

White Rock's Miles Mark Fisher to Retire in January, 1965

CHRISTMAS BOYCOTT RULED OUT

Daye Maintains Automobile Contest Lead

Artis Continues in Second Spot As Contest Enters 2nd Period



DR. FISHER

Noted Clergyman Rated Among Top Ten in America

The Reverend Miles Mark Fisher, scholarly pastor of White Rock Baptist Church of Durham for the past 31 years and generally regarded as one of the ten most outstanding Negro ministers in the United States, will retire in January 1965, it was revealed this week.

Fisher, son of a pioneer Negro minister and distinguished scholar, announced his intentions to retire to officers of the church recently. A public announcement is expected soon.

The prominent Baptist minister began his career as a minister in 1920 as pastor of a church in Racine, Wisconsin. He came to Durham as pastor of White Rock in 1933 where he has remained since.

Rev. Fisher's prominence as a minister is equalled by his work as an educator and author. He has been a professor at Virginia Union University, of Richmond, Va., and is currently professor of Religious History at Shaw University, of Raleigh.

He is most well known in intellectual circles for his scholarly studies of the mind and mood of Negroes. His most recent work, "Negro Slave Songs," a work which interprets the meaning of Negro spirituals, is credited with opening a new avenue of research into the genius of the Negro race.

The opening of the second period of the Carolina Times big subscription contest saw all of the top-ranking contestants turning on the heat this week and getting set for the second period first reports that are to be made Monday, at noon October 14. All indications are that the race is going to be a hot one from now until the closing date of the contest which is November 4.

Wednesday noon found Mrs. Symner Daye who has led since the opening date still holding to the top position with several other leading contestants hot in our suit. Although several of the top-ranking contestants appeared to be turning on more heat, Mrs. Daye continued to stay far enough in front to not become frightened.

Running well this week and almost making it a three-way tie for second place are Prof. E. T. Artis. Mrs. Esther Riley, who has taken over the third position by a small margin, and Mrs. Esther Bland. Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Bland are now being referred to as the two Esthers.

Holding their own, however, are Miss Martha Rowland, Mrs. Ethel Lawson and Mrs. Carilla Long. Mrs. Lawson advanced from eighth place last week to sixth place this week.

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NAACP Takes Stand Against Proposed Action

NEW YORK — Replying to a proposal that the NAACP endorse a nationwide Christmas buying strike, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins said that "each person should decide how best he can react effectively" to the Birmingham bombing that killed four Negro girls, but added "that organizationally we cannot sponsor a nation-wide Christmas boycott."

Wilkins stated the NAACP position in a letter, Oct. 1, to Louis E. Lomax who, on behalf of Writers and Artists for Justice, had sent a telegram asking NAACP endorsement of the boycott proposal which Mr. Lomax, James Baldwin and other writers had advanced as a protest against the Birmingham horror.

At a meeting of the leadership of the March on Washington, "careful thought" was given to "the problems of such a consumer boycott."

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RETIRED LABOR LEADER GETS HONOR — William H. Bullock (second from left), retired Durham labor union leader, accepts plaque from Johnnie Phillyaw, official of Durham local 208 of the Tobacco Workers International Union in a ceremony honoring the retired union leader at Shraff's Country Inn in Durham recently. Looking on are Guy Masyck (left), 208 officer, Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Phillyaw. Bullock, a resident of 1807 Lincoln St., was a charter member of Local 208 and had served

a financial secretary of the union for many years. Several members of the union and other citizens of the community took part in the program at Shraff's honoring Bullock.

—Photo by Purdy

Segregationist Group Opposed To Resolution

The governing bodies of the city and county of Durham, in separate actions coming a few hours apart, adopted resolutions opposing racial discrimination Monday.

The action was strongly criticized by representatives of the Durham County Citizens Council, a segregationist group, which appeared before the City Council to protest the resolution.

It was greeted with quiet approval by Negro citizens, most of whom agreed it was a good "first step."

Adoption of the resolution followed a recommendation by the Interim Committee, appointed by Mayor Grabarek last spring to settle issues raised by anti-segregation demonstrations in Durham.

The resolution by the city and county governments against racial discrimination was one of several recommendations made by the Committee, which was composed of the city's top Negro and white leaders.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously Monday by both the County Commissioners and the City Council. The County beat the City in its action by a few hours. Commissioners voted on the resolution at their Monday morning meeting while the Council passed the document at their regularly scheduled meeting Monday night.

Observers expect segregationist groups to make an issue out of the resolutions and other action by the Mayor's Committee against segregation.

Louis Gill, vice president of the segregationist Citizens Council, said after the City Council

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MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING will be the main speaker for a women's day program to be held Sunday, Oct. 20 at the First Baptist Church of Raleigh. Mrs. King will address the 11 o'clock worship service. A native of Atlanta, Mrs. King is a concert singer who has been forced to curtail her singing career in

order to fill the number of speaking engagements she has received since her husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King, became nationally famous in the Alabama integration struggle. She will be introduced at the First Baptist program by Miss T. Lorraine Cumbo, chairman of the women's day program.

Four-Day Session of Holiness Church Set For October 17-20

A four day convention of the Southern Diocese of Church of God in Christ Jesus, New Deal, Inc., will get underway in Durham on Thursday, Oct. 17. It



BISHOP AMOS

will continue through Sunday, Oct. 20.

A special feature of the convention will be a fast, to be participated in by various members of the Church. It will begin with the opening session of the convention on Thursday, evening at 6 p. m. and conclude on Friday evening at 8 p. m.

Thursday's evening's opening session of the convention will be devoted to a welcome program. Elder Robert Jones will

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HEW Secretary To Address Meet In Greenville

GREENVILLE — Anthony J. Celebrezze, Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will be the principal speaker at the Third Anniversary Celebration of the North Carolina Joint Council on Health and Citizenship set for November 10.

Dr. Andrew A. Best, Council President, said Celebrezze's speech will climax a three-day celebration planned for November 8, 9, and 10. The Sunday public meeting is scheduled to take place in East Carolina College's Ficklen Memorial Stadium at 3:30 p. m.

Following the theme "Continuing a Crusade for Competence," the mass meeting is designed to show to a large segment of the population the role, which a vo-

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Several Important Issues Await Opening of NAACP Annual State Convention in Charlotte on Thursday

CHARLOTTE — The North Carolina NAACP will go into its annual state convention here next week with several unspoken but serious issues facing it.

Chief among these will be the question of what to do about a proposed "march" on Raleigh protesting discrimination.

Some of the other tough issues expected to be tackled by delegates include the upcoming gubernatorial elections and reactions in various parts of the state to anti-segregation drives

Usually reliable sources said this week that they felt the state organization would take an increasingly militant position on most issues it considers at the convention.

The convention, which opens on Thursday, is expected to attract one of the largest delegations ever. Observers attribute the anticipated crowd to the growing interest in civil rights movements by Negroes in the state and the fact that the NAACP is now drawing more and more youngsters into the organization. The convention will close on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The key to the position the NAACP is expected to take on most of the big issues facing it will probably come in the address to be delivered by its president, Kelly M. Axlender, to delegates on Friday morning.

A tip-off to the mood of the NAACP is believed to be found in the theme of its final public meeting on Sunday afternoon at Charlotte Park Center. The meeting is billed as a "Freedom Now" mass meeting.

In addition the NAACP has officially described the current anti-segregation drive as a civil rights revolution.

Some clues as to the question of how the NAACP will react on the proposed "march" on Raleigh is also expected to come in Alexander's address on Friday. The State NAACP president has remained non-committal about the proposal as far, which was advanced last month by an Edenton civil rights leader Golden Frinks.

Also facing the NAACP is the problem of a counter civil rights drive now underway in the state by several segregationist groups. There have been grow-

ing instances in recent weeks of efforts of segregationist activity.

In Statesville, voters ousted the City Council for approving integration of the city's swimming pool. In Durham, segregationist groups protested the adoption of a resolution by the country and city governing bodies declaring that racial discrimination to be alien to the policies of the governments.

Best guesses were that the NAACP would publicly make only passing notice of these actions, probably in the form of resolutions deploring them. The real answer of the organization to the reaction is expected to come in increased concentration on drives to secure more Negro voters.

Voting is expected to be a particularly important issue for the convention this year in the face of the fact that the state will elect a new governor next spring. Although the NAACP had remained non-partisan and probably will not endorse any candidate, it is expected to place heavy emphasis on voting.

John Edwards, of Durham, voter registration field secretary for the NAACP and Charles McLeon North Carolina field Secretary, will lead one of the work shops at the convention devoted to registration.

Miss Ruby Hurley, Southeast regional director, will address the convention's opening mass meeting on Friday evening. Charlotte Mayor Stanley Brookshire is also expected to appear at this program.

The other mass meeting, scheduled for Sunday afternoon at Charlotte Park Civic Center, will be addressed by Gloucester Current, director of Branches

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CHAPEL HILL HOMECOMING QUEENS — Lincoln high school's homecoming queen and attendants smile prettily following their coronation during halftime ceremonies of the Lincoln high school homecoming game in Chapel Hill

Friday night. Reigning queen is 17 year old senior Mae Frances Eubanks (center). Her attendants are Laura Burnett (left), 16, a junior and Ruby Farrington (right), 17 year old junior. The three lovelies had an extra reason for their hap-

py smiles which they flashed at halftime: their team, Lincoln, held a 32-0 lead over its homecoming opponent, Graham. The Tigers went on to win, 40-0.

Photo by Purdy



AT BEAUTICIANS CLINIC — The women who devote themselves to making others beautiful in the hair dressing and hair styling profession are not themselves without their share of pulchritude, as this picture takes

during a pause at a clinic for beauticians in Durham last week will indicate. The four charmers shown here enjoying coffee during one of the informal moments of the clinic are, left to right,

Mrs. Bessie Hardy, Ahoakie; Mrs. Hattie Porter; Rocky Mound; Mrs. Louise Cox, Addor; and Mrs. Ruth Branch, Murfreesboro.

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