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## Supreme President's Message

Dear Afro Members:

First of all I want to thank the many Afro lodges and individuals for the fine showing they made on Hospital Day, Sunday, March 21st. The day was rough from the point of weather but I was happy to see a full house at 1:00 p. m. They not only came in person but they came financially. It was pleasing to note how the many Financial Secretaries filed by the secretary and paid their PROMISED quotas. Many had planned to be present but were hindered by stormy weather. However, the following few days brought their quotas to the office. Those who PLAN to DO will DO. There were many who did not attend the celebration or send in their quotas. This act forced me to send a letter to all delinquent lodges requesting that they pay up and many have responded. However, I shall continue to request the quota until it is paid. Some lodges did not send their full quotas and that balance MUST be reported AT ONCE.

I am very anxious that the National Hospital Day celebration, Sunday evening, May 12, at 3:00 p. m. be a success in general attendance. Lodges are NOT assessed or taxed for this occasion but a public offering will be had. See the hospital; visit the lounge and the patients and count one in making YOUR hospital rank with the other leading hospitals in the nation by celebrating this great day. Our own Dr. Cyril A. Walwyn will be the principal speaker. Others will appear on the program and refreshments will be served all free of charge at the close. The program will be rendered on the hospital lawn and it will be decked with comfortable folding chairs. In the event of rain the program will be at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

Since the Hospital Day quotas have been badly confused I shall extend the time for all lodges to report in full to Wednesday, May 15. The next issue of the Courier will definitely carry the names of lodges that did and did not pay.

The Custodian's Birthday is a volunteer affair so far as the amount lodges contribute, but all lodges MUST SEND SOMETHING. I am sure the response will be favorable. Therefore, I am requesting that all lodges look forward to celebrating the Custodian's birthday, June 1st, and get donations in the mail Monday morning, June 3rd. By all means say it is for the Custodian's birthday.

Most Afros do not fully realize what they have. I am asking all Afros to become fully race conscious and get the full spirit of group ownership. Come to Yazoo City in person and look in and around your hospital. Go up town and visit your Home office building. Compare the present condition of things with the past and you will automatically have a higher appreciation of the present administration. Every effort is being made to improve in APPEARANCE and SERVICE along all lines.

Again, I want to insist that all Financial Secretaries make special efforts to add new members for the next 60 days. Some few are sending in applications every week and I am certain there are others who could do the same. Let me hear from you.

The Grand Lodge will meet in Hattiesburg, Miss., in August and I want to see all lodges represented with delegates. We had a grand time there in 1930 and after 27

years we want that section to feel and know we are very much alive. Start raising funds NOW.

I regretted very much to have to resign my position of Vice-Mayor and Alderman of the town of Mound Bayou. It is very necessary that I give all my time to the promotion of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters. Our administrative staff is very limited and these are pressing times and concerns of note must have close and personal supervision. Promoting the Afros cannot and must not be considered a "sideline" by its officials. Therefore, I am giving now, as in the past, my full time to the Afros and I have no outside interferences or attractions from a financial point of view. This same reason caused me to not offer as a candidate for re-election as trustee for the Mound Bayou Consolidated School on March 2nd. I served as trustee and chairman of the board for sixteen (16) consecutive years and never missed a monthly meeting.

May God's choicest blessings be unto you and yours.

Fraternally yours,

I. E. EDWARDS, President

Afro-American Sons & Daughters.

## \$1000 Raised At Celebration On Hospital Day

Annual Hospital Day Celebration, Sunday, March 31st, will be a day long remembered by the present officials of the Afro organization and the Afro-American Hospital. It will not be because of the gay celebration of the occasion or the payment of annual quotas by lodges, for this portion of the annual affair is nothing new. The astonishing part of the whole day was the manner in which the many representatives from every section of the state poured into Yazoo City in spite of the constant rainfall and tornado warning. The spacious Mt. Vernon Baptist church was filled with hundreds of Afros who now realize what they have and are ready and willing to brave stormy weather to answer to the call. A survey shows that only those distant ones who were eager to witness the dedication of the hospital lounge at 11 a. m. were the ones to be present. The packed house was the result of larger delegations attending from each lodge or community. The Robert Johnson lodge of Clarksdale brought a large bus load as usual. The officials of this lodge are worthy of all praises that can be given them.

Over \$1,000 was collected and more is being reported almost daily. The deadline for reporting Hospital Day quotas by lodges has been extended to May 15th to allow all lodges to pay their full or balance quota. Fair weather would have meant a record breaker in finance. However, the extension is granted to permit obtaining the mild goal of \$1500 or over.

The principal speaker of the day, Dr. Laurence C. Jones of Piney

Join the Afros today—tomorrow may be too late!

## Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary Report

Sunday, December 9, 1956

Yazoo City, Mississippi

Total Reported by States	\$723.79
Total Reported by Lodges	36.50
Public Offering	41.48
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$801.77</b>

### President's Expense

Telephone calls	\$ 5.56
Postage	17.00
Travel	12.73
Secretarial Service	8.25
Stationery & Supplies	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50.54</b>

### General Expense

Paid Guest Speaker (Mrs. Bates)	30.00
Entertainment of Guest	10.30
Draperies and Rods	29.25
Singers Travel Expense	12.00
Magazine Rack, Extension Cords, Ash trays & Pressing Draperies	7.48
Two (2) trips to Jackson	11.52
Five (5) Meals at 75c each	3.75
Janitorial Service	2.00
Additional Cost of Prizes	10.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116.98</b>

Total Expense \$167.52

Balance \$634.25

Submitted By:

ELMA G. EDWARDS, President  
State Afro Hospital Auxiliary

Woods, Miss., made a very interesting address. Others appearing on the program were Dr. Cyril A. Walwyn, physician and surgeon at the Afro-American Hospital; Mr. T. J. Huddleston Jr., Assistant Custodian and Office Manager of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters; Mr. I. E. Edwards, Supreme President of the Afro-American Sons & Daughters; Rev. Allen L. Johnson, Yazoo City; Mrs. Elma G. Edwards, President of the State Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary and many others. The matchless welcome address was made by Mrs. Ruth Sanders, Afro office clerk, and the response was made by the one and only Mrs. Sallie Durden of Clarksdale, Miss.

The members and visitors made a complete inspection of the entire hospital and many expressed their appreciation for the manner in which the entire plant is being operated and the courtesy shown by the staff. The administration is proud of those, and many more, favorable comments, but would have all to know that EVERY day is "Hospital Day" at the Afro-American Hospital so far as cleanliness, courtesy and genuine service is concerned. The institution has no "front" or "show". Make your visits often.

By all means join the crowd in celebrating National Hospital Day on the Afro-American Hospital lawn Sunday, May 12, at 3 p. m.

## Vending Machines Now In Hospital

Most people who visit the Afro-American Hospital are cigarette smokers. A cigarette machine, containing ALL the popular brands, is in the hall of the hospital and the price is the same as elsewhere. When cigarettes are bought from THIS machine the very small profit goes to the Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary, a non-profit organization supporting the hospital. Make it a habit to drop by the hospital very often and by all means have at least one nickle and one quarter for your favorite brand of cigarettes.

The gum and nab machines are

also under the supervision of the Hospital Auxiliary and the public is asked to patronize them also. A candy machine will soon be in operation along with the others. The profit is small but if the volume is big the small profits total

## Mayor Green, Four Aldermen Seeking Re-Election

Mayor B. A. Green, a Fisk University and Harvard Law School graduate, is seeking re-election as Mayor of the town of Mound Bayou, Miss., a position he has held for nearly forty years. He is being opposed by Mr. I. M. Peterson, local printer, and Dr. E. P. Burton, surgeon at the Friendship Clinic.

Mayor Green announced to the town board on March 5th that he would not be a candidate for re-election. However, one month later he announced his physical condition had greatly improved and he would definitely be a candidate for re-election on June 4th.

Four of the present aldermen are seeking re-election. They are Wesley Liddell, Jim Shaffer, Dr. P. M. George and Rev. H. A. Riddle. They are being opposed by Montgomery Strong, Dan Ishmon, Miss Minnie Fisher, Frank Perkins and others.

Ezell Anderson, City Marshall and local undertaker, is being opposed by A. G. "Sweet" Terrell, who has served as Marshall in previous years.

Local town politics are at their greatest height since the days of the famous Booze and Green factions.

will be worthwhile. The purpose of this article is to call the attention of ALL Afros and the general public to patronizing ALL the hospital vendor machines.

The two cold drink boxes in the hospital are operated by the hospital and the profit from both go into the general hospital fund. Every Coke or pop you drink adds a fraction of a cent to the Hospital Fund. Drink them often but please leave the bottles in the case provided for "empties."

Join the Afros today—tomorrow may be too late!

# Coming Events

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## Afro-American Sons & Daughters

For 1957

**MAY 12, 1957 — National Hospital Day Celebration on Afro Hospital Lawn.**

**JUNE 1, 1957 — Custodian's Birthday Celebrated by local lodges in their communities for benefit of hospital.**

**AUGUST 21, 22, 23, 1957 — Grand Lodge meeting, Hattiesburg, Miss.**

**DECEMBER, 1957 — Annual State Meeting of Afro-American Hospital Auxiliary at Yazoo City. (Exact date to be selected).**