

# SHROUDED PAST TO GOLDEN PRESENT

## Daddy Grace Is Rough On Rivals

By CHARLES KURLAT  
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"It's not my little crowd against your little crowd," Daddy Grace says. "The House of Prayer is for ALL people!"

That goes a long way toward explaining the hypnotic hold the short, big-faced Portuguese prophet exercises over his "children."

He refuses to be drawn into petty arguments with ranting rivals like Bishop S. C. Johnson, who holds forth for a solid hour against Daddy every

### SECOND IN A SERIES

Sunday night on dozens of American radio stations (including WAYS in Charlotte).

Bishop Charles Manuel Grace doesn't bother with a soft answer to turn away this wrath. He just quotes "Isaiah . . ."

"For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people . . . All ye beasts of the field, come to devour . . ."

"Bishop Johnson," Bishop Grace says, with a comfortable, confident smile, "is my mule."

The snobbling movement of Daddy Grace shows every sign of making the famous Father Divine



In House of Prayer for All People, Daddy's Charlotte followers make music.

into a tinhorn relic on America's sawdust trail.

"Father Divine," says Daddy, rolling his "rs," "is an imposter. He says he's God. Do you know what he really is? A lying old fool. I dismiss him." Period.

More conventional preachers don't rate

any better.

"What do you think of Billy Graham?" Daddy Grace was asked last week.

"Who?" Daddy inquired.

"Billy Graham, the evangelist."

"Who's he?" Daddy wanted to know.

He may really not have known. He doesn't

read newspapers or listen to radio and has never watched television, he claims.

"I don't have time," he says. "I'm busy." Despite a local legend that he was born in Gastonia, the evidence seems to back up Daddy Grace's claim of being Portuguese, a native of the Cape Verde Islands.

Some of his followers claim he's the oldest man in the world, and Daddy says nothing to contradict this. He looks about 65.

His past is dim and shrouded. Rumor has it that he was once married, but he denies that.

"The girls don't love me as a lover," he says. "They love me as a Daddy."

He likes hand-painted neckties. He doesn't like "war, smoking, drinking, airplanes or adultery."

### Plenty Of Houses

Daddy Grace has residences in all sections of the country which stand empty until he chooses to visit them.

His money comes in from vast sales of Graces toothpaste, coffee, eggs and hair straightener.

He owns apartment houses in half a dozen cities. The one in New York is the "biggest" the one in Los Angeles the "finest" and the one in Norfolk the "prettiest in America," he declares.

"Grace Village in Norfolk was my own idea," he says. He describes the pastel-painted, ornate building at the corner of Princess Anne Rd. and Virginia Beach Blvd. as "kind of cute, a little bit foreignish."

In New York, his own house is a giant

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"What a friend we have in Daddy."

### Charlotte

By JULIAN SCHNEER

#### Close-Up

Friday frolics—  
Most interesting news story of the week: From the Raleigh News and Observer, "Miss June Fulham, Rex Hospital nurse, and Miss Belva Jean Hodges, who will marry Billy Dozier of Raleigh, shared honors at a luncheon Wednesday . . ."

Santa Burgess (Snooks) Howard, the ex-Charlotte fighter now newspapering in Lenoir, tells me there's a little girl in that city who really looks to the future . . . The mailed her annual letter to Santa Claus, care North Pole, last week and it has been processed by the Lenoir Post Office and is on its way.

Telephone Call: From a local woman who read Wednesday's column on things I'll never understand about women . . . Says there are many more things she'll never understand about men . . . And I oughta ask ladies to drop a card with their most puzzling man-question . . . It's okay with me.

Lover: The moon shone down on the Catawba.  
The boy was shy and the girl murmured: "Dear, you remind me of Don Juan, the great lover."  
"Why?" he asked.  
"For one thing," she said, "he's been dead for years."

Convention: Now that this is convention time, why not dust off the oldest political joke of all time?  
The one about the Southerner who announces he's a "favorite son."  
"That, Sir," says another politician, "is the greatest unfinished sentence in the history of the South."

Who Said: Lots of fathers are working their sons' way through college.

Mail Bag: A friend tells of getting a card this week which said, "If I could get you \$1700 for your car would you trade it for a new 1936 Ford today?"

Thought: Will Esther Williams keep her now-famous "disappearing bathing suit" in the act when her show hits Charlotte? . . . If so, a sellout is assured.

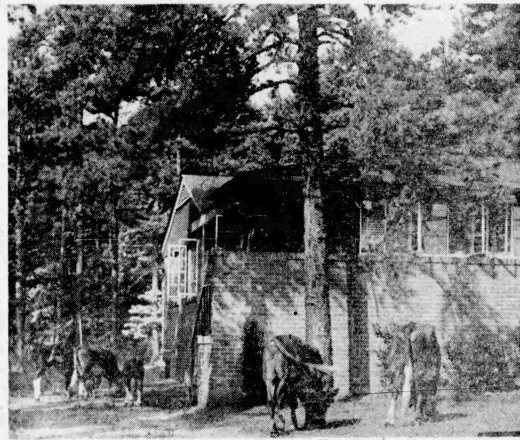
### Case Dropped In Shooting Incident

A weekend card game incident was not prosecuted when it came up in City Recorder's Court today.

Charges of carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon brought against James Jones, 31, 2120 Roslyn Ave., were not pressed.

He had been charged with shooting and slightly wounding Sgt. Badlane, 1949 Peachtree St. Mr. Badlane whose knee was scratched by the bullet, told The News he was on the scene as an innocent bystander. He said he had gone to the address to pick up his automobile, which was being painted, and was watching the card game when the pistol was accidentally discharged.

He said he was not taking part in the game, as was reported in Monday's News.



Grass is greener on other side. But which side are they on?

### Wandering Cows Set Off Dispute On Jurisdiction

A dozen wandering cows, in search of the greener things in life, set off a minor jurisdictional dispute today.

The cows meandered out of their pasture off Wilmont Rd. and started picking out the choicest morsels in lawns along Walton Dr.

As complaining residents lit up the switchboard at City Police Headquarters, two City Police officers were dispatched.

When the policemen arrived, the cows didn't even look up, but went right on chewing, switching from lawns to a varied assortment of bushes alongside houses.

Police shouted and even tried pushing but not a cow moved. Then the police made a discovery.

The cows had a right to absolutely ignore the city policemen, because the cows were not in the city. It seems the city line runs right down the middle of Walton Dr. and the cows were on the county side.

A call was made to County Police Headquarters for officers with the proper catching jurisdiction.

But at the sight of "Mecklenburg County Police" on the other side of the arriving police car, the cows ran off into a patch of woods.

Now the question was, did the cows run into the city or was that patch of woods still in the county?

However, a city survey was not necessary. The owner of the cows appeared and said the cows would be rounded up by his own men.

### I Remember When . . .

By DICK YOUNG  
Stowe Drug Co. got out a cold remedy called "Stoco."

### Traffic Toll

Injured yesterday—8  
Injured this year—611  
Fatalities this year—16



CHARLOTTE ROUNDUP

### Hearing Set In Rape Case

FAYETTEVILLE — A hearing will be held in Cumberland County Recorder's Court Tuesday for John Huber McBryde, 44-year-old Negro charged with attempted rape of a Ft. Bragg WAC.

McBryde was arrested yesterday and charged with assault with intent to criminally attack Pfc. Roste M. Stanberry, 19, Cumberland Police Chief A. Glenn Buchanan said. McBryde was held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

The woman said she and a companion were parked on a motorcycle Tuesday night when three Negroes drove up. She said one man pulled a pistol while another man dragged her into the back of the automobile.

### HOT DAYS, 'COOL' NIGHTS CONTINUE

A persistent sun got back at the browned-off Carolinas today, sending the mercury back to the 90's again.

Weather men predicted 95 today and said tomorrow will be no cooler. But the nights, following the pattern of mid-August, will be cool. A 69-degree low is forecast for morning. Today's low was 68.

As for showers, they are few and far between in the weatherman's eye. But skies should be partly cloudy through tomorrow.

# Petition Proves Failure; 'Death' Stream Will Stay

## THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

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### Presbyterian Will Graduate 51 As Nurses

Fifty-one nurses will graduate today at 8:20 p.m. from the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing.

The graduation will be held at Owens Auditorium. Guest speaker will be Dr. Monroe T. Gilmour of Charlotte, whose topic will be "Thresholds."

J. P. Richardson, hospital superintendent, will preside and he and Miss Anne Pleasant White, director of education, will present the diplomas to the nurses who have completed a three-year course.

Miss Mary Belle May, director of nurses who is retiring at the end of this month, will present the school pins and awards.

New Testaments will be presented to the graduates by Mrs. Carson Duncan, president of the Hospital auxiliary. Invection will be given by the Rev. Bobby Joe Dennis, the Nurses Glee Club will sing with Ernest Johnson as accompanist.

### Yarn Spinners Set For Meet

The Combined Yarn Spinners Association, whose membership largely is concentrated in the Charlotte and Gastonia areas, will hold its 31st annual convention Sept. 27-28 at Virginia Beach, Va.

The announcement was received today from C. C. Dawson of Gastonia, executive secretary.

He said Capital Airlines is co-operating with the association in providing flights between Charlotte and Norfolk.

President of the spinners' organization is Don Maddox of Gastonia, vice president in charge of manufacturing of Textiles Inc.

Guest speakers at the business session the morning of Sept. 28 will be U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. of North Carolina, F. E. Grier of Greenwood, S. C., president of the American Cotton Manufacturers Institute, and Edward Lipscomb of Memphis, Tenn., sales promotion director of the National Cotton Council.

### JACKSON PHONE EXCHANGE SCHEDULED HERE SOON

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. will receive contractors' bids Sept. 6 for construction of the Jackson data office and three structures to comprise the Jackson work center at Charlotte.

The dial office for the new exchange will be located on Pineville Rd. near the intersection of S. Boulevard and Woodlawn. That is a rapidly developing industrial area adjacent to largely unpopulated sections of Charlotte.

The blueprints for these projects include the one story dial center, a two-story office structure of 8,000 square feet of floor area, a small separate building and a parking shed.

J. N. Pease & Co. of Charlotte is the architect-engineer firm for this work.

### More Than 100,000 Shop In Charlotte

Shoppers in Charlotte continued to flood into Queen City stores today at Shop In Charlotte Days moved toward the final day.

This was the second of three days of tremendous bargains and the number of shoppers whirled well past the 100,000 mark for the first two days.

Chief attraction, outside of the bargains and the lifting of the midtown parking ban at peak hours, is the major prize of an all-expense-paid trip to Paris, France, for two.

That, a similar trip to New York City, and ten other prizes of \$25 each, will be announced at the drawing at Independence Square tomorrow at 8 p.m.

An expected 250,000 tickets will be placed in the armored truck which will carry the hopes of thousands to the Square.

On hand for the drawing will be Miss Carolyn Carter of Wadesboro, queen of Charlotte's

counsel Kenneth Tredwell will be master of ceremonies.

The formal drawing for the 12 prizes will be supervised by the steering committee with W. R. Chappell of J. B. Ivey & Co. as chairman. U. S. Marines will escort the armored truck.

While the crowd is watching the drawings, hundreds of free passes to the Imperial and Carolina theaters will be passed out by women who work in the offices of the Charlotte Merchants Association.

Being featured in the three-day sale are special items purchased by merchants to offer the public in this event, also back-to-school items, and a great variety of fall and winter styled merchandise.

The drawing for the prizes is expected to last about 45 minutes to the 3 p.m. starting time.

For the three-day event, Charlotte has been labeled "The Market Place of the Carolinas."

### County Has No Authority For Action

By JIM SCOTTON  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

A small, nameless dammed-up stream that resides off the Beechwood Acres section of the county have been trying to get rid of for over a month is apparently going to stay.

A young toddler drowned in the stream only a few weeks ago.

A representative of the County Drainage Commission told one of the residents, Sam Dover, 4312 Welling Ave., there is nothing the county can do. Mr. Dover was told that the Sisco Corp. has a right to maintain the dam to supply its mill with water for fire protection.

A month ago a representative of the Health Dept. told residents substantially the same thing. He said the only way the waters of the dam could be considered a health hazard is for someone in the neighborhood to get bitten by a mosquito and catch malaria.

It was then that 23 residents petitioned the County Commission to destroy the dam. They said it endangered the lives of their children and gave off an obnoxious odor.

FOUR FEET DEEP  
It was at that meeting the commissioners referred the petition to the County Drainage Commission.

Water at the dam site today was about four feet deep. A small hole in the bottom of the dam kept the water level from rising any higher.

Mr. Dover said the officials of the Sisco Corp. have offered to fence in the dam to keep children away. But neighbors also want a guarantee that the dam site will be kept clean and keep smelling that way.

The dam is actually on the property of J. R. Elders, next-door neighbor of Mr. Dover. But an easement in the lease allows the mill to maintain the dam.

Mr. Elders has had personal troubles with the dam. He fell off it last month and fractured his right arm.



Shop in Charlotte Days Custom ers Try for Free Trip to Paris.