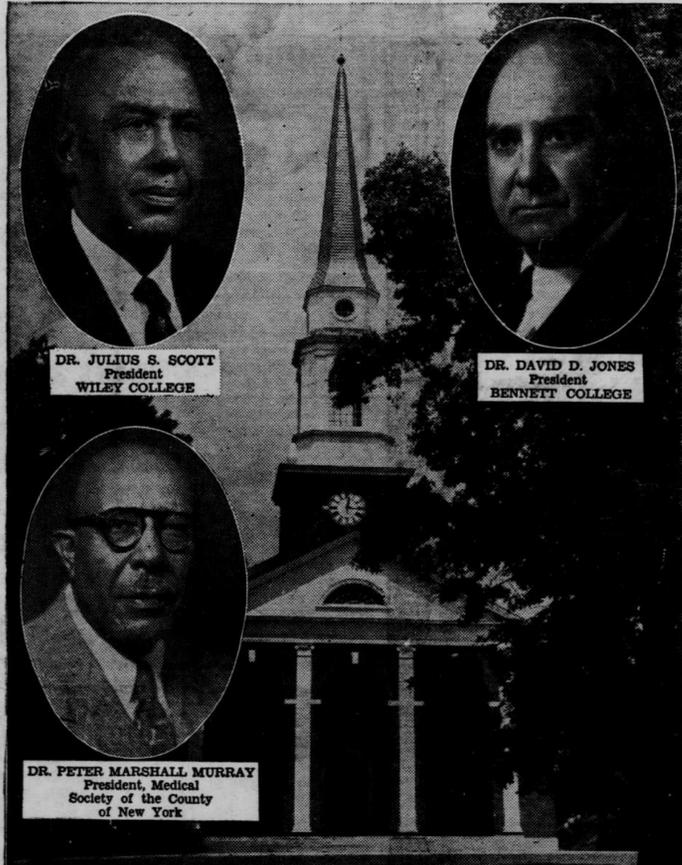
The tournament is open free to the public and Air Police will be on hand to direct traffic and parking.

Prizes will include team trophies and individual awards.

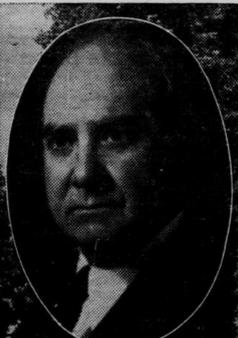
Mrs. Emma Craft

Mrs. Emma Craft, 70 years, 1518 North 13th Street, passed away Thursday May 19th at a local hospital. Mrs. Craft had been a resident of Omaha fourteen years and was a member of the Jehovah Witness. She is survived by one son, Mr. Charley Craft, sister, Mrs. Hettie Smith, brother, Mr. Elijah Tarrance, niece, Maxine Nedd, nephew George Smith, Jr., two grand children and other relatives. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon May 23rd from Thomas Funeral Home with Brother L. D. Kenoly officiating. Pall bearers, Mr. Winfield Raglin, Wm. Weir field, Richard Jones, R. Knutson, James Cowan Lillard Kenoly. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Bennett College Commencement



DR. JULIUS S. SCOTT
President
WILEY COLLEGE



DR. DAVID D. JONES
President
BENNETT COLLEGE



DR. PETER MARSHALL MURRAY
President, Medical
Society of the County
of New York

Principals in and scene of 82nd annual commencement exercises to be held at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., May 29-30. Dr. Scott will deliver the baccalaureate address at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 29 in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel and Dr. Murray will make the commencement address at exercises which will be

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