

# EDITORIALS

## CONGRATULATIONS REALLY IN ORDER

The CAROLINIAN is pleased to comment in a laudatory way on the achievement of the Ph.D. degree by a young North Carolinian. He is more than 19 years old, however. He is 27. But his degrees are authentic. Moreover he is minus a hand, lost in the war. The fact that he served his country during the war means that his achieving of the doctorate at 27 is no mean accomplishment.

After the hoax recently perpetrated by another young man it is good to uncover so soon an authentic doctor of philosophy, the product of a small town North Carolina elementary and high school, and a graduate of A. and T., the same college of which the spurious young claimant to high scholastic attainment is a graduate. A. and T. College and Mount Olive, as well as North Carolina as a whole, can justly take pride in Marion George, Jr., while trying to forget the hoax foisted on innocent people eager to recognize attainment, by another North Carolinian.

While thinking of 19-year-old Ph.D.'s it is interesting to note that though the recent claimant to such academic honors at that age was fibbing, there is an authentic case of a Negro receiving the degree at that age in recent years. J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., a few years ago earned his doctor of philosophy degree at the University of Chicago at 19.

Congratulations are due also to a Raleigh product, Dean James A. Boyer of St. Augustine's college, who was recently awarded the doctorate at the University of Michigan, after a period of graduate study interrupted by several years of service in the U. S. Navy.

### JUDGE HAS TOUGH JOB

A Raleigh youth, already on probation for a previous offense connected with an automobile, was recently placed on probation after arrest for speeding down a street full of school children. He admitted the speeding charge, and also that he did not possess a driver's license. Yet he was given a suspended road sentence on payment of a fine and costs and put on good behavior.

Police court judges have a hard job. They must hear many cases daily. They must make decisions as to the disposition of each case, and the range of punishments open to them is limited, especially for "minor" offenses. There is not much play for ingenuity or imagination, even if judges were inclined to use such, and most them, following precedent and staying within the grooves of law and custom, are not.

But the misuse of probation, a worthy and sensible disposition in many cases, has tended to bring it under criticism. Certainly, in the absence of additional information, this was one case in which probation was not indicated. The young man seems to be highly irresponsible, and he had broken his previous probation. Whether or not he would have been made more responsible by a road term, NOT suspended, is admittedly open to question, but the chances are that he was not helped, and the protection of the public was not advanced, by adding another suspended sentence to the one he was already under.

But, as we said, judges have a hard job, and writers of editorials like this have a much easier one.

### CHIVALRY IN REVERSE

The punishment imposed on the young Gastonia white man who assaulted a Negro woman hotel elevator operator to the extent that she was hospitalized for two weeks was very mild, considering the nature of his offense. But the CAROLINIAN is glad that there was no question of his acquittal. Of course the

woman, who never should have been charged with assault, was properly acquitted.

The young people attending the ball for the debutantes were doubtless on the whole well-behaved, but there were among them — and many of these seem to have lodged at or found their way to the Sir Walter Hotel — some whose pranks and worse exceeded anything that might be explained by ordinary youthful exuberance, or even irresponsibility. Among these was the youth who shamed southern chivalry and even ordinary manhood and decency by violently assaulting a female. He added further insult to injury by bringing or allowing countercharges of assault to be brought against his victim.

His punishment was extremely light, considering the circumstances, but there are places in this country in which he would have been excused and acquitted and possibly even justified and honored, in the name of white supremacy. It is good at least to know that Raleigh and Raleigh's courts are better than that.

Certainly there is ample basis for civil action on behalf of Mrs. May Hunt, and we hope that she will bring it. The newspaper stories of the episode do not indicate that the defendant offered to pay the hospital bill of the injured woman, or that the court ordered him to do so. He might have salvaged some little respect for himself had he plead guilty, withdrawn his charges of assault against the defendant, and offered some restitution for the tangible costs of her treatment and loss of time, not to mention her humiliation. In the absence of these actions on a voluntary basis, civil proceedings are definitely in order.

### ON AN OBJECTIVE BASIS

The appointment by Senator Frank Graham of a Negro youth, Leroy Jones, of Kinston, as an alternate candidate to West Point Military Academy, is an excellent and praiseworthy move. The detractors of Senator Graham, who are fairly numerous and powerful, may try to make capital out of his act, but they will be seriously handicapped by the fact that Jones won the alternative appointment in open competition, and that Senator Graham named him on the basis of his standing in the tests, having no previous idea of appointing a Negro as such.

Senator Graham deserves credit, however, for adhering to the objective outcome of the competition as he did, and going on to make the precedent-smashing designation, knowing the unfavorable reaction it would create in certain quarters. It was typical of Dr. Graham. There is no one in public life today who more consistently does the thing that is right because it is the right thing.

A word of congratulation goes from the CAROLINIAN also to the young alternate designate, who is in Raleigh attending St. Augustine's College. He should be congratulated in the first place on his initiative in entering the competition for the appointment, and secondly for his high standing in the examination results. He has added to the large and growing body of evidence that, given equal opportunity, the Negro can measure up to the highest standards.

### MAKE DISHONESTY HURT

A dairyman was recently fined \$200 for watering milk to be sold to consumers. This kind of punishment, far too commonly meted out to those who violate laws for the protection of consumers, is often a travesty. If the dairyman had been following the milk watering practice for any length of time, providing his volume of business was sufficiently large he may well have collected a great deal more than the amount of his fine by selling water at milk prices.

The Raleigh Times suggests that a more appropriate penalty for the dishonest milk dealer would have been to deprive him of the privilege of selling milk, for a time, or even permanently, if the circumstances warranted it. Certainly contributing to the state or municipality part of the profits from dishonest practices is not a sufficient penalty or deterrent.



"GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUNGERED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE, THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE. SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOST TO ME, I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN GATE!"

"A Civil Rights Law Will Give These Words A Meaning"



## Second Thoughts

BY C. D. HALLIBURTON

There appeared not long ago on the editorial page of the Raleigh News and Observer an article written by one Henry Cheng Heing Pan, a Chinese student at State College, Raleigh, entitled, "A Foreigner Views the Race Problem."

This 800-word article was not another scholarly treatise, like that great work by another foreigner, Myrdal's "American Dilemma." One can deduce by reading the article that the young Chinese is simply a student, probably more observant and thoughtful and earnest than the average student, but naive and unsophisticated as are so many students. What he brings to his discussion of the race problem is his own view of it in Raleigh is interesting and valuable just because he is not a professional student of the problem, because he is unsophisticated and earnest and has not lost the idealism of youth, and because the whole thing is new and fresh to him. Because of these things we can view the situation with him from his vantage point — the point of view of an intelligent young adult faced for the first time with a set of conditions entirely new to him and yet not affecting him personally and directly at all.

The Chinese student's mastery of English is incomplete, as is his mastery of the historical background of the racial problem in the United States, and some of his observations are superficial. The first is of no great consequence, and adds fluency to the article; the others have their advantages as well as their disadvantages. They permit the young man to go straight to the heart of the situation unhampered by the rationalization of those who have come to accept in varying degrees those things which they have always found to exist and to which they have become in varying degrees accustomed.

We quote a passage from the article:

"When I just came to Raleigh about five months ago I had a

strange feeling. It was and still is that the Negroes are not allowed to sit at the front part of the bus. Sometimes the seats at the back are very much crowded while those at the front are not. But they dare not come and sit at the front. Why? The first American that I met when I landed in San Francisco's airport was a young sergeant. He was very friendly and talkative. He told me many things that I was really interested in and felt delighted to know. But, when I came to Raleigh I have had that strange feeling. Still other examples, the colored are not allowed to attend the show in the same theaters with the whites, they are not allowed to study in the same school, and even they are not allowed to attend the Sunday chapel service in the same church. Especially the latter is against the spirit of Christians and the will of God. It is said in the Bible that thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than this. But the white and the colored have their own different churches. Why? In order to achieve a really great nation with real freedom, these laws or limitations should be abolished."

Mr. Henry Cheng Heing Pan will be told by many that there is a lot he doesn't understand, that the problem of black-white relations in the United States and in the South is exceedingly difficult and complex, that he has a lot to learn about its original background and ramifications. But none of this will really answer the questions of the young man of a different race and an alien nation, who is studying at State College, an institution closed to all Negro citizens of North Carolina and the United States. His "why's" will still stare us in the face. Has he taken too seriously the instructions he has hitherto received about American Democracy and the Christian religion? Or do we who have grown up within the system take them too lightly?

## The Road To Health

By W. Roderick Brown, M. D., Of Pittsburgh, Pa. for ANP DIET AND TE

Jim Raymond looked relieved when I told him following his physical examination and chest X-ray, that his pains meant indigestion. I was certain that the correction of some eating habit that was not agreeing with him would relieve his discomfort. But for some reason, Jim seemed to hold back when I questioned him about his diet.

Finally he told me that he had been "downing" three or four raw eggs a day for the past few weeks and had taken very little food outside of that. In amazement, I asked him why.

"Well doctor," Jim looked at the floor as he answered me. "My grandmother died of tuberculosis and I've always been afraid to inherit it. When I got a bad cough recently that had me really scared I once heard that raw eggs cured TB, so I started taking them in case I was getting the disease."

Jim had good reason to avoid my eyes. Despite our friendship he still didn't believe in

Jim against his bad habit of "prescribing" for himself when he felt ill, and neglecting physical examinations. But I felt now that he was embarrassed because he was beginning to suspect he was at fault.

"You were wrong on several counts, Jim," I told him. "First of all, no one inherits tuberculosis. The disease is caused by a germ which is spread from person to person. Of course if you had been in close contact with your grandmother at any time, you may have taken in some of her tuberculosis germs. Fortunately, the tests I gave you and your chest X-ray show that you do not have tuberculosis."

"In the second place, Jim, if you had a cough that worried you, you should have come to me immediately. By delaying your visit you might have let some serious illness get the better of you. Your third mistake was your raw-egg diet. No single food item gives a person all the nourishment needed by the human body and it certainly

## SENTENCE SERMONS

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY FOR ANP

To walk with God, one can't be slipshod, to make a complete journey and all doubts dispel, one must have his feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel.

To walk with God one has to stay out of mud, but must never neglect to keep under Christ's blood.

Walking with God is keeping step with Him — one can't lean sideways and walk straight and trim.

When we keep one ear open to Satan and the other impaired with static turned toward God, the feeling will become weary because they are not properly shod.

To walk with God and not grow weary, the soul must be cushioned with heavenly Grace and not depend on mere theory.

There will be traps and obstructions that enemies will set, but when the feet are well shod, only the enemies later will have cause to regret.

And not only are these golden slippers for such travelers laid out on high, but endurable shoes prepared down here that will mount them to the sky.

All one needs is a faith that will not shrink when things don't look so pink, but who knows how to follow his God in the paths other saints have trod.

The three Hebrew children walked around in the fiery furnace with perfect ease, because there they walked with God, and Him they tried to please.

Real Christians need never have any fear, since God is their safety-heel and parent Maker and by His children are ever near.

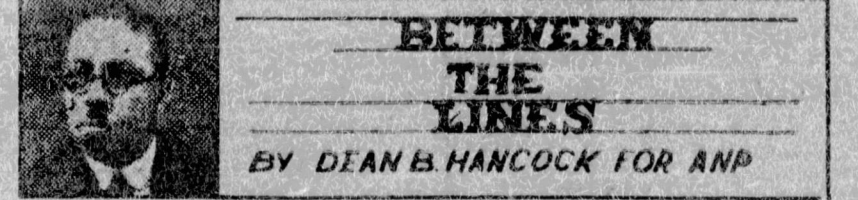
God cares little about smooth talk. He cares most about the wear and tear of the Gospel shoes a man or woman wears and how carefully they try to walk.

Shoes of high quality earthly material are comfortable and nice to look upon, but such won't hasten man's step toward God; the soul of man to Him must come.

Jim seemed so uncomfortable about the law eggs that I tried to make him feel easier by telling him there were others who had strange notions about tuberculosis, including the "cure" with raw eggs or with other foods. I explained that while raw eggs were certainly not harmful, they were satisfying his appetite without "leaving room" for other kinds of foods that were also necessary to sound health.

I told him that if he did contract tuberculosis, the best and only way to fight it was with rest under medical supervision in a sanatorium. There under professional medical care and a routine designed to help him regain his health, he would have the best chance of cure.

Before Jim left, I wrote him out a diet of nourishing foods in the right proportion. When I met him the following week his indigestion had cleared up. Although his illness had not been too serious, he had taken a chance in falling to check on what he thought might be a serious disease like tuberculosis.



## BETWEEN THE LINES

BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

### WHITE SUPREMACY IN REVERSE

The news that Russia has the atomic bomb need not occasion great surprise. Even casual students of human affairs could not discount the way the Russians have been "talking back" to the western powers.

A defenseless nation would not evince such doggedness as Russia has evinced without knowing how to protect itself, in case war ensued. Instead of our frenzy of jitters, it is quite probable that Russia's possession of the atom bomb will contribute to the peace of the world.

In fact, the peace of the world may be appreciably nearer, since the atomic monopoly in which white supremacists trusted so implicitly is ended. When a man's opponent is armed in kind, there is less chance of a fight to a finish. Nobody in a given situation will easily resort to deadly means if the opponent also has those same means.

And herein lies the hope of the world; and what a futile hope it is, depending upon the caprice of human nature which is inherently capricious. Down through the ages nations have dared in the face of such facts as herein related, to attack other nations and history is replete with their rude awakening and their utter destruction.

The tragic mistake was made when atomic fury was "practiced" against hapless Nagasaki and Hiroshima. This was the tragedy of tragedies. Here we are today suggesting an atomic race which gets nobody anywhere except to national bankruptcy or swift destruction. Here we are shaken with jitters all because we first practiced human destruction with the atom bomb.

This is a shame and a stain that can never be erased from the pages of history. Moreover, the fact that the bomb was tried out on a darker people has double significance. If the bomb was to be pressed into service instead of the Germans, who were in the midst of slaughtering millions of lackey Jews? Why was the bomb not dropped on the Germans who were repressing in engulfing the nations in world wars?

In the first place the bomb should never have been turned to human destruction, unless it had been turned upon the world's most dangerous nation, which most certainly was Germany the most ruthless and dia-

bolical of all the nations of history. The sordid fact remains that the pouring out of the vial of wrath upon Japan was a part of the white supremacy picture. Even in meeting out destruction upon mankind whites were to be "preferred." But to all intents and purposes the atomic bomb as an instrument of human destruction for the eternalization of white supremacy is working in reverse and herein lies the hope of mankind, sad as it seems.

Unless brotherhood reigns the atomic destruction of mankind is a certainty. It all harks back to the teachings of Jesus Christ which formed the basis of the quotation from the address I made before the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta in 1939 when I observed "Men must be brotherized or they will be brutalized."

No mechanism of white supremacists can make void the truth implied in the brotherhood teachings of the Son of God. In the final analysis it is white supremacy or Christ-Fortunate! The so-called white nations are divided among themselves. This was divinely decreed even as was the confusion of tongues of Babel and human salvation resides in the brotherization of mankind, which white supremacy seeks to evade and avoid.

It is hardly probable that the two titans among the nations will be so heedless and so rash as to involve the world in a warfare that easily may mean the extermination of mankind from the face of the earth. Yet the deep-seated race prejudice of the Twentieth Century world poses a serious threat even a super-threat to the peace of the world, with its long envisioned brotherhood among the sons of men.

It is fervently to be hoped that the leaders among the nations will take stock of the deadly implications inherent in the expressed or implied doctrine of white supremacy. Neither must the peoples of the earth be blinded to the underlying fact of the dangerous international scene. The real trouble that complicates world issues is white supremacy whose advocates are committed to the hellish and damnable doctrine that the end justifies the means. Such doctrine invites atomic warfare and human destruction to the uttermost. The Western bloc is white, the Russians are white. When white threatens white, white Christ and Peace have a chance.

## IN THIS OUR DAY

BY C. A. CHICK, SR. DEVELOPING "BACKWARD LANDS"

The United States government, under the wise leadership of President Truman, is advocating a plan whereby the "backward peoples" of the world may be aided in industrial, commercial, and intellectual development.

Such a plan, if carried out, it is argued, will enable the so-called backward peoples to buy more goods and by the same token, to sell more goods to the rest of the world.

Therefore, the world in general will receive as much benefit from the plan as the backward areas.

In other words, the plan is simply an economic investment. Under Secretary of State Webb, in a recent statement to the House foreign affairs Committee urging the adoption of President Truman's "point four"

tuberculosis still kills close to 50,000 Americans each year. The toll would not be so high if more people learned the facts about tuberculosis and used them intelligently toward the protection of their health and their lives. Sound information on the disease can be obtained at the local health department and from your tuberculosis association.

THIS TALENTED MUSICIAN WHO BUT FOR THE PRANKS OF FATE, MIGHT WELL HAVE BECOME AN IMMORTAL VIOLINIST WAS BORN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HE STUDIED AT OBERLIN COLLEGE AND IN BERLIN WITH THE GREAT VIOLIN MASTER JOACHIM.

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