



From Black

By JOHN HUDGINS

To those Brothers and Sisters who graduated this year from high school or college, or any place else, there will be no echoes of congratulations from Black.

What I do hope you realize is that you have completed another cycle of your life. I hope that you are closer to understanding what the world you live in is all about. You have been told that the piece of paper you now have is a key to success, it is not. You have been told that finishing school is one of the greatest things on earth, it is not. You have been told that the world is waiting for your gift of wisdom to it, I doubt it. And you have been told that your Brothers and sisters have been waiting for you to lead them to freedom, so what, for 400 years they have waited. You have been urged to go out and make America what it ought to be, don't kid yourself.

What you will learn in the next few months is that the joys of your life are behind you. If you want to be a real Black Man or Black Woman, most of the pain is yet to come. This world has no intention of changing, just because of your education. Black people who finish high school and college are the same as other Black people in the eyes of this world, anything else is a lie.

The jobs may be out there but you will get what the other people leave. There is equal opportunity, but only for a few of us. Some tokens will be needed, but not all of us. There will be high paying spots for some who conform, all of us cannot conform, if we all conform we become safe and none of us will be needed to hold before the rest of us.

In fact you will have to make your own future, the material things that you want

(cars, clothes, house, money), you will have to pay for them not only with your labor, but with your values. If you are a good Negro you won't get it all but you will get more than the uppity ones, the militant ones, the bad ones. You can make money fooling your people, leading them the wrong way. If you have acquired any concern at all for Black people you will have a chance to forget it. You will have a chance to decide whether you want to endure the system of oppression or destroy it.

Understand that by next year this time you will have made some kind of choice, to conform or not, to love money or to love freedom, to sell what you have or to take what you need. The choice is not easy, it may well be made for you. You will have to find a way to survive, to eat, to sleep, to have a family, to love. You must never forget that the average lifespan for a Black person in this country is less than 65 years, you have already used a fourth of it, by the year 2025 most of us will be dead. What you do with your life may be of value to our people or it may not. Freedom may come in your lifespan, it may not.

What is important is that you understand your commitment and try to fulfill it. There will be no yardsticks of dedication to Black people. What you must have is love for your people and the sense to recognize what you must do. You must have faith in yourself as a Black person, and a desire to understand what you do not understand about the world in which you are. With this and with all you have, TRY, for like all men you will DIE, the beauty is in having done what you could. In the spirit of your God, our ancestors, Blackness, and RESISTANCE!

Tennessee Co-Ed Named Miss. Essence Of Tennessee

Immediately following her crowning as the first "Miss Essence of Tennessee," 19 year old Tennessee State coed, Maude Mobley, is shown being presented a \$1,000 scholarship from Burlington Hosiery by Stax recording star, Oscar/Grammy winner, Isaac Hayes.

Miss Mobley and the other 25 pageant contestants were feted by guests and friends at a reception at Memphis' Top Hat & Tails Club, where the presentation was made; in addition to the scholarship, the Miss Essence crown carries with it an Acapulco vacation via American Airlines and a stunning wardrobe by noted Black designer, Chuck Sandford.

Contestants from throughout the state participated in the three day event; and, during the week-end preliminaries and finals were extended the hospi-

Man Missing From Home

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Sixty-seven year old Otis S. Wilkinson, the husband of Mrs. Anna Wilkinson, an NAACP Legal Defense Fund employee for the past 13 years, has been missing from his home in Brooklyn since Friday, May 26. Mr. Wilkinson, a retired clergyman was last seen by a neighbor on May 26 between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Wilkinson indicated that her husband must not have intended to go far because she found a number of personal articles that ordinarily he carried when leaving home.

Mr. Wilkinson is about 6'4" tall, 185 pounds, has a dark complexion, and is partially bald. When last seen, he was wearing a dark grayish brown suit with red and yellow pin stripes, white shirt, royal blue tie, black socks and shoes, and a gray straw hat.

If you see a man fitting this description, kindly contact immediately Mrs. Anna Wilkinson at (212) PR8-0544 or Abeke Foster at (212) 586-8397.



Scarborough Nursery To Graduate 68

Sixty-eight pupils will graduate from the Scarborough Nursery School in a Commencement Program Thursday night, June 15, at 7:30 in the W.G. Pearson School Auditorium.

The Operetta, "Flowers of the Nations" will be presented by the Senior Class.

You will see characters representing flowers from England, The English Rose, Scotland, The Thistle; Switzerland, Edelweiss; Holland, Tulips; Ireland, Shamrock; Germany, Corn flowers; France, Fleur-de-lys; Spain, Pomegranate; Japan, Chrysanthemum; China, Narcissus; Palestine, The Anemone; India, Lotus Flower; Italy, The Lily; Russia, The violet; and the United States, The American Beauty Rose.

Each national flower arrives singing a song typical of the country it represents.

Dressed in gala attire dancing and merry making, the respective contestants appear in judgment to be determined which flower is the most beautiful flower in the world. The most beautiful flower will be chosen queen.

Come and see the flowers as they parade before the judges.

Those graduating from kindergarten include: Larry Allen, Teresa Bailey, Felicia Baldwin, James Banks, Antonio Blue, Eric Brandon, Andrea Bryant, Dwight Butler, Ricardo Cobb, Rita Coffin, Larry Cole, Jonna Coleman, Walter Feaster, Kenneth Fike, Dwight Gamble, Sean Glenn, Christal Green, Gregory Hardy, Cassandra Harris, Patricia Harvey, Bernard Hedgepeth, Kevin Hinton, Robert Hopson, Evelyn Jacobs Jerome Jackson, Kimberly Jeffries, Pamela Jones, Sharin King, Ruth Ann McClary, Earl Mills, Delmonte O'Bryant, Sedrick Patrick, Yvonne Perry, Darlene Pettiford, Pamela Rich, Marshall Spears, Joseph Strayhorn, Darlene Thorpe, William Upchurch, Michael Wall, Clifton White, James Wigfall, Angela Williams and those graduating from first grade include: Lettie Cozart, Courtney Daniels, Timothy Dash, Willie Gulon, Sharyn Hayes, Isadore Irving Hester, Michael Leake, Daren Keith Mack, Robert Bernard Mack, Nora Estelle McAdoo, Vincent McCrary, Annette Parker, Jaycelyn Privette, Lisa Richmond, Demetrius Scurlock, Tameria A. Simmons, Sandra Steele, Terri Taylor, Christopher Thompson, Tina D. Upchurch and Celeste Waller.

Social Studies Plan Workshop For Black Schools

ANN ARBOR—A series of workshops for geography and social studies educators at predominantly black high schools will be offered this summer by the Commission on Geography and Afro-America (COMGA), a national educational unit with headquarters at The University of Michigan.

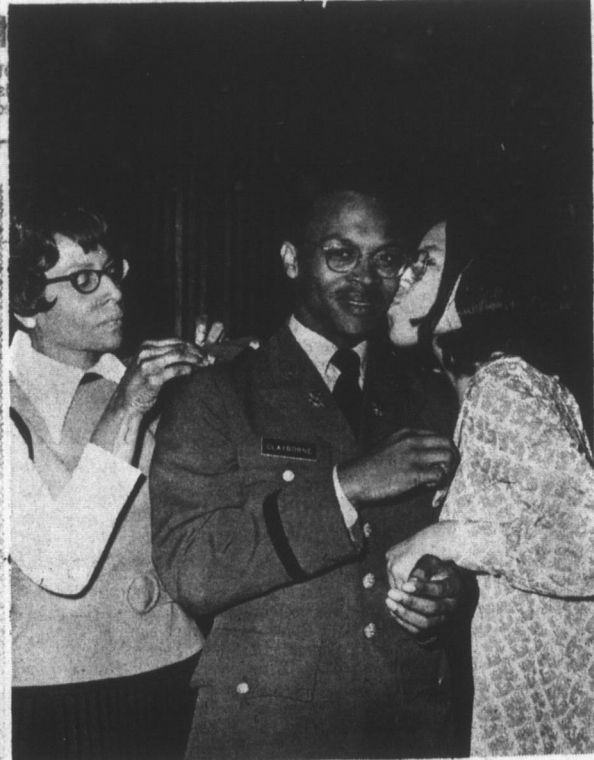
Co-sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education, the sessions will be held June 12-23 at Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Tex., and July 10-21 at Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

U-M geography Prof. Donald R. Deskins, Jr., who serves as director of COMGA, notes that the sessions will apply geographic concepts and appropriate teaching strategy to selected environmental problems.

The workshops, which have been held for the past three years, are aimed at upgrading the quality of geography instruction at predominantly black Southern schools and colleges. COMGA, an affiliate of the Association of American Geographers, also tries to recruit more black students into the geography field through fellowships and other forms of assistance.

Staff for the two summer sessions are from universities around the country, including the U-M, Prairie View A & M, Clark University, University of

Texas, Austin State University, University of Houston, Texas State University, Southern University and the University of Wisconsin.



ERNEST C. CLAYBORNE, a newly-commissioned second lieutenant in the U. S. Army, enjoys the congratulatory kiss bestowed upon him by his fiancée, Miss Beverly Thompson of Shady Side, Md., a sophomore at Morgan State, while his mother, Mrs. Ernest C. Clayborne, Sr., pins on his lieutenant's bars. Clayborne, a native of Baltimore, Md., was one of 17 ROTC cadets commissioned during the annual Commissioning Ceremonies at Morgan State College.

Dinnerware is undergoing a color revolution this year. Bright, bold colors; earthy, smoky ecological colors and fluffy pastels will all be in evidence, says Mrs. Edith McGlamery, exten-

sion house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University. Look for more pinks, plums, lavenders, rich greens and chocolate browns, she adds.

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