

# Editorial Viewpoint

The CAROLINIAN'S

## WORDS OF WORSHIP

Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

But He that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To Him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear His voice; and He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

And when He putteth forth His own sheep, He goeth before them, and the sheep follow Him; for they know His voice.

And a stranger will not follow but will flee from him; for they know not the voice of strangers.

This parable spake Jesus unto them; but they understood not what things they were which He spake unto them.

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it

more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.—The Gospel according to St. John, 10th chapter, 1 through 18 verses.

**OUR WEEKLY WORDS:** Our thought: Devoting a portion of your time and life each day to HIM—Think of his sacrifice for you.

## Raleigh Leadership Should Take Stock

Negro leadership in Raleigh should take stock. Whether leadership is operating a business corporation or the civic, political, economic, religious and social guidance of a city, there is need for a periodic inventory and evaluation. *The Carolinian* is of the opinion that the time is at hand for Negro leadership of Raleigh to take an inventory of its strengths and weaknesses and to evaluate itself.

The Citizens Association of which the Rev. Mr. George A. Fisher was president is inactive as far as *The Carolinian* knows. We cannot ignore this overall steering body for Negroes in Raleigh if we would improve our economic, educational, civic and social status. Negroes must help to push themselves forward if they

hope to keep pace with a fastly growing city.

We need a plan for our present leadership as well as a blueprint for developing new leaders. We need an organization, composed of thousands of active citizens, which will adopt and carry out a plan of collective social action. But for some reason or another, the citizens of Raleigh prefer to dump their problems into the lap of one individual. Too long, our local citizens have waited for someone to say, "I'll do it."

Several editorials will follow this article, and they will discuss various aspects of Negro leadership in Raleigh and how colored citizens might move into the main stream of local civic life.

## Dr. Nelson Harris Throws Hat In Ring

Dr. Nelson H. Harris, director of teacher education at Shaw University, has filed with the Wake County Board of Elections for a seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives from Wake County.

Thus Dr. Harris will write a new leaf in political history, because he is the first Negro to run for a public state office from Wake County since a colored politician, James H. Young, began his second term as Representative from Wake County, the County of Granville sent William H. Crews, Jr., a Negro, to the Capitol at Raleigh as a Representative.

Coming to serve at the State Capitol when the Legislature convened in 1899, were four Negroes: Isaac Smith from Craven County, James Y. Eaton from Vance County, W. C.

Coates from Northhampton County, and J. H. Wright from Warren County.

Thomas O. Fuller, a Negro, entered the Senate at Raleigh on January 4, 1899, from the Eleventh District, Warren and Vance counties.

The Negro has been absent from the North Carolina legislative scene almost 59 years.

We believe that Dr. Harris has entered the political race for a Representative seat at the apropos time. He is well qualified, holding the M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from the University of Michigan. He is well-known in the State and has many friends who want to see Negro representation in the state government.

Negroes in Wake County will fail in their sacred trust if they refuse to register and vote for Dr. Nelson Harris who is a friend and advocate for the "man farthest down."

## Common Law Marriages

This editorial on common law marriages is the last of our series on the various aspects of the problem of children born out of wedlock.

Common law marriages have lingered on in the United States long after they have been eradicated in Europe. At present these informal unions have been abolished in sixteen states and in eight states they are not recognized, although no statute has been enacted abolishing them. In twenty-four states, common law marriages are still valid, a situation that bears mute witness to the strength of custom and the inertia of lawmakers.

Just think, one-half of the forty-eight states have failed to initiate reforms and permit "common-law marriages" in which the man

and woman take each other for husband and wife without witnesses or written record. Frequently, the newspapers publish stories of the appeals of "common-law widows" to courts to be awarded a portion of the estate of their deceased partners who had neglected to provide for them.

Every woman should insist upon a legal marriage, preferably sanctioned by the church, because only in this way can she maintain her respectability and establish security for herself and her children in the eyes of the law. A woman has too much at stake to agree to a common-law marriage arrangement between herself and her mate.

## National Library Week

March 16 to 22 will be observed as National Library Week for the purpose of promoting prestige for reading itself, of calling wider public attention to library services through mass media, and of increasing support for libraries from the highest levels of leadership in economic, professional and cultural life of the nation.

The observance of this week comes at an apropos time, because the habit of the reading public is not keeping pace with increased education, leisure time or high disposable in-

come. Sixty per cent of American adults did not read a book, other than the Bible, during the past year. Half of the adults in this country live within a mile of a public library, but only one-fifth of them visit it.

When people discover what a good book can do for them, then and only then will they work up an interest in reading for education and to become informed citizens so necessary for democratic government. Let us "Wake Up and Read."

## The Need Of The Hour

Since *Sputnik* roared into outer space and freewheeled into its orbit, this country has been running a "breath-taking" race to out-distance Russia's nuclear leadership. The firing of *Sputnik* shocked us, but it was a good thing as we now have considerable regard for mathematical and scientific education.

But we wonder what good will all of this scientific knowledge do for us, if we are unable to speak to and understand the nations of the world we hope to lead.

Our United States Education, Health and Welfare Office states that this country is probably weaker in foreign language abilities than any other major nation. It made the statement that 24 major languages are spoken by more than 20,000,000 individuals. Of the major languages, the greatest group of Americans study only French and Spanish. This is only "a drop in the bucket" when facts reveal that 2,000,000,000 speak languages which are rarely taught in our American schools.

Among the languages seldom taught in our

schools are Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Farsi, Indonesian, and Swahili. Space will not permit us to name other languages. And just think, for example, some 500,000,000 people speak Chinese alone.

If we want to run a close race with Russia, we must begin to consider our language needs more objectively. It might be shocking to announce that 10,000,000 Russians are studying English, while only 8,000 Americans are studying Russian. We would like for our educational leaders to tell us, "Where do we go from here?"

President Eisenhower is aware of this situation, because he asked the U. S. Congress to help strengthen our program of foreign language study. He suggested that the Office of Education set up foreign language institutes for teachers and develop centers for teaching languages seldom taught in this country.

This is not a time for procrastination, and we must act before it is too late!

# Breaking Their Grip With The Aid Of The Courts And Determination



## What Other Editors Say

**WAKE UP AND READ**

As an exponent of the printed word, we join heartily in endorsement of National Library Week which is being observed in Louisiana and over the nation from March 16-22. Theme of the week is "Wake Up and Read," and we believe it sage advice.

The purpose of National Library Week is to focus attention on the importance of reading for a better-informed America. Because these are complicated and difficult times, it is increasingly important that Americans be informed as to what goes on in the world.

America can ill afford at this time to become a nation of lazy minds. Reading provides one means whereby Americans can inform themselves as to events in the world today. The written word is essential to civilization and if we are to survive as a democracy, we must increase our knowledge and understanding.

Unfortunately statistics show that many of us have never formed one habit of reading. Recent surveys show that adult Americans read very little. It is a situation that should be corrected.

Louisiana is fortunate in having an excellent system of parish libraries, a system that has won the state much acclaim. Through this system, 46 par-

ishes in Louisiana now make it easy for their citizens to obtain books and reading material. Through the use of bookmobiles, books have been made available to a large percentage of the population.

This is as it should be. We hope that Louisiana citizens will join wholeheartedly in the celebration of National Library Week and will truly "Wake Up and Read."

—SHREVEPORT SUN School

**Get The Facts: NORTHERN Race Traders To Become Worse As The Reds Step Up Their Agitation Program**

AS I SEE IT, the NAACP leaders should get, and publish, the facts concerning the increasing race hatred that is rapidly spreading throughout the North and determine who is really behind it.

During the past three months, top Negro leaders from over the country have visited in Houston. Their mission seems to have been to tell Negroes how to get better. Sizeable contributions have been made to carry on their "Crusade" for freedom, with accent on conditions in the Southland. All of these speakers describe conditions as they exist in the South, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and even Texas.

For an illustration, Clarence Mitchell, a lobbyist for the N.A.A.C.P. at Washington, D. C., declared in a recent speech here in Houston that "we don't like the manner in which the school board is handling integration. Things will not get away with it."

Congressman A. Cleveland Powell of New York spoke to one of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences to assemble in Houston in many months, but never mentioned the deplorable conditions in existence in New York City in regards to race relations, which is almost as shocking in a sense as Little Rock.

This is due to the fact that New York and other Eastern states have been regarded as a "haven" for the depressed migrants who have left the South seeking freedom and civil rights.

Sometime ago, the press carried a report that the Federal government was investigating charges of peonage in some sections of New York state. The Congressman failed to mention these and other deplorable conditions affecting the Negro.

AS I SEE IT, the race leaders and other "do-gooders" are attempting to cover up this deplorable condition by charging that the Southerners are responsible through a nationwide race hate campaign to cause Northerners to turn to segregation for the salvation of the race.

—NEGRO LABOR NEWS

# JUST FOR FUN

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

**HEY NOW, ANNIE BELLE!**

Several young gents have fallen for Annie Belle. One of her admirers has become so enamored of her that she has resisted his persistence.

Annie Belle called me over the phone and said, "A droop has asked me to dinner and to the movies, and I don't think I ought to accept."

"Why not?" I asked. "Is he a criminal? Has he been in jail? Does he mistreat his mother? Is he a gangster? Is he out of a job?"

To these and a few more questions, the replies were all favorable.

"Then, what is wrong with him?" I inquired.

Annie Belle answered, "He's just not my speed!" and bla-bla-bla.

I made a suggestion which ran something like this. Why not try to make this young man's evening as pleasant for him as you can, since you have nothing to lose. It should be easy for you to practice being a good companion.

"But," said Annie Belle, "I like to flirt with danger, rub shoulders with the flame without being burned, and dramatically elude the almost evident consequences."

I started to protest but Annie Belle said, "It's hard for a Squate like you to understand. You should go somewhere and sit on a tack."

It was awful—Annie Belle hung up and left me holding the receiver in my hand.

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"Oh—you are smart I see," was my reply.

She laughed and added, "It is just my nature to make them relax and enjoy a feeling of comfort. And it's just a woman's nature, I imagine, to want to make a man comfortable. Do I make it clear?"

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**A MISER IN HEAVEN**

A miserly businessman sought admission to the pearly gates of heaven.

"Who are you?" asked Saint Peter.

"I am a businessman," responded the lately deceased.

"What do you want?"

"I want to get into heaven."

"What have you done that entitles you to admission?"

"Well, I saw a decrepit woman on the streets the other day and gave her a dime."

"Gabriel, is that on the records?" Saint Peter asked.

"Yes, St. Peter, it's marked down to his credit."

"What else have you done?"

"Well, the other day I was passing along the street and saw a newsboy half frozen to death and gave him a nickel."

"Gabriel, is that on the records?"

"Yes, St. Peter."

"What else have you done?"

"Well," responded the businessman, "I can't recollect anything else just now."

"Gabriel," said St. Peter, "what do you think we ought to do with this fellow?"

Gabriel replied, "Oh, give him back his fifteen cents and tell him to go to hell."

**LORETTA IS REAL GONE**

There is something about Loretta that appeals to a man's vanity. I have noticed that men all seem to want to be with her, and not a few other females were jealous of her popularity with the male of the species whether young or old.

Her voice vibrates with enthusiasm and works like magic. She knows how to make a man enjoy smoking his pipe, how to make a male talk about himself and enjoy it, while she herself remains in the background with the appearance that she is enjoying the most boring chatter.

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## Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

**SUPPRESSIONISM IN THE SOUTH**

The rise and fall of the nations is one of the tragic facts of history. When nations are struggling for survival they can evince survival qualities in most surprising ways; but once they grow rich and affect those stern survival qualities displayed in the struggle upward seem to disappear among the nations as national decay sets in.

Every great nation once had its struggle for survival, and history is replete with the records of nations that lost their struggle qualities in times of prosperity and high living. Every fallen nation had its besetting sin which destroyed it in the end. The besetting sin of our great and mighty nation is race prejudice.

Just as surely as imperialism destroyed Rome and the British Empire, just so surely is race prejudice threatening to destroy the United States of America and consign us to the scrapheap of fallen nations. The current revolt against law and order as is being evidenced by the heckling and abuse of the Supreme Court is just a straw in the wind which warns of gloomy forebodings.

The current rampage of race prejudice cannot be identified by any section of the country. Negro-hating whites have dispersed into the uttermost parts of the earth. Yet in the deep South can be heard the voice of reason that would persuade the nation and the South to substitute brotherhood for race prejudice. The current clamor to suppress the Negroes and the cause making for their first-class citizenship is by no means unanimous.

There are louder and more in-

sistent voices crying for the Negro's deliverance. There are Southerners in Georgia who would let the Negro go before terrible moral plagues be loosed upon unhappy Southland.

There is currently a great suppression movement afoot in the South. It is directed at the Negroes who would throw off the shackles of second-class citizenship. The Negro-phobes would mislead the country and the world into believing that a large segment of the Negro population is perfectly satisfied with their sub-citizen status in the South.

The Negroes of the present day South are no more satisfied with their segregated lot than were the slaves who longed and prayed for freedom. Rouser in his *The American Race Problem* points out that there was a Negro rebellion among the slaves on the average of once every nine years.

There is no truth in the assertion of those who would make it appear that Negroes were happy in their slavery. Neither is there truth in the current claims of the Negro-phobes that Negroes are perfectly satisfied with the degradations of segregation. Who would be satisfied in a society that degrades one and despises one in one's degradation?

And so the current attempt to suppress the aspiring Negroes has no approbation of Negroes themselves. The Negro who pretends to like second-class citizenship is either simple or deceitful.

The anti-NAACP legislation that claimed so much of the attention of the legislatures of the South is a part of the suppression movement currently sweeping the Southern region. The unfounded claim that the N.A.A.C.P. is communist has a large bearing.

Why under high heavens the FBI has overlooked the subversive activities of the NAACP and nothing of this subversion was heard until the Supreme Court's decision that segregation in the public schools was illegal?

If the Negro phobes have their way the NAACP will be killed and buried beyond hopes of a resurrection; but as Roy Wilkins has recently pointed out, that killing the NAACP will not stem the freedom movement.

It was Victor Hugo who said that "nothing is so powerful as an idea whose time has come." The idea of freedom is here to stay and no amount of suppression can destroy it.

There is power in the idea that will outlast suppressionism of the passing moment. Just as Negroes and the NAACP are definite objects of the suppressionism of the labor unionist in the South.

The tragedy is not what will happen to the Negroes and the NAACP and the labor unions, but what will happen to our nation under the sway of the suppressionists. Is our democracy going by default?

# SENTENCE SERMONS

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWERY For ANP

**ESCROW WITH GOD**

1. The medium of Escrow is perhaps one of man's most satisfactory avenues of trade, through which he can trust valuable, and not be afraid.

2. Despite the fact that all parties involved are human beings and liable to err, it comes next to being one of man's highest business arrangements in which he can feel assured of being treated both honest and fair.

3. But as fine as this appears to be, it is not without fault, for economic conditions can intervene, spreading uncertainty and default; for man is not infallible, and by Satan easily caught.

4. His heart, says Jeremiah, "is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it" . . . and what is more, Satan lies in ambush, his richest treasures to exploit.

5. So as safe as things may seem where man is in control, the future is never too safe when he is left alone to play his uncertain role; for history has made this one fact quite clear, that when quest of material things, he then toward God, fails to draw near.

6. God alone, is the only one whose Government is secure, and it embraces the Rich, the down-trodden and the poor. Races of every skin and breed, just so long as His name is included in their Creed.

7. Thus, mankind can never go wrong who lean on this Everlasting Arm—He is the Breastplate of Righteousness and Sword of the Spirit, and all of His Regenerated children these powers inherit.

8. In this Eternal Depository His children have the right, to ask what they will, and receive it outright, only Angels stand watch to care for God's servants, and give them every aid without any impediments.

9. They can place in Escrow here, even their lives, and know that all is well till they reach the skies . . . for the voice of

every depositor is known to their Eternal Banker, and how ever difficult the request, to Him it doesn't matter.

10. No wonder the Saints of old put their lives on the dotted line, for they knew that no ill could befall them as long as they made Satan chalk the lines for them from previous experiences actually saw him put to flight, and vowed that they would never succumb to his trickery and blight.

11. What an extreme pleasure for a Christian to know that his very life and kind acts here, he can place in eternal Escrow, where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal but throughout eternal ages enjoy the glories of Heavenly Appeal.

12. For such security and Heavenly Peace, where joy and Happiness are not known to cease, would you forfeit for this, what Satan calls joy and calls in his traps to constantly annoy—this is unbelievable, and after spreading this, surely no thoughtful creature would throw himself into such a fix . . . when he can start now locking heavenward, putting his spiritual effects in God's ESCROW where perfect security and added priceless gifts to him will eternally flow.

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## IN THIS OUR DAY

**EARN, SAVE, GIVE!**

I hope my many readers will forgive me for the very personal nature of the "I's" of my column for this week. Some recent experiences of mine are prompting this article.

Within the past several months I have been in the process of building a home. Almost immediately after it was announced in the local newspaper that I was building a home, my telephone began to ring and people began knocking on my door. The foregoing has continued to the present time.

Who are they? White people. What do they want? They want to sell me something. Some want to landscape my yard and set out scrubby; some want to finance the home for me; some want to sell me various types of property insurance; others want to air condition it for me. Those selling fuels want to know what kind of heat I plan to use. Many want to sell furniture and household appliances.

The foregoing is just a few

examples of the various types of businesses who have either telephoned me or have sent representatives to see me since I have been in the process of building.

The foregoing has started me thinking on this problem of earning a living. Not a single Negro has telephoned me or has come to see me since I have been building trying to sell something. When we (Negroes) telephone an individual or knock on his door, we are generally simply visiting or begging for some worthy cause. Most times when you see us coming you want you to be a patron for this or that worthy cause.

Again and again, I have attempted to point out in this column that one of the things that puzzles me is how difficult it is to get a group of us together to discuss how to earn money through some type of business. Call a meeting to discuss such a matter and you will not have a sufficient number to call a fire department, if the building should catch

on fire! But lets reverse the situation and call a meeting (the "kick off", the "dep meeting") to start a "financial drive" for this or that worthy cause. We shall most certainly be there in large numbers, too. For what? Not to discuss plans of how to make money through business, but to try very careful plans on how to beg money.

Now please do not misunderstand me, I am not opposed to our giving. As a matter of fact I feel very strongly that we should support worthy causes including churches and charitable organizations. But it puzzles me as to how we always plan to give and so seldom plan to earn. And moreover, those of us who call ourselves leaders and who are constantly hammering on the masses of the people to give so seldom demonstrate an equal amount the people's earning something to give.

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