

# PHYSICIAN STILL UNABLE TO TALK



AND ALL THAT SNOW OUTSIDE: One Hampton Institute co-ed discovered in her college's swimming pool, a way to overcome two January hazards: the tensions of mid-year examinations and the rigors of a chilling 2 1/2 inch snowfall on the Tidewater Virginia campus. Lottie Gerst, junior from Durham, North Carolina, proves her point here. Exams evidently proved but a temporary barrier to her being able to get back in the swim; as for being chilled—that never was a problem, not to Lottie! In addition to a number of campus activities, including singing and sports, she is a serious student of the modern dance. Lottie is the daughter of Mrs. Mabel C. Gerst, who recently moved from South Boston, Virginia, to Durham.

## 'Improving,' Say Duke Doctors

Dr. Leroy Russell Swift, prominent Durham physician, who was shot at his home late last Thursday, was still unable to talk at mid-week.

A Duke hospital statement listed the physician's condition as "fair." Dr. Guy Odom, chief of a team of neurosurgeons who worked on the wounded physician, said he was "doing as well as can be expected."

According to Sheriff E. G. Belvin, Dr. Swift's wife reported that the shooting was accidental. The Sheriff said his deputies were told that the 46 year-old gynecology specialist shot himself accidentally while showing her how to operate a pistol.

However, the Sheriff awaited word this week from Duke doctors to the effect that he could talk to Swift.

The bullet entered the physician's right temple at the eye level halfway between the eye and ear and ranged downward into the throat, affecting his breathing and speech. Duke doctors performed a



DR. LEROY SWIFT

tracheotomy on his to relieve pressure on his windpipe and permit him to breathe easier.

Sheriff Belvin told the Times Wednesday that doctors believe Dr. Swift will have recovered sufficiently to talk by the end of the week. The Sheriff indicated that he plans to interrogate him concerning the shooting as soon as doctors say he is able to talk.

Dr. Guy Odom, Duke neurosurgeon who is in charge of

## Doctor's Wife Describes Shooting As Accidental

### WIFE OPTIMISTIC

Mrs. L. E. Swift told the TIMES this week that her husband expects to return to his practice at his office in Durham around the first of March.

She said the doctor had been allowed to get up and added she was "very happy" at reports of his progress.

Dr. Swift's recovery, told the TIMES Wednesday that Swift was "doing very well."

"He's beginning to sit up and there is some improvement in the paralysis which he suffered." The bullet wound caused what doctors believe a temporary paralysis of some members on the physician's left side.

Dr. Odom said he would not care to comment "just now" on whether Dr. Swift's re-

covery would be complete enough to allow him to return to his practice in Durham.

"It's much too early to think of that. It's going to take some time before any of this can be determined, and I don't think we can be concerned about it at the moment," Dr. Odom said.

Douglas Ray of Ray and Sons Funeral home, who rushed the doctor to the hospital, said he received a call "between 1:30 and two o'clock" Friday morning, and added that when they got to the Swift home, the doctor was lying in the bathroom floor in his pajamas.

Dr. Swift is one of Durham's leading physicians. He enjoys a well established private practice and is chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Lincoln hospital. He is also active in state and national medical affairs.

He has been practicing in Durham since the early Forties.



MISS ELSIE AUSTIN

## Baha'i Leader To Address Event In Durham Sun.

Miss Elsie Austin, executive director of the National Council of Negro Women, will deliver a public address here Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium of North Carolina College's Education Building.

The address is part of a Brotherhood Week observance. Among the sponsors are the NCNW, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the National League of Women Voters, and the Baha'i World Faith.

Miss Austin, who formerly served on the National Administrative Board of the Baha'i World Faith, recently returned to the United States after a four year stay in Africa.

In charge of the Sunday afternoon program at NCC are Mrs. Josie Powell, Mrs. Inez Jones, and Mrs. Ludmila Van Sombeek.

Several foreign women are expected to be among the guests who will be honored at Brotherhood Week on Sunday. The public is invited to attend the tea and the accompanying round table following Miss Austin's speech.

Formerly a member of the board of directors and chairman of the Legal Committee of the NCNW, Miss Austin is a past president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and a former trustee of Wilberforce State University.

She holds M. A., LL.B., and LL.D. degrees.

An attorney by profession, Miss Austin once served as Assistant Attorney General of Ohio, and consultant with the U. S. Office of Emergency Management, and the National Labor Relations Board.

While in Durham, Miss Austin will make her headquarters (continued on page 8)

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## Martin L. King In Greensboro

## Duplin Best In State

### Leader To Talk At Bennett

GREENSBORO Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., dynamic leader of the historical bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, will speak at Bennett College, February 11, at 8 p.m., under the auspices of the local NAACP branch.

Dr. King, who heads the Montgomery Improvement Association and more recently the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is also pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery.

Winner of the NAACP's Spingarn Medal for 1957, the 28-year-old minister, whose speaking engagements have him constantly on the move from coast to coast, will be making his only Greensboro appearance of the year.

The meeting, which is expected to draw a statewide audience to the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, will be presided over by (continued on page 8)

### Founder's Day At Livingstone

SAILSBURY The 104th birthday anniversary of the late Dr. Charles J. Price, founder and first president of Livingstone College, will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 12, along with the formal opening of the remodeled Carnegie library when the college pays its annual tribute to the founder at special services.

It will mark the 63rd founder's day for the AME Zion supported school. All of the regular college activities will be suspended on Wednesday and special services will be held in the college auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and in the afternoon at two p.m.

A feature of the day's services will be an address by Bishop W. C. Brown, presiding bishop of the Second AME Zion district. The Bishop's address will come during the afternoon (continued on page 8)



DR. M. L. KING

### Congress Urged To Halt Aid To Defiant States

WASHINGTON, D. C. Testifying before a House subcommittee on general education, Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP Washington bureau, today urged amendment of existing school aid statutes to require, as a condition of receiving such grants, that the states be in compliance with the anti-segregation rulings of the United States Supreme Court.

Already, Mitchell told the committee members, the federal government has spent more than \$192,000,000 for construction and operation of segregated schools under Public Laws 815 and 874, which provide federal aid to schools in defense impacted areas.

In order to halt such expenditures, the NAACP spokesman said, the states should be required to submit plans to the federal government with a clear commitment that "school facilities of the state are open to all children without regard to race...; except that if a state plan does not so provide, it shall not prevent payment of funds authorized under this act to such state for use in counties or other (continued on page 8)

### County Wins Over Five Finalists In Annual Rural Progress Selections

GREENSBORO Duplin County was named the winner of the "County of the Year" Award for rural progress in the State during 1957.

The announcement was made by Dr. G. F. Rankin, chairman of the State Rural Progress Campaign with special reference to Negroes and acting dean of the School of Agriculture at A&T College, sponsor of the movement.

The companion award, conducted among the white rural population of the state, was won by Henderson County. It is scheduled to receive \$1,000 in the contest sponsored by the N. C. Board of Farm organizations.

The award, \$500 in cash, is given annually to the county in which the Negro rural population has contributed the most impressive gains to the overall development of the county. The cash prize is being given by Thomas A. Morgan, New York City, a former native and farm operator in Vance County and who recently retired as chairman of the executive board of the Sperry Gyroscope Company in New York.

Duplin County won out over five other finalist counties, including: Anson, Richmond, Robeson, Harnett and Rocking-

ham. A total of 71-counties competed in the original eliminations. The evaluation committee, headed by Dr. Rankin, visited each of the six-finalist counties last week and arrived at the de- (continued on page 8)

### Drive To Enlist Clergy In Bias Fight Opens

A movement to enlist the full weight of ministers behind the struggle for civil rights is scheduled to get underway in Durham next Wednesday night at St. Mark AME Zion church.

The Durham meeting is just one of a series of 21 meetings to be held throughout the region on that date in which local ministerial groups will be sought for their participation in the civil rights struggle.

Designed "Crusade for Citizenship," the movement is an outgrowth of a project of the newly organized Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Conference is a "region- (continued on page 8)



BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN



MRS. SARAH ALLEN

## Virginia Refuses New Bid For Names List

RICHMOND, VA.

Officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Virginia have turned down the state's latest efforts to secure the Association's lists of members and contributors.

Contending that the legislative committee which demanded the NAACP records had expired on Nov. 1, 1957, the Virginia State NAACP refused to comply with a subpoena requiring production of Association documents on January 27.

Meanwhile it was learned that only two of the ten-man committee had any prior knowledge of the demand by the committee chairman, James M. Thomson. The subpoena was served on W. Lester Banks, executive secretary of the Virginia State NAACP on Jan. 21. Some members of the committee, according to The Richmond Times Dispatch, agreed with the NAACP that the committee had ceased to exist.

Moreover, Banks said through his attorney, Oliver W. Hill, "the scope of the demand constitutes a plain violation of rights guaranteed to the Association and its members by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution."

Previously, on Jan. 20, the Virginia State Supreme Court upheld the right of another legislative committee to require production of the names of NAACP members and contributors. However, the following day a special three-judge Federal District Court ruled that two Virginia laws designed to compel disclosure of the names were unconstitutional.

NAACP lawyers in the state are now seeking, in the State Supreme Court, a stay of its mandate of Jan. 20 pending a review of the issue by the United States Supreme Court.

## Founder Of A. M. E. Church To Be Honored In Rites At St. Joseph's

Tribute will be paid to Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, at St. Joseph's AME Church in Durham on Sunday, Feb. 9.

The Reverend Melvin Chester Swann, St. Joseph's minister, said Miss Beverly Wright will comment on the life of Allen during the regular 11 o'clock Sunday morning service.

In a statement released to the TIMES this week on the observance Sunday, Rev Swann said: "The beginnings of the African Methodist Church go back to the year 1787 in the city of Philadelphia. Richard Allen was first founder and chief pro-

## State Baptist Leaders Voice Support Of Shaw University In \$\$\$ Campaign

By R. IRVING BOONE RALEIGH

Impetus was given the recently launched fund raising campaign for Shaw University, currently sponsored by the General Baptist State Conventions of North Carolina, on Thursday,

January 16, when some fifty-odd Baptist leaders, representing a cross-section of the state, assembled in a three-hour session in the West Campus auditorium of this historic Baptist institution and enthusiastically hailed the plans of the steering committee for the \$350,000.00 drive on behalf of Christian education.

Characterized by harmony, earnestness of purpose, and a spirit of keen interest, this meeting was described as "prophetic of far-reaching results toward the realization of the campaign goal, and in furtherance of the great Cause of which Shaw University is a living symbol."

An address by the Reverend J. W. White of Asheville, general director of the campaign, pointing out the importance of the drive and appealing for full-fledged cooperation, was warmly received.

A motion by the Reverend H. C. Dixon of East Wilmington, president of the North-East Cape Fear S. S. Convention, endorsing the plans as presented, was accorded enthusiastic reception and unanimously adopted.

Others who spoke on the purposes and importance of the campaign included: President W. R. Strassner of Shaw University (continued on page 8)

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LARRY WHITE, 611 East Second Street, Charlotte, is one of two North Carolina high school juniors who will represent the state when the Williamsburg Student Burgessess convene in the historic Virginia city on Feb. 9. The Burgessess will remain in session through Feb. 12.

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Shown above is Wes Covington, Milwaukee Braves star receiving the Key to the City of Durham from J. E. Stewart, Durham City Councilman, during the intermission of the basketball game played at North Carolina College gymnasium last Saturday night between the Winston-Salem Rams and the North Carolina College Eagles. The key was presented on behalf of Mayor E. J. Evans.