

ASHEVILLE WILL DESEGREGATE

A.&T. College Graduates Largest Class In History

450 DEGREES AWARDED AT 57th FINALS

GREENSBORO

The largest graduating class in the history of A&T College, number 459, received degrees, certificates and commissions at the 57th annual commencement held here Monday, May 30.

The finals program held out-of-doors on the College Quadrangle, featured Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr., pastor of the Greensboro, First Presbyterian Church, as its principal speaker.

"You're not alone," he said, "if you wish to make something of yourself in this world, if you wish to achieve and desire to give good account of yourself, for God wants you to serve your generation to the height of the powers he has given you."

Speaking from the subject, "On Doing Your Best," Dr. Redhead described the three doors to success as: persistence of motive and effort with high purpose inspired by God; self confidence which comes from one's religion and strength of character which derives from finding and following the will of God in every moral choice one has to make.

"The one and principal reason we do not achieve more for God and humanity is not the lack of intelligence but the lack of enough of the right kind of religion," he admonished.

He stated that the lack of self-confidence, with that sense of inadequacy, has robbed more people of their heritage than anything else. In emphasizing the value of character, he stated that a recent questionnaire sent to engineers in this country revealed that technical skill rated at the very bottom of the list in importance to success, but that high character rated at the top in every case.

The speaker was introduced by Charles A. Hines, Greensboro, chairman of the trustee board. Prizes and scholarships were awarded by Warmoth T. Gibbs, dean of the School of Education and Science and S. C. Smith, dean of the Technical Institute, awarded certificates to 26 graduates in trades.

Lt. Col. Roy W. Sorrell, professor of Military Science and Maj. Elmore M. Kennedy, Jr., professor of Air Science, presented second lieutenant commissions to 10 and 11 graduates of the Army and Air Force ROTC units, respectively.

Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, who also presided, conferred degrees. Rev. C. W. Anderson, pastor, Greensboro United Institutional Baptist Church gave the invocation and benediction.

On the previous day, Sunday morning, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Pastor of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Concord Baptist Church, had also delivered a message of hope in his baccalaureate sermon.

Speaking before the largest crowd ever to attend the baccalaureate, Dr. Taylor, recently elected "Miss A. & T." for 1955-56 and professional marshall, adjusted the hood of Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Brooklyn, New York, minister and baccalaureate speaker as Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college, looks on from middle. At right, Dr. Bluford, passes note to Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr., pastor of the Greensboro First Presbyterian Church, who delivered the commencement address.

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MARSHALL AND WILKINS Explain Integration Order Of Supreme Court

NAACP OFFICIALS ANALYZE DECISION AND GIVE PROGRAM

By THURGOOD MARSHALL and ROY WILKINS

The May 31 decision combined with the May 17 decision of last year must be viewed as the latest in a series of steps toward full integration of Negroes into American life. When the NAACP began this campaign it was met with state statutes requiring or permitting segregation in public education. These statutory provisions were a complete block to all voluntary efforts to end segregation.

The first case destroyed the validity of out-of-state scholarships as an excuse for the exclusion of Negroes from professional schools. This was followed by the cases which declared unconstitutional provisions for Jim Crow graduate and professional schools. And then the May 17, 1954, decision declared that segregation in public education was unconstitutional. This was followed by last Tuesday's decision that "all provisions of federal, state or local law requiring or permitting" segregation in public education "must yield to" the principle announced in the 1954 decision.

This determination by the Supreme Court clears the way for school boards to desegregate their systems voluntarily. This is being done in many parts of the South. The opinion also gives us the necessary legal weapons to bring about compliance in areas of the South which openly flout the mandate of the Supreme Court.

The question now before us is: under what conditions and with what directives were the school cases remanded to lower courts? We know that the highest court did not (a) set a deadline date for either the beginning or the completion of desegregation in the public schools; and (b) outline a definite plan by which desegregation must proceed and by which lower courts might judge the efforts of local school boards toward compliance with the May 17 and May 31 rulings. Not having done this, what did the Court do? What language did it use?

RE-AFFIRMATION OF PRINCIPLE

May 17, 1954 decision re-affirmed. "These cases were decided on May 17, 1954. The opinion of that date, declaring the fundamental principle that racial discrimination in public education is unconstitutional, are incorporated herein by reference."

Last year's opinion, as we all know, declared: "We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." On May 31 the Court said simply, as an introduction to its opinion, that this principle stands and that everything in the May 31 opinion hangs upon it; that the items in the May 31 opinion must be considered at all times and under all circumstances in the light of clear principles in the 1954 opinion. The Court refers to the 1954 "constitutional principles" a total of six times in its May 31 opinion, once as "governing constitutional principles."

All school segregation laws are invalid: "All provisions of Federal, state or local law requiring or permitting such discrimination must yield to this principle."

This means that all laws, local, state and federal, requiring or permitting racial segregation in the public schools are now null and void, and that no school

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GUARDSMEN NATIONAL OFFICERS — Hubert A. Eaton, Physician and Surgeon of Wilmington, and H. Carl Moultrie, I, National Executive Secretary, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., were installed as National Officers of the Guardsmen, Incorporated, President, and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. The installation took place during the Connecticut Chapter Weekend at the famous Banner Lodge, Connecticut.

The next National Meeting is scheduled for Durham.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA OPENS ALL COLLEGES TO NEGROES

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. — The doors of all state colleges and universities in the state of Oklahoma will swing open to Negroes for the first time at the opening of school next September, the State Board of Regents announced here Monday.

In a meeting a few hours before the announcement the regents voted 8 to 1 to authorize governing boards of all state colleges and universities to admit qualified Negro enrollees for the fall term.

The only dissenting vote was cast by an oilman, Frank Buttram of Oklahoma City, who once ran for governor on the Democratic ticket. Prior to the ruling of the regents Negroes were admitted to graduate courses in state schools but none had been accepted for undergraduate courses.

Oklahoma is believed to be the first state with a dual education system to admit Negroes to undergraduate courses.

"Bus" Holmes Named N. C. C. Alumni Head

Irvin R. "Bus" Holmes, Director of the W. D. Hill Recreation Center of Durham, has been elected president of North Carolina College's National Alumni Association.

He succeeds Erwin Johnson, Durham County school teacher and swimming instructor at NCC, who assumes a position as first vice president. Other officers elected at the Alumni Annual meeting during the Commencement season include Mrs. Sallie Harris, second vice president; Walter M. Brown, general secretary; Mrs. Lola Solice, recording secretary; Mrs. Nannie Green, assistant secretary; and Attorney M. E. Johnson, treasurer.

Convention Set For Kellum Town

KELLUMTOWN — The Tenth Annual Convention of the Trent River Osage Grove Missionary Convention will convene with the ushers and members of the First Baptist Church of Kellumtown on Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19. Rev. W. K. Raynor will be host pastor.

The program for the occasion will be centered around the theme "Finding Time for God." Among those appearing on the program will be L. E. Austin, the publisher of The Carolina Times and president of the I.U.A.N.C., who will address the body on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.



Pictured above is a picture of the bust of the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding, which was placed in the new Spaulding Elementary School located on Pine Street here last week during an unveiling program attended by many of Durham's prominent business and professional men and women. The new school was designated the C. C. Spaulding Elementary School by the Durham City Board of Education in honor of the noted businessman. Those in the picture from left to right are I. B. Spaulding, brother of Dr. Spaulding; W. J. Kennedy, Jr., who succeeded Dr. Spaulding as president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company; Mrs. Maggie Kennedy, wife of Mr. Kennedy and sister of Dr. Spaulding; Isaac S. Hathaway, noted sculptor who did the bust and his wife, Mrs. Hathaway who is a noted sculptress in her own right; Mrs. Margaret Shearin, daughter of Dr. Spaulding; Booker Spaulding, Jr., grandson; Booker Spaulding, Sr., son; Mrs. Charlotte Spaulding, widow; Chas. C. Spaulding, III, grandson and Charles Spaulding, Jr., son.

Tourist City Is First In N. C. To Plan Mixed Schools

ASHEVILLE

This mountain tourist city will make "an honest effort" to comply with the rulings of the United States Supreme Court on segregation in public schools, according to a statement issued by the Asheville City Board of Education here Tuesday.

Long considered as being among the top-ranking cities of North Carolina on the matter of interracial goodwill, Asheville is believed to be the first city in the state to indicate that it will make an "honest effort" to integrate its schools.

Said the Board: "We will move with measured step in the direction of ultimate compliance with the supreme law of the land" and that it expects full cooperation from "both white and colored people as we endeavor to work out the many problems that will face us."

"We look to our local governments, our churches and other institutions, and to our local civic groups, and to all organizations," it said.

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FIRST NEGRO MEDICAL GRADUATE AT UNC — Edward O. Diggs of Winston-Salem became the first Negro medical graduate of the University of North Carolina Monday, June 6. Dr. Diggs will do his interne work at Kate Bittings Reynolds Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Interest In NAACP Annual Meet Increased

NEW YORK

Spurred by the United States Supreme Court's ruling in the public school segregation cases, branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People throughout the country this week indicated a stepped up interest and greater participation in the Association's 46th annual convention scheduled for June 21-26 in Atlantic City.

Problems raised by the High Court's ruling will be among topics to be discussed at various sessions of the convention with the Association's special counsel, Thurgood Marshall, slated for a major address on the (Please turn to Page Ten)

\$535 In Cash Prizes To Be Awarded In Carnation Healthy Baby Contest Sun.

Who will be the winner in the Second Annual Hometown Carnation "Healthy Baby Contest?"

This is the big question being asked by the parents and friends of 70 entrants from all over Durham. Only the judges know the answer and their choices will be announced June 12, at 8:00 p.m., W. D. Hill Recreation Center, at 1308 Fayetteville Street.

Twenty lucky youngsters from among the children of readers of this newspaper will be selected to share \$535.00 in cash prizes. To the First Prize Winner will go \$300.00. Other awards include \$100.00 to the Second Prize winner, \$50.00 to the Third Prize winner, and \$5.00 each to the next seven finalists.

The tremendous job of screening all entrants has been placed in the hands of five prominent local citizens.

Dr. D. B. Cooke, Mrs. L. Z. Williams, Superintendent of Nurses at Lincoln Hospital, Rev. A. L. Thompson, Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church, I. O. Funderburg, Cashier of Mechanics & Farmers Bank and (Please turn to Page Ten)



SCENES AT A. & T. COMMENCEMENT — The largest graduating class in the history of the college was granted degrees at the 57th annual commencement held at A. & T. College in Greensboro, on Monday, May 30. Some of the principals at the four-day affair are pictured above. At left, Mrs. Natalie Cooke plus Air Force second lieutenant bars on Edwin Cooke, Wilson, one of the 21 graduates commissioned by the Air Force and Army ROTC units at the college. Center, Miss Shirley Richardson,

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