

# Editorial Viewpoint

The CAROLINIAN'S

## WORDS OF WORSHIP

The gospel writers, Matthew and Mark, stated that Jesus Christ "taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." Certainly, something about Him made the people feel that authority. Christ did not talk in a timid, weak voice. We know this because He spoke to large outdoor audiences. On one occasion he spoke to 5,000 people and later fed them with loaves and fish. Evidently it was the powerful voice of Jesus and his positive gospel that made people respect His authority, because they did not believe at the time that He was "the Son of God."

Too many of our ministers today preach a negative gospel. They talk about men and women in their sins for which they will suffer the wrath of God. They put too much emphasis on certain kinds of sins, but Jesus stressed that one sin was just as great as another. In short, He preached a positive gospel.

He was not a detective trying to catch people in sins, whether big or little. Jesus was not always picking on people for having a good time and sending little boys to hell because they couldn't do better in a world which He had made so hard. Often our Sunday School teachers have made boys wonder: Why didn't God take on some one His own size?

Was Jesus a kill-joy? No, indeed, for He was the most popular dinner guest in Jerusalem! The criticism which proper people made was that He spent too much time with publicans and sinners (very good fellows, on the whole, Jesus thought) and enjoyed society too much. They called Him a "wine bibber and a gluttonous man."

Instead of trying to catch people in their sins, Jesus emphasized eternal projects like brotherhood and the Golden Rule. To demonstrate lack of prejudice, employed a Samaritan (the most despised of all races in the eyes of the Hebrews) as the hero of His Good Samaritan Story. And to prove that He wasn't simply uttering words, He fraternized with the Samaritan woman at the well and even asked her for a drink of water.

Besides, Jesus did not believe in choking out basic moral truths by strict adherence to petty ritual. Therefore when His disciples were criticized for not washing their hands before eating, Christ replied, "Not that which goeth into the mouth; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man."

Our ministers, like Jesus, should preach a positive gospel so that man may cultivate the best that is in him.

## Why Not Negro Firemen?

Negro membership in fire-fighting companies in the South is considerably less than one per cent. Considering the fact that black citizens constitute from 25 to 40 per cent of the population in the Southern States, it is indeed alarming that so few of them get an opportunity to exercise the civic duty of "putting out fires."

All along we have felt that Negroes should be employed by the Raleigh Fire Department, but the recent organization of a company in Durham has served to renew our interest in the matter. It is our opinion that Raleigh can move forward in human engineering by employing qualified Negroes as firemen who could help men a station in Southeast Raleigh. This idea is not beyond fruition, because

South Raleigh is expanding in both population and land area. There is no fire station near this area; and to get to a fire in the Lucille Hunter area, for example, firemen must travel considerable distance to reach a particular fire. Thus many fires in this area are often out of hand when the firemen arrive.

Raleigh could easily build a fire station in the Southeast section of the city. The new station would enable firemen to get to fires quicker thereby making the neighborhood safer in the case of a disastrous fire threat. If Negroes were hired at such a station, the city would be showing honorable intent to give non-whites an opportunity to become expert fire fighters—a responsibility they must learn, as well as be given an opportunity, to share.

## Your Newspaper Boy

Operating a newspaper route gives a boy or girl the best all-round training in production, merchandising, and credit. The boy learns that newspapers must be published—Production. Second, he learns about merchandising which covers advertising and selling. Third, he learns the credit field.

The newspaper boy buys his papers at wholesale prices from the publishing concern, and then he must merchandise or sell them to customers. In this capacity, the boy learns to smile and be reasonably diplomatic. He learns that he must be faithful to duty and careful not to break a window pane when he sails the folded newspaper upon the porch. He must be careful not to leave the paper in the rain on inclement days. If a customer is angry or dissatisfied, he must try to placate him. Last, but not least, the boy must handle his own collections; in this way, he obtains training in the credit business. He must be on the

alert lest a deadbeat moves away without paying his bill.

Many newspaper boys are learning how important it is to collect in advance for the products they sell. If they do this, they must convince their customers of their reliability and dependability.

Naturally a wide perspective as this gives newspaper boys and girls probably better training in our American economic system than even the usual college student. And what is more, they make good marriage material as viewed from the angle of living on a budget. If they are good, newspapers recommend them especially to personnel managers and colleges for jobs and scholarships.

One psychologist ranks this training so high that he puts it in the same category as Boy Scouting in its character building functions.

The newspaper boy is a business man, and you owe it to him to pay him promptly.

## First Airline Hostess

Wide publicity was given recently to the hiring of the first Negro airline hostess. Some people considered this a major economic and labor gain, while thousands of others were not impressed with the importance of this job.

Like our teachers who work for meager salaries, air line hostesses receive small salary checks when we consider the amount of work they have to do. Perhaps it is not the salary that counts most in these positions, but rather the opportunity to make passengers happy, comfortable, and pleased, or the chance to travel and see the world. Maybe these are the things that count most.

If the hiring of this hostess does no more than get people accustomed to seeing Negro young women on the job, then it has served a worthwhile purpose. Next, we may be soon seeing Negroes as airplane pilots in the cockpits, in the ticket offices, and as superintendents of baggage stations or crews of personnel.

To many young women the opportunity to be a hostess on a plane or bus would be indeed attractive when we consider the menial jobs they are limited to at the present time. While the salary of the hostess may be very small in the eyes of people in some corners, it is far better than \$15 per week as a maid or cook.

## Wither Capital Punishment?

A study of crime and punishment throughout history of mankind shows that crimes against the government, property or individuals have, since the earliest days, been punished with a death penalty known as capital punishment. Various methods of administering the death penalty have been devised.

Ancient methods which required no apparatus were drowning or being thrown from a high point. Impaling the prisoner on a sharpened stick or spear was practiced in Assyria. Stoning to death and burning were used by the ancient Hebrews. Crucifixion was used by the Romans for condemned persons who were not Roman citizens. The killing of one's own parents was regarded with special abhorrence by the Romans and was punished in a most extraordinary manner. The victim was sewn up in a sack with a dog, a rooster, snake and an ape and thus thrown into the sea or river.

Boiling to death was a popular form of capital punishment in England in 1551. One of the strangest sentences given criminals in comparatively modern times was that ordered for the two assassins of Capo Iatria, the president of Greece. These two assassins were sentenced to be buried in brick walls up to their chins and to be supplied with food until they died.

In ancient days China practiced a form of torture death. Chinese tortured prisoners by wrapping them in the hide of a freshly killed rhinoceros. As the hide dried, it contracted slowly and crushed the victim. Today capital punishment throughout the civilized world is generally administered by hanging, shooting, the guillotine, electric chair or gas chamber.

While we realize that criminals must be punished for their misdeeds, men must reflect seriously upon the cruelty of taking a "life which they cannot give." Are there not other ways of inflicting effective punishment?

## Man And Longevity

Man with his Biblical allotment of three score and ten years is still somewhat of an infant compared with other children of nature. Even fish such as carp and pike will live to advanced age of 70 years. The simple little canary will ordinarily live to be about 25 years, while storks occasionally reach 100 years. It is nothing unusual for the goose, raven and parrot to surpass the 200-year mark.

An elephant will live to be about 100 or 150 years of age, while on the Galapagos Islands, off the coast of Ecuador, are found giant tortoises which are said to have a life span of several centuries.

Of course plant life, such as trees, enjoy the longest span of life. Many of the redwood trees of California are known to be from 2,000 to 3,000 years of age, while the Mexican cypress lives even longer and there is one found in the village of Santa Maria de Tule which is 4,000 years old and the most ancient living thing in the world.

This causes us to wonder where is man's superiority.

# Same Old Threat, But It Must Not Work This Time



## SENTENCE SERMONS

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWERY For ANP

### THE I WILL SPIRIT

1. This is the spirit that can build a city—this is the spirit that never looks for pity—this is the spirit that never runs cold—this is the spirit that never grows old.

2. Indeed, this is the spirit that gives others hope, and offers no incentive to carelessly lean or mope; but ever alert to do or dare, yet always patient, true and fair.

3. This is the source, when God is given control, that makes the possessor courageous and bold, though always cooperative, kind and sincere, the type of person the common people move close to hear.

4. When sons and daughters would seek to aspire, this is the noble spirit that defeats unguard haste and ire, thus embracing the higher things of life, and putting down the works of strife.

5. This "I Will Spirit" is the conquering theme that makes life appear as a wonderful dream, and goes all-out for God

and man and delights to extend a helping hand.

6. Selfishness cannot abound where ever the "I Will Spirit" is found, especially when touched by God's spirit divine. It moves about with a heavenly design.

7. Thus the world becomes the parish of such liberal souls, who serve with great patience their neighbors woes, and lift the fallen where ever found, and let none languish upon the ground.

8. This "I Will Spirit" helped the patriarchs of old to accomplish mighty things before the years took their toll . . . and even then, held on to new tasks begun, until they heard their blessed Master finally say "Well Done."

9. Moses had this wonderful spirit, and left this rich legacy for others to inherit; it thus becomes a challenge strong, to follow God and hate that which is wrong.

10. The mighty Paul used

this accurate yardstick, and stepped out on faith in every conflict; with God, his Father facing the fray, and his "I Will Spirit" all the way. He knew old Satan could not stay long.

11. You too, can have this courage's strong and daringly fight the whole day long . . . for if you will let God front and fight your battles, your "I Will Spirit" puts Satan in shackles.

12. Only those who have weathered the storm, know well that it takes to escape serious harm . . . there must be grit and grace implemented with poise, and a double portion of God's spirit without any noise; then with the "I Will Spirit", with poet Keith, can joyously sing—

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply,  
The flames shall not hurt thee;  
I only design,  
Thy dress to consume, and  
thy gold to refine."

## What Other Editors Say

### STERILIZATION IS NO SOLUTION

Gulford's welfare superintendent, L. M. Thompson, hit the mark with his criticism of the proposed bill to sterilize unwed mothers.

Desertion and low wages are far more damaging and costly problems than illegitimacy, he recently wrote Dr. Eschel R. Davis, author of the current measure to punish mothers of children born out of wedlock. Dr. Davis is soliciting support from county welfare superintendents.

Citing statistics to show that illegitimacy is not a "major problem" in Guilford County, Mr. Thompson informed Dr. Davis that of the total births in the county during 1937 there were 384 born out of wedlock. "This is between 6 and 7 per cent."

Even smaller is the percentage of Guilford families with illegitimate children getting financial assistance from the welfare department. Of the 1,050 families receiving aid to dependent children grants, there were 226 last January with one or more children born out of wedlock. More than a third of these had only one child.

Figures for the other families are as follows: Two children born out of wedlock, 55; three children, 48; and four or more, 40. In a county with a total population of 225,000, this seems a very small number of unmarried women who are producing large families for the purpose of collecting welfare checks.

Perhaps there are counties where it is profitable to raise illegitimate children on ADC grants, but Gulford doesn't seem to be one of them.

The truth is that the legislators who seem bent on punishing unwed mothers—without bothering to be concerned about unmarried fathers—are really opposed to the public welfare program. This is their way of getting at it in the 1938 Legislature.

Last session they proposed to cut off help to unwed mothers after the birth of one illegitimate child—as if the state had no responsibility for fatherless children or that these children didn't get hungry or need to be clothed.

This session that same group of legislators—still of a punitive mind, still forgetting the fathers involved and still ignoring fundamental social and

economic causes of illegitimacy—is concentrating on the sterilization of unwed mothers.

It does seem at times that the desolate, as the Scriptures say, had many more children than she which hath a husband. But the legislative solutions proposed so far do little or nothing to solve the problem.

And Dr. Davis' role, we add respectfully, is disappointing. Her fight for compulsory police shots was admirable; her association with this questionable sterilization bill is neither intelligent nor enlightening.

### THE STATE SHOULD NOT "PLAY GOD"

Arguments at Wednesday's hearing on the Davis-Jolly sterilization-of-unwed-mothers bill ranged far and wide, but the principal objection could not be denied:

Giving the State Eugenics Board power to enforce compulsory sterilization smacks entirely too much of police-state methods lately observed in Hitler's Europe.

Motives of the bill's sponsors undoubtedly are the highest. Sen. Wilbert Jolly wants to reduce welfare expenditures on illegitimate children. Dr. Eschel Davis, an obstetrician, would reduce some of the misery she has observed in private medical practice.

In their zeal to achieve worthy objectives they would, in effect, have the state "play God," Dr. Walter Kulash, State College entomologist, noted the gravity of such a law:

"Sterilization is an unnatural act. It is an act which precludes the possibility of divine grace, of redemption or repentance. . . . The punishment goes on forever, for the life of the repentant."

Even Dr. Davis' insistence that sterilization operations are fairly simple and can be undone (both questionable contentions) does not obviate the compulsory nature of the proposed law in an area where it has often been said, "You cannot legislate morals."

North Carolina has a sterilization law. But it is voluntary. It provides that the State Board of Eugenics, if it can persuade citizens of the value of sterilization, may proceed.

That law ought to remain unchanged. The people of North Carolina do not want the state telling them whether or not they may have children—re-

gardless of their fiscal solvency or economic plight.

And Senator Jolly would do well to recognize that greater economic opportunity would go considerably farther than compulsory sterilization in lessening many of the problems of illegitimacy.

GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

### HARD WORK AHEAD

Now that the local NAACP has finally got its elections out of the way we hope it will proceed to tackle some of the many problems that have festered while its members quarreled over the spoils of office.

Membership has dwindled from a high of nearly 4,000 three years ago to a mere 4500 today. The treasury is empty and the branch has been reduced to borrowing funds from the drop in membership and the lack of funds. It has been a long time since the Los Angeles NAACP has taken a significant stand or played an important role in community affairs.

The harsh truth is that the administration of the past two years was bungling and inept but nothing will be served by scratching old wounds. The need is for a sharp break with past practices and initiation of a program that will repair the damage.

One of the first items on the Branch agenda ought to be that of securing an executive secretary. No NAACP branch in a city of this size can do a good job without a vigorous, and paid, executive.

The tasks facing the Los Angeles branch are too many, too complex and too varied for volunteers.

We hope that all members and all candidates will lay aside the bitterness and ill feelings bred by four months of bickering and join together to help rebuild and organization that all of us need.

CALIFORNIA EAGLE



# JUST FOR FUN

BY MARCUS E. BOWLWAKE

### NEW DISEASE

Word comes to us that a new disease has been discovered. (I thought we had enough diseases for now.) "Farmer's lung" is the name of this disease which was recently discussed by Dr. Ellard Yow of the Baylor University College of Medicine.

The necessary ingredients of Farmer's Lung are a hypersensitive individual and exposure to dust. In medical literature, only 23 cases have been recorded.

We read that the disease is dangerous only when it becomes recurrent. Some patients have developed lung scars and become cripples through its effects.

A NEW WORD  
It is interesting how new words pop into our language. Just recently Judge Susie Sharp coined a word in a speech before Chi Omega Sorority girls.

She warned the girls against "futilitarianism," defined as taking on "more than you can do competently and with enthusiasm." (This does not apply to my friend, Mr. Cornyard.)

OH YES  
The average teacher in Texas earns \$4,000 a year, is buying a home, owns a home, is a female, is married and has one child. (Cornyard wants to meet one of them unmarried dames with possible matrimonial intent—just remember I said INTENT.)

FOR TWO  
Can you figure it out? A beer shop at 419 E. Caldonia Road is named "Paradise for Two."

Lettered underneath in red is: "No Accommodations For Ladies."

NOT THE BANKS  
Yes sir, several banks in Wake County have been swin-

died recently by a man posing as an Army major. Here's how he worked:

The man offered bogus checks at the banks, explaining he had just been transferred to Ft. Bragg, and opened a savings account.

Later the man would withdraw money from the account with the explanation "an emergency had arisen." (My—My—My)

Also banks in Cumberland Puquay Springs and Varina were victims of this "Kool Papa's operations."

"We thought it couldn't happen, because when Cornyard and I went to get our check cashed, the banks want to know where we live now and during the last five years, what we do for a living, how much we earn, who are our nearest of kin, who is our kinsman, and who knows our kinsmen's kinsmen."

After we give this information, we are called upon to give our social security number, our hospitalization policy number, our gas credit card, and who knows what else.

We have admiration for the major in a way, for he was a Kool Operator. He didn't have to answer a thousand and one questions. Sometimes, we wonder if it pays to be honest. And this is not a "Lover's Question."

WHAT—HO!  
Manufacturers of brassieres are at present making three kinds:

The Russian kind, the Salvation army type, and the American type.

The function of the Russian type is to uplift the masses. The function of the Salvation army type is to raise the fallen.

The function of the American type is to make mountains out of molehills.

## Gordon B. Hancock's BETWEEN the LINES

### PROPAGANDA POTENTIAL OF THE SEGREGATIONIST SOUTH

In 1944, 14 Negroes were asked to collaborate on the work, "What The Negro Wants," edited by Rayford Logan. Of the 14, this writer was the only one who took account of propaganda as a factor in interracial solutions.

Today we are seeing how the segregationist South is frantically and zealously turning to propaganda to sell the nation and the world the South's point of view which is, of course, segregationist. Some weeks ago this column deplored what looked like a well-defined movement to propagandize this nation into discrediting the Supreme Court and into indefinitely sanctioning the theory and practice of segregation.

When the old segregationist South said, "not now," it meant never. The Russians' appeal to propaganda is paying off and they have found it far more effective and far less expensive than fighting it out on the battlefield.

That propaganda is a powerful weapon if properly wielded, needs no confirmation here. In fact, it is hard to find ways and means for a people of little propaganda potential to measure arms with a people with infinite propaganda resources.

Now comes Marion Wright, former president of the Southern Regional Council, with the observation that the segregationist South is pouring millions into the cause of propagandizing the nation and the world to establish the Old South's position in its efforts to eternalize segregation and the horrible concomitants thereof. They are supposedly buying off newspapers and columnists, North, East and West.

Mention was made in this column some months ago of David Lawrence's all-out for the cause of the segregationists in his syndicated column and the pro-segregationist attitude of the U. S. News and World Report, which has gone over completely to the cause of the segregationist's fight.

With millions at the disposal of the segregationists, we have but the beginning of a trend which may ultimately mean tribulation for the Negroes of the South and nation. The Negro without his propaganda resources will find the going hard against the segregationist South with unlimited resources for propaganda.

Of course it is said that "Truth crushed to earth will rise again; the eternal years of God are hers" etc. This simply means that right will in the end prevail and truth will get a hearing. But this leaves out of account the sufferings and sorrows in the meantime.

The Emancipation Proclamation was eventually written and signed, but not until Negroes had endured the rigors of a cruel slavery for 300 years. The Israelites came out of Egypt by a strong and mighty hand, but not until their backs were broken with 400 years of Egyptian slavery under Pharaohs who knew not Joseph.

It has come about that we have numerous able men and women of the race whose very high privilege lays upon them the solemn responsibility to set forth ways and means by which the Negro race in America, with limited propaganda potential, can compete for favorable world opinion with the segregationists who have at their disposal unlimited propaganda potentials. This problem demands the serious thought and study of 15 millions of Negroes.

We have only to turn to Russia to see how powerful propaganda can be. We, as a nation, chose to finance the world; Russia chose to propagandize the world. Communist China is Russia's exhibit number one as to comparative results.

We employed money in our bid for favorable world opinion. Russia employed propaganda and we here in this country reluctantly admit that Russia is winning the cold war.

The segregationist South has taken a lesson from Soviet Russia's book and there are reasons to fear that the results will not be favorable to the cause of Negro liberation. We shudder at the thought that, in their efforts to disqualify the Supreme Court, this segregationists lost by one vote. There will be other contests and other countings of votes and the segregationists with the propaganda are like the jockey on the inside rail. He has an astounding advantage.

The NAACP with its multitudes of obligations and its limited resources cannot begin to match the challenge of the segregationists with their unlimited propaganda. Who has the answer?

## It Happened In New York

BY GLADYS P. GRAHAM (For ANP)

### NEGRO ARTISTS SPREAD GOOD-WILL

Gifted Negro thespians, musicians, artists and others in the field of mass communications are giving their all for diplomatic and amicable relations. They find no cold war, for art is a universal language.

Young concert pianist Philippa Schuyler, daughter of columnist George Schuyler, of Pittsburgh Courier, held a press interview to discuss her "Around the World" tour which took her to five continents. Miss Schuyler played for royalty and was honored with medals for her musical prowess. The famed Albert Schweitzer heard the New York pianist three times at his Isler colony in French Equatorial Africa. Schweitzer is an authority on Bach and an organizer of renow-

ed opera. Langston Hughes theatre pieces will be seen in four cities in this country and abroad during April. "Street Scene," will be a New York City Center Hughes did the lyrics to music by Kurt Weill.

Hughes' "Barrier" was given its second Italian radio performance, broadcast throughout Europe last week with Magda Lazo starting in the role of the heroine.

By the American production opposite Lawrence Tibbett, Karamu thespians in Cleveland will view "Simply Heavenly." Owen Dodson will direct the same at Howard University. SINGING TEACHERS HONOR JANET COLLINS, CAMILLA WILLIAMS

Daniuse Janet Collins, former Metropolitan Opera star and Camilla Williams, noted soprano, were guests of President Eburn Cornwall and the New York Singing Teachers Association at the Park Lane hotel, during the association's annual dinner forum.

Dive Williams has completed her ninth European tour and has recently arrived from Africa. She leaves for Rome this week.