



A picture of the Malloy house as it looked soon after the doctor died.

Trailblazing doctor's house is up for sale

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Medicine was the late Dr. H. Rembert Malloy's trade—people were his passion. Malloy, who passed away in 2004, is often hailed for his many accomplishments in the field of medicine. He trained under the legendary Dr. Charles Drew, who revolutionized blood transfusions when he discovered a more effective way to preserve and store collected blood.

One of the first black surgeons in the South to go into private practice, Malloy was a trailblazer in his own right. It is said that he never turned a patient in need away, even if it meant he had to perform his tedious work for free.

Malloy excelled at his profession and he prospered. The spacious home on New Walkertown Road where he once lived is a testament to that.

Malloy and his wife, who is also deceased, designed the more than 3,500 square-foot dwelling, which was said to be his pride and joy. He lived there for more than 50 years, until his death at the age of 90.

Even in his own home, Malloy maintained an open door policy. He was known for inviting community members in for a dip in his private pool or to spend time in the confines of his hilltop villa. The old doctor often talked of turning his home into a community gathering place, as H.R. "Rem" Malloy III told The Chronicle shortly after his grandfather's death.

In the months after his passing, the community was abuzz with talk about converting the property into a sort of tribute to Dr. Malloy. There was talk of Winston-Salem State University buying the property and putting it to some type of public use. The Malloy family supported such plans, but they were never brought to fruition.

Dr. Donald Jenkins, a local educator and minister, scooped the property up soon after it became available.

"I knew a property like



Dr. Malloy



Jenkins

Jenkins says he has been contacted by a profusion of interested parties since he planted the "for sale" sign in the front lawn. Everything from a group home to a meeting place to a nursing facility has been proposed by potential leaseholders, but Jenkins says he's holding out for a sale. He is hopeful, he added, that the property will find its way into the hands of an individual or group who truly wants to honor the late physician's life and legacy.

"With what Dr. Malloy did in this community, its just awful that his church or his community would not have gotten together and preserved (his home)," he said. "I think that would be ideal."

that wouldn't stay on the market long," the former WSSU professor said of the home, which sits on more than two acres of land. "I thought a house of that quality really ought to be preserved. I thought a black person or a black group ought to buy it."

Jenkins says he and his wife considered living in the house themselves.

"We had intended to fix it up earlier, to restore it to its former grandeur," he said of the house, which he plans to have renovated in the coming months. "We were debating whether we would stay in it or make it something that was available to the community."

Unfortunately, life got in the way for the couple, who still own their current dwelling, also in Winston-Salem.

"We're anxious to sell it," he stated. "I would hope somebody has some respect for its character, but at this point, it's a financial decision."

And so the Malloy property is again up for grabs.

Afterward the white actors, many who began crying themselves, gave hearty hugs to their black victims. Brooks encouraged everyone to return to the church, where food and fellowship awaited.

But one person was slow to leave. Sarah Maddox, a 78-year-old relative of the Dorseys, dabbed her eyes as she sat at the foot of the bridge.

"It's awful. It's awful. It's awful," she said, her voice choking up. "I didn't want to get this close because it's awful. At night, you don't want to sleep. These people are still around, and they're dirty."

She was just a teenager when the two couples were killed. No one was charged with a crime then, and despite the recent search, she's doubtful anyone will be charged with one now.

"Something needs to be done," she said. "But I fear we'll be waiting forever for some kind of reconciliation."



Brooks

Lynching

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sporting Obama bumper stickers — rehearsed the gruesome scene for hours.

When the car carrying the two black couples reached the bridge, they sprung into action. Two white men demanded they get out of the vehicle, and soon the rest of the mob materialized from the woods, wrenching the two couples from the car and dragging them to a dusty clearing beside the bridge.

Surrounding them, they put nooses on their necks and fired three volleys of bullets at them. As they lay dead, another actor drenched them with fake blood as the hushed crowd watched. Amid the silence, someone started singing a soulful version of the hymn "Precious Lord."

"It's horrible. It's gruesome," said state Rep. Tyrone Brooks, who organizes the event. "But this is what the Malcoms and the Dorseys endured."

Apology

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away from disrespect of so many lives. The AMA failed to do so and has apologized for that failure."

The National Medical Association, which was founded in the late 19th century by black doctors excluded from the AMA, was quick to accept the apology.

"We commend the AMA for taking this courageous step and coming to grips with a litany of discriminatory practices that have had a devastating effect on the health of African Americans," said Dr. Nelson L. Adams, NMA's President in a July 10 press release.

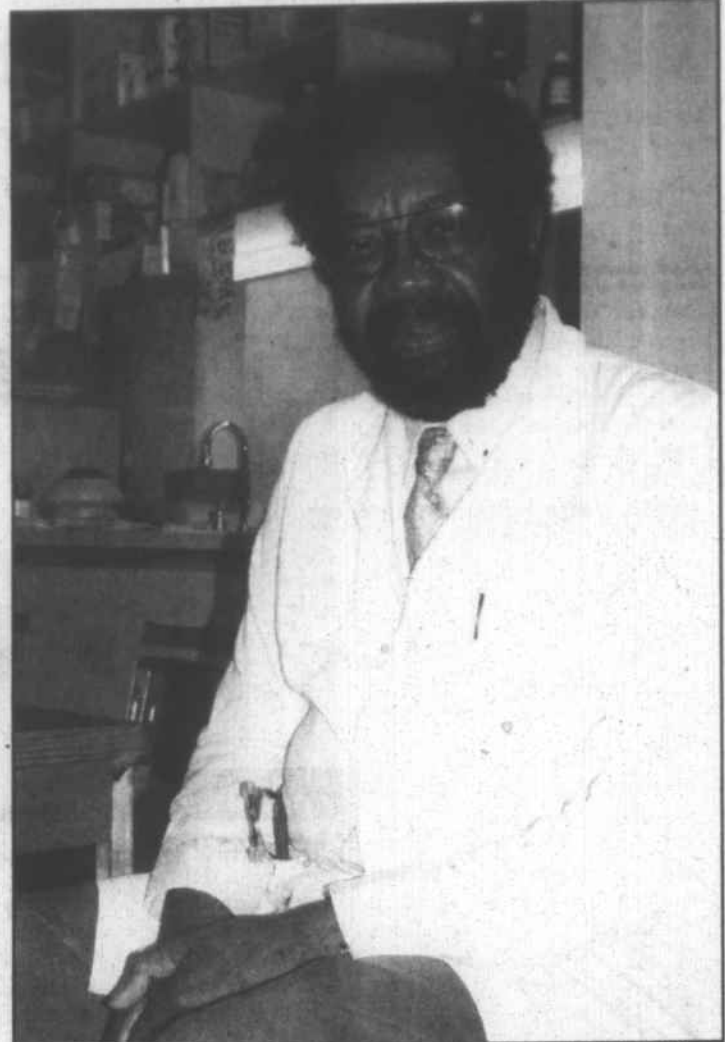
The apology presented a "historic opportunity" for the two groups to work together to heal the wounds of the past and work on the problems of the present (such as racial disparities), Adams said.

"Let's not make the same mistakes again and have history repeat itself," he commented. "Now is the time to move forward and begin serving all patients, regardless of race, creed or color, with the highest medical care possible."

Being barred from the AMA made it harder for black doctors to access information about new procedures and techniques, says Dr. Harvey Allen Sr., a Winston-Salem second generation physician.

"It made it harder for us to get information between each other," remarked Allen, who went into private practice as a surgeon in 1965 and is the father of two doctors.

Yet the segregated system wasn't all bad, said Allen, a member of the NMA. The Kate B. Reynolds Hospital, where he once served as chief of surgery, was the pride of the local black community, he



Dr. Jonathan Weston is a longtime OB/GYN.

asserts.

"It was a fine hospital," he said with a smile. "It showed that the black doctor was well trained and had the ability to learn as well as the next person."

Dr. Jonathan Weston, a local OB/GYN, says he has fought stereotypes and discrimination against African Americans since he was a chief resident in medical school in Rochester, N.Y.

Problems in the healthcare system persist even today, pointed out Weston, who is an active member of the Old

North State Medical Society, the oldest association of black physicians in the nation.

While he admits he hasn't been as active in the AMA or the North Carolina Medical Association in the past, Weston says it's time he and other black doctors get involved.

"There are so many issues out there involving medicine ... that (African Americans), as a group, need to be behind these (traditionally Caucasian) organizations," he commented. "Anything that benefits them also benefits us."

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