

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

Thanksgiving Day 1957

On Thanksgiving Day every man, woman, and child join the Nation in singing, "Come Ye Thankful People Come." The Thanksgiving spirit knows no race, color, or creed.

It is a good time to ask, too, if we are really the Christian nation we profess to be. Are we keeping faith with the creed of brotherhood given to the world by the Christ to Whom thanks will be given. Only during the last session of the United States Congress we saw the country divided over the question of civil rights that are guaranteed in our constitution.

Negroes should be thankful for the opportunity to make a name for themselves — a future that includes the things they have planned for!

- 1. A third of American Negroes own their own homes.
2. They own 200 insurance companies with 5,000,000 policyholders.
3. They own 30 savings and loan associations with combined assets of over \$60,000,000.
4. They own 14 banks with total assets of \$40,000,000.

The Negro wage earner makes 4 1/2 times what he made in 1940.

His place in the occupational ladder has gone up. For example, (a) Negro proprietors and managers have increased 131 percent, (b) men in professional jobs have increased by 103 per cent, (c) craftsmen and foremen by 112 per cent, (d) operators and technicians by 181 per cent, and (e) clerical and sales workers by an amazing 223 per cent.

7. Negro college enrollment is increasing at a rate six times that of white citizens.

We must be thankful that God has blessed us with these gains made since 1940.

On this day we should give thanks that America has so much bounty that we can offer haven to the terrified, homeless wanderers of Europe.

We should give thanks for the great blessings that are ours because we live in a rich country. But we wonder how many of us really approach the holiday with a spirit of humility and sincere gratitude? How many of us, sitting at tables loaded with the goodness that this country provides, will think of the other fellow—the millions in the world who are hungry? How many of us will be really thankful that we are not being brought up in the ruins of war and stalked by hunger, disease and death?

We are thankful that the will of the people for peace is still strong among us, and that they are not going to be stampeded into another war against their will.

Heavenly Father, we thank thee for your many blessings, and we count them one by one.

You Can't Build World Leadership On A Weak Foundation



JUST FOR FUN

BY MARCUS H. FOULWARE

Thanksgiving: Week Of Good "Eatin's"

Ladies, the spectre of Thanksgiving is right upon you. Don't let it give you headaches and get you down! It's easy if you spout as many arms and legs as those owned by an octopus. You can then be sure that you can get the job done.

Should the job ahead on Thanksgiving Day almost "snow you under", be calm and proceed in a systematic fashion. When you just about give up, remember that when you were a little girl, the turkey had to be plucked and picked to remove the feathers. But just think, chain stores sell fat turkey birds dressed and wrapped in cellophane—ready for the oven.

Remember that the kiddies, hubby, and myself like a groaning dinner table. We may differ on the menu, but let me tell you this: I like them all with the exception of asparagus. Turkey may be the traditional main dish, but do not overlook roast goose, ham with fried oysters (steaming hot), Brussels sprouts and cauliflower, cranberry relish cups, rice timbales with giblet gravy, candied yams, olives and radishes, biscuits with marmalade and butter, Brazil nut pudding and coffee.

Now, if you are going to have ham, I highly recommend the Smithfield Virginia variety or the country-cured Georgia type. Yes, sir, the taste will linger on. Oh, yes, BELIEVE ME—this is good "eatin's".

WHERE AM I FROM? Well, a little hick town named Chester, South Carolina — 45 miles south of Charlotte and 55 miles north of Columbia. Does where I'm from make a difference? If this is bothering you, let me inform you that my appetite is not regional — it is INTERNATIONAL and metropolitan. You can't go wrong with the menu, because I like everything except "them darn asparagus tips."

Now for dessert. Let me S-E-E-E-E. Make it pumpkin pie, apples, sillabub, cider (for I'm a water American). Save your cider for my friend CORN-

YARD. No-no-no, we can't bring Annie Belle—that gal is outrageous. She might embarrass us, so we won't take the chance.

I forgot to add mine: meat pie, potato pie, fruit cake, ice cream, fruit cocktail, or sherbert.

SH-sh-sh-sh, (whisper) cider is all right for me, but my friend CORNYARD likes white corn—BUT-T-T he'll settle for Old Taylor and White Horse. Put in a couple cartons of EC's and N&M, boy I can drink a dozen bottles almost at one sitting.

YES, WE EAT TOO MUCH—WE AMERICANS. In a lifetime, we spend 1,500 days eating 17,000 pounds of bread, 15,000 pounds of meat, 4,600 pounds of vegetables, eggs and fish, and drink 7,000 gallons of liquid—SH-sh-sh, not counting the beers, slow gin, bourbon, wines, and scotch. (Let's not talk about it—I'm a professor, and then too the law have ears.)

Watcha gonna do with them leftovers? For heaven sake let us not end up with watery turkey soup. I looked in a magazine which suggested turkey-rice ring, but I can condensed turkey-cup milk with 1 cup chicken soup. Heat and stir in 1/2 cup cooked sliced mushrooms, 2 cups diced cooked turkey, 1 teaspoon of Sterling Salt. No other, mind you, 1/4 cup diced pimento. Keep hot.

Lightly toss 3 cups freshly cooked hot rice, 3 teaspoons Sterling Salt (no other, please), 3 teaspoons of chopped parsley, dash pepper. To serve—arrange rice in a ring (use a colorful casserole) and fill with creamed turkey. Your guests, CORNYARD and "me", will love this!

One turkey raiser advises that a cook can lace the scraps of meat with barbecue sauce and you have a dish that will make you look forward to finishing up the next turkey.

So long until the Christmas dinner. You needn't send CORNYARD a formal invite—I'll tell him for you. Well be there.

Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

THE CASE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

There has just closed at Virginia Union University a great convocation of a religious and academic nature. The general theme was "Education Moves Freedom Forward." The great convocation was designed to appreciate the great work in education that has been done by the American Baptist Home Mission Society among the Negroes of America and, particularly of the Southern region.

In the early days of our emancipation this great organization sponsored by the white Baptists of the North founded a chain of schools which extended from Washington, D. C. to Marshall, Texas.

There was Wayland Seminary at Washington, D. C., Richmond Theological Seminary combined with Wayland to form Va. Union Univ., at Richmond, Shaw University at Raleigh, N. C., Benedict College at Columbia, S. C., Atlanta Baptist College (now Morehouse) at Atlanta, Ga., Selma University at Selma, Ala.; Roger Williams at Nashville, Tenn.; Jackson College at Jackson, Miss.; Leland University at New Orleans, La.; Bishop College at Marshall, Texas.

At the great convocation just closed only Benedict, Shaw, Morehouse, Spelman, Bishop and Virginia Union were represented in the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the great American Baptist Home Mission Society. It was a wonderful occasion with the cream of the speaking crop of hand to inspire great audiences.

It can be said in passing that with the declining benevolence for Negro education, the Home Mission Society now gives only token support to the schools it founded throughout the South.

All of these schools are hard-pressed to survive the rigorous demands made in the financing of modern education according to approved standards. The task behind has been exacting! The task ahead will be exacting and expensive! One of the serious aspects as projected by the convocation, was the grim necessity of keeping alive the private colleges that have made such great contributions to the leadership of today.

The AME Negroes have learned to hoe their own row. The Negro Baptists have not so learned and this poses some serious problems.

The need for stronger financing of these colleges was convincingly set forth, but just how this need is to be met was not made plain. This remains the unanswered question and one that must be set forth constructively if the Negro Baptist private college is to survive. The insistent call of these colleges is at present being met only in a casual way. They are depending still on philanthropy such as that being currently shown through

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A SUGGESTION TO PARENTS

To The Editor: Book Week was observed as National Book Week, November 17-23. The theme of the week was "Explore With Books."

To help make the exploration of our children's interest through books more fascinating I would like to suggest to parents "to explore books with your children." Let this be your slogan—"Make Every Week Book Week."

Some timely tips would be first to acquaint yourselves with the books at your children's particular schools, library and then the city public library — Richard B. Harrison located on Blount Street.

The Richard B. Harrison Library is your local city library. You will find a friendly staff ready to assist you in your particular needs. It was quite inspiring to note the many interested parents who visited the school libraries during American Education Week, read books and sought advice on the types of educational books, records, games, magazines and arithmetical reference books to buy their children for Christmas.

Include in your recreational activities a library period — thus making a balanced program.

The home that nourishes wholesome sturdy growth indicates by their own practice the values and satisfaction to be found in reading.

Professional training is not required to tell stories effectively. Don't forget the old bedside bedtime stories. Listening increases a child's vocabulary more than you ever can imagine.

Remember, reading is the basic tool subject. When a child fails in reading, he generally fails in all other subjects. Reading Failures Can Be Prevented in many cases; and it is the duty of parents and teachers to see that they are prevented. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. A Reading Nation Is A Ready Nation. Mrs. K. Young Shepard

Race Problem Challenges Christianity

It is impossible to pick up a daily newspaper or turn on the radio and TV without becoming conscious that we are living in troubled times. As we scan the best Negro weeklies, accounts of race prejudices and desegregation of school clashes make us ashamed of our record. Our United States is a nation where one race is being inflamed against the other. We cannot deny the need for Christ's teachings of brotherhood, because we are witnessing a terrible and AWFUL scene.

Christianity is not in a robust state of health at this time. Its health began to decline with the days of slavery. And since the slaves were freed, Christians have condoned racial prejudice, segregation, and discrimination by their silence and inaction. Today it is afraid to assume its full stature for fear of what some hot-heads will do.

The Christian church during the days of slavery was more sincere, however, and less hypocritical than it is today. It did take a stand on the slavery question in the South. Southern preachers in their Biblical defense of slavery urged the "servants to obey their masters." At least the Southern church spoke out in frankness. There was no deceit in the matter as exists today.

The Constitution of the United States gives the Negro his legal status. Yet his actual social and political position is marked out by the color line. One can readily see that these are two different things. Surely there can be only hate and prejudice, unless the Christian church can devise some way to change the thinking and beliefs of the master who has assigned an inferior position to slaves and their church. However, in this editorial, we are posterity. This is a job for the home, school, mainly concerned with the challenge that this condition offers to the Christian Church.

Suppose an invitation is issued to the public to attend a public meeting in the town. Negroes would never know definitely whether they would be welcomed or not. If they go, their feelings are liable to be hurt. They may even get into unpleasant altercations for demanding their legal rights. If they stay away from the meeting, they are blamed for indifference.

One of the first lessons that Christ taught his disciples was that Christianity tolerated no racial prejudice. You will recall that He met the woman of Samaria at the well. Between her people and the Jews there was bitter hate and prejudice. There was as it were a color line. They had no dealings, and they did not speak to one another. A Jew considered defiled if the shadow of a Samaritan touched him. This might make one laugh. But mark you, there are times in these United States when the races are separated only by a string over which hangs a newspaper.

How did Jesus meet prospective believers? He knew that one must put himself in the other person's place. "Do unto others as you wish to be done by." This is a lesson that the other person's place will teach you. This is brotherly love.

The racial problem is created by objections. How did Jesus deal with objections? Once Jesus went to dine with a Pharisee, and while dinner was in progress, a woman from the lowest rank in society came in and washed His feet. She was a prostitute and an outcast. Christ's host knew of the "caste line", but watched to see what Jesus would do. Jesus knew what this woman's hospitality meant, and He accepted it with great dignity, even though its emotional warmth must have been embarrassing. In other words, Jesus set the example for the Christian church.

Well, what can the church do about the racial problem? It can take the stand of Jesus Christ. In place of its sour, snobbish, and provincial distortion of Christianity, the church can convert itself to an all inclusive, universal and true Christianity regarding the children of God, and brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

What the church needs today is a program for the abolishment of racial prejudice. It must be dynamic.

Is it possible to do this? We may say. Yes, it is, because with God nothing is impossible. God grant that when the summons come for the church to deal with the racial problem, it will knock and find all Christians unafraid.

The Sharp Sting Of Gossip

Some people seem to thrive upon choice morsels of gossip. It becomes their daily bread, the staff in their right hand, and the weapon by which they erode otherwise fine character traits.

For these people, gossip is an insidious method of compensation—of reading into others their sins, or dealing with their sins by persecuting other people.

The subject of gossip should call to mind the Alps Mountains. At certain points in the Alps, tourists are cautioned by their guides not to speak or sing or even whisper, as the faintest breath might start reverberations in the air which would loosen a delicately poised avalanche from its place in the mountains and bring its crushing down upon village and fields.

Many men and women are walking under such stress of burden, care, responsibility, sorrow, or temptation, that one whisper of censure, of criticism, of complaint, of unkindness may cause them to fall under the load. It is a crime thus to imperil another's life in our own efforts to compensate for empty heads, empty lives, or for sins in our own lives.

Gossip is a way of saying nothing in such a manner as to leave nothing unsaid. But what can one expect when some people's mouths work faster than their brains; they say things they haven't yet thought about or heard.

You may be guilty of a multitude of vices, but let no man accuse you of disseminating malicious gossip.

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The resolution is simply a statement of belief that all persons should be free to marry whomsoever they choose. In other words, to each his own.

We are strongly opposed to intermarriage between Negroes and whites. However, we do believe that legislation prohibiting such intermarriage is an abridgement of civil liberties. Free men should be able to make such a choice without governmental regulation.

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SENTENCE SERMONS

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWERY For ANP

"HELL BENT"

1. Trying to save some certain individuals from hell, is about as difficult as attempting to prevent some weak souls from being overcome by a suicide spell.

2. The latter has to be dealt with quickly, while the former by nature sinful, allows that nature to wear in to a depth most pitiful, it charms and drives to such an end that it seems almost impossible such a soul to defend.

3. Nations, the increment of such unreliable souls, are now reflecting some "hard-to-be-understood" Roles, by allowing Satan for a song-and-a-dance, to get them off balance as if in a trance.

4. There is however, a way out from all this, by you and I, spiritually developing our hearts and not our fists... by banishing all evil thoughts and hate, and preparing to enter heaven's gate.

5. Contrary to this creates a terrible scene, in which its actors are deceptive and very mean, thinking only of ill-gains and the herding of wealth, giving way to chicanery and the low practices of stealth.

6. When creatures stoop to this low plain, there is certainly nothing good one could hope to obtain, for every day growing weaker and wiser, their pathway to destruction grows wider and wider.

7. At this juncture the poor culprit is swallowed up by false pride, with his already seared conscience his only guide, and still trying to blunder his own way thru, finds Satan's wages far past due.

8. Still stubbornly Hell-bent, he fumbles along, trying ever to feel confident that he is still just as strong, until sore affliction fastens him to bed, and makes him take back all that he has said.

9. But even then I have seen them after making a promise to God, get up and strike out again to perpetrate hellish fraud... even to doing worse than before, and by Satan's direction new sinful depths exhibit.

10. God's word can be preached and Christian friends advise, but when such creatures become Hell-Bent, they act contrary-wise, and listen only to their own beguiling hearts that crowd out the last hope that God's word imparts.

11. This is the end to which all ungodly men must come who start out to make a living, right or wrong, and willingly submit to Satan's appeal, and to their own Adamic nature constantly yield.

12. Even when death besins his approach with its cold sultry stare, they would like to appear undisturbed by Satan's last dramatic dare, but subdued by his unrelenting force, there remains but one sad course, and for this, in like manner Jeremiah lamenting for the deceit of his people, distressed and deprived, had to say, "the harvest is past, the Summer is ended, and we are not saved."

INTERMARRIAGE RESOLUTION AND GOVERNMENT QUESTIONS — At his press conference yesterday Governor Hodges said that he had gathered that there has been "some sort of misquotation or misrepresentation" of the recent State Student Legislature. This statement expresses the opinions of a large number of people who know the full story on the matter.

The local papers and wires services have exaggerated the story to the point where it has been misunderstood by a great many people.

Yesterday, the Governor stepped into the controversy and said that "questions will be asked in the future." If he means by this that the representatives of future State Legislatures must be approved by either the administration or the President of the Student Government of the schools participating, no harm will result in such "questions."

If, however, the Executive Office is going to "question" the actual bills that are supposed to be presented at future legislatures, such questions would be a great injustice. It would amount to governmental intervention and wholesale censorship. Such censorship would be hard to justify.

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What Other Editors Say

churches in the United States has passed the two billion dollar mark.

The report shows that "Of the twenty highest per-member contributions for all purposes, the Seventh Day Adventists with a membership of 238,568, lead again with \$202.02 (per member) this year over \$194.12 in 1956." The second and third (also tithing churches) were: The Wesleyan Methodist Church with \$197.43 (per member), and the Evangelical Free Church of America with \$176.

Party Line — The bit works both ways. In the strong tides of emotionalism now running in the South polar influences opposing accommodation in matters of race pull in both directions.

If the white citizen who seeks some middle ground of understanding and harmony feels frustrated, consider the situation down in Charlotte. A conference of Negro churchmen has issued a resolution condemning one of its members, a Negro minister and publisher, for giving aid to segregationists.

This means that the Negro community operates under the same iron hand of discipline and narrow party line as the white community. The net result makes it impossible for men of moderation and good will to get together at all.

Everywhere minds are snapping shut and the South is the loser. Greensboro Daily News.

November 23, 1957 TITHING IS THE SOLUTION — In recent months we have received many letters commending and commenting upon our efforts to encourage Creative Giving through religious practice of stewardship and tithing. And almost without exception, the writers of these letters have expressed the opinion that tithing in particular is the solution to the problem of financing the work of the church.

Recently, for instance, the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, on the National Council of Churches, issued a news release on "Giving Church Members" during the past year. For the first time in history total giving by

Dairy buyers apparently will not make satisfactory growth on limited milk and grain feedings when alfalfa silage is the only roughage.

During the first half of 1957, feed prices averaged between 82 and 84 higher than the first half of 1956.

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