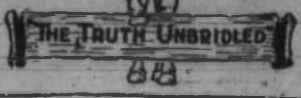


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### SMART THEATRE OWNERS

The Theatre Owners of North and South Carolina, Incorporated, in a recent meeting held at Pinehurst last week let it be known that its members are still fighting the Civil War. It may be that the influence of the South Carolina members caused the North Carolinians to join their brethren from the sister state in issuing an edict against Negro and white persons appearing in movie scenes on an "equal social basis," whatever that is.

Stop laughing dear reader, you must not make fun of old people. The theatre owners of North Carolina and South Carolina were only following in the footsteps of other Southern states like Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. You know with the federal government threatening to pass an anti-lynching bill every minute something has got to be done to keep Negroes from acting like white folks. Why don't you know gentle reader that if Negro actors are allowed to rehearse their parts and then act them on the screen with white folks that they will be getting divorces like white movie actors, using dope like white movie actors and even breaking into the daily newspapers with scandalous love affairs like them.

Why suppose a Negro actor like Richard Harrison had come along about the same time as Wallace Reid and been allowed to socialize on an equal plane with him, on the screen or off it. Who knows but they might have become so intimate as to even refer to each other as "Wally" and "Dick"? And who knows but that Dick would not have died from the dope habit just like Wally? No Sirree, our white folks are not going to take any chance like that. This scandal, divorce and dope business belongs to white folks and the theatre owners are not going to give Negroes a chance at it. Why, who is going to have Negro actors accused of a crime like Fatty Arbuckle? Not our white folks. They believe in keeping Negro actors in their place where they won't learn the ways of white folks.

Brethren and sisters you should have heard the speech made by Brer Montgomery Mill from Greensboro. Boy when that Mill started grinding his "ahsh" ground out some hot stuff about Negroes and white folks socializing together. His hearers could not stand such a stirring speech. Immediately after he sat down a vote was taken and white folks from Miss., Arkansas, South Carolina, Tennessee and North Carolina "jined" hands like their forefathers to keep Negroes from acting in pictures on a social plane with white folks.

Glory be. This solves the problem of race mixing that has been going on in the South for all these many years. Just wait until all these mixed Negroes and mixed white folks die out and both races will forever live side by side without mixing sexually or socially again. There will be pure white folks and pure black folks in the South from then on.

If these owners had just come along before Thomas Jefferson mixed on a social plane with his Negro concubines, the father of Jeffersonian Democracy would not have also been the father of so many Negro children. And Brer George Washington the Father of our Country would not have spent so much time with his Negro gal. Yes Sirree! The movie men have solved the problem of "social equality." Lets stop laughing and give them a hand. They have done what their fore fathers could not do. They are smart.

### THE NCCNA MET LAST SUNDAY

The North Carolina Committee on Negro Affairs, at its mass meeting held in Raleigh on last Sunday, voted to cooperate with the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association in the matter of equalizing the salaries paid white and Negro teachers in this state. The action of the committee places the teacher salary question right where it was before that august body convened at the state capitol.

The Carolina Times does not like to be pessimistic about actions taken in meetings like the one held in Raleigh last Sunday, but we are willing to bet our last dollar that unless some other persons or organizations become interested in teacher salaries that nothing will be done about them next year this time. As we see it the meeting of the NCCNA was not the biggest failure we have had the pleasure of witnessing in many a day.

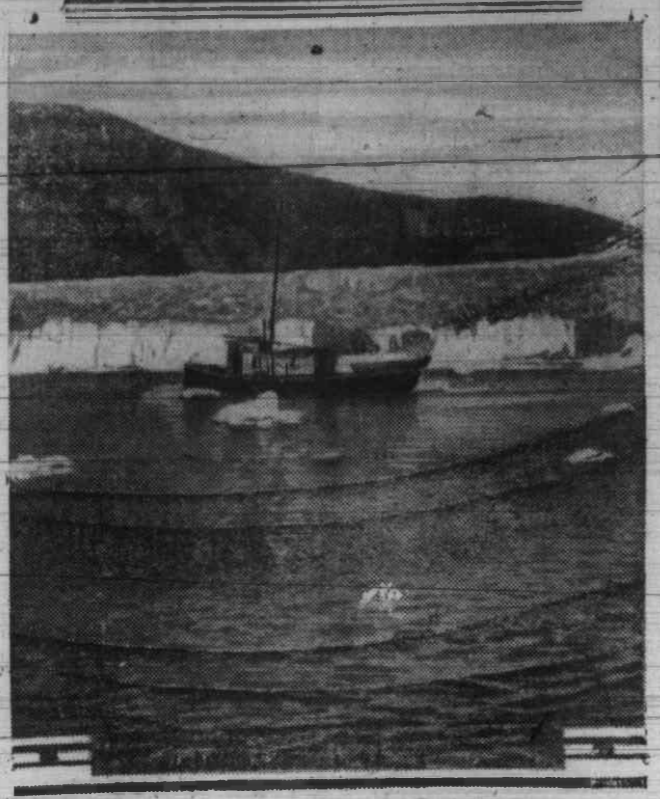
In the notices sent out to the Negro press a week prior to the date set for the meeting we were made to believe that it was being called for the purpose of discussing the several candidates for election to the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and the National Housing Act as it affects Negroes. As far as we were able to see those present at the meeting did everything else but take up the matters for which the meeting was supposed to have been called. If any definite action was taken on any candidate for election it was done in such a manner that it was not observed by the most of those present.

The Committee finally did get around to taking a vote on the teacher salary question and to the surprise of those present permitted itself to be swayed by the hankerchief head bickerings of "Uncle Tom" Epps of Greenville. From doing anything definite or certain about the underpaid Negro teachers in North Carolina. All in all the meeting was a joke and served only to call a number of persons from their homes, some many miles, to do nothing.

About the most refreshing thing of the entire meeting was when a crazy man, who apparently had broken away from the insane asylum at Goldsboro, got the floor and proceeded to make a speech that far surpassed the remarks made by most of the others present. After discovering that the rest of those present were crazy also, the insane man took his seat and there remained throughout the remainder of the session.

The Carolina Times would like to suggest that hereafter the meetings of the NCCNA be called on a day in the week so that those who travel from cities where the ABC's are not yet taught will at least have an opportunity to take back home with them something by which to remember, or maybe forget, the occasion that is stronger than the soup which was dished out at last Sunday's meeting.

## Do You Know?



Photograph, Canadian News Service  
That the vibration of steamship whistles cause great bergs of ice to fall off the Taku Glacier, a portion of which is shown above? Taku Glacier is in Alaska and is one of the great ice fields of the world. It is to be seen from steamships plying between Vancouver, B. C. and Skagway, Alaska, the water at the foot of the glacier being deep enough to allow boats to cruise within two hundred feet of the ice field.

## Last Weeks Two Best Editorials

### THINK SERIOUSLY ON THE NEGRO'S VALUE TO SOCIETY

THE Negro's value to society is not deteriorating, as some folk seem to think. The minimum value of an American citizen to society is not less than \$600.00 annually. Since the Negro is an American citizen and he has always proven his loyalty to the Constitution of his country—a member of his race was the first to die for the independence of his country on the Boston Commons he has certainly sustained his value to his country and its Christian ideals. Since this is true, the value of the present-day Negro to society should not be devaluated.

This is why we must endeavor not to underestimate the essentials for making our youth desirable citizens. The State recognizes this fact by having schools to train youth so they can render unto society the things making for the good and progress of a Christian nation. So, those responsible for the training of our youth must fully realize that they are morally responsible for the opportunity given them as principals and teachers. Merely teaching for an economic objective—drawing a salary each month—is not sufficient.

The principal of a school is the administrator of that particular school. If he is out of tune with the requisites necessary to make his school a source for the procuring of certain enlightenment and leaving results in his community, he is a square peg trying to fit in a round hole. His mal-administrations make him a deteriorating factor in making the Negro youth what the state and the nation wants the future citizen to be.

It is imperative that we see to it that there should be a wholesome atmosphere for our youth, if the State furnishes the buildings, equipments, books and the finance for our public schools the Negro citizen is morally obligated to see that Race youth's mobile characters are not to be distorted by a principal or a teacher, of whom he is a ward during the time he is under the supervision of the school.

Too many of our youth are poorly educated, resulting in their value to society being reduced to a status which is detrimental to society. Society has to produce for them instead of them producing for the conservation of society. There is a splendid group of our teachers in this section who are striving to make their pupils what society exacts of them.

We must not be superficial in our interest for maintaining essentials for a well-rounded training.

## The Special Session Of Congress And The Negro

(By Bart Logan)  
At an open hearing on the Wage-Hour Bill conducted in Charlotte by the Chamber of Commerce, the spokesmen for the industrial interests made for their main argument against the bill the fact that it would raise wages of Negroes. One manufacturer said "there ain't no Negro worth 40 cents per hour." The purpose of this line of argument was to convince the white workers that the manufacturers had no objection to paying them a decent wage but they wanted to maintain "white superiority." Spokesmen for the C. I. O. who were present futed this old gag effectively and pointed out that low wages for Negro workers mean low wages for all workers.

Senator Bailey, speaking in the Senate, said that the Wage-Hour bill and the Anti-Lynching Bill was an effort to ruin the South. When Bailey and his kind speak of the South it is very clear that they don't mean the people of the South. Higher wages certainly will not injure the working people and if the workers are making more they will be able to spend more, so this surely will not hurt the merchants and farmers. If Bailey didn't mean the working people—the middle class of people, who did he mean?—When he speaks of the South, evidently he has in mind the big industrialists. How many big industrial plants in the South are owned by Southern people? Everyone knows that industry in the South is owned and controlled by northern interests and that southern industrialists are more and more becoming mere office boys of Wall Street. In speaking against the Anti-Lynching Bill Bailey made the most brazen defense of mob murder ever made in the Senate. According to Senator Bailey, lynching is a grand

## Calvin's Digest

BY Floyd J. Calvin  
Warning to WPA

We note with amazement that the head of the WPA in Washington apparently accepted without so much as a second thought the "sugar-coated" report of the Louisiana State WPA Administrator that colored citizens so unfortunately situated as to be on relief, "volunteered" to go into the canebrake for emergency work at the "fabulous" price of \$1.50 per day and "keep" of course, is such as may be afforded where no humans, especially in large numbers, normally live.

The distressing thing about this situation is that the Washington authorities attempted to palm it off to the press—even the Negro press—as the true story of the battle to save the rich Louisiana planters their \$6,000,000 cane crop.

The truth of the matter came to light in a colored paper in N. Orleans—the Louisiana Weekly. It was not a "volunteer" proposition, as the Washington press release stated, but a "Cut Or Starve" edict, which was the title of the Louisiana Weekly editorial.

We wish to warn the Washington administrators of the WPA that they had better make a little better use of their official Negro entourage if they are really concerned about the future of their country. Negroes, in this day and time, will not continue to meekly submit to an officialdom which subjects them to discriminatory labor treatment on the one hand, and attempts to cover it up by broadcasting an "official" report that all is well on the other.

Lynch Fight To Date  
The battle to get the Anti-Lynching bill through the Senate continues apace. As the showdown of a vote draws near, there is much weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, but there is also a new note in the danger—white friends who are standing their ground.

The Federal Council of Churches has released a letter signed by 130 women, to Senator Dixie Graves of Alabama, in which the women say they are "greatly disturbed" by the Senator's attitude toward the bill, and in which the Senator is informed that the women "stand solidly back of the Anti-Lynching Bill which is before Congress in this session." The senator is told, also, that "Your recent talk against the measure was a great disappointment to us." This is from the great Protestant federation of churches.

On the Catholic side we note an editorial in the December issue of the Interracial Review, entitled "The Last Round-Up," adds this inspiring comment: "Catholic leaders and the Catholic press of the country, already on record as favorable to the present Federal Anti-Lynching Bill, will have added reasons for urging the enactment of the present bill—because of the enemies it has made.

NOTE:—YOUR question will be answered FREE in this column ONLY when you include a clipping of this column and sign your full name, birthdate, and correct address to your letter. For a "Private Reply" send only (25c) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for my new ASTROLOGY READING and receive by return mail FREE ADVICE on (3) Questions.

Send all letters to: ABBE WALLACE, care of THE CAROLINA TIMES, 117 E. Peabody Street, Durham, N. Carolina. MY 1938 ASTROLOGY READINGS ARE NOW READY.

ECW—Should I stay on the job that I have now or should I take the trip that has been offered me for the first of the year?  
Ans: You could only derive a few weeks pleasure from the trip and I must say that it will give you a lot of joy—to remain on your present job will insure you of regular employment during the entire winter. Make your choice.

LMJ—Does my boy friend mean me any good? What should I do?  
Ans: Stop worrying about this young man and make some other nice friends in your city. The boy likes you but neither he or yourself are really old enough to know the meaning of the word love.

MBE—There are two women in my life. I have lived with one for seven years and the other I have only known for one year. Do either one of them love me or am I just another fool?  
Ans: The lady that you have lived with for the past seven yrs. does love you and would like more than anything in the world to have you to herself. The other young lady isn't at all interested in you or your love.

VMG—Why is it that home is not pleasant for me anymore and would it be best for me to move?  
Ans: Your home life could be made pleasant but it will take a lot of careful thinking and planning, but you are perfectly capable of doing it. The condition that exists now is only temporary and a change will take place before spring with your help.

SM—Who caused my daughter to be in this condition and what should I do about her and will she ever be well again?  
Ans: No one at all is responsible for the condition of your daughter. The thing you should do right away is to see a good doctor and let him examine your daughter. Yes—an improvement will take place provided she gets medical treatment immediately.

MISSOURI SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS STUDENT BAN  
Jefferson City, Mo. Dec. 16—The barring of Lloyd Gaines, Negro graduate of Lincoln university of this state, from the law school of the University of Missouri was upheld here this week by the Missouri supreme court, which has had the case under advisement for many months.

Gaines sought a writ of mandamus in the court at Columbia, Mo., seat of the university, to compel the university officials to admit him as a student in the law school. His petition maintained that he was a citizen of the state of Missouri and was entitled to graduate and professional training in the law-support ed university of the state. Missouri has a separate school system and a university for Negroes, but that university (Lincoln) does not offer professional training. It was the contention of Gaines and his lawyers, S. R. Redmond of St. Louis, C. H. Houston, NAACP counsel of New York, that the state was violating the 14th amendment to the constitution by failing to provide equal training for all students regardless of color.