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## Yes, We All Talk

By Marcus H. Boulware

### THE CHRISTMAS SPEECH

Very soon a number of persons will be called upon to deliver speeches at Christmas programs. Now is the time to begin making preparation for this task.

What might one say in preference to the angels and the wise men? To be sure one would want to make passing reference to these things, because they are a part of the Yuletide Season. But the main core of the speech might center around these things:

POINT ONE: The Man of Peace minimized telling men WHAT NOT TO DO but rather WHAT TO DO to achieve the new brotherhood of men—not in some far off place, but in the hearts of men on earth.

POINT TWO: If we would follow the teaching of the Prince of

Peace, our churches would renounce cut-throat competition and work together in selfless devotion to the needs of the whole community.

POINT THREE: The Christmas Spirit should remind us that it was Christ who was concerned with such values as love, truth, justice, brotherhood, integrity and character.

POINT FOUR: Bring to a culmination the speech by emphasizing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

READERS  
For my free discussion pamphlet, send a self-addressed stamped business envelope to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware, St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C. Upon request, the writer of this column will prepare Christmas speeches.

## Divia Richardson Honored At The Theresa Hotel

NEW YORK — (ANP) — The Universal Association of Ethiopian Women Inc. honored Divia Mayme Richardson Friday with a testimonial dinner at Hotel Theresa. The honoree was saluted for her endeavor to unite the people in America with Ethiopia and its culture.

Chairman of the organizing committee was Mrs. Loretta Langley. Mrs. Audrey Moore Warner is founder-president of the association. The honoree, who gave a command performance for Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, was showered with floral and other tributes.

### WAKE FOREST NEWS

BY EVERETTE JEFFREYS  
WAKE FOREST — Mr. Thomas Lucas has been transferred from the St. Agnes Hospital in Raleigh to the Duke Hospital in Durham. He was injured in a car wreck on Nov. 7 around 11:45 p. m. Mr. Lucas' automobile was demolished and two other people were also injured: Mr. Alphonzo Gilmore and Mr. Gail Winslow.

### YOUNGSMILE

James Lee Winston, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Winston, Sr., of Youngsville, was buried on November 10. The child was five weeks old.

Services were held at 12:45 p. m. Sunday at the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church. The Rev. E. E. Worthy, pastor of the Saint John's Methodist Church, Rhamkatta, where she was a member, officiated, assisted by the Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery. She was a treasurer of the Raleigh Community Club for many years, and the Edna Poole Program Committee of the Raleigh Community and Durham Ladies Safety Club is named for her. She was the wife of the late D. C. Poole.

Surviving are 6 daughters: Mrs. Blanche Jenkins of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Novella Butt, Mrs. Rosetta Womack of the home; Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Ruth Evans of Asbury; Mrs. Minnie Poole, Raleigh; two sons, Messrs. Jack and David Poole, Raleigh; 16 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; 3 nieces and 4 nephews.

## THE WEEK IN RECORDS

BY ALBERT ANDERSON FOR ASSOCIATED NEGRO PRESS  
DRUMMER MAN TURNS SINGER

Musicians—or rather instrumentalists, to be precise—who fancy themselves as possessors of THE VOICE and thus strike out as singers, may be doing themselves an injustice. At least some fans think so. Recently I overheard an opinion expressed on this movement—it has long since ceased to be a trend—and it was not at all complimentary. In most cases, the instrumentalist just doesn't possess THAT VOICE.

This observation was brought on by a 12-inch LP just out, entitled "THE VOICE IS RICH," featuring Buddy Rich fronting his orchestra and singing 11 favorites of other years. Buddy, as you no doubt know, is a jack of all trades, entertainment-wise. Once an actor (vaudeville, movies and TV); leader of his own band in the early jazz era, and subsequently small units, Rich, in the jazz picture, stands out chiefly for his work on the skins. Yet it seems he must have acclaim as singer.

This is not Rich's first experiment with vocalizing. He was on

LP before with something called "Buddy Rich Sings." But this waxing for Mercury seems a better effort and thus will decide whether he is an also-ran, or a comer. His choice of material is good—"Down The Old Ox Road" (from an early Bing Crosby film); "Born To Be Blue," "I've Heard That Song Before," "I Want A Little Girl" (reminiscent of Jimmy Rushing); "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," "You've Changed," "Me and My Shadow," "I Don't Want To Walk Without You, Baby," and "Back In Your Own Back Yard."

However, individual taste will decide whether Buddy makes the grade or flounders. Personally, I rather think of him as drummer-band leader. He fits there well. Incidentally the sound reproduction is tops.

### DINAH SCORES AGAIN

Dinah Washington, who recently has been turning out hit tunes with production-line regularity, has still another one going strong for her on Mercury. This time, however, it is an entire LP instead of a single. Entitled "What A Difference A Day Makes" (the title of her juke box hit (single)),

featured are 12 slow ballads sung in her repertoire, but that in the warm, solicitous style which distinguishes Dinah. No songs presented here are all good.

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## Nine Make 'Who's Who' At FSTC

FAYETTEVILLE — Nine top-ranking students at the Fayetteville State Teachers College, two of them scheduled to be graduated in June, have been listed in the 1959-1960 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities," it was announced by college officials recently. With the exception of one, all of those so honored hail from Fayetteville.

The local selections were made by a college committee and were limited to upperclassmen. This year's selection includes: Catharine Butler, Fayetteville; Eva D. Gordon, Jamesville; Nannie Crosby, Fayetteville; Clavin McDonald, Fayetteville; David McNair, Red Springs; Everlene Mitchell, Fayetteville; Levi Montgomery, Fayetteville; Charles Robertson, Fayetteville and Juanita Walker, Fayetteville.

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## Obituaries

**MRS. VIOLA MCDUFFIE MORGAN**  
Mrs. Viola McDuffie Morgan of 413 Patterson Lane died at home on Sunday, November 22. Funeral services were held last Wednesday evening at the Lightner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. N. Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Henry J. McDuffie of Warrenton; one brother, Herman McDuffie of Raleigh; three nieces and two nephews.

**MR. COLONEL PERRY**  
Mr. Colonel Perry of Route 1, Raleigh, died at home on Saturday, Nov. 21. Funeral services were conducted from Fayetteville Street Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 25 the Rev. J. W. Jones officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Victoria B. Perry; 7 daughters: Rose, Mary, Catherine—all of Garner, Mrs. Ella Jenkins of Brooklyn, N. Y., Ola of Rhamkatta, and Maggie of Fayetteville; 4 sons: Stephens, Dayton, Colonel, Jr.—all of Raleigh, and Otis of the U. S. Navy; 11 grandchildren; 2 nieces; and 2 nephews.

**MR. SIDNEY ALBERT HOPKINS**  
Mr. Sidney Albert Hopkins of Rhamkatta died on Thursday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted from St. Johns Church in Rhamkatta on Sunday, November 22, the Rev. E. E. Worthy officiating. Mr. Hopkins was born March 26, 1872 in the community of Oberlin. During recent years he made his home in Rhamkatta.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Sadie Hopkins; 4 daughters: Mrs. Mamie Easter Battle, Mrs. Albertine Sanders, both of Rhamkatta, Mrs. Madie Frazier of Durham and Mrs. Margie Rochell of Boston, Mass.; 3 sons: Louis Hopkins of Raleigh, Delmo of Newark, N. J., and George of Boston, Mass.; 30 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one step-daughter; and 2 stepsons.

**MR. GUS BRANTLEY**  
Mr. Gus Brantley of 727 Quarry Street died November 18 at home. Funeral services were conducted from Lightner Funeral Chapel on Monday, Nov. 23. Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Eula Brantley; 3 daughters: Mary Lee, Wilma, Eula M., Edna Mae and Mrs. Rosa Lee Poole—all of Raleigh; 4 sons: Augustus, Henry Lee, Larry, Jr. and Robert Earl—all of Raleigh; 8 grandchildren; one brother, Channel Brantley of Tennessee; 7 sisters: Mrs. Malinda Pittman of Millville, Ga., Mrs. Mattie Sue Morris of Melville, Ga., Mrs. Daisy Williams, Mrs. Katie Moss Cain and Mrs. Bertha Weddington—all of Charlotte, Mrs. Josephine Rivers of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Miss Willie Mae Brantley of Savannah, Ga.

**MRS. EDNA J. POOLE**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Jones Poole, 76, who died at her home, 1006 Mark Street, Friday

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