

Editorials

One Man, One Vote Is A Reality - Use It

Winston-Salem and many are talking about it. The vibration is connected with the coming election. Many in the black community seem to feel that the invisible "they" will not care whether they vote or not. Some ask what difference it makes if they vote or not.

Such attitude is a mockery of the pains of the recent years when many dedicated people, both black and white sought and actually got the equality for all.

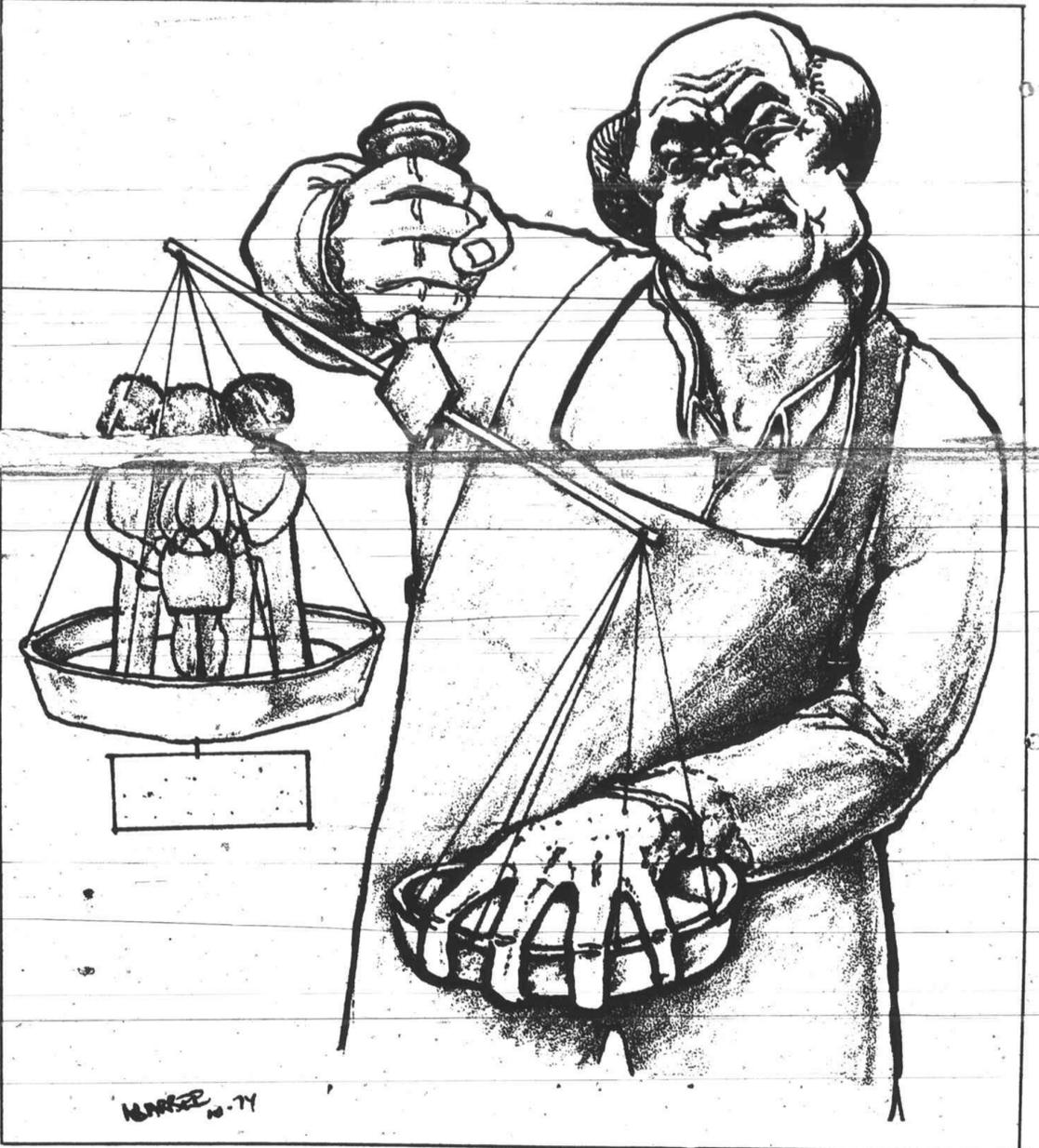
It is true that freedom once given cannot be taken away.

It is also true that those who fail to use their freedom for the betterment of themselves and mankind are still in chains. Such a people will always be taken for granted and their views are often misrepresented because they do not seem to care either way.

The power of the ballot box is one of the greatest powers that democracy gives man. That is the kind of power that those unfortunate enough to live in an authoritarian society lack.

If we in a democratic society fail to utilize the power of the ballot box to say what we want and to get what we desire, then as a race we are probably doomed.

The law may be weighed in favor of the rich but one man, one vote, is a reality in this country of ours. So use it.



Wanted: Love In A Loveless Community

In any newspaper on any given day one can find news of a killing, a robbery, an assault or a theft. Headlines throughout newspapers tell of all manner of crimes and crime attempts. Many people are victimized every day. The disturbing fact, however, is that too many of the crimes are committed by blacks against blacks.

That is not to condone nor encourage crime by blacks against whites. But simply to say that black folk must stop killing and robbing each other. We must cease to be torn and ripped apart for the sake of a few measly dollars or to satisfy a passing passion.

There is a very valuable lesson to be learned from Aesop, one of the most prolific storytellers in history (who, by the way, is said to have been black). The fable goes like this: A young boy was told by an old man to break a bundle of twigs that had been tied together by some very strong twine. Quite expectedly, the young boy was unable to complete the task. Then the old man told the boy to unravel the twine around the twigs whereupon the boy quite easily broke them... one by one.

As long as we are allowed to be separated, and destroying each other seems to be the best way, being controlled will always be an easy job. The one most important thing needed in the black community today is love. The twine that held the twigs together is symbolic of the love that will hold black people together.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, and I believe he said it with as much sincerity as any man on earth could, 'We must learn to live together as brothers, lest we all die together as fools.'

Sir:
Congratulations upon your new endeavor - **The Chronicle!**
The Winston-Salem-Forsyth County Bicentennial Commission wishes to have the entire community active and aware of the significance of the American Revolution Bicentennial. Our community will have a yearlong celebration - July 4, 1975 through July 4, 1976.

We would like to subscribe to the Winston-Salem Chronicle. Since I do not know the cost, please bill us. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ruth Mills Kipp
Bicentennial Coordinator

Sir:

I am an inmate in prison. I read the article in the paper that was written and I agree, people should know that blacks are doing more than obstructing justice. I also think that blacks should know what's happening to their loved ones in prison.

I want a subscription to your paper and I want to contribute to it also. I am a fair hand at art and I would like to submit a cartoon strip for your paper, in exchange for prison news printed in your paper. If you are interested write me and the homeboys of Winston and let us know and if not send us a paper anyway. I will still furnish you with cartoon strip either way if you want.

Alphonso Wesley Wilkins
P.O. Box 578
Yadkinville, N.C. 27055.

Sir:

I was impressed by the overall appearance of the paper. The Chronicle is an important advertising medium to the black community.

I know you must be proud to see

your aspirations becoming reality, and I know you have worked hard to bring them about. If there is any way we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,
Tom Bowers
School of Journalism
UNC-Chapel Hill

Sir,

I noted in your September 26 issue the article on the Small Claims Court, and wanted to point out that a change in the law increased the amount that can be taken to Small Claims Court from \$300.00 to \$500.00.

Sincerely,
R.E. Hitchcock
President

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