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Rev. Fisher Says Sabbath Burial Ceremonies Kill Meaning Of Lord's Day

Your editorial on "Sunday Funerals" provokes these words. In it you said that I "started a crusade against Sunday funerals in Durham several years ago, but doubtless Rev. Fisher discovered that he was too far ahead of his time."

If this statement is wholly true it is painful to think that until I came to Durham (about five years ago) the undertakers and some bereaved families desecrated without challenge Christian Sabbath with funerals. They generally continue to do this, but Sunday funerals completely destroy the meaning of the Lord's day. Sunday funerals give an excuse for non-church participation to a host of people including undertakers, their attendants, chauffeurs, garage men, grave diggers, florists, bereaved families, their friends; etc. Sunday funerals step out of harmony with progress. Sunday funerals discriminate against the living in interest of the dead.

Notwithstanding, Negro bereaved families (and not undertakers) who insist on Sunday deserve great sympathy and much patience. Sunday funerals for Negro are relics of the slave system which immediately buried the dead slave for sanitary reasons and held his funeral on a presching Sunday. More over, Negroes denied recognition in almost every life situation, finally achieve notice before their fellows in death as the undertaker open the casket (generally pine, cloth-covered and gold under strain at about ten times its actual value) and shows the "remains" and

flowers before a curious though non-interested audience on a Sunday. The whole subject of funerals which are pauperizing Negroes should be reviewed.

Instead of, as you say, "Rev. Fisher" "discovering" "that he was too far ahead of his time," it has been gratifying to notice that some members of the White Rock Baptist Church have accepted my view about Sunday funerals. For example, our lamented Deacon-aid Geo. Whitley died on a Friday of this year. He was buried the following Monday, ostensibly to avoid a Sunday funeral. Public notice was made of this fact, and other were encouraged to keep the Christian Sabbath for worship services. At least one a year I have continued to preach a formal sermon against Sunday funerals in addition to speaking against them as often as I saw fit.

I dare not preach only that the living should not take time from their Christian duties to bury the dead (Matthew 8:22) because the gospel message is calculated to reach man in every phase of his life. I make clear, however my views on Sunday funerals to every bereaved family which desires me to officiate at a funeral on Sunday. Then, I let every bereaved family choose its own funeral date. I am happy to report that fewer and fewer families of the White Rock Baptist Church desire Sunday funerals. After a while I hope that the entire White Rock Baptist Church will frown on Sunday funerals because of their righteous choice and not because of a law prohibiting them.

S. M. Quraishi To Speak At St. Joseph

(By Charles Doorn)

The Allen Christian Endeavor League of St. Joseph A. M. E. Church is the division set apart for the younger set of the church. Charles Doorn is president. On the various programs presented during the League hour, speakers of interest are brought to bring a message or ideas of value to the younger group.

Sunday July 31, Miss Lois Gourdin, secretary of the League, is in charge of the program. Her speaker is one of international reputation, Sher Mohammed Quraishi of India. Mr. Quraishi is recognized as an authority on Oriental affairs, economic, political and social. He is the author of several treatises on India and has appeared in several countries as a public speaker and lecturer. Undoubtedly a foremost authority on Indian affairs, Mr. Quraishi is becoming as well known in America as he already is in Asia.

His list of lectures include: "India Today, The Changing Orient, America and the India of Tomorrow, Leaders of Modern India, India and Gandhi, His Life and Ideals." A part of each lecture period is devoted to open-forum discussion of India, during which time Mr.

RENEWS ATTACK ON SUNDAY FUNERALS



Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, popular pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, who in answer to an editorial in the July 23rd issue of THE CAROLINA TIMES, renews his attack on Sunday funerals and states his opinion and position in the matter.

Pythians Unite After 50 Years Separation

LYNN, Miss. July 30 (ANP)—Ending a schism in Knights of Pythias ranks that dates back 50 years, Pythians of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres last week merged with the Pythians of North America, and both organizations ratified the unification as did Supreme Chancellor S. A. T. Watkins, of Chicago who was in Lynn in connection with Grand Lodge visitations.

Outstanding feature of the long awaited merger was the presence at the conference of Lewis Williams and Jessie Hayes of Boston who 50 years ago advocated that the Order remain as Knights of Pythias of North America, etc. and C. W. Custus Hartford Conn. who withdrew from the parent body and helped form the Eastern and Western Hemisphere (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 4)

Miss Ellen Harris To Ask Court For Damages For Arrest On Local Bus

Quraishi answers any questions by a hearers may present. The Allen Christian Endeavor League hour is at 6:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Mabel Forte from New York City and Mrs. Ophelia S. Grandy from Greensboro have returned home after spending two weeks with their mother Mrs. Grandy on 606 Dunbar St.

Miss Ellen Harris, local young woman has filed suit in the Durham County Superior Court against the Durham Public Service Company for \$15,000 for damages sustained when she was arrested because of not giving her seat in a Durham Public Service Bus to a white man.

The arrest took place on Feb. 12th of this year when Miss Harris entered the bus and took the seat next to the last, the last seat being occupied. The occupants of the last seat left the bus before Miss Harris did so that when the white man entered, the only vacant seat was the long seat in the back. Rather than take this seat he insisted that the young colored woman give him her seat and when she refused, the driver had her arrested.

In Recorder's Court Miss Harris represented by attorneys C. J. Gates and Edward Avant was convicted of violating the North Carolina Transportation law which provides that colored passengers seat from the rear in public conveyances. When the case was taken to Superior Court, the defendant was fined \$10.00, however in the North Carolina Supreme Court the decision was reversed because Miss Harris had "violated no

Fined \$25 For Discrimination

BOSTON, July 28 (ANP)—Race prejudice in Massachusetts last week when Judge Gershon Hall in First District Court of Barnstable found Charles R. Plummer, white manager of Dutehand Farms, Inc. eating place in Hyannis a suburb, guilty of discriminating for refusing to serve a patron because he was a Negro.

resident, represented by Atty. Julian D. Rainey, told the court Manager Plummer had informed him, "We do not cater to colored people in our dining room." His testimony was supported by Chief of Police W. B. Fleming, who, on Hinds' complaint had issued the warrant for the manager. Judge Hall then declared Plummer guilty and assessed the fine.

Mrs. Lola Allen Lewis Succumbs

The many friends of Mrs. Lola Allen Lewis will be grieved to hear of her sudden death in the Good Samaritan Hospital of Charlotte, N. C. Tuesday, July 26.

Mrs. Lewis who only two weeks ago had visited her home here, was 60 year old, being the eldest daughter of the late Richmond Allen, prominent Durham carpenter and Mrs. Fannie Glenn Allen. She was an active member of St. Joseph A.M.E. church, even after moving to Charlotte, also a member of the Dorcas Club, NAACP, Ste-

wardess Board of St. Joseph Church and many other social, civic and educational organizations.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Roxboro, N. C. but left there at an early age for Durham where she lived and worked in service as personal maid for the late Mrs. George Watts and later moved to Charlotte as maid for Mrs. Cameron Morrison. She has served in the Watts and Morris families at intervals since the young age of 15 years. She was married to the late (PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 8)

ATTENDED GETTYSBURG ANNIVERSARY



DR. J. H. GARNETT

Distinguished minister and dean of the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville who has just returned from the 75th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, stated with Jos Verplan, white fellow veteran. The life story of Dr. Garnett, who is 81 years old, read like an epic.

up by Union soldiers in Sherman's march to the sea, he was taken to New York where he enlisted under age but fell ill in South Carolina and never was engaged in battle.

Thrifty and ambitious he later worked his way through Georgia college securing a B. A. B. and M. A. degree, with another later from the University of Chicago.

Ushers To Meet In Roxboro Sun.

ROXBORO, July 30 (Special)—According to R. J. Bolton, prominent citizen of Roxboro the largest gathering of ushers ever to meet in Person County will gather here Sunday July 31 at the Mount Zion Baptist church on Factory Street for the first annual meeting of the North-West Interdenominational District Usher Association of North Carolina.

The local committee has worked without ceasing to get everything in tip top shape to entertain the many visiting ushers from various parts of the state who are planning to journey to Roxboro for the meeting, and visitors here next Sunday will discover that the committee has been successful in preparing to entertain them in a first class manner.

The program for next Sunday's meeting is as follows:

Several quartets have notified the committee that they

PROGRESSIVE PASTOR



REV. WILLIAM H. FULLER

Energetic young pastor of the recently constructed Mount Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Fuller has pastored this church for nine years and it has made rapid strides under his leadership.



MRS. J. R. HOLMES

Why before her marriage on July 5, 1938 was Miss Carlotta B. Robbins, member of the agency force of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Many Contestants Enter Times \$5,000 Campaign

Since the CAROLINA TIMES big Prize Campaign and Harvest Celebration was announced entry blanks commenced coming in at the rate of a few each day and there are now about fifty who have made their entry or have been nominated by friends. The campaign is just beginning this week and if the entries keep coming in which we hope they will we will have around a hundred entrants by the first couple of weeks. The more contestants we have the more interesting the competition for the big PRIZE AND PLYMOUTH sedans will be and the better it will be for the contestants themselves as the votes will be more evenly distributed. The list below shows the names and address of all who have entered or who have been nominated and the 5,000 votes are the FREE VOTES every person is credited with as soon as their names and entry blank is received by the campaign manager. Now is the time to make your entry is the advice of the manager—get right in at the start and tell all your friends that you are in to WIN and demonstrate it by going right out after the BIGGEST PRIZES OFFERED. Others—have done it and you can too if you make up your mind and try to HURRY—don't wait—send or bring in your entry blank today.

Contestants Entered Up To Wednesday Noon

MRS. M. L. ANDERSON, Durham N. C.	5,000
MRS. H. A. BARNES, Durham N. C.	5,000
MRS. MARY WATSON BARNES, Durham N. C.	5,000
MISS JOSIE BOWEN, Greensboro N. C.	5,000
MRS. LARSEN BOWEN, Durham N. C.	5,000
ED BOWEN, Sanford N. C.	5,000
ROY CALDWELL, Chapel Hill N. C.	5,000
MRS. CARRIE CHAMBERLAIN, Charlotte N. C.	5,000
MRS. HARRY COFIELD, Enfield N. C.	5,000
J. E. COOPER, Winston N. C.	5,000
K. S. COLE, Roxboro N. C.	5,000
RUSCOE CRAWFORD, Reidsville N. C.	5,000
MRS. C. H. CUTCHIN, Franklinton N. C.	5,000
MRS. WALTER DARTON, Reidsville N. C.	5,000
MISS LUCILE FARROW, Raleigh N. C.	5,000
JOHN W. FARWELL, Winston N. C.	5,000
MRS. HELEN WALTON FARRIS, Winston-Salem N. C.	5,000
MISS ELLISON GILBERT, Greensboro N. C.	5,000
MRS. E. W. GREEN, Durham N. C.	5,000
C. E. GRIFFIN, Graham N. C.	5,000
MISS GERTRUDE HART, Winston-Salem N. C.	5,000
A. H. HAINES, Chapel Hill N. C.	5,000
MRS. MITCHELL HAYWOOD, Raleigh N. C.	5,000
MCKINLEY HAWKINS, Spring Hope N. C.	5,000
MISS WANNIE HOLMAN, Oxford N. C.	5,000
MRS. LUVENIA B. HICKS, Durham N. C.	5,000
MRS. MEDORA HILL, Winston-Salem N. C.	5,000
MISS VIOLA HINES, Rock Mount N. C.	5,000
JOHN HOLLOWAY, Durham N. C.	5,000
J. S. HOLLOWAY, Durham N. C.	5,000
LUCENE HEKNDON, Durham N. C.	5,000
MRS. GLADYS LANGLEY, Whiteville N. C.	5,000
J. C. LASSATER, Durham N. C.	5,000
MRS. HUGH LEONARD, Louisville N. C.	5,000
MRS. ETHEL H. McWAIN, East Spencer N. C.	5,000
MRS. FANNIE REID McLEAN, Raleigh N. C.	5,000
MRS. RUBY MITCHELL, Winston-Salem N. C.	5,000
MISS JANIE MOORE, Wilmington N. C.	5,000
MISS O. L. MOORE, Durham N. C.	5,000
MRS. RUTH MORGAN, Wendell N. C.	5,000
MISS DOROTHY MOORE, Clarkston N. C.	5,000
MRS. F. E. PERRY, Rocky Mount N. C.	5,000
MISS MAY PARKS, High Point N. C.	5,000
W. R. ROYSTER, Durham North Carolina	5,000
KENNETH SHADE, Wilson N. C.	5,000
MRS. V. L. SLADE, Washington N. C.	5,000
MISS OVELLA SMITH, Raleigh N. C.	5,000
MRS. L. V. SMOOT, Greensboro N. C.	5,000
MRS. ADA STANBACK, Chester, South Carolina	5,000
MISS BERTHA THOMPSON, Faison, N. C.	5,000
R. W. UNDERWOOD, Louisville, N. C.	5,000

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