

Thanks to the Durham Morning Herald

In its issue of Tuesday, June 7, the Durham Morning Herald published a most pertinent editorial on the question of protecting "school time for teaching," to which we say AMEN! If the condition to which the Herald refers obtains to a great degree in many of the white schools of this area, it obtains to a greater degree in many of the Negro schools.

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Thus the Herald's observations on this important question are in line with the study made by the N. C. College Bureau of Educational Research four years ago. It probably will be received by the parents of the Hawley High School with great appreciation. However, we doubt that the almost day-in and day-out money raising activities of the school in the past will be changed until principals are changed.

If warnings and recommendations set forth in the study made by the North Carolina College Bureau of Educational Research and continuous complaints of the parents to the superintendent and Board of Education have been of no avail, we doubt that it is possible to realize a change for the better under the present administration. What the Hawley High School actually needs is a new principal.

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When one views the Negroes in this country that have risen to national prominence he is compelled to confess that the South offers little if any encouragement to Negroes of unusual ability to remain here.

Men like George Washington Carver, Richard B. Harrison, Ernest Just, Ralph Bunche, Wm. Hastie, Jackie Robinson, Joe Louis, Dorothy Maynor, B. O. Davis and many others could find no field for their labors in the South without having to suffer all kinds of indignities. In fact North Carolina and other southern states are literally driving away from their shores thousands of the best prepared and best Negro minds to other sections of the country.

As usual Governor Hodges speech was to and for the white graduates at UNC and other schools of North Carolina. He did not figure the Negro graduates in the equation because he is aware that in industry, government and other vocations where the top salaried jobs are, the accepted and determined policy in North Carolina is to keep the Negro, regardless of his ability, on the outside looking in.

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INTEGRATION WILL DEFEAT HIS HATE TEACHINGS



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



God's Power is Ever at Work-- Even in Enemies--Against Wrong

"The magistrates were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens..." Acts 16:38.

Conscience creates an inner disturbance for wrong doers. Man, therefore, by nature carries something within that makes him intensely fearful and anxious within the midst of his wrongs. Wrong doers may put up an outward show but deep down in their inmost hearts they are terribly frightened.

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Dr. Armstrong Sets The Record Straight on NAACP Affiliation

Dear Louis: I was indeed glad to read your current editorial on Negro Leaders and their NAACP membership. I want to set the record straight for you because of some erroneous ideas circulated by the local writer for our Negro papers.

First of all, when this rumbling and letter writing hit, the Raleigh News and Observer and the local press asked for a press conference on it. The Raleigh News and Observer called concerning it and furnished me with the original copy of the letter. At no time was there ever any whispering about membership in the NAACP as alleged by the Negro writer. I might add here at no time since the first printing of the letter has this Negro writer been in my office to ask the real facts. He has written from what he has read rather than to attempt to get the true facts in the case. The three individuals involved in the case at no time have whispered about membership in the NAACP. I was asked at the press conference if I had ever held an office in the local unit and I answered honestly by saying "no." I advised that I didn't expect to be elected to an office. I pointed out that I personally contributed and was not ashamed nor fearful of claiming membership in the NAACP. I also pointed out that I further contributed to the work of this organization through my local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, to the national organization of this Fraternity, through the Old North State Medical Society, the Eastern North Carolina Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, and the National Medical Association. Although the white press mentioned only the fact of my non-office holding, the Negro writer knew to some extent of my affiliations. He also knew that I was elected Vice-President of the Rocky Mount Voters League, an organization that seeks to implement the goals of the NAACP. Prior to this letter, you have probably read my answer as Secretary of the Old North State Medical Society to the accusation of the President of the North Carolina Medical Society relative to membership in that organization. I thought that I had made myself clear, as well as that of the members of the Old North State Medical Society, when I stated that we would have nothing less than first class membership in any organization.

I want to point out that I personally appeared before the local School Board relative to the delay in the construction of a new Junior High School for Negroes. I think that I can truthfully point out that the target date for completion was moved up one year as a result of this appearance. All of the Negro children in Rocky Mount stand to gain by this action. We worked hard to get out the Negro vote in Rocky Mount for Terry Sanford and I personally advised one of the Secretaries in Dr. Lake's office that his scathing attack on the NAACP was considered as an attack on our Negro citizens, yet this was never printed. If you wish references on this, I shall

be only too happy to provide you with supporting affidavits that such statement was made. Just what then can one do to avert these allegations of whispering about membership in the NAACP. I sincerely believe that all of it could have been avoided if only the local writer of the Negro press had ascertained the true facts rather than copy what had been written in white papers. I feel that I know you and I am sure you know me well enough to ask for the true facts. This letter is not a criticism of your fine editorial. I simply write you as a personal friend to ask you to urge your local writers to get press conferences or personal interviews before making unjustifiable statements.

I believe that I can extend to you safely and with every degree of assurance an invitation to make a visit to Rocky Mount and to ask for a sampling of Negro opinion here in Rocky Mount as to whether or not I have stood up and requested equal opportunity for the Negroes living in our city. I believe that you will find upon your sampling that I would be pointed out as one individual in Rocky Mount who does not bite his tongue about expressing his views on any issue where it involves the opportunity of the Negro to gain full membership in our civic life.

Finally, I want to point out that membership in the NAACP would not preclude appointment to the local School Board. Dr. Parker held membership in it and it was generally known by both races. That it plays no part is evidenced by the naming of the new Junior High School in his honor. Hence, for one to disavow membership in it would not enhance the possibility of appointment to any Board in Rocky Mount. That it does not play the part is shown by the fact that we have had representatives on the City School Board, representatives on the City Housing Authority and representatives on the City Board of Health. These are just a few of the top spots that Negro citizens occupy in Rocky Mount and in each spot a man that represents our race is a member of the NAACP.

I want you to feel that you are free to call me at any time to ascertain any true facts or any facts whatsoever on anything that arises in Rocky Mount on which I can give you factual information. You have known me for many, many years and you have never failed yet to call upon me when you needed information that you felt that I could give.

This same principle holds true now. I appreciate the attitude that you take in your editorial and I am wholly behind it in every respect. You are free to publish any portion of this letter that you may wish to or, if you think it advisable, to simply let the matter drop with the explanation that I have made to you as a friend.

With every good wish and thanking you, I am
Sincerely yours,
Army Armstrong, M.D.

N. C. No Land of Opportunity for Negroes

In speaking to the graduating class of 1960 at the University of North Carolina, this week, Governor Hodges urged its members to stay in North Carolina. Said the governor, "North Carolina is still a land of great opportunity. I hope that you will find it possible to stay here."

In commenting on the speech the Durham Morning Herald had the following in part to say in an editorial of Wednesday, June 8.

North Carolina, as Governor Hodges so well said, is still a land of great opportunity. For that opportunity to become translated into accomplishments, however, requires men and women of vision to see it, men and women of industry to give it reality, men and women of integrity to use it for the general good. Ideally the education today's graduates have received should give greater acuity to spiritual and intellectual vision, should have inculcated habits of industry, and should have cultivated integrity. The home pastures, too, are green. We share the Governor's hope that many of this year's graduates will find their best opportunities in North Carolina.

This kind of advice is alright to graduates in North Carolina and the rest of the South if you are of the white race. It is not alright if you are a Negro. If one happens to belong to the latter it matters not how much interest, integrity, or how industrious he is he cannot rise above that of second-class citizenship in

No Time for Eisenhower to Visit Japan

More and more it is beginning to dawn upon this newspaper that President Eisenhower should not visit Japan. In spite of the assurance of Japan's prime minister, Nobusuke Kishi, that the Japanese government can provide adequate security for the president we feel the risk is entirely too great during these times of international unrest.

There are thousands of persons outside state officials in Japan who will remember that it was the United States that dropped the first atomic bomb on their country killing thousands of non-combatant citizens, in-

cluding many women and children. Many of these people have told and retold of the murderous incident to their children who have grown up with hatred in their hearts against the United States, in spite of all this country has done to help rehabilitate Japan since the war.

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First Negro Congressman from Mississippi, Hiram Revels, Would be Improvement Over Eastland

The Gentleman from Mississippi, Our First Negro Senator, by Elizabeth Lawson, Box 316, Times Square Station, New York 36, N. Y. 63 pages, 35 cents.

REVIEWED BY EUGENE FELDMAN

Here for the first time is the wonderful and exciting story of America's first Negro U. S. Senator, Hiram R. Revels. It is written by Elizabeth Lawson, a very able historical and author of important historical works.

One of the biggest crimes against the Negro people—and the white—in our country is that the true story of Negro history has never been told. We are led to believe that Negroes did nothing to build these United States. One of the Propaganda lies used by the white supremacists is that Negroes were happy, obedient slaves, illiterate, ignorant, and like dumb brutes. Look at almost any standard history text and you will find no mention of Crispus Attucks, Frederick Douglass, or Harriet Tubman. Even the word Negro is spelled with a small "n" in many cases.

BLAST KLAN IDEOLOGY Here then, in this booklet, Miss Lawson has fired a strong blast and salvo against the Klan ideology. She tells the story of our first Negro Senator in an interesting way and how honorably and nobly he served for the state of Mississippi and our nation.

The reader of this review should not think that it was easy for Senator Revels to become a member of our upper house. He was challenged every inch of the

rights of his people would then be secure. Would that we could have a Negro Senator from Mississippi today. Eastland would be out and a mighty improvement a Mr. Revels would make.

Editor's Note Mr. Feldman is a white Alabamian who has long been in the forefront of the movement for equality for Negroes

A Negro Was With Peary At Discovery of The North Pole

A Negro was with Robert E. Peary when he discovered the North Pole in 1909.

This is stated in a new book which will be published by Harper & Brothers on June 15.

Written by Walter Lord, author of the best sellers "A Night to Remember" and "Day of Infamy," the new book is called "The Good Years."

It covers the period from the turn of the century to the First World War or, as the author says "after plumbing and before taxes."

Peary's Servant In his chapter on the discovery of the North Pole, Lord spotlights Matthew Henson, Peary's Negro servant.

"He had been along on all but one of the commander's polar trips," writes Lord. "By now he boasted qualifications far beyond those of an ordinary valet. He was, for instance, an expert sled dog driver. As for looking

after Peary, Henson said, 'With the instinct of my race I recognize in him the qualities that made me willing to engage in his services.'"

On the very day when Peary finally reached the Pole, Henson was the only other American with him, reports Lord.

In addition to the chapter on Peary and Matthew Henson, the book discusses child labor in the South, the San Francisco earthquake, the assassination of President McKinley, lavish society parties of the era, and other events.

CHEMICAL TEST CAUSES EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY

DENVER—A young graduate student last week conducted a chemical test which resulted in \$75,000 damages at Denver university.

Smith said he was conducting an extra-curricular contract experiment which involved highly volatile compounds.

HEALTH HINTS

BY DR. ELDEE L. BROWN
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ARTHRITIS

There are two main types of arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis; both can permanently cripple. It can occur at any age, and rheumatoid arthritis affects more women than men. Nothing can be swallowed, or injected, which can do more than bring a drugged form of temporary relief.

Arthritis may come from many causes: infection of tonsils, teeth, sinuses, urinary tract, or bowels. Other contributing causes are overwork, not enough sleep poor posture, exposure to cold and dampness, constipation, mental shock, undernourishment, nerve irritation, and poor circulation.

Osteoarthritis shows, through X-ray, an overgrowth of bone; consequently the joint becomes stiff and swollen, even deformed. To overcome these conditions, the doctor of chiropractic uses means which have proved beneficial. Among these are short-wave diathermy, colon irrigations, correction of posture defects, increase of vitamin "C",

high intake of vitamin "D", and a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and milk. To these are added exercise and specific manipulation of the affected parts to restore normal nerve function.

When the treatment for arthritis is carried out under chiropractic guidance, the results are uniformly good.

COED IS STUDENT-PANELIST
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — It was learned here this week that a 19-year old Negro coed, Lolita Bevenue is one of the student-panelist representing the University of Wisconsin.

She travels from one conference to the other, appearing on discussion panels, and is the only member of her race who has occupied this position for the University.

Miss Bevenue has also been elected President of her dormitory at the University of Wisconsin campus, a house composed of approximately 200 coeds.

She also represented the city of Milwaukee in a student exchange program at Oslo, Norway, several years ago. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent C. Bevenue of this city.

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