

Another Two Years of Do Nothing

We wish to apologize to the DURHAM MORNING HERALD for taking the liberty to comment on the letter written to its editor, Tuesday, May 16, by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moore in reference to the insinuations, sidestepping and attacks made on the Negro voters of Durham by Mayor Wense Grabarek during the recent municipal political campaign.

Negro citizens and voters of Durham are indeed grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Moore for their analysis and comment on the lowbrow or win-at-any-cost type of campaign that was resorted to by Durham's first citizen, its mayor. It is not often that those of the opposite group in Durham have the courage to take up the cudgel in defense of its Negro citizens, however deserving the case may be.

It is regrettable that Mr. and Mrs. Moore are leaving Durham when there is such a dearth of understanding by a majority of white citizens on the question of race relations. Certainly there is much need in this city for more upstanding and outspoken

citizens of both races to speak out on what we consider one of the major problems now facing the nation — that of creating better race relations.

While we have mentioned the matter of the recent municipal election we may as well apprise Negro citizens of Durham now that in the face of the fact that the winning candidate made no promises to Negroes before or during his campaign for mayor they can expect nothing to emanate from his office during his term. Thus, instead of more and better employment in municipal positions, adequate equipment for Fire Station No. 4 and the abolishment of many other disadvantages and injustices they suffer, Negro citizens may as well settle down for another do-nothing term about raising the status of Negro citizens for the next two years.

In the meantime, we would like to insist that the efforts to improve the registering and voting habits of Negroes be continued unabated. By so doing the time will eventually come when the die may be cast in a different direction.

Congratulations to Durham's Voters

It is our feeling that congratulations are in order to the Negro voters who cast their ballots in the City Council election held here Saturday, May 13. Likewise we feel that thanks and congratulations should be extended to the white voters who helped make it possible for the Negro citizens of Durham to have a more equitable representation on the City Council by casting their ballots for Dr. C. E. Boulware. The combined effort of the progressive white voters and Negro voters has moved Durham forward and in the right direction.

We trust the success the coalition of progressive or liberal white and Negro citizens achieved at the polls on last Saturday will grow and spread over into other fields of endeavor until Durham truly becomes

The Proposed NCTA-NCEA Merger

Negro teachers of North Carolina will need to look far and near, step prayerfully and cautiously before they ring down the curtain on their own North Carolina Teachers Association to which all of them are so greatly indebted for whatever professional status they now have in this state. They will need to be on guard against those in their own group, as well as the opposite group, who are looking for the proverbial Negro mule to ride in the proposed merger of the North Carolina Teachers Association with that of the North Carolina Education Association.

Negro teachers will need to have, beforehand, a definite and unmistakable understanding as to what their status will be as members of the new organization. They will need to recall that the economy of the South and much of the economy of this nation, for that matter, has been built off the sweat, muscle, brawn and blood of Negro labor. A case in point is that of the tobacco industry from which so many millionaires of the past were made, including the Duke family of Durham and the Reynolds family of Winston-Salem.

Still living in Durham and Winston-Salem are Negroes who, in the early days of the tobacco industry, worked in the cigarette factories for as little as \$1.98 per week. Before their day, their parents worked in the same factories for wages as low as \$5.00 per month and a sack of

meal. In short, the Negro was the mule on whose back the Dukes, Reynolds and others of the so-called southern aristocracy rode to fame and fortune, which enabled them to endow universities and other institutions that slammed the door in the face of the Negro.

Merger of the NCTA with the NCEA is a step in the right direction and "a consummation devoutly to be wished." Leaders of the NCTA should be sure, however, that safeguards are thrown up to protect Negro teachers from becoming the proverbial mule on whose back members of the NCEA will ride and eventually slam the door in their faces. By instituting written or unwritten laws, limiting their status in the proposed new organization to that of floor members or assistant officers, as is being presently done in the matter of Negro principals, under the present so-called integrated school system, Negro teachers might eventually find that they have been "sold down the river."

Members of the NCEA should be politely but positively told that Negro membership in the merged association must be absolutely on an equal basis with others. Unless such an understanding is forthcoming it might be advisable for the NCTA to stand its ground whatever the cost even if it includes that of having North Carolina thrown out of the National Education Association.

To Live In Dignity

"A MAN MUST BE BOTH STUPID AND UNCHARITABLE WHO BELIEVES THERE IS NO VIRTUE OR TRUTH BUT ON HIS OWN SIDE."

EX-SOLDIER AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



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WE TOO, WOULD LIKE LIVING IN DIGNITY!

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Forgiveness is Another of the Gracious Gifts of God Almighty

"The gracious gifts of God are irrevocable"

Rom. 11:29

Man the rebellious sinner is the object of the gracious gifts of God. Oh what a blessed truth this is for us in our spiritual blindness. God graciously reaches out to us in our studied, deliberate and willful blindness. We should thank God for the supreme gifts as well as the lesser gifts which come from Him to us. The Supreme gift is Christ Jesus, the blessed Savior and Redeemer of all mankind. And then there are untold lesser gifts from God to us who are made in His image and likeness.

We have the supreme gem among God's gracious spiritual gifts: Love. What is life without this gift from God? What is man without love? What is the strength and durability of the human personality without this vital cohesive power. This gift of love molds the human personality into a strong, integrated whole; and without it, it falls apart failing to reach its full, rich potential. Love raises man to a state of nobil-

ity. Love is a basis of a rich satisfying fulfillment for the life and personality of man. Love, therefore, must be counted as one of the indispensable gifts from God to man. And without it, life plunges into the darkest depths of hopelessness and meaninglessness. The magic touch of love upon the degraded stuff of life brings it into the power of the newness of life in Christ Jesus. This is what it means to be a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Forgiveness is another of the gracious gifts of God Almighty to us in our weak and sinful state. And this forgiveness emerges from the very nature of the first gift of love. Where there is no love it seems almost an impossibility to have the gracious gift of forgiveness. Forgiveness, then, emerges as a fruitful manifestation of true love—the love of God. In disobedience we rebel and break the vital connecting link with God. We walk away from God. In walking away from God we stand in the shadows and darkness of sin. Then the God of love purges, cancels and wash-

es away our sins. Thus we are showered with the gracious gift of God's forgiveness. In this gracious act we are healed and brought again into His good graces through restoration, union and fellowship with the Divine.

And Christ the Savior is our supreme gift from God. God loves us and sends His Son to redeem all of us from our sins. Jesus thus becomes the highest expression of God's gracious gifts to us. With an immeasurable love God reaches out to us to draw us back into communion and fellowship with Him. Christ, God's Son, comes to save a wretch like me. Every soul now through the Christ of Calvary's Cross can come back to God. We had no love for God. We were unable to love God. But God loved us and gave His Son to take away our sins and to bring us back to Him. Christ, then, is the greatest of God's gracious gifts to us.

Then let us accept Christ the Savior, God's greatest gift to us. He comes with the gift of salvation and eternal life.

had erred in refusing him his seat.

An Open Letter

Editor Carolina Times

This is a public announcement of my sincere appreciation to all of the citizens who, by their votes in last Saturday's election, expressed confidence in me by electing me to the City Council of Durham. Campaigning for this position has brought me face to face with so many wonderful people in Durham and has made it one of the finest experiences of my life.

Now, I wish it were possible for me to stand before each one who supported and encouraged me in any manner and express my heartfelt appreciation. This I cannot do. But I do assure each one that building a better Durham, a city in which the welfare of every single person, regardless of his station in life, is the common concern, shall be the goal of my efforts for the next four years. In order to be effective in this I seek the continued council of all persons of good will and the gracious favor of Almighty God.

Durham has the potentialities and the makings of a great American City. What is needed, it seems to me, is bold, imaginative and forward looking leadership on the one hand, and a general spirit of "pulling together" for the good of all on the part of all persons of good will.

Sincerely yours,
C. E. Boulware

--Bond

Continued from front page to bar him from membership in the legislature. Bond won a third election in November 1966 and in December, 1966, the United States Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Georgia House

--Workers

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During a hearing before U.S. District Judge Joseph Kinneary on May 1, Ellis Ross, head of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, conceded that Negroes had not been successful in gaining admittance to craft unions in Ohio. He also testified that his Commission had not been effective in rectifying discrimination in the unions.

NAACP General Counsel R. L. Carter and NAACP Assistant Counsel Lewis M. Steel asked the Federal court to issue an injunction against Gov. Rhodes, Public Works Director Alfred C. Gienow and State Treasurer John Herbert to halt the \$12.8 million contract unless state officials guarantee that Negroes will be able to gain employment in the skilled crafts on the project.

Governor Rhodes is presently backing legislation that would void agreements between unions and contractors who discriminate against Negroes on public works projects. Mr. Steel, who filed additional briefs on May 8, said the state has sufficient legislation to eliminate racial discrimination. What is needed, the NAACP lawyers contend, is determination and positive state action. Judge Kinneary has taken the case under advisement.

--UOCI

Continued from front page walk in, speak about their problems, and get help on solving them. The office will also serve as a center for developing programs for neighborhood problems. Office phone

is 682-7792.

Staff of the new office will be: Benjamin Ruffin, director; Patrick Thomas, assistant director, and a secretary. Ruffin, former director of Operation Breakthrough's Target Area "C" office says, "The office will serve the existing neighborhood councils and try to get new councils formed, as well as broadening their work areas."

UOCI's \$78,220 grant from the North Carolina Fund became effective May 1st. The group, made up of low-income Durham citizens, is working to find solutions to neighborhood problems.

"One thing we're working on now," Ruffin says, "is a legislative bill which would allow welfare recipients to work and still receive checks." Under present law, welfare recipients are limited to an income of \$10 a week.

--Students

Continued from front page approximately \$14,000,000 in financial aid funds secured or awarded in the past nineteen years.

Richard L. Plaut, NSSFNS president, says the purpose of the Interview Sessions were two-fold: "(1) to give students who cannot afford to travel to far-away campuses an opportunity to meet and discuss college prospects with admissions people of institutions of their choice; and (2) to allow representatives of those colleges and universities to evaluate disadvantaged students at the 11th grade level whom otherwise they might never meet."

--Hill

uates, parents, and visitors at New Residence Hall immediately following the convocation Sunday.

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To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

The War On Poverty

THE war on poverty is the name given to the broad range of programs operated by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). These programs have been under way since 1964, and while they never got enough money to live up to being called a "war" against poverty, they do constitute a broad frontal attack on the problems of the poor. In its first two years, the war on poverty has served more than 9 million Americans, including 1.3 million disadvantaged children in Head Start.

The importance of the war on poverty lies in the fact that its programs are geared to helping the poor help themselves by becoming independent producers in the economy, rather than consumers of tax dollars. Money spent on the war on poverty is not spent, it is invested in people who will eventually pay it back in the taxes they will pay on earnings from jobs they never would have had a chance to hold without the program.

The Job Corps is a good example of this. The average expense for each graduate of the Job Corps is \$3,850. But since these young people are being trained to hold better jobs, the government will get back twice the cost of their training through the higher taxes they will pay in the course of their working lives. And that doesn't include the savings on welfare costs which might have to be paid because many of the youths couldn't hold a job if it were not for this training.

MR. YOUNG

The Community Action Programs

Perhaps the most important aspects of the war on poverty are the community action programs which give the poor, perhaps for the first time in their lives, a sense of control over their own destinies. If the cycle of failure and poverty is to be broken, it is programs like these which will do the job. By including the poor on the governing boards of local anti-poverty agencies, OEO gives them the opportunity to remake their own neighborhoods and deal with the local problems which only they can know.

By including the poor in the planning and execution of their programs, the 1,100 community action agencies performed the service of waking up some of the established social agencies who just weren't doing their job. Many of them suddenly realized that they were neglecting their responsibilities and started their own programs. But this would never happen if it weren't for the local anti-poverty groups and their articulate and dynamic poor representatives. Unfortunately, it is this very independence of the poor which has caused the most controversy.

Community action funds have been cut and many local programs will have to be discontinued. Among these was a program run by the Urban League and two other agencies called ENABLE (Education and Neighborhood Action for Better Living Environment). ENABLE was active in 100 cities, helping attack "the problems" facing ghetto residents. Professional workers were assisted by able, drawn from the neighborhood, who acted to motivate these neighbors and bring them from apathy to action. Thousands of families were "enabled" to make better lives for themselves, but now that successful program, like many others, is gone.

The Value Of The Work Of OEO

The point of all of these programs is that they represent innovations which established government agencies did not think of or were unwilling to adopt. Now there is talk that some of these programs will be shifted out of OEO and into older, established agencies. This in itself proves the value of OEO's work. It proves that these frankly experimental programs are so successful that they should be absorbed into the traditional framework of government programs, helping to change them and make them more responsive to our changing times.

That is why OEO is so important to our nation. Even if some of its programs are transferred, it has proved the need for a government agency free of traditional approaches and able and willing to experiment with new ideas and new ways of doing things and reaching people.

Whatever happens to present OEO programs, we should always have an agency which is independent of established offices and which will serve as a catalyst, experimenting and developing new programs, proving they can work and then pushing older agencies to accept their approach and run them themselves.

Do's And Don'ts



Don't Carry Those Chips. There Could Be Another Reason

--Contest

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mink stole offered in the contest. Mrs. Baldwin polled a total of 3,112,000 points. All of the prizes will be awarded the winners at dates and places convenient for the W. Wilkins, Louisburg, 615,000.

respective winners and to be announced in next week's issue of the Carolina Times.

The actual standing of the three other top and active contestants was as follows: Miss Rosa O. Bass of Rougemont, 1,885,000; Mrs. Pearlina Lennon, Durham, 912,000 and Mrs. Rosa

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