

## Religion In The Here And Now

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"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40-31."

This is one of the most inspiring and comforting promises in the Bible. All of us desire, and long for inspiring visions; all of us long for strength to do the work which lies before us; we follow a dream in hope of realization.

But there are some requirements in realizing the promise in our daily life—the promise is to those who WAIT upon the Lord.

Waiting for God's time, not ours; to wait, run, or walk is difficult. It is the point of greatest wisdom to know when to wait, and when to move. Well we may pray, for God to give us that wisdom.

An old Confederate soldier once told me of the terrible strain of waiting for the battle to begin, and the joyous shout that would go up when the order to charge was given. But many battles were won or lost by commanders not knowing WHEN to wait and when to move. The waiting time is preparation time for movement, for action.

The writer of Ecclesiastes says that; "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens." Eccles. 3-1.

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## 'Spotted Fever' Reported Already In N. Carolina

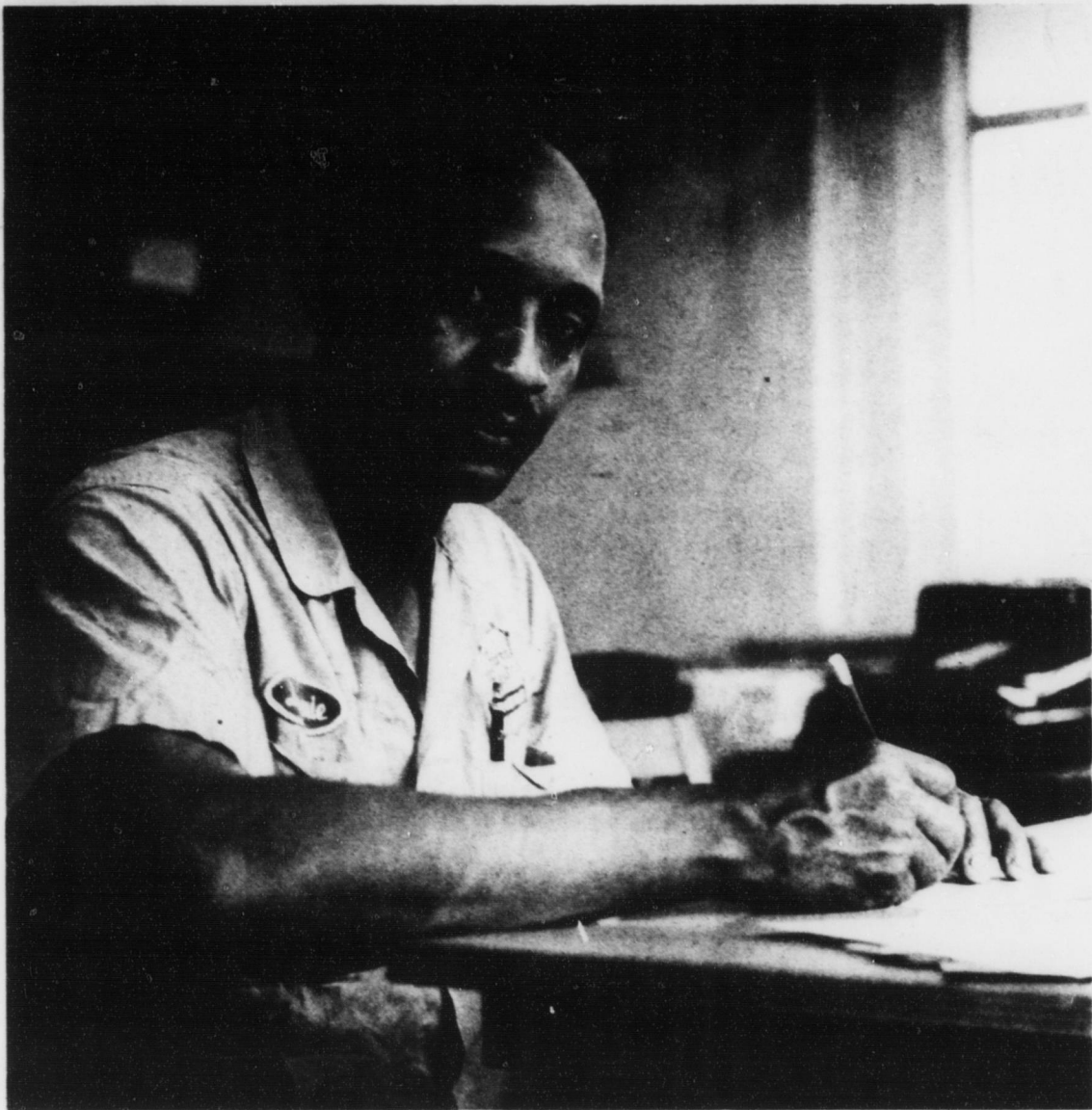
Cases of "spotted fever" are already being reported in North Carolina according to Alton M. Brown, Davie County's Health Director. Last year, 68 cases with five deaths were reported between April and October in the state.

"Spotted fever," often referred to as "Rocky Mountain spotted fever" because of its original diagnosis in Rocky Mountain states, is sometimes misjudged as measles or German measles. It is an acute infectious disease characterized by fever, headache, muscle pains and a rash. The rash does not usually begin until about the third day of the illness and then appears first on the hands and feet, spreading rapidly to the rest of the body. In severe cases, death may occur; this is uncommon if treatment is begun early.

The organism that causes this disease (*Rickettsia rickettsii*) is similar to a virus and is transmitted by the bite of the dog tick. The disease is most common on the eastern seaboard,

especially in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, and Tennessee. Cases occur during the warm months when ticks are active and people spend more time out of doors. The majority of cases are in pre-school and school age children.

In calling attention to the seriousness of this disease, Mr. Brown gave the following practical preventive suggestions: (1) Parents should examine their children at least once a day for ticks. If present, they should be removed gently with tweezers or forceps so that the head of the tick does not remain imbedded. (2) Dog owners should remove all ticks from their dogs each day. (3) The possibility of Rocky Mountain spotted fever should be kept in mind whenever a person complains of fever headache and muscle pains during the warm months; the rash may not appear as early as other symptoms. Antibiotic treatment is effective if instituted early.



**CHAIRMAN AT WORK** — Lonnie Howell, newly elected chairman of the board of directors of Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc., signs corporation checks for the first time.

### Meet Lonnie Howell

## Sixth-Grade Dropout Chairs Yadkin Development Association

Meet Lonnie Howell, 41-year-old native of Davie County, who is the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yadkin Valley Economic Development District, Inc., a non-profit corporation which administers OEO funds in the four-county area of Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin.

Lonnie Howell is a black man, a sixth-grade dropout, father of nine children, and from a family that included 22 children. He knows the needs of the poor people. He's been there himself.

He is used to hard work. He's done it all his life, and even today works at two jobs, plus serving as a parttime preacher at churches in Davie and Iredell counties.

"A man just can't support a family as big as mine on what he can make at one job," he pointed out. "It just takes more than that to live."

Lonnie was born when his father was 58 years old. More children followed Lonnie, seven in fact, with the last one born when the elder Howell was in his late 70's. It naturally fell Lonnie's lot to help support the large family, so he quit school and went to work on nearby farms.

He remembers walking several miles from the Howell home in Davie County over into Yadkin to Courtney Community where he worked in tobacco fields for five cents per hour.

He later went to work for a milling company in Mocksville, one associated with Holly Farms. Except for a three-year stint with Coble Dairies, he's been with Holly Farms ever since, 22 out of the past 25 years to be exact. He likes his work.

While his formal education is limited, Lonnie Howell is not an uneducated man. He talks and acts with the assurance of a highly educated individual, due in great part to his ability to learn by listening to others, to his work with the churches, and to his associations and schooling while with Holly Farms and

Coble.

The Mocksville resident had been a member of the board of directors of YVEDD for three years when he was tapped to be board chairman at the board's most recent annual meeting, held in Boonville.

Lonnie is glad for the opportunity, and is sure he will do a good job as chairman.

"I know there are others on the board more qualified than I am," he told fellow board members in a recent letter, "but I also realize that no man will be able to do anything unless he is given the chance. To me, this was a vote of confidence and I will strive to uphold your trust. I realize this could only happen at YVEDD."

He feels the board set a good example by involving the low-income people in the planning, operations, and decision making processes. He also feels it will help encourage the non-poor to understand to care about, and to help solve the special problems and needs of the poor.

"I truly feel," he added, "that the YVEDD board of directors has done what not many other agencies are doing — giving the poor a chance to be heard, to influence decisions, and to exercise their right to be a part of the mainstream of life."

Being board chairman will greatly broaden Lonnie's educational horizon. He will learn the mechanics of conducting meetings, parliamentary procedures, etc. He is eager to learn.

Frankly, he likes the work YVEDD is doing.

"I've been with YVEDD for three years now as a board member, and I love to work in something that helps other people. YVEDD does it."

He also has faith in younger people.

"They're stronger sometimes than the older folks," he said.

Of the YVEDD and OEO programs, Lonnie says, "Lots of people just don't understand the

program. But, I'm telling you, it does a LOT for the people who really need help."

### Driver Injured In Highway Wreck

State Trooper J. L. Payne investigated an accident Thursday June 4, at 8:15 a.m. on US 158 eight miles east of Mocksville.

Marsha Rene Englebert, 18, of Statesville, driving a 1962 Comet, was traveling east on US 158. The car ran off road on right in curve, driver lost control, brought vehicle back upon roadway and lost control again and hit side ditch and bank on right side.

Miss Englebert was taken to the Baptist Hospital for injuries sustained.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$800.

### Car Overtakes On Highway 64 West

State Trooper J. L. Payne investigated an accident Thursday, June 4th, at 4:15 p.m. on US 64 four miles west of Mocksville.

Clarence Wesley Norman, 22, of Morganton, driving a 1967 Ford, was traveling west on US 64, lost control on wet pavement, ran off road on right and overturned.

Norman received injuries and was taken to Davie County Hospital.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$1200.

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