

EDITORIALS

NEW YORK'S FEPC BILL

One of the chief arguments advanced by the opponents of the Ives Bill now before the legislature of the state of New York is that prejudice cannot be legislated out of existence.

The answer to the objection cannot be eliminated by law is, "True, but open and public discrimination can be." There are certain practices which continue because of the prejudices of only a few persons.

There are discriminations in employment which are based solely on the inertia of custom. The slight prodding of a law would eliminate them.

A state FEPC law would in itself be educational. The people of the state would have gone on record as opposed to discrimination against minority groups in employment.

It would be tragic if the legislature of liberal and cosmopolitan New York should fail to pass the bill. The Federal measure to establish a permanent FEPC would have little chance of passage, and the enemies of the federal bill would have a powerful argument.

They could point out that such a bill was unacceptable to the allegedly progressive and relatively unprejudiced state of New York.

In spite of the resistance offered by some labor unions, some employers, many demagogues and others to the present federal FEPC, there is no doubt as to the great benefits that have resulted from it.

THEY'LL TRY ANYTHING

The "Unholy Alliance" in Congress succeeded only in clipping the wings of Henry Wallace; but it seems that it has killed Aubrey Williams' chances to get the office of Rural Electrification Administrator.

In the hearings all kinds of charges were brought out against Williams, former head of the National Youth Administration.

It is understood that Mr. Williams is a Christian and an active member of the Unitarian Church, to which President Taft belonged.

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of Jesus. But all these considerations aside, is not an inquiry into the religious beliefs of candidate for office in the United States Government unconstitutional? Is not such an inquiry contrary to the written law of land, not to mention the spirit of our traditions? Article VI of the Constitution clearly states, "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

ASSEMBLY NOT READY

Among the large number of interested citizens of all races there is genuine disappointment over the failure of the General Assembly to enact a hospital and medical care bill more in line with the recommendations of the Commission appointed by ex-Governor Broughton.

Governor Cherry's financial conservatism, which may be on the side of wisdom, was doubtless an important factor in the legislature's action. The people of North Carolina knew when they elected him that his fiscal views were definitely on the cautious side.

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It is to be hoped and expected that the new superintendent will be of a different type. Those who must work under him should have some suggestions which would be helpful to the Board in selecting Mr. Lineberry's successor.

THERE ARE OTHER LAWS

Not long ago in Edenton a Negro was fined \$50 for violating the jim-crow law in refusing to move his seat on a bus. Whatever may be said about the necessity of the laws requiring separation of the races in travel, and however punishment for the violation of such laws is justified or condemned, certainly there are two strange things which may be noted.

PARTIAL VICTORY

The forces of liberalism, and the "common man" throughout the United States will in general rejoice over the final confirmation of Henry Wallace. The victory of the liberal forces is not a complete one; the lending powers associated with the office of Secretary of Commerce while Jesse

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Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

Without in the least minimizing the credit due the William and Mary editor, her views and her stand, it is only honest that we must face certain facts in connection with the now celebrated case. Those facts have to do with the matter of freedom of the press in colleges and schools.

Lest We Forget. By W. L. GREENE. The unorthodox will become more and more necessary in many matters of public policy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams. Subject: The Cost of Discipleship. — Matthew 19:16-26. Key Verse: If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

DO YOU AGREE? BY J. FRANCIS PRICE. Two significant deductions may be drawn from a recent news story saying that women elevator operators, maids, and janitors at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., have been directed to eat their meals in a lavatory at the institution in which a long table has been placed for use as a dinner table.

The news story, which appeared in last week's Washington Tribune, goes on to say that the tables have been so arranged in the lavatory as to make it necessary for those who would go there for the original purpose of the room to wait until the diners have finished their meal. This is said to be happening at a medical center, where the very first concern is supposed to be that of health.

One of the workers says the thirty-four Negro Waves who have been assigned to the center do not have to face the discrimination. "Only those of us who are maids, elevator operators, janitors, and the like are subjected to eating in the toilet and other discriminatory practices. We are treated like so many cattle."

As a result of this statement the second point is obvious. Whereas a very precious few of us are permitted some of the privileges of living like men and women, the rest of us are treated in many instances like cattle. It seems that this token handout has the purpose of pacifying the rest of us.

It would be a good thing for all of us to remember that we are all the hodgepodge, the elevator operators, janitors and maids although we call ourselves doctors, lawyers, preachers, and teachers. The ills that beset our brothers will either touch us directly or indirectly by harming the only persons off of whom the professionals earn their living.

The situation suggests that in order to remove the evils which run rampant or those which touch only our brothers we need not sit idly by and say that we shall not seek actively to get for all of us better sewerage, better transportation, or better hospitalization since we do not live on those streets, since we have an automobile and do not have to ride on these dirty train cars, or since we can send members of our families to hospitals in the North.

EDITORIAL SHORTS

- Isolation, if good for a nation, ought to be good for individuals. Try it some time and find out.
Americanism: Quitting study as soon as one gets a diploma.
Meat will be scarce this summer, reads headline. Why this summer?
Almost any business man can tell you why business should not pay taxes.
It takes only average ability to make money in 1945 but watch out for 1950.
Now is the time to show your patriotism by doing something for your country.
Our own idea is that the Chinese are the soldiers to oust the Japs from Asia.
No plan to promote a business is worth anything until it is into execution.
The war costs money everyday; consequently, you can buy War Bonds every day.
A dangerous mixture is composed of one-part fact, one-part imagination and one-part suspicion.
MacArthur may not be the best general that the war has produced but he gets the most publicity.
The amazing revelation of modern publicity is how little knowledge it requires to become an expert.
A man may become sick because he thinks he is sick but we doubt if anybody can think-off a broken leg.
Giving advice is a habit with human beings but, fortunately, ignoring the advice is likewise ingrained.
We have always found it very hard to understand why human beings go to sleep on railroad tracks.
Women may make up a very important part of this nation, but it is interesting to observe that "pa" is in the midst of taxpayers.
One of the noblest exhibitions of our civilization is what can be called an honest business man.
Giving to and working for Christ story challenges people of all races and His Kingdom is not salvation, and nations to prove their earnestness. Salvation on the other hand consists, sincerity and loyalty by strains one to give and work. This live and self sacrificing service