

Editorial Viewpoint

The CAROLINIAN'S

WORDS OF WORSHIP

"So the Lord drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."—The Scripture.

We have read the story of the fall of Adam and Eve and how they were cast out of the garden. The ground was cursed with weeds and thistles; hard work and the sweat of their brows was to be their portion until they should return to the dust from which they came.

Hundreds of thousands of sermons have been preached about Adam, berating him for his lost innocence, bemoaning his fall. But these sermons overlooked the most significant phase of the story. Adam was innocent in the Garden, in the same sense that the sheep were innocent, and the sheep are just as innocent now as they were then. But Adam in Eden had no character, and character is the one good thing which God alone does not create. It is a joint product.

Just what the sin was which is recorded under the symbol of the tree and its fruit we do not know. It is an admirable symbol. The birds in Eden pecked holes in the fruit of that tree, as of many others. No fruit-eating beasts held it in special regard. Adam's sin was something which was wrong for him but not wrong for beasts and birds, some act of unbridled lust or bloody revenge, and having done it, he knew instantly that it was wrong. Somehow, in this new green universe, remorse and repentance entered into the soul of a living creature; and character began.

It doesn't matter if the story in Genesis is

an allegory; no matter if it summarizes in the experience of one man a process which worked itself out through generations or centuries. The main fact remains, that one day somebody stood out against a background of innocent and contented animalism, and assumed self-consciousness and remorse, and with a moral nature. To that somebody, that Adam, we owe a debt which we can never repay. He was the earth's first great hero.

Adam in the Garden, fattening on the fruits that grew without labor, has had too much attention. We should care little for that inglorious period in his existence. It could not last long. Let us remember the later Adam, contending with thorns and thistles, trying hard to govern the vicious generation which perplexed him as it has perplexed succeeding "forges," the Adam who earned his bread with the sweat of his brow, the Adam whose eldest son killed his youngest brother, the Adam who courageously, uncomplainingly carried on and handed down to his descendants a nature capable of responding to law and duty.

That Adam is the first in honor as well as in time. He and Eve sent down to us the qualities that lifts us out of the dust from which they came and back to which we, like them, return.

How was it that Adam knew himself to be different from the beasts that perish? Why was he so sure that it was wrong for him and not for them to use his brief opportunity for all it was worth? What persuaded him that God cared? Read the Bible and learn!

State Withholding Tax

In the spring of each year, North Carolina residents must dig down deep into their pockets and pay the state income tax. It "hurts" them tremendously, because the tax come due about the same time we must pay the Federal income tax.

We are confident that the majority of citizens in the state would prefer to have this tax withheld from their weekly wages, or monthly salaries. The plan would operate in a similar manner as that of the Federal income tax system of withholding taxes from the worker's paycheck.

Already a cost analysis survey on a withholding plan for the state income tax is being prepared for the Legislature when it convenes in Raleigh next month. Revenue Commissioner James Currie says the survey is now in full swing and will cover various angles of a state withholding tax—costs, equipment, personnel and method.

The study thus far shows that a withholding

system "would cover areas which cannot be covered now." One area, for example, would be persons who move in and out of the state, and other transients.

We favor the system of withholding state income tax from the citizen's paycheck. It is the painless way, since only a small amount will be deducted each week, or month from one's paycheck. As it now stands, in the face of the rising cost of living, it is very difficult for a person to save enough to pay his tax in a lump sum.

In addition to what we have already mentioned, we hope some sort of system can be devised whereby a citizen will not have to file an income tax return. It would seem that a well-planned withholding system would be a means of eliminating the need for filing returns.

We urge each person to let his or her representatives know how he feels about the establishment of a state withholding income tax plan.

More Money For Professors

An increasing number of college professors have been leaving the campus for better-paying jobs in industry.

Beardsley Ruml, noted economist, in a 1955 report, observed that fifty years ago it was not unusual for a professor to earn an annual salary of \$5,000. (This was not true, however, of Negro college teachers.) To maintain the standard of living he had then he would have to make more than \$20,000 today. Yet, only in the richest private schools does a professor's salary reach even \$15,000.

The figures that we have just cited refer only to professors in white colleges. Many Negro college teachers still earn \$5,000 and less each year—an amount many white college professors earned fifty years ago.

Since many Negro colleges are seeking membership in the best rating associations in the country, they are making plans to raise their teachers' salaries. To meet accreditation requirements, the colleges will have to pay their professors specified minimum annual salaries together with other fringe benefits.

Foy years college teachers through their inadequate salaries have been subsidizing the education of the students, and in some cases

the luxuries of students' families, by an amount which is more than double the grand total of alumni gifts, corporate gifts and endowment income of all colleges and universities combined.

President Eisenhower's Committee on Education figured that college teachers, by working for the low salaries they have long accepted are contributing more than 800 million dollars a year to the students of their schools—more than \$3,500 per teacher.

Professors must maintain a high-level standard of living—luxurious homes, one or two cars, modern home appliances and labor-saving devices, contribution to charities and the United Fund, a sizeable wardrobe, membership in professional and community societies, take extended vacations, pay taxes, and take in-service training for professional advancement.

It would not be asking too much of colleges to pay a professor a minimum of \$10,000 annually, and a distinguished professor from \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year.

We predict that those colleges which are still in business 25 to 50 years from now will be paying at least our recommended minimum.

The Dixie Classic

This past week the Dixie Basketball Classic was played in Raleigh. Several out-of-state teams participated, and we watched with interest the Bearcats from the University of Cincinnati and the Michigan State University team—both of which had Negro players.

When Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati's Negro ace, came to the tournament he was the nation's number one scorer with an average of almost 40 points per game. Michigan State brought two Negro players, one of them being Jumping Johnny Green, a high scorer and the nation's top rebounding champion.

North Carolina State in the second round of play met the Cincinnati five and defeated the Bearcats 69 to 61, holding Oscar Robertson to 29 points. For the championship, North Carolina State College overpowered the Michigan State College club by a sizeable score. State won by playing a possession type of ball, attempting to score only when there was an excellent chance.

State College was able to accomplish this feat by playing two or three men on the visiting team's ace players. Their plan of attack hinged in Oscar Robertson and Johnny Green. While every team is out to win, we feel that this plan of "putting forth special effort to stop Oscar Robertson and Johnny Green" was in a sense unsportsmanlike. The only sportsmanship that deserves admiration is a man-to-man type of play, used almost unanimously over the nation.

To concentrate on stopping one man in basketball is somewhat similar to "unnecessary roughness and slugging" in football, "hitting below the belt" in boxing, and "spiking the base runner" in baseball.

In order that State College will not place itself in a position to be criticized, we hope in the future it will concentrate in winning the championship by playing a man-to-man type of basketball.

When The Mouth Is Shut

The late Dr. George Washington Carver said that he found that the mind is most open when the mouth is shut. There is considerably more truth in this statement than would appear at first.

A person who does a lot of talking—foolish and otherwise—cannot learn very much. One must listen to gather information and learn new ideas.

Normally, a human being thinks before he speaks. This is as it should be since through speech mankind expresses his thoughts. Gen-

erally, the person who talks too much doesn't have much to say.

An individual will never be sorry if he thinks before speaking. Very often talkative people have made caustic remarks about other people only to regret that they didn't think before talking. A person who gossips does not think his remarks will injure the other person in some way, but it does.

Unguarded tongues have caused more misery in this world than we can ever imagine. Remember that the mind is most open when the mouth is shut.

Integration Is The Only Answer



IT HAPPENED IN NEW YORK

BY GLADYS P. GRAHAM

Negro businessmen are finally reaping some literary rewards for their prowess and ability in the field of writing. Readers Digest has purchased the 70,000 word manuscript of Jessie Bennett Sims for \$10,000.

This month's issue of the same publication carried \$3,000 purchase price of Gene Holmes Ashburn's "My Most Unforgettable Character," which is the story of her father, a Negro missionary from New Orleans, La., who spent some 44 years in Liberia as a missionary. Mrs. Holmes is a graduate of New York University and the wife of a minister.

Readers Digest is interested in action and gathers from literary experts of their rare experiences for publication in condensed form.

LONNIE SATTIN BREAKS 10 YEAR RECORD

A brilliant Negro baritone singer-actor Lonnie Sattin, a native of Philadelphia, has broken the 10-year record at the Roxy Theatre here on Broadway during this holiday season. Mr. Sattin is perhaps the first Negro to be starred (with his name headlined all around the Marquee) on the Roxy stage in such lavish fashion in "GET HAPPY" with the show built around him with the all Caucasian cast of some 75 people along with full length orchestra.

Interestingly enough Lonnie Sattin is only a stone's throw from the Broadway Theatre

of the scene of his former stage hit "Body Beautiful." The youthful artist who gave up law for a career on the stage and a world of entertainment has been signed for a four year stint for four years by Chez Paree owner Dick Halper.

AFRICA IN THE NEWS

George Lawson, proxy of the United African Nationalist Movement, recently returned from the "All-People's Conference in Ghana, is set to address the assembly on his impressions of this history making session. Lawson is a stockholder in the African Lumber Company and active in affairs of darker peoples.

The Executive Committee of the National Lutheran Council has given endorsement to a proposal for the erection of a radio station in Africa under the auspices of the Lutheran World Federation. The first Protestant radio station in Africa with a full-time Christian program aimed at that continent is ELWA, in Monrovia, Liberia which is four years old.

It is operated by the West African Broadcasting Association as the voice of the Sudan Interior Mission. The LWFA project would bring into existence the second.

A large Lutheran center in Dares Salaam, seaport capital of Tanganyika in East Africa, has been approved. This city of more than 100,000 has the greatest concentration of the three major races in the territory—African, Asian and Eu-

ropean. Social activity on an inter racial basis is purpose of Lutheran center.

Dr. Melville Herskovits, Professor of Anthropology at Northwestern University and Director of the Program of African studies, is the last discussant on the lecture series of the Museum of Primitive Arts, held at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. Dr. Herskovits speaks on ART AND VALUE on February 5th.

Bizayahu Agonafir, of Ethiopia is one of 34 delegates for 1959 Herald Tribune Forum for High Schools from foreign countries. Mrs. Theodora Manuwa, principal of Girls' Modern Academy at Lagos in Nigeria is involved in several religious conferences here. She has been impressed by the efforts of the United Church Women and the South Pacific Commission to explore the new world of opportunity in Guam, New Guinea and Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji, Tonga, Cook Islands and Samoa, by helping women to play a useful role in community affairs.

IN OUR MALLRAG

The Schola Cantorum of New York, Hugh Ross, conductor, will present a concert of music by Moravians introduced to America or composed in this country. According to the invitation the event is scheduled at Hunter College the third Sunday in January. William Lewis, noted tenor is among the soloists.

What Other Editors Say

THE ELECTION OF SPALLDING A WISE CHOICE

The election of A. T. Spaulding as president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company to succeed W. J. Kennedy, Jr. is not surprising, comes as no surprise to this newspaper. As he is affectionately known to all of his friends, would probably poll the highest number of votes for the position if the selection had to be made by the employees of the company and the citizens of Durham. The new president is not only well qualified to assume the position when it comes to scholastic training but his experience and acquaintance with some of the most outstanding business and professional men of the nation further qualifies him to head the largest business owned and operated by Negroes anywhere in the world.

It is most fortunate that North Carolina Mutual has for its top officials a plan of retirement that provides for relieving them of the full responsibility of their respective positions before they become physically unable to give counsel and advice to their successors. That Mr. Kennedy, the retiring president, will remain with the company as Chairman of the Board of Directors, advisor and consultant is most fortunate. Mr. Kennedy, a man of keen ability and sound business judgment, is still hale hearty and able to fill the position to which he has been elected.

The new president of N. C. Mutual has already expressed himself as being aware of the tremendous responsibility which his new office involves. He assures those of his friends and associates that his office doors along with his ears and mind, will always be open for counsel and advice. This is a fine attitude for anyone to assume who shoulder heavy re-

sponsibility and is certain to make friends for the company.

That Mr. Spaulding assumes the responsibilities of President of N. C. Mutual on the eve of the celebration of its 60th Anniversary is indeed significant. With his many contacts in the business world throughout the nation it doth not yet appear to what extent N. C. Mutual will develop and expand under the guiding hand of its new president. Those who are around at the close of the next 60 years will probably look back on the year 1959 as the beginning of the company's new birth.

THE CAROLINA TIMES DISSENT IN GEORGIA

The phenomenon of college faculties and metropolitan Atlanta clergymen publicly taking issue with the high priests of Georgia racial bigotry and urging obedience of the law of the land in school desegregation has caused considerable surprise in civilized areas.

Traditionally the Deep South has been a shameful shambles of the right of dissent and Georgia has been one of the worst offenders, making life miserable for any devotee from the prevalent body of racial superstitions.

Since dissent has been so hazardous in those areas in the past, it is quite significant that on the issue of school desegregation, important white Georgians are willing to speak out in defiance of the Hargraves, Griffins and Palmadras.

We hail the faculties of Emory University and the Agnes Scott College of Decatur, and the 311 courageous clergymen of Atlanta who have helped somewhat to dispel the world view that Georgia is an intellectual slum.

—PITTSBURG COURIER

War or peace for the United States, unfortunately, is not left to this nation.

IN THIS OUR DAY

BY DR. C. A. CHICK, SR.

"TAKING STOCK"

At this season of the year it is customary for business firms to "take stock"—checking up on their assets and liabilities, what particular business practices they have which have proven to be unprofitable, and what ones are profitable, what new methods or techniques they might install that would increase their profits. The foregoing are some of the many questions a business firm asks when it is taking stock.

Now what is true regarding the need of a business firm's taking stock is also true regarding the need for individuals and families taking stock—checking up—on many of their personal lives.

Individuals and families certainly should check on their health periodically. And, this seems to be a logical time of the year for such matters. If many of us visited our medical doctor and dentist more often, we would no doubt increase the number of years we may stay on this terrestrial ball. The cost of being ill is a luxury that not many of us can afford financially.

Of course we should check on our intellectual growth. Have we ceased to grow intellectually? Are we reading anything beyond the headlines in newspapers and the funnies? Do we attend and enjoy classical musical concerts? Have we

JUST FOR FUN

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

NEW YEAR'S HOG JOWL

Wednesday, prior to New Year's Day, stocks of hog jowl and black-eyed peas ran low in the grocery stores. Froggie Bottom is a community that believes in the superstition that every man, woman and child should eat hog jowl and black-eyed peas at some time on the first day of the New Year.

Word to the wise—both luck and beauty are supposed to be enhanced by those who partake of this special menu.

To be sure, Cornyard and I ordered two dinners of hog jowl and black-eyed peas.

Please note our improvement in physique and beauty in the months ahead.

NO SIGN OF CHRIST

The burning of a cross on the lawn of a white minister last week is now under investigation in Des Moines, Iowa. The minister, Rev. Ian H. McCrae, sold the property to a Negro couple.

The cross made of oil-soaked bales of hay, was six feet wide and ten feet long. Although it was the X-Mas cross, it carried no sign: "Peace to men of goodwill on earth."

WONDER WHAT'S NEXT

The birds had a Christmas party in Greensboro during the holidays just past.

A large tree was erected in front of the Greensboro Junior Museum, and the boys and girls attending the party, decorated it.

The decorations? Popcorn strings, cranberry strings, seed-filled pine cones and stuffed cornucopias—all for the birds. The youngsters didn't eat bird's food, but they got popcorn and cold drinks for refreshments.

You wouldn't crash this party, because it was for the birds. Reservations had to be made. Ah—ah—would that I were a bird!

BATHROOM OF FUTURE

They tell me that the bathroom of the future will be called a health room which has a sunken swimming pool which "allows the entire family to bathe together if they like. A sliding top will conceal the

pool and by a touch of a button can provide floor space for entertaining.

This wonderful room will contain 21 other marvelous features, such as "variable control health vibrator, power operated towel cabinet, refrigerated health drink dispensers, three dimensional television, electronic memory scale and low frequency vibrating chair."

Engineers have actually put the health room on the drawing board, and the old-fashioned bathroom is used to call the bathroom is designated as a water closet with a power operated door.

Now when you arrange to build your home, plan to add an additional five years to the mortgage contract to pay for the health room. Pay attention, because the present basement recreation room with bar will soon become obsolete and bow out upon the advent of the health room.

YES SIR, IT HAPPENED

Froggie Bottom, residents have been wondering about that certain socialite and the reason she leaped from the second-floor window of a North Lancaster St. apartment clad in nothing but her negligee. Seems her hubby, an extremely jealous man, trailed her to her boyfriend's home and crashed the front door just as the "festivities" began.

MATURITY

Cornyard and Dee-Jay were discussing women last week. Cornyard said he likes to pit his hopes on the "sweet young" females. But Dee-Jay would have none of it, because he likes a mature woman as her voice is softer and better modulated, her movements less tense, and she is less worried looking.

Dee-Jay says a woman in her late thirties is golden, and like good wine mellow with age. "But," he added, "a young teenage girl is a torrent of emotion and too tense for her beauty and personality to show."

However, Cornyard has a mind of his own—of course, he disagreed.

Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

MORE GLOOMY—DEANING

In the early nineteen twenties the lips of our race orators were literally on fire, with themes of Negro progress. The columns of Negro newspapers were laden to the hatches with stories of Negro achievement. Thought it all ran a note of self-optimism that had many believing that full citizenship for American Negroes was just around the corner.

This writer was never able to see such rosy picture and although thoroughly convinced that the Negro would come into his own, he nevertheless saw great obstacles in the path of the Negro's upward progress.

He figured then, as he figures now, that the Negro must produce a fine white man. If it takes a whole chance to produce a fine white man no Negro can be produced with only a half chance.

Therefore the Negro needs a whole chance rather than the half chance the whites are disposed to give. It was clear to the careful observer that those who said that the Negro had made the most wonderful progress of any people in history,

were merely feeding fairy tales to the Negro to keep him quiet with his half chance.

This writer spurned such line then and he spurns it now, with the contention that the Negro must have a full opportunity if he is to realize his full potentials as a citizen.

It occurred to this writer that there was need of another approach to the Negro's aspirations for full citizenship in this country. He accordingly felt called upon not to put all the stress on the Negro's accomplishments but more stress on the problems that confronted the Negro as a race.

We emphasized the need for job opportunities and one of the things that the Negro needed to appreciate was the importance of the job by which he lived and moved and had his being. I began to cry like a John in the wilderness.

This was so far out of line with the then current line that I was dubbed the "Gloomy Dean." But when the pressures of a depression were exerting themselves, jobs for Negroes became a major concern in ways that were not true of whites. Soon the pathetic cry went up, "Negroes are the first to be fired and the last to be hired."

When the depression was at its worst all of the "Deans" became gloomy. And there is always the fear that, again, the job that whites must give the Negro if indeed the Negro has a job at all. It always occasions a certain amount of gloom to face this ugly fact.

But today, your writer is gloomy with another kind of gloom that stems from the threats to our nation's welfare and survival. It makes one wonder if we are heading for national disaster when one studies the state of the country.

We have a national debt of nearly \$300,000,000,000. Today's news accounts have it that the nation's assets are \$22,000,000,000 or slightly less than its indebtedness. And what is more, we are going deeper and deeper in debt each day. The danger of national bankruptcy is imminent, and one that cannot be laughed off.

In spite of our great boasts of our great know-how in things economic, our economists have failed to come up with a formula for extricating our nation from a debt that promises to overwhelm us at the least. Then to our back-breaking debt let us add the problem of inflation.

Inflation like a financial cancer is eating away at the heart of our economic life. It is eating away the life-savers of millions and thus trusting upon those millions prospects of lives of poverty and misery.

This is the fate awaiting millions of the most industrious people of the nation for inflation knows no age and no class.

With dollars purchasing less and less and with inflation knows no use and no class.

With dollars purchasing less and less and with inflation like a creeping financial paralysis stealing upon the nation, we are forced to the conclusion that if our great indebtedness does not break the neck of our nation, inflation will.