

The Scarcity of NAACP Life Memberships In N. C.

There has recently come into possession of the Carolina Times a copy of the 1961 "Honor Guard," a booklet published by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The publication, issued last June, contains a list of the names of all paid in full Life Members, Junior Life Members, subscribing Life Members and Memorial Life Members of NAACP as of May 15, 1961. It takes \$500 to purchase a life membership, which may be paid for in one installment or in several installments. A Junior Life membership costs \$500 and may be purchased in the same manner. The same applies to the purchase of all other types of NAACP life memberships.

It was only natural after viewing the long list of names for us to look for the number of Durham Life Members and then for those in other cities of North Carolina. To our horror we discovered that in the entire list there were only three individuals in the city of Durham that had ever purchased NAACP life memberships and only 13 in the entire state, and two of those are white persons. It thus appears to us that Negroes of Durham and the remainder of North Carolina are simply doing more talking about the struggle the race is making for freedom than paying.

This newspaper could, if it desired to do so, name at least a hundred business and professional men and women in Durham, to say nothing about the number in North Carolina,

who are financially able to purchase a life membership in NAACP without the slightest strain or sacrifice. Instead, their only concern about the struggle and advancement the race is achieving in the field of civil rights apparently ends with their lip service. The record is sad, and it plainly shows that in Durham and North Carolina, when it comes to paying for freedom, a majority of us will not put our money where our mouths are.

As much as we would like to name the three members of the race in Durham who have purchased NAACP life memberships, we are not going to do so at this time for the simple reason we feel it will be distressingly embarrassing to them, and also because we are too ashamed of the long list of Durham Negroes, many of whose annual salary are in the five figures bracket who are now "weighed in the balances and found wanting" on the grave question of civil rights.

Frankly, we would like to see a concerted drive launched in North Carolina for NAACP life memberships. It is our feeling that if such is carefully planned and intelligently conducted, Durham will come up with a more respectable number of NAACP life memberships than now exists. Likewise, we are satisfied that at least there are 500 Negroes in North Carolina who could and would, with a little coercion, be influenced to purchase NAACP life memberships.



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The Celebration of Crime Prevention Week

We take this opportunity to add our word of commendation to Durham's effort to celebrate Crime Prevention Week. Certainly, with the increase in crime nationally any effort to focus the attention of the people on the crime condition now facing the nation should receive the support of all good citizens.

Theme of the crime prevention campaign is that "Crime Does Not Pay." So often young people, and old ones too, in an effort to get something for nothing, embark on a career of crime only to discover ere it is too late that "crime does not pay." Such people are not always among the ignorant and illiterate. Recent observations will disclose that in many high places so-called intelligent and respectable people, in an effort to get something for nothing, have been implicated in some of the

most sordid crimes.

It is our hope that our churches, fraternities, clubs, individuals and others interested in good citizenship will support the observance of Crime Prevention Week here. The effort should also be taken to all schools of the city, especially the public ones. In this manner, many of the young people will be reached and a lasting impression made on them that "Crime Does Not Pay."

We commend the Mayor, the Police Department of Durham and other organizations for their efforts. It is our hope that the program will also be carried to the pool rooms, barber shop, cafes, restaurants and other places frequented by people in all walks of life. If by doing one person is saved from a career of crime the effort is well worthwhile.

Again, the Lack of Leadership in Durham

All good citizens of Durham would like to see the matter of integrating the Carolina Theater settled amicably if it is at all possible. The only thing apparently now needed is progressive leadership that should be furnished by the Mayor of the city and the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations. Integration of the Carolina Theater and all other places of amusement in Durham, North Carolina and the rest of the South, is inevitable. For any citizen or group of citizens to attempt to halt the march of freedom now sweeping across the earth is stupid. As Shakespeare put it in his Merchant of Venice, as well might one "use question with the wolf why he has called the ewe to bleat for the lamb." The same applies to the matter of the employment of Negroes in top level jobs by the Duke Power Company, other public utilities organizations and businesses dependent on all the people for support.

From where we stand, it appears to us that, in addition to trying the patience of the NAACP youth chapters that have led the movements for improving the status of Negroes in theater accommodations and employment, there has also been placed on their shoulders the full responsibility of treading softly lest they step on the feet of the powers that be in Durham or muddy the water of the Mayor's Committee's effort. However, it appears to us that the matter of bearing and forbearing should be shared, and shared alike by both sides taking part in the negotiations now under way.

On the other hand, the Mayor, Committee and others who are taking part in the efforts

should take into consideration that after exhibiting patience for nearly 100 years, all Negroes are becoming fed up with delays, procrastination and efforts to sidestep and even at times humiliate leaders of the NAACP youth chapters and others who appear before the governing bodies of the city from time to time.

Morally or legally the Carolina Theater, a municipally owned building, cannot be leased for operation to any person or group of persons who intend to operate it to the exclusion of a particular segment of the taxpayers. Therefore, the only way in which it can be operated for "white people only" is on the outside of the law, a move which says because we are bigger and stronger than Negro citizens we are deliberately going to take advantage of them. This, of course, is the same manner in which cats and dogs attempt to settle their differences. It is the path traveled by Babylon, Greece, Rome, Germany and other nations who attempted to brow beat subject people and resort to a policy of might and power rather than that of the spirit.

Again, we say that the Carolina Theater matter can be settled forthwith in a matter of seconds if only those into whose hands the responsibility of leadership has been placed will rise to the occasion and do what they know is legally and morally right.

VIEWERS AND REVIEWS

Hans Oberth, German rocket expert:
 "With rapid advance we are now making in rocketry we will soon be safer in a rocket than in a car."

Prime Minister Macmillan, of Britain:
 "Where these submarines may be, I am perfectly satisfied no decision to use these missiles will ever be taken without the fullest possible previous consultation."

Rev. E. T. Drilling, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA:
 "The current debate on the religious issue, is rightly handled, could minister to the growing unity of the church and the nation... let us see only to it that we speak the truth in love and in mutual respect for each others convictions."



Truth Can Free Mankind From the Web of Error, Misunderstanding

"Before Paul was taken he said, 'May I say something to you?'" Acts 21:37.

Paul asks permission to speak a word for truth in the midst of a riotous scene involving a mob. There are times when truth needs a hearing. Truth may be drowned out amid the insanities of blind hate and unreasoning prejudice. Thus Paul asks for and receives permission to speak a word of truth in reason and calmness. Too often truth may be crushed to earth and never get a hearing. Truth, however, will rise up and take her place to speak her piece. A God of justice gives us to know that truth will prevail. Truth sets the record right. Lies warp and distort things. Truth needs her chance to speak so that things may be corrected and set right. Falshoods may robe themselves in the seemingly respectable clothes of propagand

da. But a lie is lie it matters not how much it may dress itself up. A lie remains a lie whether its dress is in overalls or a tuxedo. Millions are being duped in our times by falsehood dressed in the attire of seeming respectability. Let us stop becoming the easy victims of the lies of the Evil One. Who is the evil one? He is the Devil. The crusaders for truth must fight to overcome the lies of the Evil One. You read the New Testament and you find that Jesus is the light of the world, the light of the Evil One. And you who would stand under the banner of the Master you must fight the lies of the Evil One. I remember very vividly the study of the person who was urged to tell a lie to smear the name of a certain person. But thanks to God that this person refused to be a party to this vicious scheme of the

Evil One. It is only the lowest of the low that will tell an untruth to destroy another person. Truth alone can free mankind from the web of error and misunderstanding. Many are still in this web. It is strange how wars have helped to bring great masses to the light. World War One helped to pull the smoke screen of injustice from the eyes of the Southern Negroes. The surging movements of war brought them to the light of truth and they never returned to the darkness. World War Two and its aftermath brought millions of Asia and Africa out of the darkness into the light of truth and freedom. Jesus is right when He says that truth alone can bring true freedom. What do you want as an individual? The enslavement of a lie or the freedom of the truth?

Segregation Is Being Exported Abroad By Biased United States Servicemen, Magazine Reports

American servicemen "are exporting racial violence and segregation to Europe wholesale," says the March issue of the new magazine This Month. John Dornberg, in an article titled "Jim Crow Travels Abroad," writes: "The problem has grown so steadily that it can no longer be ignored. During one twelve-month period alone, U. S. soldiers stationed in Western Germany were responsible for three racial killings, a still unsolved Klu Klux Klan campaign, as well as several knifings, countless bar riots, numerous assaults, and one bomb attack that involved white vs. Negro GIs. "Despite this record of violence, American military authorities have played ostrich

The impression these outbursts leave on NATO allies, however, is hardly favorable to American foreign policy. And that's not the worst of it. The effect they have on the esprit de corps of servicemen may one day impair the defensive stance of our overseas forces. "The situation is complicated by the fact that segregation is being practiced - on off-duty time. For all practical considerations, that is beyond the reach of U. S. civilian or military, as well as local British, French, or German law. Although racial discrimination is illegal inside the military services, virtually no restrictions regulate the after-duty behavior of servicemen. Once a

way from camp, GIs are on their own. They are free to practice as strict and immovable a Jim Crow way of life as they desire." The author cites numerous instances of riots involving white and Negro soldiers that stem from segregation practices of bars, cafes and inns. These establishments, the article says, are patronized exclusively by servicemen and native civilians of more than questionable character: prostitutes, procurers, blackmarketeers, and confidence men. There are shady dives for the white and for the colored. The proprietors say they enforce the color line because "the customers want it that way."

Durham Women Are Very Reluctant To Discuss the Faults They Discover In Negro Male Population

The TIMES Inquiring Reporter this week was turned down flatly in most cases as the question he asked drew much discussion, but very few answers. This week's question was geared particularly to the fairer sex and the reporter noted with a great deal of interest and humor that all of the married women approached, flatly refused to answer, but did come up with some interesting comments (which they preferred not be published). However, the reporter did find a few courageous single North Carolina College co-eds who had much to say about our question. The question was, "What, in your opinion, is the biggest

fault in Negro men?" Following are the answers. Miss Joyce Erwin: "Negro men are no worse than any other men. As a matter of fact, I like Negro men better than I do any others. But then, I haven't been closely associated with any other type." Miss Thomasenia Green: "Most Negro men are shiftless and aren't interested in improving themselves... and many of them could use quite a bit of improvement." Miss Marva Robert: "Negro men aren't progressive enough... they haven't yet learned that women are their coordinators not their subordinates. Their attitudes and thinking about women are just off." Miss Brenda Randolph:

"Some Negro men don't show enough respect for their women. Most of them aren't polished... but on the other hand, you find that sort of thing in all races. I suppose when you think about it seriously, Negro men are no different than any other men. Men are men." Miss Helen Moore: "I find no faults in Negro men that I don't find in other men. Basically, I believe all men are alike. Men's attitudes toward women are something one can't determine by the color of their skin." Thus went the question. But don't worry men. You too will get your chance to answer back at the women.

Critics of student efforts to promote theater desegregation in Durham are eager to point out an inconsistency in the selection of the picketers' targets of protest. "Why not picket the Criterion and other theaters which also practice a policy of segregation; why confine your activities to the Center and Carolina theaters?" they are quick to say.

The total discrimination practiced by the Criterion Theater is no less a valid target for protest than the "separate (and unequal) balcony for Negroes type of segregation practiced by the larger Center and Carolina theaters, and currently the scene of non-violent protest by students of all races.

But there are good reasons why the coordinating committee, the organizations and individuals involved, have chosen to concentrate on these two theaters, and not launched an all-out protest against all theaters (or supermarkets, lunch counters, etc.) which practice discriminatory policies.

There is a subtle distinction between the discrimination practiced at the ticket window of Criterion-type theaters which allow no Negroes to enter the theater, and the segregation formerly practiced by the Center and Criterion which seated Negroes in separate and unequal balconies. These balconies are now being used to accommodate white patrons—the Negroes have not attended either theater since the picketing began last year.

This distinction is important to

many who protest segregated and unequal facilities, but who jealously guard a man's right to select his patrons at the outer door of his establishment, be it restaurant, supermarket or theater.

Further, the Carolina theater building is owned by the city of Durham, and as the downtown Mayor's Committee on Human Relations decided recently, it presents a different set of circumstances from that presented by either the Center or the Criterion.

The Center theater is one of several, including both segregated and integrated theaters, in the same chain.

But there are those who protest all forms of segregation, discrimination, and yet confine their protests to the town's two larger theaters, sanctioning the attendance of others at, perhaps attending themselves, the smaller and un-integrated theaters.

The number of persons interested in the non-violent protest movement is one reason for confining the movement to the two theaters. Also, because these two theaters are larger, and play first-run movies, they are patronized by University students and faculty to a greater extent than the smaller theaters.

And moreover, it would be unrealistic to ask members of either the academic or the non-academic community to forego all cinematic entertainment. The picketers are pursuing their goals in a realistic manner. —The Duke (Univ.) Chronicle

The Scouting Movement Provides Excellent Training For Boys

The Boy Scouts of America has inaugurated its new program of national purpose entitled, "Strengthen America... Character Counts," for Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13. The movement found its inspiration for this program from the conclusions of the President's Commission on National Goals.

The paramount goal of the United States, the Commission said, "is to guard the rights of the individual, to ensure his development, and to enlarge his

opportunity," and that "the way to preserve freedom is to live of national purpose entitled, 'Strengthen America... Character Counts,' for Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13. Since 1910, millions of American men and women have joined in helping the Boy Scouts of America fulfill its purposes and, in so doing, have built a movement which is a vital part of American life. Today's 3,800,000 boys and 1,400,000 adult volunteer leaders have adopted the new programs' theme: "Will Do My Best to Build, to Serve and to Achieve." Chief, Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton, Jr., in announcing the new program declares, "Scouting's role in strengthening America was never more important than it is right now. The first line of our nation's defenses lies in the character of its people and that of the on-coming generation."

Yes, We All Talk

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE

VOICE QUALITIES
 Q.—What are the requirements of a good voice? I am especially interested from the viewpoint of the public speaker.—Mrs. L. K. A.—The normal speaking voice should have these characteristics: (a) adequate loudness, (b) clearness of tone, (c) pitch of key appropriate for one's age and sex and physique, and (d) suitable inflections which convey the speaker's emotions and attitude.

The good voice has a pleasing quality which is agreeable to the listeners. Some people have excellent voices which, I believe, is dependent upon their vocal equipment, as well as skill in using it.

From the viewpoint of singing, the persons who have excellent voices are the individuals who find successful careers on the stage and in the concert halls.

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Build a strong America - by building and maintaining a strong movement, capable of leading the largest possible number of boys along the trail to good character, participating citizenship, and physical fitness. Serve the cause of democracy - by giving boys the opportunity to practice good citizenship through service to their fellow man and by helping them expand their knowledge and love of their country. Achieve the purposes of Scouting - by helping boys to do things themselves and others and to instill within their hearts and minds the ideals of Scouting based on a reverence of God. Here is a youth program for our times, currently bringing "duty to God and country" into the lives of 1,128 boys in the Durham Division. It's a program we urge all our citizen to support.

Caliver, Moat Deaths Mourned

NEW YORK—The NAACP this week suffered the loss of two proven friends of freedom in Ambrose Caliver of Washington, D. C., and Clifford I. Moat of Media, Pa.

NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins said in a telegram to Moat's family that he "was a devoted worker in the cause of civil right throughout his lifetime."

Moat was an NAACP officer for more than a quarter of a century.

Dr. Caliver, chief of the Adult Education Section of the Office of Education, was believed to have been the first Negro to attain permanent professional appointment in the U. S. Civil Service.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY — Of one of Africa's most constructive political thinkers, former Premier Chief Obafemi Awolowo, has been released by Cambridge University Press: New York; and sells for \$4.50 and \$2.50. The book titled "AWO" describes his life as author, journalist, lawyer, politician, and scholar.

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