

EDITORIALS & COMMENT

To All Our Fathers

THE CAROLINA TIMES TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THIS LETTER FROM A SON TO HIS FATHER AS A TRIBUTE TO ALL FATHERS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. Earl G. Graves is publisher of Black Enterprise, published monthly and whose contributors are outstanding personalities throughout the nation.

Dear Dad:

If you were here today, I think you would be proud of the growing accomplishments of an increasing number of black businessmen, your son included, who have reached what certainly must be a milestone in achievement in America.

We as black men have arrived at a point in history where we can identify thousands of black-owned and black-controlled business - many of them embryonic and still struggling for survival - that have been and are being established across this country. Black Enterprise has been able to recognize 100 leading black service and manufacturing firms as well as 42 insurance companies, 37 banks and 44 savings and loan associations.

As you know, these accomplishments have come in the face of massive obstacles that prevented you and other proud men of your day from reaching your potential. Some of those obstacles have been overcome, but others remain, maddeningly, as barriers to real opportunity, frustrating the best efforts of those who believe that commerce should be open to all. Sadly, racism in our day, as it was in yours, is a formidable foe.

From time to time, I think of your frequent admonition to get an education so that we could walk through the door when the opportunity came. That was part of the formula, the rest being that formal education, though necessary, simply

equips you for the real education that is a part of doing business in the free enterprise system.

If you were sitting across the table from me, I could hear you say, "Imagine what we could accomplish, not only for our race but for our country, if the doors were really open".

Yet, some things have happened. Some of us have become members of the boards of major corporations. A black man now serves on the board of the insurance company with which you once traded. That automobile you could never afford to buy - well, a black man is now a member of its manufacturer's board.

Still, these are humble beginnings. But they are significant. There has been no time in our history when there have been so many qualified and qualifiable young black men and women who will make our list one day.

Our journey of accomplishment will not be over until the gap is closed between the inequities and the promise of this country, all men and women have equal access to opportunity in the marketplace, and the median income of blacks and other minorities is level with the national median. It will end when the majority in America understand that impoverishment can be a state of mind, and not just a physical condition solely assigned to the "disadvantaged".

In saluting the nation's leading black businessmen in this issue, I'm not unmindful that this month we celebrate Father's Day. So we salute you and the other fathers who started us on our way, for the owners of the companies which appear in this issue honor not only themselves, but their forebears as well by being here.

Your loving son,
Earl

Retirement Foresight Is Important

With the fiscal year ending for many persons who are retiring at this time of the year, perhaps some thought to the arena of comfortable retirement should be noted by all persons.

A comfortable retirement is the dream of every working person - but that dream could possibly turn into a nightmare if plans are not set into motion at any early stage.

The retiree too often could have over-estimated the financial needs of health care and housing during this ever rising inflation economy.

Successful retirement calls for careful planning - and the time to start is now. You are never too young. Taking a tip from their elders, many young couples in their 30's already know where they will be living 25 years from now...and possibly on how much money if things go well with them. Certainly this has been a built in gain for many young couples as they have, in many instances, been forced to purchase a home for themselves and/or their small children.

Money, health care, housing, and leisure are the big needs during retirement as well as needs for young couples today. Such planning for these needs should be the aim of all who look to a more comfortable retirement.

Wiley Harris of NBNS offers some "secrets" for happiness when you reach the stage of life.

Know exactly what your finances are. A debt-free home is a prime goal. Get good health checkups. Be prepared for the way your body is going to behave the rest of your life. Determine whether or not you really need your car. It is usually a very expensive item in one's budget.

Get rid of outmoded appliances before you retire. Don't burden yourself moving old worn-out machinery to a new home or taking a chance on repairs and replacements after you are settled down.

Combine house and leisure, retire in surroundings that offer you the most pleasure if possible. Don't move just because it is where the children are. Maintain your self-identity and don't rely on your children and grandchildren to provide company and assurance.

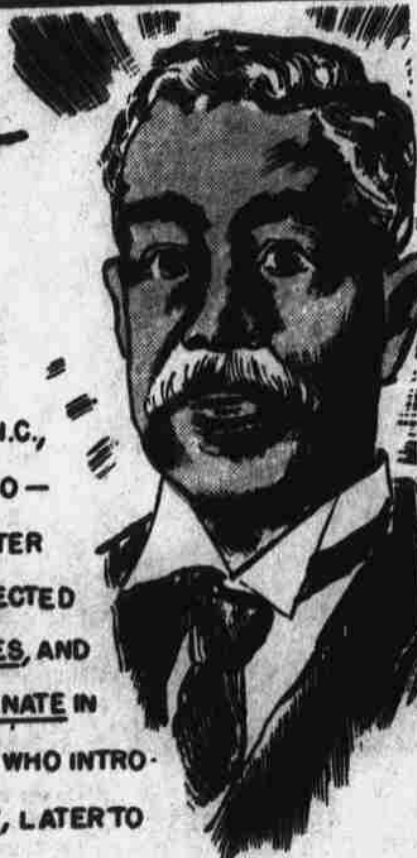
Have a trusted attorney who will draw up a safe will. Give a "test run" to retirement before you actually do. It is one way to figure out how far your dollar will stretch.

Seek freedom in your retirement - try different life styles, find new hobbies and interests.

Remember the important time is now - start your retirement planning right now. It will help you to know what to juggle to come out on top.

John Paterson GREENE

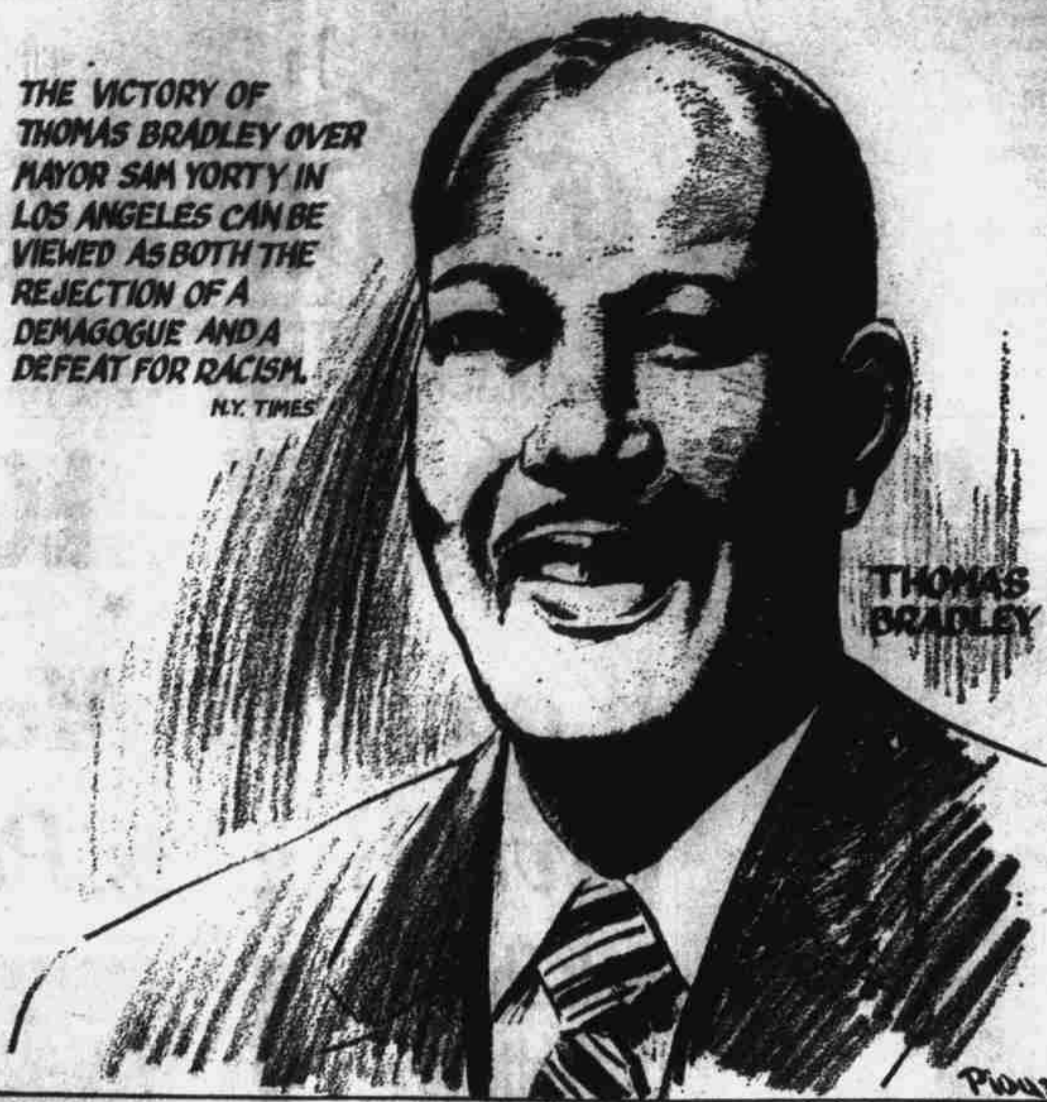
BORN IN 1845 IN NEWBERN, N.C., HE WAS EDUCATED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO - GETTING HIS LL. B. DEGREE IN 1870! AFTER TEN YEARS OF LAW PRACTICE HE WAS ELECTED TO THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND RE-ELECTED IN 1888, AND TO THE OHIO SENATE IN 1890 - THEIR FIRST NEGRO! IT WAS HE WHO INTRODUCED THE BILL FOUNDING LABOR DAY, LATER TO BECOME A NATIONAL HOLIDAY!



His Victory Was The Rejection of the Tactics of Defamation

THE VICTORY OF THOMAS BRADLEY OVER MAYOR SAM YORTY IN LOS ANGELES CAN BE VIEWED AS BOTH THE REJECTION OF A DEMAGOGUE AND A DEFEAT FOR RACISM.

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THOMAS BRADLEY

BUSINESS

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materials by members of local black professional and business groups who serve on the advisory committee of Venture Management.

Certificates of completion were presented by DeWitt C. Dearborn, director of the UNC Bureau of Business Services, at a banquet honoring the graduates at the Wesley Foundation in Chapel Hill.

Venture Management is presented under the auspices of the UNC Bureau of Business Services, in cooperation with local development companies of East Chatham, West Chatham, and Orange Counties, the Chapel Hill-Carboro Minority Business Association, and Burlington Industries.

WATERGATE

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observers said they believe Nixon may be more responsive. Although Galtman has not exactly been considered to be efficacious in his duties or to possess significant clout, civil rights officials maintain, he has been friendly rather than a foe of the civil rights cause and was the only presidential counselor who championed it.

At the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, which is responsible for conducting hearings on discrimination charges and recommending remedial action to the President and which has been a leading critic of Nixon's social policies, one official was optimistic, noting that "President Nixon is a very practical politician, and I would not be surprised at anything he did."

"He (Nixon) is a man who changes his mind. And certainly if he changed from being strongly anti-Communist to improving relations with Russia and recognizing China, he can change his mind about racial and social program," the Commission official said.

In addition, with all the job vacancies opening up, Black Republicans who campaigned for Nixon's re-election last year are hopeful that the President will start actively doling out patronage posts to his loyal supporters, a factor which has concerned many, including John Wilks, who is still awaiting a long-promised appointment.

According to Wilks, former director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance and a supporter of the Nixon re-election drive, "people who fought with us in the campaign have been calling and wondering about jobs."

Now, Nixon supporters and foes alike believe, will be the time for positive change.

STAMPS

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supplement the federal aid amount. Another 15 have said they will not, however. HEW officials refused to say which states would do what.

Under guidelines issued by the department, states who already provide more money than the federal proposed allocation will be asked to supplement the government's payment up to the amount of their expenditures for assistance to the aged, blind and disabled last year.

HEW under Secretary Frank C. Carlucci said this "harmless level" would be an "incentive" for the states to rule in favor of supplemental funding.

He said the basic federal payment would "release the states financially for the best of the state's share of the

public assistance payments", and told a press conference this would be a saving that the states could use to pay supplements.

"Congress and the administration intended that the new law would 'cashout' food stamps by providing eligible SSI individuals with cash to buy food, thus giving them freedom of choice and the dignity that comes with having cash income to spend as they choose", he continued.

However, two Senators, Edward Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, and Charles Percy, Republican of Illinois, said they are considering legislation to restore the food stamp benefits that are scheduled to end for the 1.5 million next January.

But Carlucci told the senators, any such action would give states "a disincentive to supplement" the federal payment.

NEWS BRIEFS

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relish of "morticians at an old people's home".

BLACKS WIN CASE AT HOLLINS COLLEGE

WASHINGTON - (NBNS) - The federal government has accused the owners of 11 real estate firms in Dallas, Texas, with perpetuating racially segregated neighborhood patterns.

The Justice Department, which filed the suit, contends the defendants have engaged in unlawful housing practices which have perpetuated racial segregation, impeded desegregation and promoted segregation in a metropolitan area where substantial racial separation in residential patterns exists.

MAYORS ASK CONGRESS AGAIN FOR HALT OF CUTBACK

WASHINGTON - (NBNS) - Many of the nation's mayors have asked the Congress to give them back part of the money the President has cut for community development projects.

"Mayors decry this decree", Mayor Moon Landrieu of New Orleans said speaking speaking for the U. S. Conference of Mayors. "We do not concede that urban renewal has been a failure."

"Mayors do not agree that Model Cities is a failure. Neither do mayors agree that the Neighborhood facilities program is a failure."

He asked that an appropriation of \$700 million for community development programs be approved during the transition period.

14 FELLOWSHIPS IN AFRO STUDIES AWARDED

WASHINGTON - (NBNS) - The National Endowment for the Humanities has given grants totaling \$482,000 to 22 institutions across the country for support of 36 fellowships - 14 of them black - in U.S. Ethnic Minority Studies.

The fellowships are designed to give promising scholars and teachers opportunities to undertake historical, social and cultural studies of a variety of American ethnic minority groups.

A boat's gunwale is the top edge of the hull.

TOWN SEGREGATES WHITES, BLACKS, FOREIGNERS, JUSTICE CONTENTS

MIAMI, Fla. - (NBNS) - The Justice Department has filed a suit accusing the town of Lantana, Florida, of passing an ordinance which segregates white, black and foreign residents into separate neighborhoods.

Lantana, which is located 10 miles south of West Palm Beach, has a population of 7,126, including 259 blacks.

The 1931 town charter authorizes the council to establish separate residential areas for whites, blacks and foreigners and to prohibit them from residing outside the designated areas.

DOCTORS

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graduated from Darden High School.

His B. S. and DDS were earned at Howard University. His Internship was done at Jersey City Medical Center in Jersey City, N. J.

Bowens holds memberships in many professional groups and has served on several community boards. Professional memberships include membership in Old North State Dental Society, N. C. State Dental Society, National Dental Association, American Dental Association and member of Durham-Orange Dental Society. He is a past president of the Alexander Hunter Dental Society. He has served on the Board of Directors of Durham Cancer Association, Chairman of the Oral Screening Committee and serves as Co-Chairman of Oral Screening Committee.

Special activities have included lecturer of preventive dentistry to PTA groups, teacher in public schools in Kinston, lecturer for 3 years in Pediatrics at Howard University and is widely known for his Model Dental Care to the needy in the Eastern part of N. C. Bowens is licensed to practice in New Jersey and Washington, D. C. as well as North Carolina.

Special recognition received by him include District of Columbia Dental Society, Durham Business and Professional Chain Award of Recognition and other awards in 1969 and 1971 by Presbyterian Church. Bowens serves as a deacon at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Bowens and his wife are the parents of three children.

Highlights of the meeting included a resolution whereby the Assn. voiced its opposition to the expansion of existing medical institutions and endorsed the establishment of a new degree granting school of medicine as a most logical and feasible approach toward a solution to the problem of physician shortages in N. C. Resolutions urged the appointment of minority members on the examining boards and urged the Board of Governors to seek an agreement with Howard University in D. C. and with Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn. to train N. C. residents.

Other business during the 88th annual session included the vote to seek black participation in a new nationwide system of medical review boards. Honored at the President's Banquet Wednesday evening were Sr. Kermit White of Greensboro, Dr. Daniel Roan of Wilmington, and Dr. William Wimberly of Raleigh. Dr. George Debnam of Raleigh was chosen "Doctor of the

Year". Three outstanding citizens of N. C. appeared as speakers during the sessions. They were Mrs. Dorothy Nixon Allen of Greensboro, Dr. Jacqueline Westcott, N. C. Department of Human Resources and Mrs. Elizabeth Koonitz of Salisbury, former U. S. Department of Labor specialist on Women.

The combined organizations of the Old North State Medical Society will hold its 87th session in Winston-Salem in 1974.

BONTEMPS

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University of Illinois until 1969 when he became curator of the James Weldon Johnson Collection and visiting professor of English literature at Yale University.

Bontemps was the only survivor of the group of black writers, which included Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and James Weldon Johnson, who participated in the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's.

His first novel GOD SENDS SUNDAY, published in 1931, marked the beginning of a succession of publications which included the novels BLACK THUNDER and DRUMS AT DUSK, histories, biographies, anthologies and children's books.

The Louisiana-born poet held a B. A. from California's Pacific Union College and a master's degree from the University of Chicago.

"From the time he emerged during the Harlem Renaissance to the present he has been in the forefront in expressing the aspirations of black Americans and in using virtually every literary form to capture and delineate the spirit of his people", Dr. John Hope Franklin, chairman of the Fisk board of trustees and professor of history at the University of Chicago, said. "Fisk University and the American literary world has suffered a great loss", he added.

NAACP Urges IRS To Probe The Status Of Biased Schools

NEW YORK - Roy Wilkins, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, urged the Internal Revenue Service to investigate the tax-exempt status of the burgeoning number of private, all-white academies throughout the South. These institutions, he charged, were established to thwart school integration.

In a letter to IRS Commissioner Donald C. Alexander on June 1, Mr. Wilkins said:

We are calling to your attention, one hundred and eight (108) private, all-white academies recently established in eleven (11) southern states.



Luke wrote in the Bible that "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)



St. John once said: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



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MORTICIANS

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the original Scarborough and Hargett Funeral Home.

Durham merchants and others provided door prizes for lucky delegates after they had visited the many exhibits. The exhibit area was a delightful array of colors to be used in "tools" of the trade. Coffins, vaults, burial shrouds or garments, chemicals, lotions, recording machines, cards, equipment, side line attractions and souvenirs provided the latest in funeral decor. Of course, the well-dressed exhibitors as well as the convention delegates offered their modern dress styles as well.

Along with the standard gray and bronze hues of coffins, there were soft pastel colors including pinks, greens, lavenders and yellows.

Motifs within the beautiful satin quilted lids carried pictures in color of such items as the "Lord's Last Supper", tinted "Praying Hands", gateways, crosses, trees, leaves, stitched and multi-pleated garments to give the art piece or at rest feeling. Pillows in similar colors matched the linings.

The color white appeared to

have taken a back seat amidst the array of soft pastels in burial shrouds and garments used for women and children. Included were even pant suits and frilly blouses in pastel shades. The burial garments for men too, have gone to color and black did not seem to be used much in this era. Even swatches of various materials were available for those who preferred tailor-made garments for their departed loved ones.

Many vaults were on display featuring pastel colors to match the coffins. However, most baby vaults are mostly of white and gold tints.

Vaults made today are usually of fiberglass, copper and steel linings as well as the traditional concrete, which may be reinforced with wire lining. Exhibitors appeared not too interested in urns, which are used in cremations, but they are available as well as the cremation vaults.

Four new Cadillac hearses - three black and one white - with all the trimmings, along with coffin carriages and various instruments were also on display.

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