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State NAACP Head Addresses Legislature

James Q. DuPont Shaw University Finals Speaker

Anti-NAACP Bills Will Not Stop Struggle For Equality Says Kelly M. Alexander

RALEIGH
Kelly M. Alexander, president of the N. C. State Conference of Branches, NAACP, appeared before the Corporation Committee of the House of Representatives here last Tuesday, May 28, to state NAACP reasons for opposition to three bills the purpose of which is hamstringing the work of the organization in the state by preventing its operation.

Stating that judicial and legislative attacks in the South, (such as proposed by bills No. 984 and No. 1133, now before the committee, and No. 1137) seem to be based on the opinion or assumption that the NAACP is responsible for the "controversy over racial segregation and discrimination, Alexander denied that the NAACP is the source of such friction. He said the organization is "but one small, although significant, expression of the dissatisfaction that members of the human race have felt throughout the ages against being singled out and set apart because of the

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MRS. VIOLA TURNER

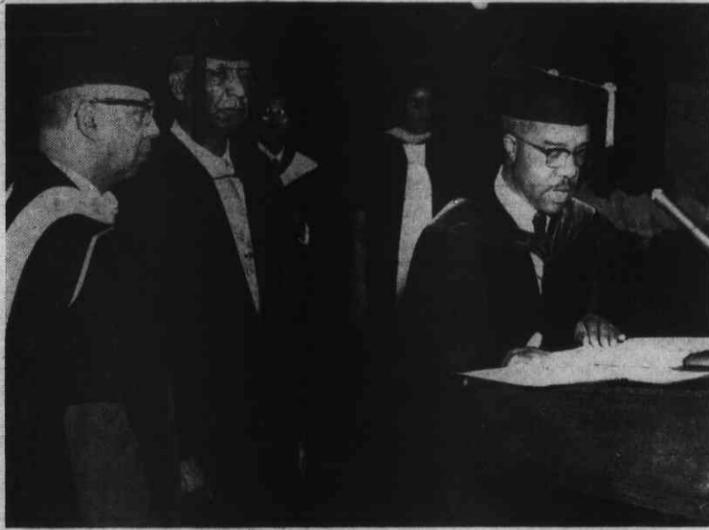


AARON DAYE

Man Dies After Becoming Ill In Twin City Jail

A 52-year-old Winston-Salem man, stricken in a City Jail cell, died at a local hospital Tuesday, May 21st at 9:40 a.m. The victim, James Naylor, of 746 Moravia Street, was arrested Monday, May 20th and charged with larceny, after Worth and Jessie McLeod, named him as an accomplice in the theft of equipment and materials valued at \$2,000. The McLeods were bound to Superior Court in their trial Monday at Municipal Court.

According to Jail Sergeant, E. M. Wheeling, Naylor, described as an alcoholic, became seriously ill shortly before the opening of court and was taken to Kate Biting Reynolds Memorial Hospital, where he died in about one hour later. Forsyth County coroner, Dr. V. M. Long, attributed Naylor's death to natural causes, and said that Naylor was an alcoholic and had been hospitalized recently.



At the 82nd Commencement Exercise of Shaw University, held Monday, May 27, W. J. Kennedy, Jr., President of The North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., was awarded the Doctorate of Laws Degree. The above photo taken during the occasion shows at left, Ass. T. Spaulding, member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer of the School. Center is Mr. Kennedy, at the right, President W. R. Strassner.

Never Be Satisfied With Best Work Graduates Told

KENNEDY GETS LL.D. DEGREE

Graham Speaker At Unveiling Of Shepard Statue

The program for the ceremony unveiling the statue of the late Dr. James E. Shepard, founder and first president of North Carolina College, was announced here today. Dr. Frank P. Graham, United Nations Mediator, will be the principal speaker at exercises in Duke Auditorium at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The public is invited to hear Dr. Graham and to witness the unveiling in the ceremonies of the statue.

Cast by the noted sculptor, William Zorach, the life size bronze statue is located in the circle fronting the college's Administration Building.

Dr. Alfonso Elder, President of NCC, will extend greetings to the group.

Dr. C. D. Carnes, Grand Master, Prince Hall Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, will make dedicatory remarks at the statue.

The Masons in cooperation with the James E. Shepard Memorial Foundation provided funds for the statue.

Dr. Carnes will present Mrs. Carolyn Smith Green, Dr. Shepard's grand-daughter, who will formally unveil the statue.

James T. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Shepard Foundation, will present the Statue to NCC R. M. Gantt, local attorney and Chairman of the col-

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RALEIGH
The Ninety-second graduation class of Shaw University was presented a "Pattern for Success" in the main speech delivered at Commencement exercises on Monday May 27, by James du Pont de Nemours and Company of Wilmington, Delaware. The speaker charged the group to try to fill a need in services in which some significant contribution can be made, to have job know how, listen to older heads, meet competition, beat competition and if you lose—don't blame it on the free enterprise system. He urged them to strive to improve endlessly and never to be satisfied with their own best work as there is always something to be learned.

He advised continued research, the practice of thrift and economy, and of maintaining status in the community.

In conclusion he said, "try to be the best of your ability to treat people right. If you are the owner or manager of a business, give it your personal attention, take calculated risk in everything you do; and help keep America free for Americans."

The speaker was introduced by Dr. William R. Strassner, president of Shaw University. The opening prayer was given by the Reverend Paul H. Johnson, minister, Martin Street Baptist Church and the closing prayer by the Reverend A. Jackson Ryans of Charlotte.

Music was furnished by the University choir. Evangeline Forbes, soprano of Raleigh was the featured soloist.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Reverend Armster Jackson Ryas, minister, Ebene-

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Rev. Martin Luther King Named Spingarn Medalist

NEW YORK

Martin Luther King, Jr., the young clergyman who headed the dramatic and successful Montgomery, Ala., bus protest movement of 1955-56, has been chosen as the 42nd Spingarn Medalist, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, announced here today.

The medal, awarded annually to a Negro American for distinguished achievement, will be presented to the Rev. Dr. King at the Association's 48th annual convention in Detroit, June 25-30. The presentation is scheduled for the night of June 28.

At 28, Dr. King is the youngest person and the first active clergyman to be awarded the medal. Described as "dedicated and selfless," he is cited for "his creative contributions to the Fight for Freedom and his outstanding leadership role in the successful Montgomery bus protest movement."

Dr. King, the citation asserts, has "become a foremost exponent of the Gandhian philosophy of non-violent passive resistance. He has not only preached the doctrine of, 'Love your enemies'; he has also demonstrated the efficacy of this Christian faith."

The Spingarn Medal was instituted in 1914 by the late J. E. Spingarn, then chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors. It

Atkins High School Finals To End Tuesday With Over 200 Graduating

WINSTON-SALEM

The senior class of Atkins High School will begin commencement activities Friday, May 31st, at 8 p.m., with the annual Class Night. A play, called "The Enchanted Mirror", adapted from the one-act play of the same name, by Mary S. Kelly, will be presented, featuring Zeola Baldwin as Aunt Sue, who recalls her days at school through the mirror.

Others to take part in the play will be Ida Patterson as "Memory"; Howard Shaw as "Ghost of Yesterday"; Laura Mauney, Jane; Gwendolyn Newton, poet; Constance Howie, statistician; Talmadge Fair, the voice; Lynda Hill, gifforian; Ralph Harris, prophet; Richard Davis, testator; Ruth Moses, soloist; Hazel Pratt, dancer and Barbara Rice, pianist.

Theatlas Kelly, valedictorian, George Hill, Class president and Katherine Feemster, salutatorian, will also take part in Class Night exercises.

Commencement exercises will be Tuesday, June 4th, at 10:30 a.m., in the school gymnasium. Dr. Vernon John, director of the Maryland Baptist Center and School of Baltimore, Md., will speak to the graduating class of two-hundred.

North Carolina Mutual Elevates Two Officers To High Positions

Although no official announcement of it has yet been made, the Carolina Times learned from a reliable source this week that two officials of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, have recently been elected to top positions to fill vacancies that will occur in the company's official staff come July 1, because of retirement.

Scheduled to retire are E. R. Merrick, vice president and treasurer, and D. C. Deans, Jr., vice president and agency director. Merrick has rounded out nearly a half century with the company, having started as an agent back in 1910. Deans has served a total of 37 years, having become connected with it on June 15, 1920.

Merrick will be succeeded by Mrs. Viola Turner, who prior to being elected to fill the post vacated by him, was assistant treasurer. Deans will be succeeded by Aaron Daye, who has held the position of assistant secretary since 1946.

Noted Nurse To Study Arabic At John Hopkins

BEIRUT LEBANON

Miss Mary Lee Mills, is on her way back to the United States after a five-year assignment as Chief Nurse of the United States Operations Mission to Lebanon. She returns by way of Rome where she will attend the International Congress of Nurses.

A native of Watha, North Carolina, Miss Mills has been awarded the Decoration of the Cedars for "valiant and generous services as advisor to the Ministry of Health of Lebanon."

This honor, she holds in addition to a decoration received for five years of service prior to her last assignment, given through the U.S. Public Health Service in Liberia, West Africa.

Holding the rank of Lt. Col. in the United States Army, a painting of Miss Mills in uniform, made by Betsy Graves Reyneau, hangs in a place of honor at the Harmon Foundation in the City of New York.

Miss Mills, a graduate of New York University in Nursing Education, last year received additional honor from Tuskegee Institute, when U. S. Congresswoman Francis P. Bolton, one of the trustees of the school, conferred on her the honoring degree of Doctorate of Science.

Lt. Col. Mills is the first Public Health officer to be decorated by two foreign governments—Liberia and Lebanon. Miss Mills left Lebanon last Saturday, May 26, for Rome; and after attending the nurses conference, she will fly via Amsterdam to New York.



W. Reginald Parker, a member of the 1957 Hillside High School graduating class, is one of 17 students selected from various sections of the country to receive certificates of admission to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and Regional Scholarships from the Associated Harvard Clubs.

Parker, 17 years of age, who plans to study medicine, is a member of the White Rock Baptist Church, and lives with his parents in Durham.

Final Meet Of Durham NCC Alumni, June 3

The Durham Chapter of the NCC Alumni Association will hold its final meeting of the academic year on Wednesday night, June 5, at the W. D. Hill Recreation Center on Fayetteville Street at 8:00 p.m., according to an announcement received from President William A. Marsh, Jr.

All Committee Chairmen will be presented for discussion. An important item on the agenda for the Wednesday meeting is a report on the Alumni Picnic, tentatively slated for June 22. Howard Fitts, Chairman of the Program Committee, will present the picnic slate for discussion.

Nixon Says 'Ike' Will Press For Civil Rights Issue

Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, announced here today that Vice President Nixon told him in a recent letter: "The Administration will continue to press for the enactment of its civil rights program during this session of Congress."

The letter from the Vice President was dated May 10. Mr. Nixon's message to the NAACP leader also asserted: "I can assure you of the Administration's continuing and profound interest as well as active vigilance in the days ahead of what I know we both want—equal opportunity and equal rights for all."

The Vice President also reiterated his conviction "that racial intolerance and violence in this country feed Red propagandists raw material." The letter was sent in re-

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Gastonia's three-time councilman Nathaniel Barber is shown here being sworn in with other members of the city's ruling body. Councilman Barber who represents Ward 4 in Gastonia, defeated his opponent almost 7 to 1. In point of service, he is the senior member of the council and has been appointed by Mayor Ferguson, standing to Mr. Barber's right, to several important committees. Ward 4, the predominantly Negro Ward, voted the largest number of persons on election day last week.

LET THE PEOPLE SPEAK

The People's Voice
Editors Note—For the benefit of those who participated in the public opinion poll last week, we have an article on the cause of juvenile delinquency by Dr. F. A. Richardson, from the *Twin-City Sentinel* of May 22.

According to the Richardson report, a group of scientists working at Harvard University have discovered ten factors that cause juvenile delinquency. Space does not permit us to list the ten factors in their entirety, but according to Richardson's article, all ten points were indictments of the home.

Of course, in this column last week, not only were we dealing with juvenile delinquency, but, adult delinquency also. With the scientific report pointing to the home, that must be the starting point.

Thanks to you who participated in the poll last week. This week, our subject is: Do You Think We Are Pursuing The Right Course Toward Fulfilling The Supreme Court's Decision Handed Down May 17, 1954... Desegregation of Public Schools? And—Do You Think Something Should Be Done More Urgently Toward Complying With The Decision?

Amos A. Ingram of 1005 N. Highland Avenue, barber, had this to say: "I feel that we are taking the right course. As we all know, with a problem of this type, it takes time; a lot of hard work, plus patience."

Emily Payne, 4119 Carver Road, housewife; "I think we might be pursuing the right course; but, I think we are letting too much time lapse and time is a precious thing. I realize that segregation is an old embedded custom for Negroes and whites in the South. Desegregation is something with which both races will have to adjust. But as time has already proven, a society is always resistant and will not act with a new change of ideals until forced."

Leo J. Thomas, 213 North Highland Avenue, (textile worker); "As far as I am concerned, we are pursuing the right course. I feel that moving too fast on any project and especially one of this nature, is dangerous. Every phase of it should be carefully studied and weighed so that when we attempt to take action, there will not be any draw backs."

Mrs. Milton Cason, Jr., 21-B Columbia Terrace, housewife; "The Supreme Court's decision was handed down May 17, '54, outlawing segregation in State and Federal supported schools. It is now May 25, '57, which is three years and eight days since it has become law. During this period of time, most officials of the State, county and city, have used every legal means to get around the Supreme law, instead of trying to make some effort to obey it. I feel something should be done more urgently."