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OUR MOTTO: "Let Down the Bucket Where You Are"

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NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

Founder's Birthday Celebration By All Afro Lodges June 1st

The next big meeting of state-wide attraction that is a MUST for Afros will be annual Founder's Birthday Celebration, Saturday, June 1, 1957. This big affair is to be held at and in the communities of each and every local Afro lodge in the state of Mississippi. Cooperation in this movement should be fully approved and assured when the fact is presented that the entire proceeds from the many celebrations, on reaching the Home Office, will go direct into the hospital fund and not for the Custodian's personal benefit.

It is a nice move on the part of the Custodian to allow his birthday to be celebrated throughout the state for the benefit of the hospital, an institution he founded many years ago. Yes, "Cousin Tom" is a liberal man and wants the people's Temple of Health, the Afro-American Hospital, to succeed in both a financial and operative manner.

Each lodge is asked to hold a special public program or some form of public entertainment on either Friday night, May 31st, Saturday night, June 1st, or Sunday, June 2nd, and lift a public offering for the benefit of the Afro-American Hospital. "Mississippi's First and Largest Negro Fraternal Hospital." No certain amount is requested but ALL lodges should send SOMETHING. Get the donation in the mail Monday morning, June 3rd. Use one of the three dates that fit your community best. If public program cannot be arranged then resort to public solicitation.

State-wide celebration of the Custodian's birthday for the benefit of the hospital has been fully approved by the Grand Lodge and will be an annual affair from now on. The celebration MUST be held and SOME funds sent to the office by all Afro local lodges. The amount sent is left entirely to each lodge. However, it is expected that each lodge in the state would send at least \$1.00 for this worthy cause.

Be it remembered that the Hospital Anniversary and the Custodian's Birthday proceeds are a definite portion of the annual budget for operating the Afro-American Hospital. Lodges failing to cooperate fully in both are rightfully labeled SABOTAGERS of the Afro-American Hospital. Remember, \$8 per year from each adult member will not keep your hospital doors open. The "extras" will have to come as promised.

Let us honor "Cousin Tom" in this state-wide movement by seeing that every local Afro lodge sounds a big note for the Founder and the Afros on one of the suggested dates. Let that note echo in Yazoo City by mailing your donation Monday morning, June 3, 1957.

THANKS

I take this method to thank the many Afros and friends for the kindness shown during the illness and death of my Mother.

Sincerely yours,
I. E. EDWARDS

QUARTERLY PASSWORD

(For April, May & June, 1957)

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The Founder



HON. T. J. HUDDLESTON, SR., Founder of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters and Afro-American Hospital, will celebrate his birthday (June 1, 1957) for the benefit of Afro-American Hospital. All lodges will have a program and send the proceeds to the Home Office. See full details in this issue of the Courier.

Edwards Resigns, Liddell Elected

P. O. Box 65,
Mound Bayou, Miss.,
February 26, 1957

Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Mound Bayou, Miss.
Gentlemen:

It was my intention to have presented you this letter at the last board meeting (Tuesday night, February 5th) but did not have time to prepare it. Most of you are already aware that I definitely will not be a candidate for re-election when my present term expires. However, it is with regret that conditions demand that I NOW submit to you my resignation as Alderman and Vice-Mayor of the town of Mound Bayou, Mississippi and beg to be released from said position at the close of the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday night, March 5, 1957. It is my humble request that you accept my resignation and elect another Mayor or Vice-Mayor in the above mentioned meeting. Mayor Green's physical condition requires him to have an able assistant and you have many on the board to choose from.

Serving you has been a physical mental and financial strain (as I have had to commute over 100 miles one way at regular intervals) but I want you to know it has been a real pleasure. I am thankful for the honor of having been elected on three different occasions to serve the town in an official capacity. I have not been an "Uncle Tom" nor a "radical" for it is my candid belief that no extreme will suffice in this period of unrest. My every effort was to dignify the number one office of our town Vice Mayor.

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Resigned



MR. I. E. EDWARDS, Supreme President of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters, resigned the position of Vice-Mayor of the town of Mound Bayou, Miss., March 5, 1957. See letter of resignation in this issue of the Courier.

Money Should Be Raised Now For Expenses

Most Afro local lodge Home Treasurers will not finance the expense of the delegates to the Grand Lodge. Therefore, it is very necessary that Afro lodges NOW begin to have programs, suppers or other forms of entertainments to raise this money in the month of June. This will be the best month to get the financial support of the public. The lack of funds and interest has prevented many delegates from attending previous Grand Lodge meetings. It is very necessary to raise the delegates money RIGHT NOW.

The traveling expense for delegates this year will be much greater than usual as the Grand Lodge meeting is being held in the extreme southern part of the state, Hattiesburg, Miss., the hub city of the state. Travel, alone, will be the only normal item with an added increase over former years.

Annual Grand Lodge tax (50c for all adult members, except Presidents and Financial Secretaries who pay \$1.00 each) should be collected in the month of July. Do not wait for the Grand Lodge receipts for they could arrive late or be mislaid to another lodge. It is generally known that all Afro members MUST pay Grand Lodge tax and they should do so even if the receipt is not at hand.

Each lodge is taxed \$1.00 for juveniles and this MUST be paid whether the juveniles are organized or not. Remember, the Grand Lodge tax for juveniles is \$1.00 regardless to how small or large the lodge may be.

Each lodge is taxed \$1.00 for Hospital linen. It requires a lot of linen to support a public institution and your hospital is in that class. Raise these funds in JUNE and JULY.

CELEBRATION TO BE AT AFRO-AMERICAN HOSPITAL SUNDAY, MAY 12, 1957

In recognition of National Hospital Week, the Afro-American Hospital will join other hospitals of the state and nation in celebrating National Hospital Week on National Hospital Day, Sunday, May 12, 1957. The hospital has observed this important annual occasion for the past two years and has planned the program for a day in the week. The sponsors, the Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary, feel that to date

the meeting for Sunday afternoon would give a bigger crowd. Therefore the grand celebration will be held on the hospital lawn Sunday evening, May 12th, at 3:00 p. m. promptly. Although this is national Mother's Day, the hour is such that it will not conflict with local Mother's Day programs. May 12 is the proper day to celebrate for it is the birthday of the late Florence Nightingale, the great English philanthropist who was first to start the hospital nursing movement.

To Graduate



MISS SIMMYE EDWARDS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Edwards of Mound Bayou, Miss., invites her friends and the friends of her parents to attend her Senior High School graduation Monday night, May 20th. The program will be rendered in the Mound Bayou high school auditorium at 8 p. m.

Hospital Day Payments Extended To May 15th

Due to weather conditions and a general misunderstanding of a state-wide letter sent out from the Supreme President's office, the time for paying Hospital Day quotas by local Afro lodges has been extended until May 15th. Since the time has been extended the names of the lodges that DID and DID NOT pay are not listed in this issue of the Courier as promised. They will definitely appear in the NEXT issue and the names of lodges and individuals will be compiled on Monday, May 20th. This will have given ample time for all lodges to report.

Clearance for the record will be made quicker if Hospital Day quotas or other similar donations are reported alone. Quotas or donations sent with a monthly report is necessarily delayed. That factor alone has caused some lodges to get a "request letter" when the payment had already been made.

A fine program is being prepared with Dr. Cyril A. Walwyn as principal speaker. Others on the program will be Mr. Daniel Genous, Afro Hospital Technician; Hon. T. J. Huddleston, Sr., Founder of the Afro-American Hospital; Mr. I. E. Edwards, Supreme President of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters and General Manager of the Afro-American Hospital and officials of the Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary. Space will be provided for expressions from the audience. The entire nursing staff of the Afro-American Hospital and the office force of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters will be on hand and cooperate fully with the movement.

Last year and the year before, the celebration was limited to the local people of Yazoo City since it was staged on a day in the week. The Sunday afternoon date this year is being done purposely to make it a state-wide occasion. The steady rainfall on Hospital Day, Sunday, March 31, prevented hundreds of true and tried Afros from attending that great celebration. They missed the dedication and opening of the Afro-American Hospital lounge, a modern show place and a FIRST among Negro Fraternal Hospitals in Mississippi. Too, there are hundreds of Afros in adjacent counties who have not seen the Afro-American Hospital since it took on the "New Look."

The hospital lawn will be lined with comfortable folding chairs for all. In case of rain the program will be held at the Mount Vernon Baptist church, corner of Mound and Canal streets, Yazoo City, Miss. At the close of the meeting, regardless to where it is held, refreshments will be served to all free of charge.

The Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary, the sponsor of this National Hospital Day Celebration, has definitely become a very important link in the true promotion of the hospital. Every Afro local lodge in the state should send some few members to Yazoo City Sunday, May 12. No financial fees or representations are expected from the lodges. However, a public offering will be permitted at the close of the program.

The National Hospital Week will be observed annually by the Afro-American Hospital staff and the program will be sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary to the Afro-American Hospital.