

ISLAM IN TUSKEGEE

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Every major high school and university student body looks forward to a homecoming parade—an event which draws crowds of spectators to see the campus queens, floats and the various academic departments represented. This parade touches off a season of sports and serves to welcome all of the students back to the campus for another academic year.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE students are especially elated as the date of the homecoming parade draws near, for parents and friends come to the campus to join in the celebration. Students spend long hours building floats, making decorations and washing cars until the early hours of the morning during the week of the homecoming parade.

After all effort has been expended, the crowd of students, parents, faculty, and administra-

tors gather to see the products of the students' labour. The parade procession starts down the main road of the campus while the brightness of the Sun intensifies the gay colors of the floats and the attire of campus queens. Guest celebrities and entertainers smile and wave at the people.

All through my college years, I have watched homecoming parades at Tuskegee Institute and I have looked upon them with pride, as did my fellow students. Yet, as the dash in the English language is used to signify an abrupt change in a sentence pattern, so has Islam caused an abrupt change in my pattern of perceiving and understanding the things I see and read.

ALMIGHTY GOD ALLAH, Who Came in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, To Whom praises are due forever, has anointed the brain of His Messenger, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad with such su-

preme wisdom, that he (Messenger Muhammad) designed the greatest parade ever seen here in the hells of North America or in the entire world. Messenger Muhammad scientifically designed a parade that symbolized the progress of a nation (Islam). Allah has Blessed His Messenger to Show the world that His Name, His Word, His Teachings are in America.

The flag of the Nation of Islam introduced each float symbolizing the elevation of the devil's former slave and his Black nation due to the coming of Allah, God. As Messenger Muhammad has so beautifully asked: "What is above the Sun, Moon, and Stars? 'Nothing.'" The Black Men and Women of America who are under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad have no equal in knowledge, dignity, virtue, progress and recognition.

The floats in the parade depicted the farms of the Nation of

Islam along with the examples of the kinds of vegetables and meats that are wholesome to eat. The Brothers and Sisters of the Nation who rode on the floats were beautiful examples of what proper spiritual and physical food will do for a people.

The Bridal Float was distinguishably designed in the form of a boat which Messenger Muhammad has explained as symbolizing "A Boat of Life." The beautiful red and yellow trim on the boat signified the man and woman of a nation who together, will bring forth the generations of the future. The blazing outline of the three stars on the side of the float justify the three years Allah (God) came and brought justice. What wisdom His Messenger has displayed!

We are truly blessed to be referred to in the scriptures as the Children of the Most High God (Allah).

THE DEVIL'S language (Eng-

lish) does not afford me enough words of distinction to give praise to Allah and His Messenger, the Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Messenger Muhammad put before the world the progress of the nation Allah (God) has missioned him to raise. His many years of study, trials and tribulation have made him, the Lamb, worthy of the wisdom of almighty God, Allah. As I watched this parade, I could truly say that it was a homecoming affair, for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is paving a pathway that will take us home to our God, Allah.

May the peace and blessings of Almighty God, Allah, forever, be upon you Dear Holy Apostle. All praises are due to Allah.

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