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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

GREATNESS

Greatness lies in individual worth. It is an intrinsic quality that radiates human value and demands respect. It is the goal many strive to reach but the height few ever attain.

From a humble log cabin in the backwoods of Illinois came a man destined to rule a nation. Uneducated, impoverished and crude in the social graces, he rose to become one of the greatest figures the world has known.

Greatness is no respecter of persons or environment. A symbol of courage that defies opposition.

In 1932, when our nation was in a desperate economic state, a man, whose name was to become a world-wide symbol of democracy entered the White House. His record recounted a string of political successes. A Harvard graduate, considerably wealthy in his own right, his sound, basic judgment and keen diplomatic mastery won for him four successive victories as president of these United States — a record unequalled in American history. His years of untiring effort to establish a real democracy will stand through eternity as a monument to his statesmanship.

Greatness is justice, the well-spring of Divine inspiration and the strength of conviction.

A wealthy philanthropist opens her heart and shares with humanity. Her giving is not limited by race or creed — she gives sincerely for the simple, inner joy that comes in beautifying and inspiring the lives of others. She is not great because she is wealthy.

Greatness is understanding, unselfish sacrifice, and unaffected simplicity.

It is the human test of living today to become immortal tomorrow.

The Negro Youth Looks To Tomorrow

The youth of today is realistic. He hates pretense! He knows that conditions are critical, but he refuses to view the world through "rose-colored glasses". His prospective of the future is optimistic.

It's no hidden secret that America's existing way of life isn't as democratic as she pretends. In truth, it would be equally as difficult to find an area in these United States where real democracy is practiced as it has been for the United Nations Organization to find a permanent seat.

However, with all the discrepancies in American democracy, Negro youth believes this topsy-turvy world of today, where hatred, injustice, fear, ignorance and hypocrisy prevail, will eventually become a real democracy.

He believes justice will triumph over wrong. He believes in his own possibility. He believes that lasting peace will come and that decency will again exist. He believes in Willkie's *One World* and Lincoln's "government of the people." He believes in brotherhood that disregards race, creed, and color. Above all, he believes that democracy will cease being a paradox and become a reality.

He knows his belief will not come by waiting, nor will it come in a few short years. But as he works and plans today, he looks to the tomorrow he is certain will come.

Open Letter

BENNETT BANNER

My Dear Miss Pinkard,

I am glad that someone around Greensboro, has the guts to express themselves. As you say, we have a great knack for calling interracial meetings; everyone expresses his or her ideas and as we leave the building, so the ideas we express.

I think churches can be one of the main factors in the elimination of segregation. That fact is said to be true by greater people than you and yours truly, but let's you and I do something about it.

I am from Detroit and was, before entering this undemocratic army, one of the small cogs in a could have been great youth organization, had not its leaders been taken by the Armed Forces.

I expect to be a veteran soon and, I also expect to pick up where I left off. In short Miss Pinkard, this is what you, I and others can do to liberate Greensboro and other places. There are enough educated young people in the city of Greensboro to start a youth organization, that could be sponsored by Bennett or better your local NAACP. When I say youth, I mean young people old enough to think for themselves (17 to 25). Most, if not all of the students of Bennett, A. and T., and Lutheran should fall in that age bracket. I am sure you can get at least a few out of that great number who will be as interested as you and I in seeing themselves help themselves.

If there is already such a youth organization in Greensboro, and I doubt it, then consolidate. You know the purpose of such an organization and I am sure that you can see the good it will do for all.

A weekly meeting, discussion of things that can be and should be done . . . then action. One of the sore spots of Greensboro, that you have noticed is the separate drinking fountain in a 5 and 10 cent store. That, Miss Pinkard, can be removed by an organization of young people . . . if handled in the right way.

Our organization in Detroit, did much to give Michigan a Civil Rights Bill. I might even say that we did the job. We can do a lot to help such an organization in Greensboro, and WILL.

If you are game, we can remove that fountain and let it be your number one deed. I can furnish you with "The Right Way" you furnish the "Organization". This goes for churches too.

Sincerely yours,

PERCY L. MART, 3314
Pfc. Air Corps

News Quiz

1. What is the U. N. O. and where is its headquarters?
2. How many Negroes hold seats in the New Jersey State Assembly?
3. What did 20,000 Manila GI's ask of Congress recently?
4. What war criminal's punishment has been delayed for a while?
5. What Negro physician, noted for his development of blood plasma, was recently elected as vice-president of the American-Soviet Medical Society?
6. Whom did President Truman recently appoint as governor of the Virgin Islands?
7. What chemist won the Nobel prize for his work on the Atomic bomb?
8. Who is the American Ambassador to London?
9. "The Miracle of _____" is the amazing story of what state's successful fight against polio in the summer of '44?
10. Who is the new civilian aide to the Secretary of War?

Readers Retreat..

THE BLACK ROSE

By

Thomas B. Costair

The *Black Rose* is a novel which should provide hours of entertainment for all who read it. Its author, Mr. Costair, has filled it with historical facts and around these facts he has woven romance and intrigue.

The story moves from England after the Crusades to the Orient of Kublai Khan.

The chief character is a young English nobleman who fights his way into the heart of the fabulous Mongol Empire and returns to his native England to find himself a wealthy hero.

While in the East he falls in love and upon his return to England, he is confronted with the choice of an English heiress or the girl from the East.

The novel is full of breathless action but it is essentially a warm love story. The characters are so real and moving that when one emerges from the reading of the book, he feels as if he has actually lived in the Middle Ages, for many hours.

Reminiscing

By NANCY McDOWELL

While standing on the platform watching train after train pull out without us, I was struck by the thought that there is a dreadful finality that trains possess. Have you ever listened to the conductor's authoritative "BOARD!" Have you ever noticed the clanging metallic sound of steps to a coach being closed down not to be opened for many miles? And have you ever watched the slow, but determined, acceleration of the long steel irrefragable-wonder at it leaves you helplessly behind? Yes, there is a grim finality to train departures as we who waited that long cold night and day know only too well.

Then there was the ironic incident of our lucky and much envied Bennett Sister who possessed the rare reservation on the "Southerner" for that night. Although the "Southerner" was eleven hours late — she was assured of a seat when once it arrived. So we sadly bade her goodbye as she pulled out smug and comfortably established — leaving us cold and tired to wait two and a half hours more for our disreputable looking coach. But imagine our amused surprise upon arriving in Washington's Union Station — the first person we saw was our envied friend! — the Southerner had gone only as far as Washington and had dumped all its passengers there. We all boarded the next train North and fittingly enough she could not get a seat.

Vesper Quotes

"The everyday crisis of the decision to either change the world we touch or be changed by it involves momentous decisions. Many diseases may afflict the individual and render him incapable of resisting evil. These may create a "leprosy of compromise" and a "paralysis of resignation" prevalent in religion, business and politics.

Dr. William Stuart Nelson,
Dean of the School of Religion
Howard University

"An intellectual and imaginative approach to religious experiences are good, but emotion and love are essential if one is to have great religious experiences."

Mrs. Ernestine C. Millner,
Director of Personnel
Guilford College

ALUMNAE DOINGS

Greetings! Salutations!

Vashti Warren '44 is now on the staff of Bennett College. She recently received her Ph. M. degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Margaret Hunter '44 is director of Home Economics at the Delinquent School for Girls in Rocky Mount. Elaine Smothers '45 is Assistant Recreation Director at the Howard Playground in Washington, D. C. Jackie Thomas '45 is teaching Home Economics in St. Helena Islands, S. C. Irene Powell '45 is holding a prominent position in the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C.

Quite a few alumnae got married over the holidays. They were: Johnetta Holloway to Mr. Reginald C. George of Whiteville, N. C.; Venus Houston '38 to Mr. Clifford Hooper; Dorothy Forte '45 to Mr. Leo Samuel Kimbrough; Maxine Davis to Pfc. Daniel Weatherford and Chattie Price (one of the members of the original Bennett Quartet) to Mr. Roy C. Boston.

The following Bennettites visited the campus during the Holiday season: Carolyn Robertson, Irene Powell, Alease Nesbitt, Edwina Martin, Goldwyn Foster, and Cleo Millner.

Carol Frippe is taking Nurse Training at Meharry Medical College; Georgia Brooks is studying at Temple University and Ruth Mayson at the Library School in Durham, N. C.

Now for those Bennett "Rockers to Sleepers": Gwendolyn Hogans, Ruth Wilson, and Sarah Scott Wiley.

Faculty Close-Ups

Dr. Beate Berwin:

When the reign of Hitler was at its most terrifying height and people began to flee from the country, one woman, among many, made a desperate flight across the ocean to reach these shores. After many months of uncertainty, hardships, and deep-rooted fear, she secured passage to America, arriving here in the spring of 1941. She is one of the most interesting personalities on our campus — her name, Dr. Beate Berwin.

Until the summer of 1942, Dr. Berwin worked as a translator of languages for a professor at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Then she journeyed to Greensboro to reside with a distant relative who teaches at Guilford College. It was at this time that she joined the faculty staff of our college.

Dr. Berwin received all of her formal education in her native land, and her doctorate degree from the University of Heidelberg, in Heidelberg, Germany. She has an excellent command of five languages — English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian; has unusual knowledge of the world's great art; and plays the piano exceptionally well. Although very much surprised at the amount of emphasis placed upon music here, she was quite pleased because she considers music of great importance in the influence and molding of character.

Held very highly in the estimation of the students, because of the vital part she has come to play in the life and growth of our campus, she says, "I enjoy teaching at Bennett very much, especially when I can see the fruitfulness of my teaching through the students' application of it daily."

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