

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

Our Banking Institution

It has been our good pleasure to watch the growth and development of the MECHANICS & FARMERS BANK for almost sixteen years and to say that its growth is phenomenal is putting it mildly. We hasten to say that its growth has been steady and, above all, on strict business principles.

We are pleased to join with the many Raleigh citizens who will attend its "Open House" on Thursday night. We go further and say that every person, regardless to race, creed or color, who wants to be identified with the onward march of America should avail himself of the opportunity to see this modern banking institution. The building in itself is a monument to good business principles. It not only gives one an opportunity to do business in a beautifully designed, well laid out building, but the personnel of the bank is made up of trained, courteous people, whose only desire is to serve with dignity and honor.

They have long since consecrated themselves to a life of service and their every effort is geared toward that goal. We do not mean to imply that they are there to be insulted because they are public servants. We do not mean to imply that they are there to play and pass away the time of day. They are there to serve those of us who need banking service. They are there to counsel you on your business affairs and to protect the money of the depositors. They must also comply with the banking laws of North Carolina and the Federal government.

This brings us around to one thing that we feel should be stressed more and more each day. The officials of the bank found out early this year that the facilities that were offered were not in keeping with their high policy of banking and they set out to improve them. Most agree that they have improved them.

This new building will enable them to improve on their service. It means that they can serve you more promptly and more efficiently. This means that you will be treated courteously as you have in the past. It also means that you should strive to show the same spirit that they show. You should strive to be more tolerant, more business like and above all, more polite.

We have to admit that a bank has but one way to make money. It has only one item to sell and that is money. Those of us who have need of that money must also bear in mind that the money belongs to the depositors and when we have cause to use it, we should be prompt in paying it back. A bank obligation is just as big an obligation as food, rent, recreation and clothing. This new and modern bank was built to serve Raleigh and community. Let us all treat it that way. Feel free to go into the bank and when you have need of its services, don't hesitate to use it. It does not matter whether your business is large or small, the personnel will give you the same courteous attention.

There is one other point that argues well. Mechanics and Farmers Bank is an institution that was founded and built by people of color. It has withstood the greatest depression that the world has ever known. It has thrived amid obstacles and hindrances. It has grown in spite of criticism and sad indictment. Today the Mechanics & Farmers Bank of Raleigh is a living symbol of racial solidarity. The people of Raleigh, of both races, should be proud of it. Let us show our appreciation by attending the grand opening on Thursday night and let us help to continue its growth by doing business with it in a business-like manner.

Is There A Solution?

The recent rioting in Chicago and the not too recent killing of two Negro youths there, coupled with sporadic racial uprisings in other northern and western areas of this country, poses a serious and challenging question. The Negro's position in the south from the beginning of slavery up to the present has always been relatively plain. During the period of total slavery he was a chattel, property that was openly bought and sold. Since his physical emancipation, the Negro in the south has been subjected to domination.

The rules of relationship between the two races in the south are not rules governing or granting an even give and take relationship. They are a code, a way of life, by which the southern whites completely dominate the black man. The lines of separation are clearly marked, the boundaries are unmistakable. Through and by the "Master Race" theory of superiority, the southern white man has strengthened his domination by intimidation, threats, reprisals, economic control, illegal and repressive governmental restraints and by all other ways and means conceivable. Under such circumstances, there are no race riots in the south.

It would be both foolhardy and futile for the southern Negro to attempt to display the resentment he must and does feel. He has not accepted his lot, his reluctant acquiescence to the impositions imposed upon him constitutes a marvelous lesson in mental expediency. The southern Negro has ever kept his eyes on Washington, the Constitution and Almighty God, hoping and praying for eventual relief. The latest racial conflict in Chicago occurred during the heat of the Senate debate on Civil Rights. As would be expected the Southern enemies of this proposed legislation exploited it in every possible way. Said Sen. Russell of Georgia, one of the bill's staunch foes "We are determined not to have race riots in Georgia." He then advised the rest of the country to adopt the Southern pattern of segregation and thereby, according to him, avoid future racial conflicts.

Turning from the South and the status of the Negro there we find a superficial acceptance of the black man. The modus operandi is different not necessarily because of bitter feeling for the Negro but possibly because of less contact. For a long time, Negroes in the North and West were few in numbers and there were no clearly defined rules governing their conduct and actions. There was, and for that matter, there are still some areas in the North and West that are strictly "off bounds" as far as the Negro is concerned. Tolerance and understanding were unused qualities because conditions and circumstances did not call for their use. However, since the "great migration" began, a North and Westward movement of Negroes around 1920, it has been estimated that over a fourth of Americans has left the farms and rundown shacks of the South to look for better things in the industrial cities north and west of them.

Fresh out of the South from a land of bondage, repressive limitations and denials, these newly "emancipated" people, naturally carried all of their untrained ideas, their inhibitions, superstitions. It has to be admitted

that their way of life was different and in many ways, strange to the people they had moved among. Adjustment had to be made and made rapidly. Their needed and hurried adjustments had to be made under competition for employment, for homes and for recognition as human beings. American citizens if you please, with all the privileges and responsibilities that these imply.

That adjustments based on mutual understanding and respect have been worked out by and for these Negro migrants, worked out to such a degree that racial clashes in those regions make national headlines, is a tribute to the Christian spirit of tolerance that has been displayed by God-fearing men and women of both races.

It is an accepted fact that racial clashes in the regions above the Mason and Dixon line are the exception rather than the rule. It is no more than to be expected that so much rubbing together of elbows in large industrial plants, in factories on playgrounds and in housing areas will naturally, generate heat. If this heat occasionally bursts into flames it should not surprise anyone nor cause the Southerners to point their biased fingers. That adjustments can be and have been worked out on such a large scale is what really matters. This is what should be pointed out to all who say it cannot be done. This accomplishment deserves and should receive the fullest possible publicity.

Replying to Sen. Russell's boastful and thoughtless statement, Sens. Porter and McNamara of Michigan and Sen. Douglass of Illinois, two Western States that have absorbed a large per cent of the Southern Negro migration, admitted freely that their states have and are having racial problems. They told Sen. Russell that they do not seek to conceal these upheavals, but they are constantly seeking to understand them.

There is a solution to the problems of race in America. Those in the South who attempt to justify their mishandling of this problem of human relationship by pointing out the fact that other sections of the country have racial disorders, prove that they are satisfied with things as they are and that they intend to perpetuate their domination just as long as possible. The fact that adjustments based on mutual desires to cooperate not only for individual good but for the benefit of society, have been satisfactorily achieved in so many areas of this land of ours that those who say these things are impossible, say so in order to satisfy their own selfish desires.

There is no intention here to minimize the great need for more understanding, more tolerance more goodwill and more love between all races in all parts of this country. Complete and full adaptations and accommodations have not come they may not come soon or easily. But the thing for all of us to remember is that they are coming. They are even coming in the South, all the Russells, Ervins, Eastlands et al, cannot stop the inevitable triumph of good, God-fearing men of goodwill, regardless of race, can hasten that day by realizing that they are their brother's keepers and by steadfastly seeking to find good for themselves by serving their brother's needs.

"Forced Segregation Permits Hate To Triumph"



SENTENCE SERMONS

What Christianity Is Not
1. As to an understanding of some things, some persons are not at all clear, and this results in mixed thoughts, timidity, misgivings and fear.
2. Some individuals know what a thing is not, but do not tell what it is—it becomes to them a hidden mystery peculiarly suited for debate and quiz.
3. It is said of Plato that he professed not to know what God was, but claimed to know what He was not, and by this same token, man's present day thinking no doubt is responsible for his ever changing make-believe Christian Front.
4. The World is taking on many fronts, but sad if so-called Christians fall in line with such stunts; once I entered what I took to be a Drug Store—from its window dressing it was that... and if you please, something more, for when the clerk showed embarrassment to give its rightful name, anyone could suspect it was established for ill-gain.
5. It had a front, but no established principle... doing a business under cover, but not to help an individual, taking on a catch-assemblyman manner, and often leaving helpful customers under strain and distress.
6. This, and similar practices have reached an all-time high... often over Governmental bodies we have to sigh, where once we looked for honor, but now find a host of rowdies pulling cross-wise for power, and filibustering for political gain even if our Constitution is brought into ill-fame.
7. What a travesty that our Constitution has been allowed to sag to the point of reflecting dishonor to our Flag, and the unalienable protection once earmarked for all American citizens alike is blacked by misrepresentation when certain groups want to strike.
8. But saddest of all, the churches are taking on false fronts... telling Christ to keep quiet while they pull off their stunts—anything from BINGO to giving out NUMBERS... money—making schemes sprouting faster than cucumbers: bids for readings and healings a dollar up, but not down, for any quillible creature anywhere to be found.
9. The Wall Street Journal (July 17, 1957) known to state cold facts relates that lawyers urge an end to the preferential treatment of Churches with reference to exemption of Tax; I quote, "Lawyers note that legitimate religious groups are uneasy over the growth of unrelated business activities of some church groups. A religious organization in Nevada, for example, is reported to own a hotel that runs a bar." My! if true, what a jolt, and to Christendom what a jar.
10. Members of all churches must wear one face, follow Christ and reflect His Grace, speak the truth and love all men... for on front possessing folks no one can depend.
11. Masquerade Churches worship when convenient, and let Christ wait His turn to avoid any detriment their Front must be worn if Christ's vesture is torn, and on it lots cast for His garment.
12. Real Christians do not carry fronts or seek a way of escape... they love their Master all too well, and His love they would never forsake.

Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES.

TRANSPLANTED TROUBLE
There is no greater source of genuine satisfaction for representatives of the Old South than interracial troubles at the North. They seem to think that interracial troubles in the North are a justification for any treatment prejudice may prescribe for the Negro in the South. When interracial trouble brews above the Mason and Dixie line the southern press makes much of such trouble in their editorializing.

Within the past few hours Chicago has become the scene of an ugly interracial situation, and only great precautions on the part of the legal authorities have staved off an interracial riot and rioting. Chicago seems to be dreadfully afflicted with those outbreaks and near-breakevents.
Eight to ten cities out of the fact that whereas thousands and thousands of Negroes have migrated from the South; it is also true that thousands and thousands of Southern whites have migrated also to the northern communities like Chicago; and let it not be forgotten that wherever the prejudiced Southerner goes he takes along his race prejudice.

Just as the whites take their prejudice, the Negro takes his resentments and when these prejudices and resentments clash in the North there is bound to be trouble. So the interracial troubles that crop out here and there about the non-southern parts of the United States are really troubles transplanted from the South.
In other words interracial troubles in the North were fomented in the South and transplanted North for settlement. This is not saying that there is not race prejudice in an almost universal phenomenon we are sorry to have to admit.

England once boasted that the sun never set on English dominions and with equal truth it may be said that the sun never sets on the land that has no manifestations of race prejudice. But widespread race prejudice is no excuse for the brutalities thereof.
Too many southerners seem to reason that because there are race riots in the North, injustices and brutalities to Negroes are thereby justified. It does not follow at all that be-

cause there are race troubles in Chicago and Detroit, the oppression of the Negro in the South is justified.
Back to the point, it must be observed that much of the interracial trouble in the North was engendered in the South and transplanted North for settlement. The Negro who is not allowed to voice his resentment in the South is emboldened to speak up for his rights in the North feeling that he has a chance before the law if not before the angry mob.

Too often in the South the Negro is exposed to the mob on the one hand and to a prejudiced jury on the other and because of this he represses his resentments at what he knows to be sub-citizen treatment. But once he strikes Chicago and Detroit he feels different and is ready to strike back.
So it seems from this vantage point that there is nothing in the northern interracial disturbances to give comfort to serious students of the situation. It is no credit to the South that its interracial disorders have to be transplanted to the North for settlement by riots and rioting.

These are due to the fact that just as there are thousands and thousands of Negroes migrating North with their resentments there are thousands and thousands of prejudiced whites also migrating North; and when these thousands meet in the North there is one more interracial clash.
We read every day about the increasing tensions between the races as if everything high-otto has been peaches and cream. The Negro has been tense for hundreds of years. He was tense in slavery time but he could not indicate his tensions.

The urge for survival repressed his tensions but they were there. The underprivileged and maltreated Negroes of the South have their tensions and their troubles. But within the recent years the Negro has begun to openly divulge his tensions and this it is that makes the whites tense.
The times are tense because instead of one race being tense both races are tense today and that is a good sign! Transplanted trouble!

reach down and take the hand of a less fortunate black brother.
So far most of our failures have come through a lack of consideration for the little man. Segregation within a group will not work. There has to be unity and cooperation, working and planning through large group organization and participation for all. Don't expect other racial groups to perform duties for members of your race, that you feel you are too high and mighty to perform.
Attempt after attempt has been made to elect a race member to City Council, and each time with defeat. Two years from now there will be another such election. In my opinion we can win and will win.

It is also my belief that in order to win the candidate must be a person who is as much at home and among friends in Joe Louis Park as in any other residential section of the city. There must be a good relationship between the candidate and "all" of the people.
It is not impossible to have a dynamic human relations movement among Raleigh's Negro citizens. However, if such a movement takes place, it will have to originate in our local churches. Can our churches forego money raising projects just long enough to get such a movement going? We realize that our local ministers have organized and are working for the cause.

The battle is too great to be won by ministers alone. Each minister needs the full backing of his membership, and in order to get that backing the members will have to know what goes on at the ministerial meetings. Therefore each minister could serve as a mediator for his church and the ministerial council.
Finally to improve extra-race relations among Raleigh's Negro citizens may we suggest:
1. That our local churches unite their forces and initiate a city-wide extra-race relations program.
2. That all organizations including religious, civic, fraternal and social include some plan to improve race relations in its program.
3. There is a need for an advisory staff, consisting of well informed personnel who could be ready at any time to consult with any of our various groups on any racial problem that might arise.
4. If there is a campaign of political committee, that it begin now to arouse a voting interest in all Negroes.

It has been stated that the ballot is our best weapon. If this is true then the ammunition for our weapon must consist of unity and effective organization among our race.
Let us not forget that this is no ordinary battle. Negro America is on the march toward freedom. Every Negro, both great and small is a soldier, and must be counted in.

Sincerely Yours,
MRS. BLANCHE A. RIVERS

IT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK

BY GLADYS F. GRAHAM For AP

Urban League Goes To Bat
NEW YORK — The Urban League of Greater New York has charged that "Dr. Jensen" has ignored a mandate on integration to staff all schools with an equal number of qualified teachers. Immediate corrective action has been requested by the League.

Work of Eustace Gay Lauded
Eustace Gay, editor of The Philadelphia Tribune, and on its staff for some thirty years, has been honored. The brilliant journalist has been named to the Board of Governors of the Heart Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Readers from here and all over the country who the editor of the bi-weekly newspaper with 31,000 circulation have been flooding his desk at the Tribune with telegrams for his well deserved recognition.
Another journalist, Richard A. Graddick, the first to serve aboard the USS Saratoga (CVA-60) has been transferred to the staff of the USS Des Moines to handle news releases for midshipmen cruises to Canada and Boston. Graddick will subsequently report to the Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to serve as station manager of WGBY-TV. The former Philadelphian worked out of the Third Naval District in New York before taking on the world's top publicity job with SARA. One of the first Negro U. S. Navy journalists in the country, Dick Graddick secured his rating some nine years ago.
Another Columbia University Institute Pows Out
Another valuable institution has bowed out at Columbia University with the final issue of the Alumni News in its forty-eighth year. Another famed organization closed down — the closing of the Institute of Arts and Sciences headed by Dr. Russell Folger. A number of ten artists including Dean Deyo Langston Hughes and Dorothy Maynor had appeared on this global series over the years. Times are changing and times marches on as grooming takes place on the major campuses here in the East.

Church Women Get Large Grant
The United Church Women have received a grant of \$20,000 for use in dealing with controversial problems such as school integration among other things. Widespread supplementation of breads and cereals with the essential amino acid lysine, which raises the protein quality of wheat, foods would combat two major nutrition problems, Governor Harriman Names Scholarly Dr. Tover
Dr. Aurelia Tover, a native of West Virginia and holder of an earned doctorate from New York University has been appointed Assistant to Dr. Percia Campbell, consumer Counsel to Governor Harriman. Formerly on faculty at NYU (her Alma Mater) and Queens College, Dr. Tover and her superior, Dr. Campbell were honored at a small reception press and radio conference here at Hotel Warwick.

Important New York State legislation for the protection of the consumer was discussed along with a new law which goes into effect October 1, to regulate the interest charges and terms of installment buying. Dr. Tover, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, is an expert in economics and political science.
New Musical Got Underway
Ricardo Montalban has been signed by producer David Merrick for the co-starring role opposite Lena Horne in "Jamaica" the Harold Arlene musical which has gone into rehearsal. The production will lay-out in Philadelphia. John Edward Keeling, a former Carmen Jones star, has named a berth in the musical as her Hubert Elberath.
RCA has just published Miss Horn's album of songs sung at the Hotel Astor.

Songs released. It was not learned whether her smooth flexible soprano voice would be heard in Jamaica (in which Arlen is co-producer) at press time.
Alastair Hughes, "Simply Heavenly," is moving steadily toward its opening this month at the Broadway Playhouse. Cast changes are still being made.
In Our Mailbag
Christine Johnson is enjoying her respite in Europe and Africa in her first trip abroad.
Doris Morandi of Mexico City has been greatly concerned for the safety of two Negro work project enrollees with the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico since the Quake Wrecked Posey of Chicago and Mamie Walker of Cleveland are participating at the work camp this year for the six weeks period.

John D. Paulus is the new Department of Public Relations Head for Firestone with offices in Akron.
Monsieur Ernest Chauvet will return to his post at the United Nations after a flying trip to Haiti Wednesday.
Nettie Alice Green of Louisville, hopes to get to Posters USA set up in Detroit Historical Museum before hopping a plane for New York for a UN Seminar.

Letter to the Editor
Raleigh Citizens Need Better Extra-Race Relations Program
To the Editor:
It has been said that "if you wish to know others he must first know himself." The same holds true of racial groups.
If we are to be accepted and understood by race groups,

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