

# Says Negro Spirituals Key To Waning Cultural Heritage

## Cites Durham's Dr. M. M. Fisher As Developer Of Song Research

BAITMORE, Md.—Isador Oglesby, Baltimore public school teacher and concert tenor, addressing the DuBois Literary Club recently stated that the present generation of Negroes lacks a basic appreciation of the cultural history as expressed in Negro spirituals. Mr. Oglesby, traced the development of Negro spirituals from their early genesis in American history down to the present gospel songs.

The speaker showed, by comparison, the theme of classical music writers and the spontaneous development of the spiritual. He further showed that a study of spirituals will reveal many significant aspects of American history, not found in any other recorded medium. An attempt to divorce the cultural heritage from the spiritual would represent a tragedy to American culture and understanding of the emotional problems of a people, was emphasized by the speaker.

The work of the Rev. Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, pastor of the famous White Rock Baptist Church in Durham (N.C.), was cited as one of the few examples of a research study devoted to the historical development of Negro spirituals, as contrasted with studies which make form analysis comparisons. Mr. Oglesby's talk represented a

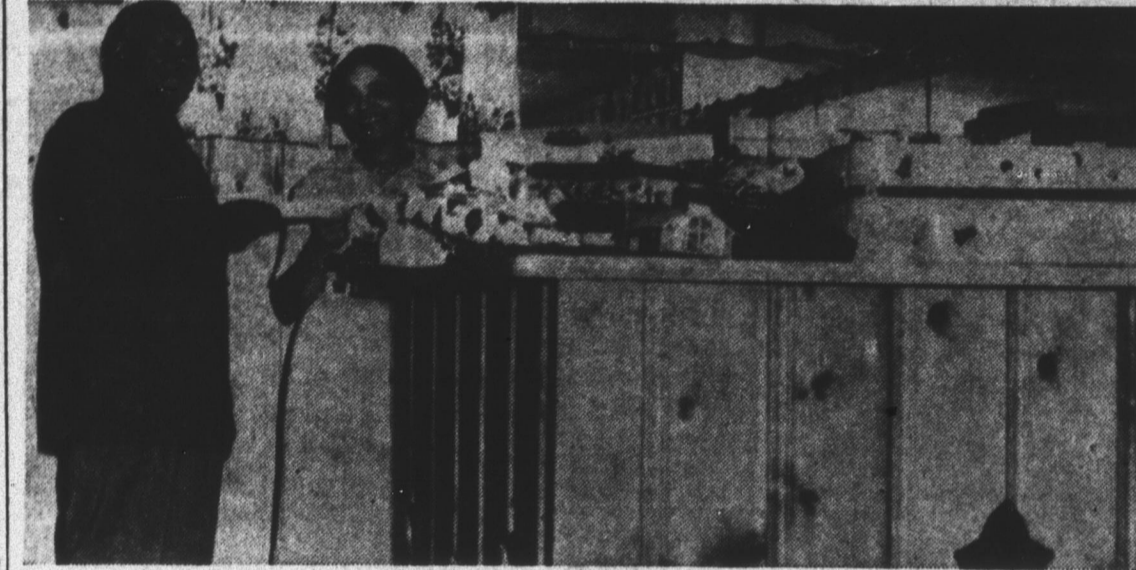
departure from his usual recital-lecture presentation on the spirituals and will become the basic for the formation of a series of college recitals and informal discussions of the cultural heritage of the Negro



**DECK THE HALLS** — A profusion of smilax instead of the storied "boughs of holly" was employed by these Bennett College students who decorated Pfeiffer Chapel for the Christmas season. Left to right: Misses Donna Ottutt, of Louisville, Ky., and Pamela Wimberly, of Wilmington, Del.



**ROCKY MOUNT ZETA TALENT CONTESTANTS**—Robert K. Corbett, Court Jester for the Epsilon Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, presents awards to Katrina Ward of Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny L. Ward. In background are other program participants of the annual Cinderella Revue. (J. B. HARREN FOTO).



**AKA'S GIVE TO O'BERRY SCHOOL** — Andrew McNeill, of O'Berry School, Goldsboro, is presented a check from Raleigh's A.K.A. Sorority by Mrs. Susie V. Petry, chairman of Special Projects for the Raleigh Chapter. Mrs. Harriett Webster is Basileus of the Raleigh Chapter. (See story).

### PHILOSOPHY MAJOR AN "A" STUDENT

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., ANP—Adrian C. Kest, a student who believes in walking to school to attend his three-times-weekly classes in philosophy, holds the distinction of having the highest scholastic rating of the student body at Calvin College. He pulled down an "A" in his philosophy course at the close of the current school term. Kest is 26 years old, the school's oldest student. He has been in retirement for 20 years from his work as a shirt salesman. Three years ago, he took courses at Calvin in ethics and political science, and his grades were all "A's" then, too.

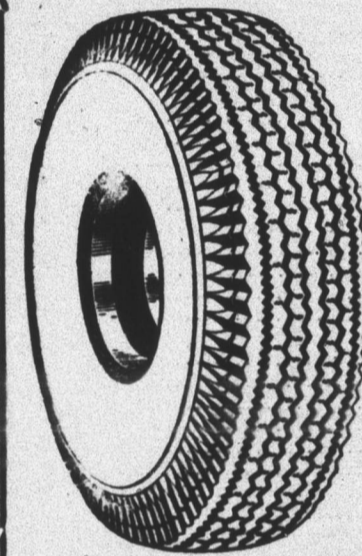
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## DEAR SALLY

BY SALLY SHAW

**DEAR SALLY:** I'm a young woman of 23, and in love with a young man of 25. The big trouble is his mother. She dislikes me intensely, and to tell you the truth, I think she would hate ANY woman who threatened to take her "little boy" away from her. Ours has been an on-again, off-again sort of courtship. We've broken up several times because of his mother's attitude, and now he's even suggesting that we date secretly—behind his mother's back—because, as he puts it "she's an extremely high-strung, nervous woman," and he doesn't want to

jeopardize her health. What do you think about this? SUE.

**DEAR SUE:** This is no man, but a 25-year-old boy who has not yet matured enough to cut those apron strings tying him to mother. Tell him frankly that it's either "open dating," "open, above-board courtship," or nothing. And really, you should have done this long before now.

**DEAR SALLY:** My wife and I are planning to spend a two-weeks vacation with our daughter and her husband, who have married just six months and live in another city. Now here's our delicate little problem. We know that our son-in-law has a good position, with a promising future, but we also know that they must budget their expenses rather closely. I'm wondering if it would be all right for me to suggest paying part of their food bill while we're visiting them—or do you think such a suggestion might offend him? J.H.

**READ J.H.:** I don't think for a two-weeks visit, it would be wise or tactful to offer to pay for some of the food. It WOULD be a nice idea, though, to take the young couple out to dinner two or three times while you're there.

**DEAR SALLY:** A girl friend of mine recently borrowed one of my nicest dresses for a very special date she had. It was almost two weeks before she returned it, and even then I was forced to phone her about it. Then, when she finally gave me back my dress, I discovered that it was badly stained with some kind of food and the hem was ripped. My parents were very angry when I told them about this, told me it served me right for lending out my clothes, and they want me to tell off this girl friend for what she did to my dress. Do you think I should do this and, if so, what should I say? KAREN.

**DEAR KAREN:** There's not much point in telling your friend off about this now. About all you would accomplish is arousing ill-will. Instead, consider this a lesson, and if she should ever suggest borrowing any clothes in the future, tell her politely but firmly that you do not like to loan out your clothes.

**DEAR SALLY:** My father passed away recently, and I am a "Junior." My mother is still living. Am I supposed to drop the "Junior" now and, if so, how will my wife be distinguished from my mother if they both bear the same name, as for example, "Mrs. John J. Smith"? F.G.

**DEAR F.G.:** You should drop the "Junior." If your mother lives near you and there is the possibility of her being confused with your wife, she may add "Sr." after her name. After the death of his father, a man keeps "Jr." only if he was the son of a very prominent man whose name continues in the news long after his passing and who therefore might be confused with his son.

**TO HELEN:** The use of the typewriter in social correspondence is completely acceptable today... with three exceptions... with three exceptions... letters of condolence, thank-you letters for gifts received or for hospitality extended, and letters of felicitation in the case of an engagement or wedding. Otherwise, there's nothing at all wrong

## AKA's Spread Cheer During Yule Season

The local chapter of AKA made a happier and brighter holiday season by providing individual gifts for fifty boys and girls at O'Berry School, Goldsboro, last week.

This special project was begun several years ago and has continued to be an annual program for the chapter. Along with the individual gifts, a check for fifty dollars was donated to the newest girl's cottage to purchase a needed recreational item. Andrew McNeill, cottage director for gifts, personally received the beautifully wrapped articles for the students at O'Berry School.

## LOCKHART HIGH SCHOOL

**KNIGHTDALE**—The Crown and Scepter Club of the Lockhart High School held its induction ceremonies on Thursday, December 18, 1963. Ray Holden, a senior member of the club was master of ceremonies. Gwendolyn Seawell, our president, installed the newly elected junior member, Edna Rose Jordan. Mr. R. H. Toole, our principal, presented Edna the membership card. The ensemble consisted of Carolyn and Sandra Bryant, Catherine DeLannam, Charles Bass, James Jones, Earl and Howard Daniels.

Their selection was "How Great Thou Art." Viola Lucas introduced the speaker, Mr. Wiley Davis, dean of students at Saint Augustine's College, Raleigh. Mr. Davis stressed these points: 1. Develop an early sense of direction, 2. Select a vocation early and learn to use your hands as well as your mind, 3. Begin now to work at high levels of performance, 4. Work with teachers rather than against, and 5. Plan to spend some time in higher institutions of learning.

These remarks were timely and informative. Louise Watson sang a solo, "One Little Candle". The program was terminated by singing the C. S. C. song. Senior members and officers are: Gwendolyn Seawell, president; Ray Holden, vice-president; Viola Lucas, secretary; Edna R. Jordan, junior member and inductee; faculty sponsor, Miss G. Perry.

with typewritten social letters.

**JUDGE AND JUROR**  
**DETROIT (ANP)**—What's the best excuse to use in order to dodge jury duty? Julian P. Rodgers Jr. has a "beaut" but it still doesn't prevent him from being summoned for jury duty. Three times he has been summoned and three times he has told the jury commission he is unable to serve. Rodgers is an attorney, and also judge of the Common Pleas court. In his last letter to the jury commission, he explained that he did not have time to serve on the jury as he has his own cases to hear. Besides, he adds, attorneys are not eligible to sit on jury in Michigan.

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