

FIRST NURSES GRADUATE IN LIBERIA



U. S. Public health nurses and Liberian government nurses who make up the faculty of the St. Timothy School of Nursing, see their first class graduate. Pictured above are the instructors and their graduates. They are, left to right: Front row—Mrs. Magdalene L. Dennis, superintendent of the Carrie V. Dyer hospital, now known as the Baptist hospital; Major L. Mills, director of nursing, U. S. Public Health Mission in Liberia; Miss Janet Buckle, acting superintendent of nurses of the Liberian government hospital acting superintendent of nurses of the Liberian government hospital. Second row—Misses Adeline Clarke, Martha Harris, Mabel Grigsby, who graduated with the highest honor in scholastic rating, Mleda Cooper, all were students at the Baptist. Third row—Marion Majors and Letitia Scott, students at the government hospital.—(ANP)

NAACP Seeks To MOVE TRIAL SCENE

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GROVELAND, Fla. — A motion for change of venue to move the scene of the trial from the hostile Groveland area will be one of the first legal steps to be taken by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in the defense of the three Groveland youth scheduled to be tried for rape on August 29. NAACP attorneys announced today.

Biased news stories and provocative editorials were cited by the NAACP as major contributors to the atmosphere of racial tension, animosity and mob domination still prevalent in Lake County a month after the alleged attack on 17-year-old Mrs. Willie Padgett. The Association contends that a fair trial is virtually impossible in a community where one of the leading morning dailies (the Orlando Morning Sentinel) assumed the guilt before their trial and called for vengeance in an inflamed front-page editorial cartoon entitled "No Compromise" and urging "The Supreme Penalty" for the alleged criminals.

Ushers In Wilmington For 25th Meet; Expect 1000

St. Stephens Is Host Church

WILMINGTON— More than 1,000 delegates and visitors are expected to attend the 25th annual session of the North Carolina Interdenominational Ushers Association which convenes here August 25-28, according to information received Tuesday from the office of the president, L. E. Austin of Durham.

All sessions of the annual meeting, which will be opened to the public, will be held at St. Stephens A. M. E. Church, on the corner of Fifth and Red Cross Streets, of which Rev. E. B. Bolding is pastor.

The convention proper will open at 10 o'clock Thursday morning with routine matters consuming the greater portion of the morning and afternoon sessions. On Thursday evening Mayor McClellan will deliver an official welcome to the convention on behalf of the City of Wilmington.



W. J. KENNEDY, JR.
 Other prominent personalities scheduled to appear on the convention's program are W. J. Kennedy, Jr., vice president and

Meet To Last For Three Days

secretary of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company of Durham who will also deliver an address Thursday evening; Allan A. C. Griffith, president of the National Ushers Association, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Bolding and Prof. B. T. McMillon, department of public health, North Carolina College at Durham.

President Griffith and Prof. McMillon will address the convention Saturday afternoon. Rev. Bolding will deliver the annual sermon, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

The Ushers Association is the largest and strongest interdenominational organization among Negroes in the State. During the past seven years it has donated more than \$30,000 to the Colored Orphanage at Oxford and for the education of worthy young Negro men and



ALLAN A. C. GRIFFITH
 women. Earnest Seymore is president of the local ushers union that is acting as host to this year's annual session; Mrs. Bell Tate, vice president and Mrs. Annie Bell Newkirk, secretary.

Mr. Williams returned to Florida this week from New York to assemble evidence and hold pre-trial conferences with Attorney Horace Hill of Daytona Beach and other Florida lawyers scheduled to assist in the defense of Samuel Shepard, Walter Lee Irvin and Charles Greenlee the defendants.

Negro Cabbie Is Real Hero Of Bus Wreck

Edgar Davis Found True Hero; Driver Accused of Being Asleep

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A Negro, Edgar Davis, 43, Indianapolis taxi driver, enroute to Evansville, Indiana, to attend the funeral of his brother, was established, following careful inquiry by State Troopers, to have been the real hero of the Greyhound wreck and fire five miles north of here, last week.

Davis, according to witnesses who were carefully interrogated, smashed a rear window of the huge Greyhound inferno and saved nine passengers by dragging them through the back end of the blazing bus. The passenger-carrier was a white hot mass of metal and fire as Davis determined that he would make every effort, sitting in a JIM-crow seat, to return into the blazing vehicle and rescue those who would not even sit beside him.

Contrary to the first releases by the United Press stating that driver Wayne Cramer, 25, of Indianapolis, had been the hero while thirteen passengers survived, careful investigation disclosed that a white passenger on board, Wilfred Luttrull, 30 Evansville, Indiana, who was thrown through the windshield in the terrific impact of the bus against the bridge abutment, accused the driver, Cramer, of having fallen asleep. Said Luttrull, "I feel certain the driver fell asleep. He had been drowsy and the bus was zigzagging. Because of that, I had been thinking of getting off at the next town and waiting for the next bus. I'm a truck driver and I know there was no blowout before the crash." Cramer had stated that "I think a front tire blew out and that made me lose control."

The United Press had first reported: "Cramer heroically risked death to rescue some of his passengers from the blazing bus and was burned himself. He and ten others of the injured were sent to a hospital." Bodies of some of the victims were charred almost beyond recognition. Two children, eight women, four men and an adult burned so badly the sex could not be determined, died in the fire. How many other Negroes were on board has not been ascertained.

Cramer had told State Police that he lost control of the vehicle as it approached an abutment on a winding, hilly road five miles north of Bloomington, Indiana, shortly before midnight. Gasoline tanks exploded on impact and within seconds the huge bus was completely enveloped in flames. Several passengers, besides the driver, were hurled out of the bus while some survivors scrambled thru windows. Nothing, in the early releases, was said about the Negro, Davis, Cramer, however, was reported to have tossed a baby daughter of a woman passenger into her arms out of a window.

Principals



J. M. Schooler, former principal at the Lyon Park School, named to the principalship of the Whitted Elementary school last week. Schooler will succeed Mrs. F. K. Watkins, who served as acting principal until she was named Supervisor of the Negro Elementary Schools.



E. W. Midgette, former teacher at Hillside High School who was named principal of Burton Elementary School last week by Superintendent L. Stacy Weaver. Mr. Midgette will fill the position made vacant when F. G. Burnett who had served as the principal, was transferred to Lyon Park School.

Organized Medicine Said Blocking Care To Nation's Citizens

Organized medicine today was accused face-to-face of blocking badly needed medical care from the nation's 15,000,000 Negro citizens.

In an address before the opening session of the convention of the National Medical Association in Detroit, Chat Paterson, Executive Director of the Committee for the Nation's Health, declared that the President's health program is the only hope of relieving the urgent shortage of medical service.

As the views of the American Medical Association were presented to the convention by Dr. George F. Lull, General Manager, this was the first time the country's leading organizations pro and con on the issue of national health insurance were represented in the same forum.

Detailing the handicaps that are put on both patient and doctor through race discrimination in the medical profession, Mr. Paterson said:

"It is no coincidence that the same forces — in Congress and out — which are allied against national health insurance are likewise fighting to block FEPC anti-poll tax and anti-lynching legislation. These are not two separate battles."

Distribution of medical care is the public's business," he said, "particularly when organized medicine assumes the role in which it has distinguished itself only by its consistent backwardness."

"On the theory that voluntary health insurance plans controlled by organized medicine offer a reasonable facsimile of medical care, the AMA has embarked on a supercolossal \$3,500,000 campaign of 'national education'," he continued.

Referring to the press agent team engaged by the AMA to conduct its campaign, Mr. Paterson said:

"For the professors in this all-America faculty, AMA has gone outside the field of medicine. But these great educators deserve many degrees after their names. I think they should be awarded the degree of BPA — Bachelor of Press Agency; DH — Doctor of Headline; Hunting; and MMP — Master of Mis-

10 Day Revival To Be Held At Local Church



Rev. D. A. Johnston, pastor of St. Joseph Church announced here this week that plans have definitely been completed for a ten-day revival service at St. Joseph, beginning September 26. The preaching will be by Rev. W. C. Williamson, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church of Philadelphia and former pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church of this city.

Race Barriers Falling In Nursing; Several Mixed Groups Merge

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Only seven states and the District of Columbia refuse membership in nursing organizations to Negro nurses today, asserted Miss Alma Veselles, New York, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses, at a luncheon in the YWCA. "Even in some Southern states, notably, North Carolina and Florida, racial barriers are being let down," said Miss Veselles.

The Guest of honor explained that individual membership in the American Nurses Association was provided one year ago, but various communities and cities still refuse membership in district and local nurses' associations. As those difficulties are overcome, it is the policy of the NAGGN group to disband and become a part of the overall association.

The National Association of Colored Graduate Nurses is now 41 years old and will meet for the annual convention in Louisville, Ky., Aug. 22.

NCC Law School Gets Nearer Accreditation

After ten years of operation, unaccredited, the North Carolina College Law School is finally on its way to getting recognized by an accrediting agency as the State has allocated funds for that purpose.

\$20,000 from the emergency and contingency fund was set aside by the Council of State Wednesday to provide for accreditation of the school.

Last March, several students from the College Law School picketed the State Capitol in protest of the unaccredited school. The event, unprecedented in the annals of State history, provoked comment fast and thick.

The school was set up in 1939 and has been allowed to exist unaccredited since.

The American Bar Association, an accrediting agency, had advised that the school needed a library. John Hery of the same organization said that the physical plant of the school was the only department to its being accredited.

The funds, allocated by the state, will be used to repair Avery auditorium which will serve as a temporary library.

Accreditation of the school is necessary if the graduates are to practice outside the borders of the state. Graduates of an unaccredited school are not even allowed to take the bar outside of the state.

Dr. Alfonso Elder, President of the College, received the news

Race Medics Split Over Health Program

DETROIT — There is divided opinion among members of the National Medical Association over whether to support President Truman's health program.

The split became evident when Dr. C. Austin Whittier of San Antonio, Tex., president of the association called upon the 5,000 physicians to take a decided stand in support of President Truman's health program, which was embodied in his report delivered to the 2,000 delegates at the annual convention meeting here.

The opposition came immediately when Dr. John T. Givens, general secretary of the association, declared that he would lead a group opposing Dr. Whittier when the subject came up for a vote.

There is little doubt that the split will grow to heated proportions since Dr. George F. Lull of Chicago, secretary and general manager of the American Medical Association, delivered a message to the convention from Dr. Elmer L. Henderson, president of the A. M. A., who opposed Dr. Whittier's views.

1 More Race Cop For Burlington

BURLINGTON — This city will get its second Negro policeman as Earl Berry has been hired and accepted by the force according to Chief of Police, D. D. Matthews.

Berry, 28, of 703 Apple street, is slated to begin duties around the first of September.

Berry and Andrew Chambers, the first Negro to be hired by the force, will work together as a team in the Negro areas of Glencoe Road, Richmond Hill, and Halls Hill. They will also be on duty at dances and sporting events held in the Petersburg section. They will patrol the Negro section of Worth street on Saturday afternoon and evenings.

All of the entries in this show will be on display during the latter part of September at the YWCA on Umstead Street.

Dixiecrats May Be Back In Fold Yet

WASHINGTON — The much "ballyhooed" idea of ousting the State Righters or Dixiecrats from the National Democratic party shows signs of fizzling into nothingness as the southern states supporting the Thurmond ticket in the last elections may be seated at the National Committee meeting after all.

Senator J. Howard McGrath, resigning national chairman of the Party of those who failed to for the National committee meeting for last Wednesday to elect a new party chairman.

Several northern Democrats, McGrath and Truman have indicated that they intend to purge the Party of those who fail to support the Party issues. This means that they want to oust the Dixiecrats who bolted the Party last year over the civil rights issue and supported the Thurmond ticket.

In reality it boils down to the fact that possibly two southern states may have trouble in getting seated by the credentials committee.

South Carolina, stronghold of the Dixiecrats and whose governor ran for president on the States Rights ticket, has designated Sen. B. R. Maybank to replace Thurmond as its national committeeman. Maybank and Mrs. Annie A. Agnew, the committeewoman, would probably be seated at the meeting. Thus, South Carolina, staunch supporter of the Thurmond ticket a-