

DUKE UNIVERSITY

# Wishing you A Very MERRY CHRISTMAS

## DEATH OF BLUFORD MOURNED

### SANTA'S PET



Phyllis Townsend, 1956 March of Dimes Poster Girl, is charmed by her gifts from Santa. She is more grateful to you for helping her to walk again. Your March of Dimes gifts may enable her to walk without her brace. Remember her, JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES, Jan. 3-31.

### Duke Student Paper Says School's Segregation Policy Is 'Barbaric'

(EDITOR'S NOTE — Following is an editorial which appeared in the Dec. 13 issue of the Duke Chronicle, official student publication at Duke University in Durham.)

#### BARBARIC TRADITION

Many of us do not understand why this institution is segregated. Those who defend the tradition here advance spurious arguments and question-begging answers. We charge that segregation is anti-democratic, anti-Christian, harmful propaganda to the rest of the world and incompatible with the idea of a university.

Anyone who refuses to believe that segregation implies inferiority is blind. The basis of the Supreme Court decision is that segregation, by implying inferiority, denies Negroes equal opportunities and is, therefore, unconstitutional. All this talk about "separate but equal" facilities is so much gibberish; compare the number of Ph.D.'s at Duke with the number at North Carolina College. Arbitrary discrimination is always anti-democratic. Duke University has, in effect, declared the supremacy of the "white race."

If a person believes that the most important commandment is to love his neighbor, it is inconceivable that he willfully would discriminate against him. The Catholic Church, which forbids segregation, has long since recognized this principle, and it was recently acknowledged by the Baptist leaders at their state convention. Christianity is diametrically opposed to intolerance, hate, prejudice. If Duke, then, is to call itself a Christian institution and recognize all men as brothers, it must abandon the policy of segregation. Let's not be hypocritical about this. If we cannot accept integration, let us plainly state that we are anti-Christian, that the Chapel is really nothing more than the headquarters for bigoted religiosity.

But democracy and brotherly love are frequently words tossed around merely to suit the rationalization of a particular viewpoint. We contend that in "practical" terms segregation is smearing our name across the face of the earth. How can we profess to be freedom-loving while black laws are still being enforced, while racial hatred takes the shape of murder, kidnapping, suppression and injustice in many sections of the South, while we at Duke declare the Negroes are inferior beings? When we consider the immense propaganda being leveled against this very struggle, we cannot help acknowledge the absurdity of our position. While a "pure white" asks if you want a Negro to date your sister, the entire Far East

is being lost. If tradition is so vital to Duke, we ought to adopt tradition in a scale suitable to our aspirations. Duke University, if it ever is to become great from a national point of view, must rise above the provincialism of Durham. Well, we are segregated. We are also reasonable human beings and we question, therefore, our present policy. We request an explanation from Mr. Norman Atwater Cooke, chairman of the Board of Trustees. We feel it is incumbent upon him to state the reasons, if there are any, behind this barbaric tradition.

Are Mr. Cooke and the trustees afraid to lose alumni support? We hold that this loss would be minimized, and we would not be surprised if additional financial support was volunteered from new sources. Would the "truthful" Southerners send their daughters elsewhere? The decline, if indeed there were any, would go unnoticed in the rising tide of applicants for admission. Negroes would create social problems? Nonsense. We are not (Continued on Page Ten)

### Leaders Join Shrine Group

#### NEW YORK

Three prominent Negro leaders recently joined the National Committee of The American Museum of Immigration (AMI), is has been announced by Major General Ulysses S. Grant, 3rd, USA (Ret.), chairman of the Committee and grandson of the 18th President of the United States.

Dowdell H. Davis, general manager of the Kansas City Call; Dr. Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University, and Scovel Richardson, member of the Board of Parole, U. S. Department of Justice, have given their support to help establish The Museum at the foot of the Statue of Liberty to dramatize the contributions immigrants have made to America.

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## "Trespass" Case Is Put Off; Sanford OKs Indian Students

### SALE OF LAND WILL NOT KILL TEST CASE

#### GREENSBORO

The fact that the city intends to sell a golf course it had leased to a private club for one dollar a year to prevent Negroes from using the links will have no bearing on the question of the validity of such action to sidestep court rulings against segregation in public owned parks.

This was the opinion of J. Kenneth Lee, attorney for six Negroes who appeared in criminal court here Monday to face a charge of trespassing after they had played a round of golf on the Gillespie Park golf course, leased by the city to a "private club." The case was continued, at the request of the city solicitor, until Jan. 17.

The action is being interpreted widely as a test case to determine whether or not a municipality can sidestep the Supreme Court's ruling of no segregation by leasing public property to segregated private groups.

Shortly before the trial came up Monday, the city council voted unanimously to cancel

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UNCF director W. J. Trent, Jr., bids Bon Voyage to distinguished member college alumna, Miss Angie Brooks, who returned to Liberia last Tuesday after serving as Representative Delegate to the United Nations 9th and 10th sessions. Miss Brooks, who is Assistant Attorney General of Liberia, graduated from Shaw University, one of the Fund's 31 member colleges, in 1949. Addressing UNCF staff members and others attending the send-off ceremony at Fund headquarters here, at 22 East 54th Street, Miss Brooks stressed the importance of Fund support, saying "I know from my own experience at Shaw, that the scholarship aid and other yearly benefits provided by the Fund are vital to the continuing program of these colleges. The United Negro College Fund is currently seeking \$1,750,000 for operating funds of its 31 colleges, and its 1955 campaign which closes on December 31.

### Pupils To Enter White Schools Without Any Fuss

#### SANFORD

Three Indian school pupils will be admitted to the white public schools here when school reopens in January without any fuss.

Dr. J. L. Knight, chairman of the Sanford school board, was quoted as saying there were no objections to their admissions and no special session of the city council would be needed.

The pupils are children of Mr. and Mrs. Belton Bullard who recently moved to Lee County from a sharecropper's farm in Robeson County.

"As far as I know, they will be admitted at the start of the January term," Dr. Knight is reported saying. He also was quoted as saying that he had questioned some of the high school students who had no objections to the Indian students and that his daughter, who will be in a classroom with one of them, was "excited" over the prospect.

There is an Indian school in Lee county, some 20 miles from Pickett Township where the Bullards have set up their new residence.

## Asheville To Be Scene Of Omega Fraternity Meeting

#### ASHEVILLE

Nearly 200-Omegas and their guests are expected here for the

special mid-winter District Council meeting of the Sixth District of the Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity on December 29-30. The Council is the executive board of the fraternity's chapters located in North and South Carolina and is composed of the district officers and chapter representatives.

### Life Is Like That

### The Event That Changed The Tide of History

By Rev. H. Albert Smith  
"And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for him in the inn." Luke 2:7.

#### Event and Advent

The event that changed the tide of history and chronicled by civilization as the most significant happening of the ages was the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of mankind. His birth was not merely an event, as is the birth of any mortal man, however great he may become in subsequent days or the place given him in history. The birth of Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people, and that of Moses, who emancipated them from Egyptian bondage, were events, happenings in historic time. But the birth of Jesus was both an event and an advent, a happening in time and the projection of a supernatural life into the world of human affairs. About none save Jesus has such

a conviction persisted to overcome the arguments of learned skeptics and unbelieving infidels.

#### An Episode

On this point, the New Testament speaks plainly. Jesus' appearance on earth was an advent. Life for him did not begin when he was born in a manger at Bethlehem. That event was but an episode in a life the existence of which was eternal. That event was the projection of a timeless personality, an infinite being, into time and space; an assumption of the limitations of human life by "the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity."

#### St. John Says

St. John sets this forth when he says: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. In him was life and that life was the light of men. And the word was (Continued On Page Two)

## Fire Destroys Home Of Family In Durham

The home of Mrs. Laura Bruce, prominent Durham woman, was practically destroyed by fire here last Wednesday morning.

No one was hurt in the blaze.

The fire was discovered around nine o'clock Wednesday morning by a neighbor who turned in the alarm.

According to early and unconfirmed reports, the Bruce home was unoccupied at the time of the fire.

Durham fire department chief J. F. Page said that the blaze was caused when an overheated pipe of a hot air furnace set fire to floor joists.

Exact estimate of the damage was not available at press time, but fire department officials said that most of the inside of the house and its furnishings were destroyed in the blaze.

## Remember Race, Labor Cautioned

#### ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Delegates to the New Jersey State CIO convention here were told by NAACP executive secretary Roy Wilkins that Negroes will be watching closely the new AFL-CIO's activities, especially in the area of racial (Continued on Page Ten)



DR. F. D. BLUFORD

## Leaders Mourn Loss Of A. and T. College Head; Funeral Held Friday

#### GREENSBORO

Expressions of feeling of "great loss" came this week from all parts of the state in reaction to the passing early Wednesday morning of Dr. Ferdinand D. Bluford, president of A. and T. College.

Dr. Bluford died at L. Richardson Memorial hospital at approximately three o'clock Wednesday morning. Funeral services, which are expected to attract state official and educational, religious and civic leaders of the area, were scheduled for one o'clock Friday at the college chapel.

Dr. Bluford had been a patient at the hospital for the past ten days. He was 73.

Typical of the numerous comments which came from many quarters this week was the one of Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of North Carolina College at Durham.

"He has made a great contribution to our state. I feel very deeply that we have sustained a great loss," Dr. Elder said.

President of the state's largest Negro educational institution and one of the largest in the country for the past 30 years, Dr. Bluford came to the school with a wide background in teaching and administration. When he accepted presidency of the school in 1925, it enrolled some 200 students an boasted of eight buildings. At his death, it had an enrollment of approximately 3,000 and a physical plant composed of 35 buildings valued at about 12 million.

During his tenure, A. and T. grew from a small land grant college into one of the most important in the country for Negroes. The campus has been expanded from 25 acres to 110 acres and the farm land for agricultural work from 100 acres to 600.

A native of Capahosic, Va., Dr. Bluford was born Aug. 4, 1882, son of William Thomas and Alice Stubbs Bluford. He was graduated from the Wayland Academy in Richmond, Va. in 1904 and received an A. B. degree from Union University in 1908.

In 1909 he received the Ph.D. degree from Howard and an honorary doctorate from Union in 1927.

Dr. Bluford taught at Alabama Normal, Kentucky State and St. Paul's Polytechnic in Lawrenceville, Va. before coming to Greensboro.

In 1912, he came to A and T College as professor of English. He became dean and vice president in 1918, a position which he held until he was elected president in 1925.

Among the numerous organizations in which he held offices or membership were trustee, Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA, Richardson Memorial Hospital, Windsor Community Center; member, North Carolina Research Society, National Association, American Teachers Association, American Academy of Political Science, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Masons and Elks.



North Carolina's Masons donated \$2,500 to the Ordained Colored Orphanage during their 85th state-wide meeting held in Durham recently. Shows here is Rev. T. H. Brooks, superintendent of the Orphanage, accepting the check from Rev. K. P. Battle, illustrious potentate of the Rhodell-Pash Temple 175, of Rocky Mount.