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CLASS OF 1927

By Carlton L. Murphy, '27

The class of '27 owes its existence back to the fall of the year, 1919. Fifty-four vigorous young men set out to Biddle University—as it was then called—to secure a higher educational training. At the end of their high school career the class had been reduced to twenty members. This was the first high school graduating class to receive a Johnson C. Smith University diploma—as the name of the school was changed the same year—1923.

In the fall of the year, 1923, the class saw a decided change in that about two-thirds of the old boys fell by the wayside and a large number of new men stepped into their places. The class was then enlarged to thirty-nine members. Through another change the class was reduced to twenty-four members which is the present number.

The following schools are represented by the class: Thynne Institute, W. P. Jennings; Boynton A. and B. Institute, A. A. Adams; Mary Potter School, W. J. Hardy and H. L. Forbes; Brainerd Institute, C. B. Stewart, J. T. Jones and C. G. Gore; Harbison College, N. L. Gregg, R. W. Parker, J. J. Spearman and R. W. Thompson; Western Union Academy, D. A. Costner; Danville Industrial Institute, W. E. Bailey; St. Augustine School, E. L. Avery, and Lincoln University, J. T. Douglass.

Those who finished high school at Johnson C. Smith University and who are members of the present class are: A. R. Lord, T. L. Gunn, W. B. Stinson, L. S. Brown, C. L. Murphy, W. E. Bailey, R. L. Watt, C. H. Shute, J. G. T. Futler and J. T. Douglass.

Who Is Who of the Class of '27.

Albert A. Adams, known as "cuckoo," is a brilliant student, a scientific scholar and a member of the Philosophy club.

Eugene L. Avery, known as "shorty," is a member of the Philosophy club, a bright student and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

William E. Bailey, known as "slim," is a pre-medical student and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Lucius S. Brown, known as "Pure," is an excellent student, a member of the Philosophy club.

George T. Butler, known as "Jerry," is the class comedian, a classical student and a member of the Philosophy club.

Dwight A. Costner, known as "Rev." is secretary of the class, Y. M. C. A. worker and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Julius T. Douglass, known as "Pomme," is a classical student, winner of the Junior Oratorical Contest Medal and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

J. David Douglass, known as "Slick," is an athlete. He served several years on the Varsity foot ball and base ball teams and is a classical student.

Henry L. Forbes, known as "John Doe," is salutatorian of the class, Editor of "The Social Whirl," a member of the Philosophy club and a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Newton L. Greeg, known as "Newt," is President of the class and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Curley G. Goore, known as "Kapeeba," is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a member of the University Quintette.

Wayne J. Hardy, known as "Where," is a member of the Varsity base ball team, a pre-medical student and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Wendell P. Jennings, known as "Red," is Assistant instructor of chemistry in the University and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



Joseph T. Jones, known as "Friend," is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a member of the University Quintette and a member of the Philosophy club.

Alonza R. Lord, known as "Sonny," is Vice-President of the class, was foot ball manager for the year, 1926, and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Carlton L. Murphy, known as "Buss," is historian of the class, designer of class picture, artist and interior decorator and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Raymond W. Parker, known as "Joe," is author of "Back and Front," an excellent scholar and a member of the Philosophy club.

Charles H. Shute, Jr., known as "The Duke of Conover," is a classical student and good in extra curricula activities.

Julius J. Spearman, known as "Felly," is a scientific student, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and a member of the Philosophy club.

Charles B. Stewart, known as "Kid Charlie," is a member of the Philosophy club, a wide-awake student and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

William B. Stinson, known as "Child," is Valedictorian of the class and Assistant Instructor of Chemistry in the University.

Roy W. Thompson, known as "Stokes," is a member of the Varsity foot ball and base ball teams of the University, a scientific student and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Robert L. Watt, known as "Kid Bobie," is Treasurer of the class, a pre-medical student and is Postmaster of the University.

INSTITUTE ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Chapel Hill, N. C., March.—Race relations, along with international affairs and industrial problems, occupied the earnest attention of the faculty and student body of the University of North Carolina located here, through the week of March 20-25. The occasion was the first Quadrennial Institute on Human Relations, conducted under the auspices of the College Y. M. C. A. and led by many outstanding authorities on the several subjects discussed.

The speakers on race relations were J. Weldon Johnson, of New York, Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P.; W. W. Alexander, of Atlanta, Director of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation; Prof. N. C. Newbold, Supervisor of Negro Education in North Carolina; Prof. W. C. Jackson, Vice-President of North Carolina College for Women and Chairman of the State In-

terracial Committee; and J. J. Cornelius of India. Each made a distinctive contribution to the program.

Mr. Johnson appeared before many of the classes from day to day, setting forth the contributions that Negroes had made to American music, literature, and art. He handled his subject with rare insight and skill and completely won his auditors. On Friday evening he addressed a great student mass meeting on the American interracial situation, setting forth the fact that the Negro is essentially an American, feels that he is entitled to the rights of citizenship, and expects sooner or later to receive them. "Whether America shall be able to find a way to give him these rights," said the speaker, "will be the ultimate test of this country's democracy." No one on the program was more favorably received or treated with greater courtesy than Mr. Johnson.

W. W. Alexander, in addition to meeting a number of classes, spoke Sunday morning on education and race relations, maintaining that in these days of intimate world relations, education to be effective, must teach men of different races to understand and respect each other and to deal fairly with one another. Mr. Newbold told the remarkable story of Negro education in North Carolina, Dr. Jackson spoke on the general subject of race relations, and J. J. Cornelius talked on world aspects of the problem.

Among the speakers on international relations were Kirby Page, Dr. W. L. Poteat, Arthur Rugh, Mr. Cornelius, Dr. Alva W. Taylor and E. M. Patterson, making powerful appeals for international understanding and permanent peace. James Myers, Fred Ringe and Dr. Taylor talked on industry, setting forth the necessity of reshaping our industrial order along more Christian lines.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT BUREAUS

(From "The Oracle")

In the near future the college placement bureau will be as necessary for the maintenance of a Negro school as an efficient faculty, and the school that does not maintain an alert and effective placement bureau will be severely handicapped.

Financial support indeed is no small part of the problem of the future successful educational administration. Northern philanthropy is no longer as interested in Negro education as it once was. In the near future, Negro schools, like white schools, will have to be maintained by their

alumni. Hence, it will be directly profitable for Negro schools to place their graduates in positions that will permit them to develop adequate endowments for their Alma Maters. It will not be long before the progress of a school will be determined by the progress of its alumni.

Then, too, there is another angle to this proposition. Today colleges are judged largely by the products they turn out; and the products are measured by what they accomplish. Hence, the schools which help their products to accomplish by placing the products right and giving them a good start will be adjudged the more effective institutions.

Today, all Negro schools that prepare their students and turn them loose on the world without placement are not doing a successful job. Some Negro schools have made a good start in the right direction; but, teacher-placement bureaus alone, are not sufficient, for the simple reason that all graduates have not been trained for the teaching profession. Some are trained for insurance, others are trained for engineering, journalism, real estate, banking, exporting and importing, marketing, etc. These as well as those trained for teaching should be placed.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

By D. A. Costner, '27

The Y. M. C. A. still serves as an incentive to a life of usefulness and righteousness.

We are still anticipating a new Y. M. C. A. room. How long shall we be kept in suspense?

On the third Sunday in February we had a song service.

On February 27th Mr. Charles White led in discussing, "Does College Life Weaken or Strengthen Christian Faith?"

March 6th a very good program was rendered by the Ciceronian Literary Society.

The week of prayer was observed March 6-13. The principal speakers were Rev. Prof. Booker and Rev. O. E. Sanders.

March 13 Dr. G. E. Davis brought a message which was no exception to all his work,—good.

March 20 Rev. H. M. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church, gave us a burning message.

March 27 we had a musicale. The outstanding numbers were a clarinet solo by Mr. Shelton Long; vocal solos by Mr. Benjamin Brock and C. H. Byrd; violin duet by Messrs. Adams and Jones.

April 3rd we had installation of officers. The officers are: Mr. Z. A. Dockery, President; Mr. G. E. McKeithen, Vice-President; Mr. Gilmer Franklin, Secretary; Mr. J. L. Hollowell, Assistant Secretary; and Mr. C. H. White, Treasurer.

The ex-administration under the guidance of Mr. E. L. James has done good work. Among other things it operated a movie for the benefit of the students during the winter.

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. G. T. Butler for his services in making the pictures successful. As a loyal member of the Association he freely gave his services.

We thank Mr. Williams and others who did anything to make our program a reality.

Man is king or slave. He is either conquering or being conquered, vanquishing or being vanquished every minute of his life.

Everybody and everything is either pusher or pushed.