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# Scenes Of Annual Commencement Of North Carolina College



The above scenes taken from the graduating exercises of the North Carolina College for Negroes show at the left Dr. W. S. Valentine, pastor of St. Joseph AME Church. The center picture shows Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina delivering a short talk before conferring the professional and honorable Summer Welles, under graduate degrees. The picture at the extreme right shows Honorable Summer Welles, under secretary of state delivering the commencement address to the graduating class.

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# LIBERIAN RULER GUEST OF FDR

## Second Ship With Race Captain Launched At Baltimore

# SUMNER WELLS N.C.C. FINALS SPEAKER

### BARCLAY FIRST OF RACE TO BE GUEST OF UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

BY ERNEST E. JOHNSON  
WASHINGTON, (A N P) — Edwin Barclay, president of the republic of Liberia, amid pomp and ceremony, began his precedent shattering visit to this country as the personal guest of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, promptly at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, May 26.

In so doing, President Barclay became the first Negro Chief of a Negro state to cross the welcome mat of the executive mansion, with the President of the United States as the official host.

The dignitary was accompanied. (Please Turn To Page Two)

### John P. Pemberton Succumbs To Illness Tuesday Morning

John Percival Pemberton, age 45, died at Lincoln hospital here Tuesday morning, June 1 at 2:30 after an illness of 10 days, from a complication of diseases. Although Mr. Pemberton had been in declining health for several months he did not stop work until about two weeks ago. After his condition grew worse he was taken to the hospital on. (Please Turn To Page Two)

### LIBERIAN PRESIDENT MEETS U. S. CHIEF



President Edwin Barclay and President-Elect W. V. S. Tubman, both of Liberia, the Negro Republic on the West Coast of Africa, were welcomed with Great Pomp and Ceremony in the White House (May 26). Left to right: President Roosevelt; President-Elect Tubman and Secretary of State Cordell Hull. (Continental Photo).

### Under Secretary Of War Calls For New Order In Commencement Address

### M. H. Thompson Elected Commander Of American Legion

The Weaver McLean Post No. 175 of the American Legion met last night at the Stanford E. Warren Library and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: M. Hugh Thompson, Post Commander; J. Fred Pratt, Vice Commander; S. B. Walker, Adjutant; W. W. Hardy, Service Officer; Jerry Williamson, Historian and Publicity Director.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Convention which convenes in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 19 thru 21: M. Hugh Thompson, Post Commander, Jerry Williamson and J. U. Love, with S. B. Walker, W. W. Hardy and Charlie Jackson as alternates.

The committee for Memorial Day Program to be held at White Rock Baptist Church on Sunday, May 30, at 4 P. M., thru its chairman, John Williams, made a report, announcing Lieutenant Colonel Wendell T. Derricks, Commanding Officer of the 930th Field Artillery, Camp Butner as principal speaker. Other participants on this. (Please Turn To Page Six)



Baby DeLois Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, who was the winner of the first prize in the Baby Popularity Contest sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Bapt. Church usher board on last Sunday. Manager for the winner was Mrs. Louise Harvey, president of the Ladies Department of the Durham Ushers Union. (Please Turn To Page Two)

### MOBILE SHIPBUILDERS DETERMINED TO USE SKILLED NEGROES DESPITE RIOT IN WHICH TWO WERE KILLED

BY OLIFF MACKAY  
MOBILE, Ala. (ANP) — With approximately 600 soldiers from the Brookleyfield Army Air base on guard, apparent calm has been restored in the yards of the Alabama Drydock and Shipbuilding company where on Tuesday colored workers, men and women alike, were victims of a vicious mob attack because the company, in

compliance with Executive Order 8802, put colored welders to work Monday night.

According to shipyard officials, the trouble began about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning when whites began to wantonly attack colored women as well as men workers evidently for the purpose of spreading terrorism among the colored employes be. (Please Turn To Page Six)

### S. S. Frederick Douglass Second To Be Launched With Negro Captain

A Negro captain a colored and white crew were awaiting completion of the SS FREDERICK DOUGLASS at the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards in Baltimore, Md., this week, following the launching of the third Liberty Ship named for an outstanding Negro on May 23, 1943. The vessel was christened Saturday afternoon by Anne Wiggins-Brown, Baltimore born concert singer and original star of "Porgy and Bess," as the Negro master, 51 year old Capt. Adrian Richardson, and three members of his crew witnessed. (Please Turn To Page Six)