

The Bond Issue Defeated

We think the stinging defeat which the voters of North Carolina administered the 10 bond issue proposals on last Tuesday was not as such, a repudiation of Governor Terry Sanford's effort to push this state to the forefront in its educational, industrial, health, agricultural and other developments. We rather think the defeat can be attributed to three basic reasons, namely the food tax, ignorance on the part of the voting masses as to the actual needs of the state and race prejudice. Of course, there are several small segments of the population that opposed the program for various and sundry reasons.

It so happens that every individual in this state has to eat. Whether he eats to live or lives to eat is irrelevant. One thing is certain: if he lives he must eat. When a seemingly unnecessary hardship is placed on the ways and means by which one eats, namely the food tax, resentment follows. That resentment, we think, was truthfully expressed by a large segment of voters on last Tuesday. There is another segment of voters composed of those who are downright ignorant. Such persons are not fully informed on such matters and issues as to the cost of education, industry and other improvements that the state must have if it is to keep abreast of other progressive commonwealths of the nation.

There is the third and last main segment whose members are so steeped in race prejudice or hatred that they will resort to any means or methods to inflict injury on the Negro. The sentiment of this group was well expressed on the morning of the election in a letter to the editor of the Durham Morning Herald by a Mr. M. W. Dilworth of Raleigh. Said he, in part:

"One of the State officials concerned with

the State Parks said a few weeks ago it might have to be racially integrated. Whenever they become racially integrated, this will simply mean turning our beautiful State Parks over to the Negroes, because the white people want to go to them. I am not in favor of spending \$901,000.00 on our State Parks and then turn them over to the Negroes. I would be in favor of closing them instead. Therefore I intend to vote against Sanford's Bond Issue."

Whether we would like to admit it or not, this ignorant and hate-infused human represents the thinking of a large segment of white people in North Carolina. These people, while taxing Negroes the same as others for the maintenance of parks, schools and other advantages, would deny them the equal benefits therefrom. They hope by some means to hold back the flood tide of freedom that is sweeping the earth. To these fanatics segregation is an obsession, a religion and a way of life that must be maintained at all costs. They see but cannot read the handwriting on the wall.

We salute the Negro voters of North Carolina, a majority of whom voted for the bond issues. They went to the polls on Tuesday with their eyes wide open and fully aware that the state had not always been fair to them in job opportunities, school facilities and other areas. That they could restrain the selfish desire to hold back the full benefits which the bond issues would have brought to others is commendable. Their patience and forbearance with the present and their faith in the future are things that are most beautiful to behold.

Dr. George and the State of Alabama

Sensible people of North Carolina were treated last week to the joke of the year when an announcement was made in the public press that the state of Alabama had employed a retired professor of the University of North Carolina and appropriated several thousand dollars to have him do a study to prove that the white race is intellectually superior to the Negro race. The only deplorable thing about the whole matter is that the person employed is an educated man who has been exposed to intelligent and intellectual people for a majority of the 72 years of his life.

The entire project sounded so asinine that Dr. Wesley Critz George, who is doing the study, quickly denied that it involved a search for racial inferiority of the Negro. Dr. George, who is an avowed segregationist and a member of the executive committee of the Patriots of North Carolina—a pro-segregationist organization—says that his study is even broader than the "genetic aspect of the problem." Said he, "I am studying the biology of the race problem from a scientific point of view. This is a study of the life of sciences which takes into consideration the intellectual ques-

tion." Negro leaders questioned about the project this week took the whole matter in stride and viewed it as typical of the thinking that goes on in a deep southern state. The only element of surprise was evidenced in the fact that there could be found in the state of North Carolina a highly educated person who would participate in such a stupid venture or undertaking. Their summation or version of the project ranged from pity for an old man in his senility to disgust at the state of Alabama in raising an issue that was settled by scientists as far back as the early part of the 19th century.

When and if Dr. George's study is ever made public, it will be no surprise to intelligent Negroes of this state if he finds what the state of Alabama wants him to find. Dr. George might even discover that Negroes don't need shelters to protect them from fallout and destruction caused by testing of nuclear weapons. We label the retired 72-year-old professor the number one clown of the year and the people of Alabama as the nation's biggest dupes for allowing state officials to waste their money in such a foolish manner.

Rape Death Penalty For Negroes Only

At Monroe last week an all-white jury deliberated only 15 minutes and rendered a verdict of guilty against a Negro on a charge of raping a white woman. This week at Charlotte, located in the adjoining county and only about 25 miles from Monroe, a white man has been arrested and charged with raping a six-year-old Negro girl. It will be interesting to watch the outcome of the latter case, which, if it follows rape charges of the past involving white men and Negro females, will end up with the white man being found not guilty of rape, being convicted of a much lesser charge, or being insane.

It might be a revelation to many in this state to learn that no white man has ever paid with his life in North Carolina penal history for raping a Negro woman. In fact there is no record in the state that one has ever been convicted of such a crime, which carries with it the death penalty. Death for rape in North Carolina and a majority of the southern states is another one of those things observed "for Negroes only."

This newspaper has no brief for a rapist, be he white or Negro. We are greatly concerned, however, that the death penalty for the crime is only imposed on Negroes. Either death for rape in this state should be abolished or the penalty should be applied without regard to race, creed or color. The same applies to the death penalty in other southern states that have the tendency to extend leniency to white men only especially when they are convicted of raping Negro women.

Rape in any form is a most revolting crime. When the victim is that of a six-year-old child, it appears to us that if convicted the

guilty person should suffer the full penalty of the law. We predict that the white man charged with the crime will end up with being tried for a lesser offense than rape, or of being declared insane by the court.

THE MUSLIM MOVEMENT

On page 6-B of this week's issue appears a report of a debate at Howard University between a leader of the Muslim cult and Bayard Rustin, a believer of long standing in liberal causes. This item is of especial interest to us for at least two reasons. The first is the fact the Muslim movement is becoming increasingly a serious one about which all of our citizens would do well to concern themselves. The second is the fact that the movement is apparently serious enough for the leaders of Howard U., the county's premier Negro college, to consider the issue important enough to be debated in the halls of that school.

The fact that the Muslims are with us is one which all of us should be prepared to accept, whether we like it or not. How long they remain depends upon how we react to their presence.

Regardless of how violently we many disagree with the Muslim belief, it is not enough to simply ignore the movement or to say to the followers that their belief is false. They have to somehow be shown the fruitless and suicidal policy that they are pursuing. For even should the movement fail of its own volition, unless the people who are caught up in it learn to see for themselves how false it is, they will be easy prey for the next such movement which comes along.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Daily Service to God Lifts Life From the Tedium and Boredom



"For my part I am ready to die for the Lord Jesus." Acts 21:13. What is nobler than a Holy Resolve to follow Jesus all the way?

Here we have the true thrill of a lifetime. This sounds strange in a time when human beings, bored by living humdrum empty lives, go out in search for a thrill. Many are seeking thrills in pills. Yes, there is a mad rush and search for thrills. Who can blame human beings for wanting to escape boredom of dead-end and meaningless living. Such living is unbefitting man, the masterpiece of God's creation. Paul was rescued from the boredom of his shameful past by Jesus at high-noon one day on the highway. In the company of Jesus, Paul's life became a most thrilling adventure. And now in the face of danger he can say: "I AM READY TO GO ALL THE WAY."

Jesus offers a life of thrilling adventure. In Jesus you find thrilling adventure with the highest and noblest in God's creation. Where can you in all history find a life of more thrilling adventure than that of the

Apostle Paul? A true life in Christ calls for courage and daring of the highest order.

In Christ you go with no army possessing weapons of destruction. In Christ you go without a navy or an air force. In Christ you go without wealth and its worldly power. In Christ you go as a soul saved and redeemed by the Grace of God Almighty. You go with God's gift of the Holy Spirit. In Christ you go armed with the weapon of prayer, love, forgiveness, and the matchless peace of God. Jesus redeems and calls us to a thrilling dramatic adventure.

Hear Jesus' call to a thrilling life and escape that misery and boredom in which you find yourself. Self and sin mean boredom and misery. These two lead men to confusion. Jesus calls you to escape your boredom. How can it be done? You ask with Nicodemus: "HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?" Jesus calls you to the thrill of adventure—some living through the new birth and holy consecration. You can escape by walking with Jesus in the way of love and service. One of my good friends is

right when he says that life is love and service. And to walk with Jesus in love and service is the most thrilling adventure in all the world. You don't have to be bored. You give up your selfish ways and come and walk with Jesus in life's most thrilling adventure.

These found life thrilling with Jesus. Jesus rescued Augustine from sensuous self-indulgence to become a Christian, theologian and philosopher. Huss and Savonarola found thrilling misery as a thrilling adventure with Jesus in Burma. Jesus thrilled and fascinated Horace Pitkin as a youngster as he gave up his wealth and position to follow him to an early untimely death in China sixty years ago.

Yes, these escaped the boredom of human existence and found the greatest thrills with Jesus. You, too, can find life's thrills by walking in the high, thrilling adventure of loving service.

Take and follow Jesus seriously. In right where you are and you can find life thrilling and adventuresome.

Helping Elderly Persons Is A Vital Part of the State Welfare

By BERNADETTE W. HOYLE
(This is the 6th of a series explaining welfare in North Carolina.)

In North Carolina and across the nation many elderly persons have outlived any savings and are unable to provide themselves with the minimum requirements of daily living. This is true for a number of reasons. One is that people are living longer as the result of improved medical knowledge. Another is that many of these people during their working years held unskilled and poorly paid jobs, so that they were unable to save enough to provide for their old age.

What happens to these old people? They must live, and it is the responsibility of society to see that they are cared for.

Old age assistance, one of the major programs of public welfare, helps many of these elderly persons if they meet the eligibility requirements for such assistance.

A typical case history from the public welfare files is the story of a 91-year-old man and his 89-year-old wife. They have no children. He was 65 years of age in 1935 when the Social Security Act was passed. He had worked as a cook and his wife was also a domestic worker. Neither had been able to save for their old age because of their meager wages. While both worked for about 10 years after the Social Security Act went into effect, neither was covered by Social Security. Both have had illnesses

that have required expensive medical treatment. These two aged persons are eligible to receive a money payment from old age assistance—their only means now of providing for their needs. The wife, whose sight has been falling for years, is almost totally blind and the husband cares for her himself, although he is very feeble.

This is just one case among the thousands in North Carolina where elderly persons with no income and no family are being helped by old age assistance.

A person who receives old age assistance must be 65 years of age or older; must be in need because he does not have the essential requirements such as food, shelter, clothing and other necessary items; is not living in a public institution; is not a patient in an institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases; is not a patient in a medical institution as the result of having been diagnosed as having tuberculosis or a psychosis; and has been a resident of North Carolina for the past year. An applicant must also agree that there will be a lien on any real property he owns or may acquire in the future and that all assistance paid to him or in his behalf shall constitute a claim against him and his estate enforceable according to law.

Resources that are considered in determining need are the income of the applicant; savings

Yes, We All Talk

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE

A number of inquiries have been made as to whether or not the writer of this column writes speeches. Yes, he does in response to requests for speeches of welcome and response, speeches of introduction, and speeches for special occasions.

For busy individuals who do not always have the time to prepare their speeches, the writer has established a group plan offering life membership for seven dollars. This entitles the member to get his speeches written for half price whenever he needs them. A fee schedule is available upon request.

THANKSGIVING SPEECH: It has been traditional to speak of the Pilgrims during the Thanksgiving address. A more modern approach is to thank God for molding the forces that have investigated the advances of the Negro during the past two years. Emphasize that the Great God of the universe moves in mysterious ways.

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Williams Ran Out on Issue

About two years ago Robert Williams of North Carolina attacked the NAACP for not being revolutionary enough and called upon that organization to provide arms for its members and to fight violence with violence. He did this just at the time when Anti-NAACP Bills before the North Carolina State Legislature. If the NAACP had adopted his policy (as distinguished from supporting the right of self-defense, which the NAACP has always done), the Anti-NAACP Bills would have been passed easily. Instead, Williams was suspended from his position as Chairman of a local branch of the NAACP. His suspension was almost unanimously endorsed, after full hearings and arguments by the NAACP's National Convention, and Anti-NAACP's Bills were defeated in North Carolina, the only case where a Southern Legislature failed to pass such measures. Since then, Mr. Williams has continued his attack on the NAACP and has been made a hero by various communist influenced organizations and by a few other misguided people.

Hearing, somewhat wrongly, that he was a great fighter for Civil Rights, but was no averse to violence, some of the students who participated in the Freedom Rides decided to stop off in his home town and see if they could not convert him to non-violence; instead, he apparently converted one them who was not well grounded in his principles. John Lowry was apparently persuaded into driving the car in which a white couple was kidnapped and held for a time as hostages for release of the Freedom Riders. Kidnapping, of course is not in accord with non-violence.

Williams and Lowry were indicated for kidnapping, a grave offense which might bring a sentence of life imprisonment in North Carolina. Mr. Williams, the great revolutionary shipped to safety in Cuba, running out on his fellow defendant, John Lowry. From Cuba, he is said to be broadcasting attacks on the

NAACP and on America and urging others to come to Cuba; but poor John Lowry is left behind in jail, while Mr. Williams makes it difficult, if not impossible to get bail for him. For both the State of North Carolina and those who might put up bail fear not face his accusers with courage that if Lowry is released he may and with unflinching assertion of his belief in inter-racial justice to be achieved by non-violent methods, but will run out as Mr. Williams did.

Meanwhile, the NAACP has gone on to win the case of Boynton vs. Virginia, which declared that segregated facilities in travel terminals were unconstitutional. On the basis of this case, it got the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue an order banning racial segregation in bus and railroad terminals and requiring that copies of their order be posted in the terminals. The NAACP's Youth Council in North Carolina, freed of Mr. Williams' presence has forced the airline terminals there to do the same thing and take down the racial signs over rooms.

The Civil Rights Commission, with a former NAACP lawyer, as a member, has urged that a Presidential Executive Order be issued banning racial segregation in all housing projects aided by Federal Funds or mortgage guarantees. Such an order is likely to be issued fairly soon.

Negroes are getting jobs or being up-graded in companies having Federal contracts because of a recent Presidential Order. All of this is the result of steady and persistent legal and political pressure mainly from the NAACP, backed by non-violent methods, such as Sit-Ins, Wade-Ins, Picketings, Boycotts, etc. Mr. Williams' contributions to these changes, each small, but cumulative and important in their total effect, is nothing. Instead, he has left his fellow defendant in a kidnapping charge to take the rap.

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'I'm Gonna Do Him In' Cop Tells CORE Member

NEW ORLEANS—"I want one of those Nigger boys to get off 'I'm gonna do him in'" was the one comment of one policeman in Kerat Spring, Louisiana as one group of CORE testers arrived on a Trailways bus. The comment was made to Frank Nelson, a white member of the CORE group. There was no violence.

In Hollingsworth, the Trailways driver refused to let Negroes off the bus though he did let the white passengers off. He said there wasn't "enough time." Nelson reports that the waiting room and restaurant had a "white only" sign and the I. C. C. signs banning discrimination were not posted.

Oretha Castle, acting chairman of New Orleans CORE reports that the restaurants in the Baton Rouge terminal were closed and even the Coca-Cola machines bore "out of order" signs.

In Crowley, Louisiana state and local police bearing sawed off shotguns and tear gas guns met the bus and barred the CORE members from entering the waiting rooms.

On the return to New Orleans the CORE teams were served in the terminal restaurants. However, New Orleans police questioned them asking for names and addresses and whether they belonged to any organizations other than CORE. In addition to New Orleans the group was served in several smaller Louisiana communities. They met no difficulties in Texas.

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