

# State Medical Men Honor Two of Their Own



**NATIONAL MEDICAL LEADERS**—Dr. Murray B. Davis, left, High Point, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Medical Association, chats with Dr. Vaughn C. Mason, New York City, president-elect of the National Medical Association.



**DOCTOR OF YEAR**—Dr. Andrew Best, right, Greenville, gets the North Carolina "Doctor of the Year" plaque presented last week as the annual convention of the Old North State Medical Society held at Greensboro. Dr. J. S. Simmons, Sanford, chairman of the Awards Committee makes the presentation.



**TO LEAD N. C. DENTISTS**—Dr. J. C. Morgan, left, High Point, retiring president of the Old North State Dental Society, hands over the gavel to Dr. C. W. Floyd, Gastonia, the incoming head. In center of action is Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Jr., Durham, secretary-treasurer and at right is Dr. E. N. Jackson, Charlottesville, Va., secretary of the National Dental Association.



**DENTIST OF YEAR**—Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Charlotte, named last week as North Carolina "Dentist of Year," shows plaque to his wife.

## AT OLD NORTH STATE CONVENTION

### Greenville's Dr. Best, Dr. Hawkins Of Charlotte Cited by Group

GREENSBORO—A Greenville physician and a Charlotte dentist were last week honored as men of the year in their professions at joint conventions of North Carolina medics, dentists, pharmacists and their respective women's auxiliaries.

The conventions held here at A. and T. College, June 13-15, were the 74th for the Old North State Medical Society, the oldest of its type for Negroes in the nation, the 42nd for the Old North State Dental Society. The combined registration was slightly above 400 persons.

Dr. Andrew A. Best, Greenville, was cited as "Doctor of the Year," in commendation for his services to the medical profession. He was presented a plaque by Dr. J. S. Simmons, Sanford, chairman of the Awards Committee.

Dr. R. A. Hawkins, Charlotte, a litigant in a court case to gain admission for the Negro dentist in the all-white North Carolina Dental Society, was commended for his services to the profession and as chairman of the Society's Full Rights and Privileges Committee. His plaque was presented by Dr. W. L. T. Miller, Greensboro, chairman of the Citation Committee.

The awards were presented at the annual joint banquet held on Wednesday evening at the new Service Center.

The dinner address was delivered by L. A. Oxley, former official of the U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

On the evening before, Dr. Watts, in the annual president's address had urged the group to "lead the fight to remove segregation from the North Carolina scene as it affects medical care" and to "encourage the growth and development of the Negro doctor in his community, because of the firm conviction that his presence has a favorable effect on the level of medical care available to our people in any situation."

The medics voted to continue efforts to gain approval for full memberships for Negro physicians in the Medical Society of North Carolina.

New officers elected to head the organizations included: Medics—Dr. W. W. Hoffer, Elizabeth City; Dr. Roy S. Wynn, Charlotte, president-elect; Dr. G. W. Allen, Fayetteville, first vice president; Dr. Hubert E. Eaton, Wilmington, second vice president; Dr. J. S. Colson, recording secretary and Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, secretary-treasurer. Dr. R. E. Dawson, Durham, was named to the executive board.

The dentists elected as their other officers: Dr. C. W. Floyd, Gastonia, president; Dr. A. L. Crowell, Winston-Salem, president-elect; Dr. J. M. Hubbard, Jr., Durham, secretary-treasurer and Dr.



**OFFICERS**—Above are the officers who will guide the Old North State Medical Society during the coming year. Elected at the annual convention held at A. and T. College last week, they are from left to right: Dr. W. T. Armstrong, Rocky Mount, secretary-treasurer; Dr. W. W. Hoffer, Elizabeth City, president; Dr. J. S. Colson, Oxford, recording secretary; Dr. G. W. Allen, Fayetteville, first vice president; Dr. R. E. Dawson, Durham, member of Executive Board and Dr. R. S. Wynn, Charlotte, president-elect.

### Monroe Youth Says Pickets Closed Pool

MONROE—A group of teenage boys who last week threatened a "wade-in" demonstration at Monroe Municipal Swimming Pool, could do little but picket Friday after city officials decided to close the pool for "repairs."

The youths, led by Robert Williams of Monroe, appeared at the segregated pool shortly before 2 p.m. and found a "closed for repairs" sign at the main entrance.

After picketing the pool Thursday, Williams, president of the Union County NAACP chapter, warned he would lead a group in the "wade-in" Friday if the pool was open.

Shortly before the Friday picketing began, the Monroe Police Department closed the road leading to the pool parking lot. This action was taken to minimize the possibility of trouble.

But as the youths marched with placards calling for an end to segregation, a crowd gathered on a nearby road leading to the Monroe Country Club. Other spectators viewed the demonstration from Highway 101, less than 100 yards away.

About 3 p.m. the pickets sought relief from the hot sun in a shaded picnic area just south of the pool. While they were there, what sounded like several distant rifle shots or fire crackers bursts were heard.

Williams immediately went to Police Chief A. A. Mauney and complained that bullets were hitting in tree tops above where the youths were resting. Mauney requested the youths to move nearer the pool where police could give them protection.

The group refused, and it was reported that Williams accused the officer of refusing the group protection and said he was going to call Washington for help.

He drove away from the pool to call, but returned a few minutes later with a dented trunk lid. He explained to Mauney that someone had deliberately rammed into the end of his car to try to kill him. He said his automobile was pushed 500 feet at 70 miles per hour.

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### Envoy Gets Red Carpet Deal In Maryland

HAGERSTOWN, Md.—Dr. William Fitzjohn, a Negro diplomat from the new African Republic of Sierra Leone, returned to Hagerstown for a civic welcome last week—three months after he was refused service in a public restaurant because of his race.

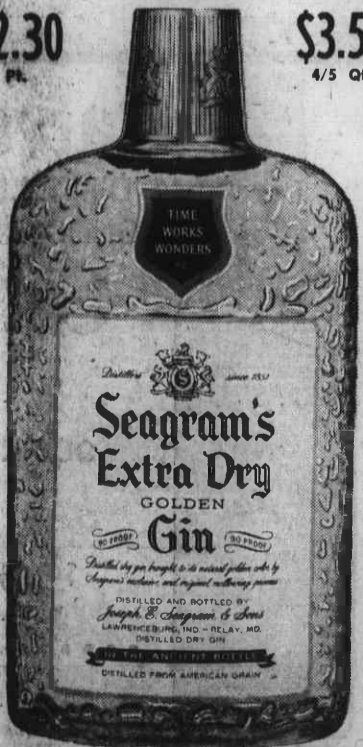
Dr. Fitzjohn, traveling by automobile under a state police escort from Washington, was met at the city limits by Hagerstown Mayor Winslow Burhans and given a red carpet reception by officials of this city and 35,000 residents.

"I would like the nations to know they will be welcome in Hagerstown," said the mayor as he presented Dr. Fitzjohn with a bouquet of two dozen roses at a brief ceremony on U. S. Highway 40, the main highway linking the city with Washington.

"This visit here under these circumstances is most interesting," Dr. Fitzjohn told the mayor and See ENVOY, page 6-B

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