

For Monday, December 6, 1965

MRS. JOHNSON'S REMARKS
at
SCHOOL DEDICATION

Mr. Mattingly, Mr. Washington, Friends:

The air is so filled with music this morning. I loved hearing the Boys Band out front, and I have loved hearing the Chorus here.

As a matter of fact, I've been thinking of a song myself. The words go, "It's a lovely day today!" I promise you I'm not going to sing it. You might leave. But it is what has been going through my mind.

It is a lovely day today.

And it certainly is a day I've looked forward to. Coming here, meeting you, and seeing your schools with their new dress of greenery.

It looks so nice now and you and I can remember how it looked last September when there was no grass and no plants at all.

You've done a wonderful job. I know how proud all of you must be to have a school that is surrounded by shrubs and flowers. It is all the nicer because you have been part of it. Some of you helped plant. Some of you made neighborhood lists of things that needed to be done. Others made exhibits.

There were lots of helpers. There was Mr. Washington, whom you all know.

And there was Mr. J.H. Burton who owns a nursery -- a nursery of trees and shrubs, not children. He gave us lots of plants and, even more, he taught us how to set them out so they will grow.

And there was Mrs. Post, a lady who has loved trees and flowers all her life, and likes to share them with everyone.

There were your teachers, your principals, and your parents, who all wanted to help.

But most of all, there was YOU.

What you know about and feel part of, you care for. That's what makes me believe that these schools will be prettier next year and the year after and the year after because you will take care of what has been started.

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