

MINNESOTA RADIO TAPE FOR WEEK OF MAY 27, 1964
FOR BROADCAST WEEK OF MAY 30, 1964

Ladies and gentlemen. . .

This is Senator Humphrey speaking to you from my office on Capitol
hill in Washington. . .

Today I want to report on a very happy event for one of our Minnesota
families. The C. K. Lucas family, of Waseca, Minnesota is attending the
week-long graduation ceremonies at the United States Naval Academy in Anna-
polis, Maryland. On June 3, they will see the graduation of Dale Lucas from
the Academy to become an Ensign in the United States Navy. I know that hundreds
of Minnesota families will be equally happy in attending graduation ceremonies
this June
^ for sons and daughters who are graduating in Minnesota and elsewhere. Some
unusual circumstances applied in the Lucas situation, *however*
^ which took the cooperation
of many people from Waseca to the Naval Academy, and some modest assistance
from my office.

Last November I had a letter from Mr. G. H. Stevens of Waseca, Minnesota.

Mr. Stevens is the former employer of Mr. C. K. Lucas, the father of Midshipman Dale Lucas. Mr. Stevens wrote to me and to the Superintendent of the Naval Academy requesting help in ^{obtaining} special living facilities near the Academy so that Mr. Lucas could attend his son's graduation. Mr. Lucas has been confined for several years to a wheel chair as the result of an illness which prevents him from working, as it prevents him from walking. Care of her husband, keeps Mrs. ~~St~~ Lucas at home, and unable to leave for any significant time. In spite of this heavy burden, the Lucas' have a daughter attending Macalester College, in St. Paul, and a son at South Dakota state, in addition to their son at the Naval Academy.

Mr. Lucas' former employer, Mr. Stevens, felt that the courage of this family deserved a break. He knew that for Mr. Lucas--an ex-Marine who served in Nicaragua and China--to see the graduation of his son from Annapolis would be one of the high points of his life.

But special facilities would have to be provided for Mr. Lucas at Annapolis or it would not be possible.

I ~~add~~ agreed wholeheartedly with this idea and added my letter of request for special facilities, to Rear Admiral Kirkpatrick, Superintendent of

the Academy. He replied promptly and indicated that he had directed Mrs. James G. Marshall, Midshipman Hostess to handle the problem of accomodations. For those who may not know it, let me say that Annapolis, Maryland, where the Naval Academy is located, is a lovely town, but a small one. Accomodations for graduation week are normally booked a year in advance. ^{In fact,} Many people attending ^{Graduation} ~~this week in fact,~~ must find places to stay in Baltimore or Washington. The prompt and direct action by Rear Admiral Kirkpatrick was a necessary and gracious ~~step~~ act of cooperation in this project.

Finally, the community of Waseca has played an important role. Money was raised locally to see to it that the entire Lucas family ^{could} ~~can~~ spend graduation week at Annaplis, to see their son and brother Dale, graduate.

I want to congratulate Midshipman--soon to be ^Ensign--Dale Lucas on his graduation from the Naval Academy. The energy he has shown in earning this graduation, and the kind of family he comes from that has had so much courage and ^{won} ~~earned~~ so much respect, are assurance that he will become an officer in the finest tradition of the Naval Service. The initiative of Mr. Stevens on behalf of a former employee is to be warmly commended, and certainly the citizens of Waseca have done themselves proud in their support of his project.

I was delighted to have even a small part in this effort. Clearly,
however, this wonderful family required only one person with an idea to set
in motion an ^{a swirl of} unbroken chain of events of heart-warming cooperation and good
will. I am convinced that there is more of this in the world than makes the
headlines. But the spirit of cooperation is there, and this is the spirit that
will gain the world we want. Meanwhile this week, we can all share in a moment
of pride and joy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Thank you.

Radio Tape for Week of May 27, 1964

For Broadcast Week of May 31, 1964

Ladies and gentlemen . . . this is Senator Hubert Humphrey speaking to you from my office on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Today I want to tell you about a happy turn of events involving one of our Minnesota families and the graduation of a new ensign from the U-S Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

This story is about Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Lucas of Waseca, Minnesota, and the graduation of their son, Dale. They will attend this week's graduation ceremonies in Annapolis and on June 3rd will see Midshipman Lucas commissioned a new ensign.

I know that hundreds of Minnesota families will be at graduation ceremonies this June for sons and daughters graduating in Minnesota and elsewhere. But there were unusual circumstances in the Lucas situation and it took cooperation in Waseca, Annapolis and Washington to make everything turn out right.

The story began last November when I had a letter from G. H. Stevens of Waseca, the former employer of C. K. Lucas. Mr. Stevens said he wanted Mr. Lucas--who has been confined to a wheelchair for several years--to be able to see his son graduate. Mr. Lucas is an ex-Marine who had served overseas. Seeing the graduation of his son from the Naval Academy certainly would be a high point of his life.

Mr. Stevens also wrote at that time to the superintendent of the Naval Academy . . . asking help in obtaining special living facilities near the academy so Mr. Lucas could attend the events of graduation week. This posed a special problem because accommodations for graduation time in Annapolis . . . which is not a very large city . . . normally are booked a year in advance. In fact many people attending graduation this week have to find places to stay in Baltimore or ^{Washington}.

Knowing this, I sent a letter with the same request for special facilities to Rear Admiral Kirkpatrick, the academy's superintendent. He went to work on it right away. Admiral Kirkpatrick reported soon afterward that Mrs. James G. Marshall, the Midshipman hostess, had made the arrangements we asked for.

Meanwhile, back in Minnesota, the community of Waseca had heard about the project. And money was raised to see to it that the entire Lucas family could spend graduation week at Annapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas have a daughter attending Macalester College in St. Paul and a son at South Dakota State.

I want to congratulate Midshipman Dale Lucas on his graduation from the Naval Academy. The energy he has shown in earning his commission--and the kind of family he comes from with its courage and ability to win so much respect--are assurance he will be an officer in the finest tradition of the Navy. The thoughtfulness and initiative of Mr. Stevens in thinking of his friend and former employee at a time like this is to be warmly commended . . . and certainly the citizens of Waseca have done themselves proud in supporting this project.

I was delighted to have even a small part in this effort. Clearly this wonderful family required only one person with an idea to loose a swell of heart-warming cooperation and good will. I am convinced there is a lot more of this in the world than we might think by reading the headlines.

This spirit of cooperation is the one that will help us fashion the world we want. Meanwhile, this week, we all can share with a courageous Minnesota family a moment of pride and joy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Thank you.

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