

Durham Failed the NAACP

Last week's meeting of the annual session of the North Carolina branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Durham uncovered some stark revelations that should claim the serious attention of the citizens of this state and Durham in particular. Whatever came out of the meeting, good or bad, there was one thing that stood out like a sore thumb to the embarrassment of Durham's Negro citizens in general, and that was the absence of their ministers, college and public school teachers, physicians and other professionals, business men and women at the sessions in numbers sufficient to give evidence of their wholehearted support to the NAACP.

Frankly, we are at a loss to determine exactly where or upon whom to place the blame for the otherwise poor attendance. Our inquiry into the matter reveals about as many different answers as the number of persons whom we asked. Certainly a speaker of such national note as Editor Harry Golden, should have resulted in more than the sparsely or half filled auditorium which greeted him during his address at the NAACP annual session. If the state officers of the association felt no embarrassment the few leading Negroes of Durham who were present should have.

With the exception of Durham's ministers, its professional, business men and women and

the average working man and woman may have a plausible excuse for their lack of attendance at the NAACP day time sessions. Surely no person would expect any one to neglect his job to put in his attendance at the day sessions. We do think, however, that out of a total of 35 or more ministers who claim membership in the local ministerial alliance, that an average daily attendance of five at the NAACP annual session was entirely too low a number to be representative.

If our ministers failed in their duty at the day sessions, our teachers, physicians, leading business and professional men and women let the NAACP annual session down almost completely at the night sessions. It may be that a measure of individual or personal success is beginning to go to the heads of some of us. If this is true, we would like to remind those who have become so affected that the race as a whole is still in desperate need of the NAACP program. The oppressor group does not ask whether a Negro citizen is a minister, physician, teacher or business man or woman. The only information necessary for one to receive insults and abuses is to be classed as a Negro. It is this stigma the NAACP is fighting, and any member of the race who withholds his support is standing in the way of his own progress as well as that of the group as a whole.

The Significance of the Ruling in the School Case

If the Fourth Circuit Court's decision handed down last week in the Durham school case came as a surprise to the white citizens of North Carolina, it created none among its Negro citizens. If the ruling of the court, which we have not yet seen, does not strike down entirely the North Carolina Pupil Assignment Act, we agree with attorneys in the case that it is at least "a crack in the wall." We think Attorney Jack Greenberg put it mildly when he stated that "it was the most significant since the 1954 decision outlawing segregation in the public schools." In our humble opinion we predict that time will prove it to be the most significant since the Emancipation Proclamation.

Like many state laws upholding segregation in the southern states, Negroes know such are wrong but the tremendous cost in money, time and energy that is demanded to carry such cases through the federal courts have been almost prohibitive. Had it not been for the fine group of Durham's Negro

lawyers working at a sacrifice in cooperation with those of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, victory in the matter might not now be in sight. We think the people of North Carolina should know that from a financial standpoint those lawyers got little or nothing out of the case. It might be said further that many of them even suffered loss of practice as a result of the time they spent in preparing it.

We think the victory should remind those who are slow in giving their support to the NAACP and Negro lawyers that without them it is not hard to imagine what a predicament Negro citizens of the South would be in when it comes to the struggle for their rights. We happen to know that there are many so-called intelligent members of the race in Durham and elsewhere in North Carolina who not only are not members of the NAACP but either refuse to support it or are lethargic in doing so.

Commendation for the Duke Divinity School

Whoever is responsible for the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation establishing a fund at Duke University to provide scholarships for the training of Negroes in the ministry should be commended. The scholarships are greatly needed and should help to make it possible for young Negro men looking forward to entering the ministry to prepare themselves to meet the challenge of an integrated society that is now only a few years away. As is usually the case when a great change is wrought among men, the church is the last to fall in line. It is not hard, though, to visualize the religious world eventually becoming just as integrated as the sports and theatrical worlds, and that within the next decade. A minister who has been exposed to training in an integrated school is certain to find himself better prepared to meet the challenge than one who has been trained in a school where there are only Negro students or only white students.

What applies to Negro prospective ministers also applies to those of the white race. The next ten of fifteen years are sure to find white ministers pastoring predominantly Negro or fully integrated churches the same as Negro ministers are sure to find themselves pastoring predominantly white or fully integrated churches. We think that the time is approaching when race will not be a determining factor in the selection of a minister to pastor a church any more than it is now a factor in the selection of a baseball or football player for the big leagues or a college team. Certainly, the religious world

will eventually have to fall in line with the changes that are now taking place not only in the United States but all over the world.

Through the years the Duke Divinity School has kept far ahead of other schools of the University in the matter of social progress. It will be remembered that the Divinity school voted to admit Negro students over fifteen years ago, and that it has taken the trustees and administration equally as long to catch up. It is going to be interesting if not amazing to watch the changes that are sure to take place in the South during the next decade. Truly, it doth not yet appear what we shall be in this part of the nation's vineyard.

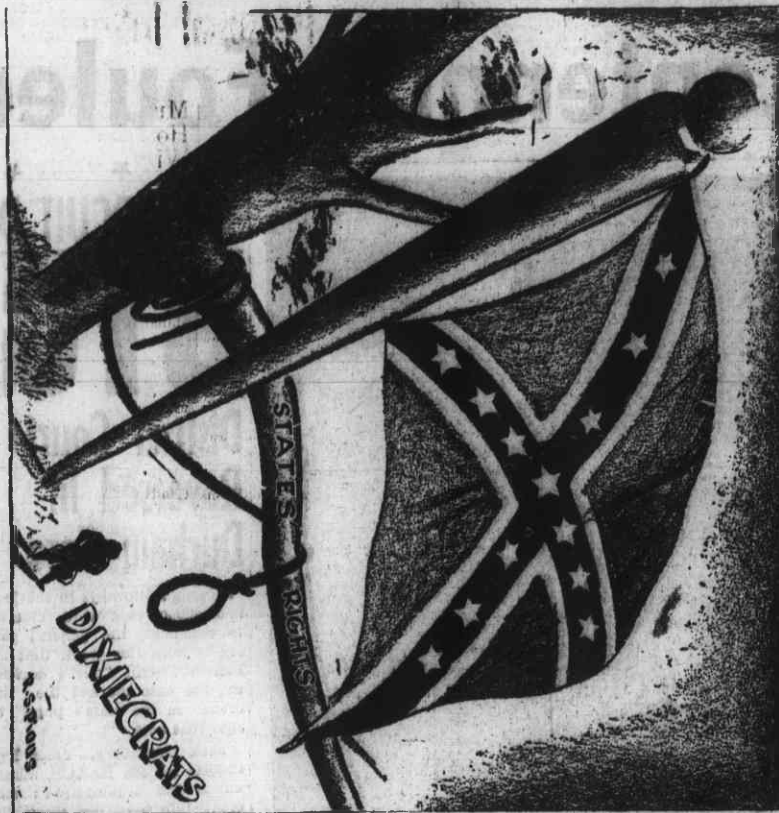
A Serious Situation In Kinston

The bi-centennial celebration of the founding of the city of Kinston which took place in that city this week revealed some startling facts that must not be allowed to go unnoticed if Kinston, its Negro citizens and North Carolina in general are to keep pace with the march of progress in this state and the wave of freedom now sweeping the earth.

As disclosed in an account published elsewhere in this issue of the Carolina Times, the leaders of Kinston, North Carolina are sadly behind the times if they are of the opinion that they can insult a representative of another country on account of his race without creating serious repercussions among the darker peoples of Asia, Africa, and the other parts of the world. According to information furnished the Carolina Times Thursday morning the deputy mayor of Kingston, Jamaica was refused accommodations at a hotel in Kinston, North Carolina solely on account of his race. To make bad matters worse the Jamaican representative had previously secured reservations at the hotel only to be turned down by the management when it was discovered he was a Negro.

The silly notion still clung to by some leaders of North Carolina and other states of the South that only white is right and that consequently they have the God given right to kick those of other races around is not only outmoded but it is dangerous. Our own country is having hard enough time trying

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SPIRITUAL INSIGHT



Fear, Hatred Often Cause Us To Mistreat Our Neighbors

"Saul, why do you persecute me?" Acts 26:14.
The Master asks the young man why do you treat me with such cruel contempt? Why do you mistreat me with such a passion? What have I done amiss that you treat me so cruelly? Overcome your blind passion we are often guilty of wrongfully mistreating fellow human beings. We allow fear and hatred to overcome us, consequently, we are guilty of shamefully and wrongfully abusing people. Blind hatred, hatred is always blind, is a terrible thing to become embedded in the human spirit.

Usually, we are slaves of hatred when we wrongfully mistreat other human beings. We see too much of this spirit in the souls of the people in the world at this time. We have seen this same ugly spirit in the burning and bombing of Churches in Georgia because people exercise rights as good American citizens. So many could cry out with us in this so-called enlightened day "WHY DO YOU TREAT ME THIS WAY?" It is outrageous, senseless and unreasonable.

How long will we remain the abject slaves of this ugly spirit? How long will decent people wink at such vicious, out of date outrages to be committed against law-abiding citizens? How long will justice sleep and wrong rule the land? What is the difference after two thousand years between persecuting Paul and the Church-burning American in 1962? Both were unfortunate slaves of hatred. I hear the helpless victims saying "Why Do You Treat Me This Way?"

Man is the tragic victim of an evil spirit. What a ravaging influence is to be found in the power of sin in man. How blind are those who would deny the existence of human sinfulness. Call it what you will, we all must agree that there is something radically wrong with man. Man can climb to noble, lofty heights. And then on the other hand, man can descend to dark, degrading and shameful depths. You see it in Paul as well as the Church burners in 1962. Truly man the sinner needs Christ the Savior to rescue him from the enslaving power of evil. Only

Christ can save us from this ugly, vicious power. Christ rescued Paul and he must rescue the violent slaves of sin and evil in our times.
The supreme beauty of the redeeming love as found in Christ is that it can turn a most vicious enemy into a loving gracious friend. This power of God's redeeming love is the most creative force in the universe. When we see evil and violence rolling as a mighty surging tide we may doubt this great spiritual-moral truth. This thing is real and it works. Whole nations doubt it. Individuals look upon it with scornful contempt. But none of these things can change this stubborn fact of history and human experience. It is real as a healer, builder, reclamer and a reconciler. It is the power God has given to redeem this sin-cursed and blighted world of ours. This love is the one thing that can cleanse from sin and sanctify.

In the face of a vicious, rampant evil let us ever remember that meekness and love still conquer the earth.

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Bishop Jones to Speak

Mt. Olive A. M. E. Zion Church, 123 Powe St., will have as its guest speaker the Rt. Rev. Raymond L. Jones at the 11:00 o'clock worship services Sunday, October 21.

Bishop Jones is the presiding prelate of the 2nd Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Zion Church. He resides in Salisbury. This will mark the first official visit of Bishop Jones to Mt. Olive during the tenure of its present pastor the Rev. Elias S. Hardge, Jr. who is closing out his second year here in Durham.

Building Fund Event At Mt. Bright

A musical program will be presented at Mount Bright Baptist Church Sunday evening, October 21, at 6 p. m.

Appearing will be the Senior and Junior Choirs of Mount Bright, Harps of Harmony, Durham, and the Gospel Five, Hillsboro.

This program is for the benefit of the Building Fund and is sponsored by Mrs. Christine Faucette and Mrs. Frances Price.

Homecoming

Sunday, October 21. Homecoming Day will be held at Red Mountain Baptist Church. Rev. J. A. Stewart, pastor, will preach the 11:30 a. m. worship service. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Barnes, pastor of Piney Grove and Terrell's Creek Baptist Churches will deliver the address. Dinner will be served at 1:30 p. m.

Laymen's Day

On Sunday, Oct. 21, Kyles Temple A. M. E. Zion Church will have as its Laymen's Day Speaker, William B. McIver, a graduate of A. and T. College.

McIver is a member of the faculty of Little River School and is a member of Kyles Temple. The address is scheduled for the 11:00 a. m. worship service. The occasion is expected to be one of the finest Laymen's Day programs to be presented at the church.

Tonic for the address will be "God Give Us Men." The church cordially invites the public to this special program.

102nd Anniversary

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Chatham County will celebrate its 102nd Anniversary beginning Monday night, October 22. On Sunday, October 28, will be annual Homecoming with all day service and picnic dinner. Everyone is cordially invited. The Rev. J. R. Burt is pastor.

To Observe United Nations Day

The Kyhoo Club of the Harriet Tubman branch of the YWCA will present a program commemorating the establishment of the United Nations 17 years ago.

The program will be held in the chapel of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, October 24, at 8 p. m. Miss Nezzie Carter will outline briefly the objectives of the United Nations and its efforts in the maintenance of international peace and security. Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor of the church, has consented to show slides from the various countries he has visited during his several trips abroad.

The public is invited to attend the program.

Men's Day

LeMarquis DeJarmon will be Laymen's Day Speaker at Asbury Temple Methodist Church, Sunday, October 21, at 11:00 a. m. DeJarmon, a Professor of Law at North Carolina College, will speak on "The Prayer

or that month. The truth is that perhaps twenty unsolicited sheaves of poems, envelopes of short stories, or even whole novels have come in the mail that week from people one does not know at all. It would take an editorial staff to carefully consider them all, and the postage for returning them eventually becomes considerable. I sometimes wish I were a movie star, rather than a

Movement in the Public Schools - A Historical Perspective.

A graduate of Howard University and The Western Reserve University Law School, DeJarmon serves as consultant to the Labor Law Committee of the United States Senate; Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Southeastern Lawyers Association and is a licensed member of the Ohio Bar, South Carolina Bar, of the U. S. Supreme Court and the North Carolina Bar. For the past three years he has been a Ford Fellow in Legal Education at New York University.

Musical Program

The Susie V. Norfleet Bible Class of White Rock Baptist Church will present a program featuring several well known Durham musicians at the church at 7:30 Sunday night.

Among the participants are Mrs. Elna Spaulding, soprano; Mrs. Barbara Cooke, pianist; Mrs. Lavinia Parker, organist, and a voice choir under the direction of Mary Bohanon.

Sunday night's program is one of the class' annual features during the church's anniversary month. White Rock Church continues its 96th anniversary program through October 29.

Dean James T. Taylor is teacher of the Susie V. Norfleet Bible Class and Mrs. Virgie Jones Davis president.

Women To Have Charge of Service At Morehead Ave.

The seventh annual Women's Day observance of the Morehead Avenue Baptist Church will be held Sunday, October 21 with all three services of the day in charge of women of the Church. The occasion marks the eleventh anniversary of the occupancy of the present Sanctuary.

The general theme of the services will be "An Open Door". The speaker at the 11 o'clock service will be Miss Cornelia E. Fennell of Willard, who is a teacher in the public school system, and a member of the Executive Board of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Others appearing on the program are Mrs. A. L. Philmore, State Field Worker and Bible Teacher, Mrs. Mary Horton, a representative of the Durham County Missionary Union and Miss Mirmie C. Lyon, Return Missionary to Africa.

Calendar of Events Branch YWCA

Monday, October 22—3:45 p. m. Snappy Teen Y-Teen Club Meeting.
6:00 p. m. Copper Framing Class

8:00 p. m. Dressmaking Class Tuesday, October 23—10:00 a. m. Ladies Holiday and Tumble Time McDougald Terrace
10:30 a. m. Needlepoint Class at YWCA

8:00 p. m. United Nations Observance sponsored by Kyhoo Club at E. D. Mickle Center
8:00 p. m. YWCA Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 24—3:45 p. m. Snappy Teen Y-Teen Club Meeting
7:30 p. m. Teenage Committee and Y-Teen Club Advisers Meeting

7:30 p. m. Knitting Class
7:30 p. m. Townhouse Council

Thursday, October 25—10:00 a. m. Tumble Time at McDougald Terrace
7:30 p. m. Millinery Class at YWCA

Friday, October 26
7:30 p. m. Membership Dance (free to all Y-Teens are paid up)
Saturday, October 27—11:00 a. m. Bowling Class (open to all Y-Teens meet at the YWCA at 10:00 a. m.)
8:00 — 11:00 p. m. Townhouse

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