

# EDITORIALS

## REGISTER AND VOTE

Down in Georgia they are making all preparations they conceive as possible to bar Negroes from the ballot in that state, or at least from any effective use of it. The Democratic Party has enthusiastically set out to disfranchise the Negro, despite the Constitution, the Supreme Court and everything else.

The strange thing is that some of the people in North Carolina who will be most indignant over what is going on in Georgia will not vote here in Wake County in North Carolina, though they could. Some of them have not been voting. Some of them are not even registered.

The polling places will be open on October 26 for registration. Registrars will make the books available for qualified persons at the registrar's home on other days. Persons already registered on the State registration book need not register now. But make sure you are registered if there is any doubt in your mind. Your name on the city book doesn't qualify you to participate in the November 3 election. Be sure you are registered before the deadline. Then vote.

## IMPORTANT DECISION

A far-reaching decision was handed down in U. S. District Court in Norfolk recently when Judge Sterling Hutcheson ruled that a Railroad Brotherhood does not have the right to enforce provisions of a contract which are discriminatory against Negro workers under cover of enforcing a collective bargaining agreement with the employer. The decision was based on the principle that the railway union could not set itself up as the bargaining agent of its Negro firemen, "so long as it refuses to represent them fairly and impartially . . . and as long as it uses its position to destroy the rights of Negro employes."

Negro firemen have been demoted and deprived of their seniority rights for a number of years by the action of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen under the terms of a contract which both limited the hiring of new Negro firemen and prohibited their promotion and certain other important rights they would otherwise have had. The Norfolk case upholds the Negro workers' rights to enjoy their proper prerogatives as employes in spite of the attempts of the discriminating unions to nullify them. It is an important decision.

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No institution in the city has contributed more to the welfare of the Negro citizenry than has St. Agnes Hospital. Through its training of nurses, which has from the beginning been one of its major aims, and through its facilities for interne training, it has extended its beneficial influences throughout the nation. Among its graduates are heads of some hospitals and of the nurse training divisions of others, and hundreds are practicing their art and science in hospitals large and small, in public health work, and in practically every line open to trained nurses. A number served with the Armed Forces at home and overseas.

For 50 years the medical profession of Raleigh and environs has enjoyed the benefits of practice in a hospital that became better and better from year to year, and their patients have shared in these benefits.

All honor to St. Agnes Hospital as she enters her 51st year. Congratulations to its present management and staff. And may the memory of Mrs. Sarah Taylor Hunter, its founder, and all those who have worked through the years to get

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## LUMERTON AND NORTH CAROLINA

The Lumberton school situation continues to cause facts and comments to turn on which should shock North Carolina out of its complacency about the conditions which its Negro citizens and many whites as well, enjoy, especially educationally. We have concentrated too much on the relatively good situation here in comparison with other states, to the relative neglect of the serious deficiencies and shortcomings which exist and persist here.

One of the real problems brought into the limelight is that many school and other government officials are still committed definitely to a "white folks first" philosophy of betterment right here in North Carolina. The optimists and apologists in the Negro group have often tended to gloss over that hard fact. It must be faced. One state official, in commenting on the Lumberton situation, blandly stated that he had recommended to the local authorities in Robeson county that they first improve certain conditions in the white schools before taking up the matter of the Negro high school facilities, about which nothing at all had ever been done in the way of providing a county erected building. He recommended improvements in the Negro school situation, but he believed in putting first things first. Objectively it might appear that the first thing to be recommended would have been the tackling of the Negro school situation; but it didn't work out that way. Evidently the state official making the recommendation felt no compunction over the order in which he recommended that things be done; he apparently gave out his statement voluntarily, which would indicate that he thought he had done the entirely proper thing.

Lame alibis also continue to feature the Lumberton situation. The latest so far came from a Negro, the principal of one of the schools, who complained that the pictures featured by the *News and Observer* and appearing by the courtesy of that newspaper in an issue of the CAROLINIAN, were taken after school hours, and denied only that the water bucket and dippers in one of the pictures was a true representation of the situation. "Students are always encouraged to use individual drinking cups," he said.

The *News and Observer* rendered a real public service by its excellent news and editorial coverage of the situation. In a news article of October 16 some cold figures are given which show glaring inequalities between Negro and white schools on a statewide basis, and right here in Wake County and Raleigh also. They should be widely reprinted, carefully read, and soberly thought over by those of us, white and black, who consciously or unconsciously have adopted the idea that everything is all right in Tarheelia. Let us rejoice freely in what has been done in our state to move toward equality in education, but let us face all the facts, fairly, squarely, and without alibis. Then and only can we go on and get things done which ought to be done.

# Register BEFORE October 26th



The clean-up should start in our nation's capitol.

## Second Thoughts

BY C. L. HALLIBURTON

An editorial in the distinguished *Richmond Times Dispatch* on the verdicts in the cases growing out of the Columbia, Tennessee, affair, concludes with the declaration that after all "justice in the South is not color blind. It is a thing of practical choice or words since justice should be color blind." The *Richmond* editor was praising the Lawrenceburg verdict as an evidence of fairness, so when he used the phrase he was lauding this lack of color blindness rather than deploring it.

However, the editorial writer probably would agree that the case had its evidences of color blindness in the opposite sense of the term from the one in which he used it, for, though admitting the jury for freeing 23 of the accused Negroes, he conspicuously adds:

"This is not to say that Tennessee emerges unscathed from the trial. . . . There should have been numerous arrests of whites, including some of the patrolmen who abused their authority, and the fact that

nothing of the sort was done was inexcusable."

He referred to the happenings during the "riot," some of which he described:

"State patrolmen and guardsmen were sent in immediately to the scene, and the Negro section was raided at dawn, with wholesale brutality, looting, and destruction by State patrolmen and white hangers on. Four white men were taken into custody on trivial charges, but 25 Negroes were indicted for attempted murder."

The freeing by the Lawrenceburg jury of 23 of these defendants was not expected. It was indeed a happy surprise to observers all over the country, and all praise is due the jury and the community which furnished them. But at best, although the jurors did all they were called on to do, they were only righting a wrong already done, as far as 23 of the 25 Negroes were concerned. Tennessee and the South still bear the stigma of a justice which is truly "not color blind."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. M. W. Williams

Subject: Paul's Winding Field of Service — Acts 13:1-5; 13:13, 44-49; 14:26, 27; 26:12, 20.

Key Verse: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." Mk. 16:15.

In A. D. 49-50 the new church believes in the city of Antioch, northern part of Syria, under the guidance of that good man Barnabas grew to rapidly that the "brethren sent Barnabas to Tarsus to seek Saul" (Acts 11:25). We get the information that Barnabas and Saul taught and preached a whole year in Antioch, with other prophets and teachers as named in Acts 13:1. As we study the widening field of service of St. Paul on his first missionary journey, we desire to call attention to the following: First, the spirit of the Church; second, the spirit of the men; third, the spirit of the message; and fourth, the spirit of the hearers.

**THE SPIRIT OF THE CHURCH.**  
The early church at Antioch was named with the Holy Spirit, which dwelt in the lives of the teachers and prophets as brought out in Acts 13:1, 2. The missionary spirit so controlled its leaders that they listened and were led by the Holy Spirit to dedicate and release Paul and Barnabas to a wider sphere of service and from their pastoral duties. It is to be noted here that the church (human elements) played its part in this first missionary journey. What part is your church playing in encouraging preachers?

**THE SPIRIT OF THE MAN.**  
The question of one's CALLING always looms large in making a decision, and it is here that one can easily go in the wrong direction. We have to differentiate the natural inclination from the divine call. You will note that men do make preachers, they are called of God (Gal. 1:1). Therefore as an apostle, he has the spirit of God and His Christ which makes him willing to proclaim the world of God not only in the synagogues but wherever the spirit leads and to all peoples. He also has convictions and courage. Do our preachers have both?

**THE SPIRIT OF THE MESSAGE.**  
The message of God is not limited to any race, class, creed or nation. "Whosoever will let him take of the Water of life" (Rev. 22:17). The message which Paul carried on his first missionary

journey was the same which Jesus carried on his mission "Repent, believe, and be baptized, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Matt. 23:17). Paul's message was one of hope: "Christ came to save sinners" and above all the spirit of the message was Love. Christ Jesus died for the world (John 3:16). The message was sufficient-

ly wide to be inclusive.

**THE SPIRIT OF THE HEARERS.**  
Paul had two groups, at least, which we would term active. The first and our groups Jews and Gentiles could be found in both (Acts 13:43). The outspoken group of Jews against Paul were those who thought the Gentiles had no

right to be invited even to hear the Word of God. (Acts 13:45). We are glad to note that the message delivered by the man to those with the right spirit bore fruit which entitled them to eternal life. "Hear and your soul shall live." The church is in need of more hearers who will become active in widening the field of service. Are you one of those hearers?

**KEEP NEGRO "CHURCHES" CENTRAL.**  
The Reverend Miles Mark Fisher, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, in a recent address to the Durham Alliance of Negro Churches, "Keep Negro Churches Central," before the Ministerial Alliance of Durham and vicinity, asserts:

"That racial churches serve useful purposes, but people of approved theological training are seldom entrusted with the administration of Negro churches. Exceptions are noticeable in episcopal appointments and when one has generally proven his ability to maintain racial traditions." Mr. Fisher's assertion leaves one to conclude that the theological schools are planning timber not suited for the actual needs of the masses and

that the masses have the acumen to know their needs better than the learned men who make up the curricula courses for preachers. Another assertion in Mr. Fisher's scholarly and historical address, which history seems to prove correct, where Negro participation in religion is concerned anti-dates Christianity. "The doctrine of divine inspiration, the doctrine of both the doctrine of Human Brotherhood and the giving of Alms." The afore-mentioned are the germ-seeds of God, and as we understand, the purpose of God is to make men worthy of His image. The Negro church of America must not be too greatly influenced by the environment so-called Christianity if it is to be true to its purpose in establishing God's purpose on earth. Mr. Fisher's address to the Durham Alliance of which he is the president is a contribution in that it should awaken a deeper study on the part of the theological schools to the need of the masses and their traditions and strengthen many churches which are weak in doctrinal, theological, schools are planning timber not suited for the actual needs of the masses and

**BETWEEN  
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By DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

## A NATION SURRENDERS.

Fatherly Mr. Truman's broadcast a week ago Monday night told of decisions to remove control from meat and cattle. While not altogether unexpected, it was nevertheless a shock and disillusionment to those who had hoped that the plutocratic meat interest might be defeated in their current attempt to starve a nation into submission.

Roosevelt, the arch enemy of these interest who vitriolic hatreds were concealed during his reign, held these selfish and depraved and dollar-hungry moguls at bay, but once his eyes were raised, they came creeping out of their lairs. And here they are today in flagrant role, forcing a nation to its knees.

Their successful manipulation of the meat situation is of itself a mere incident, and only important when seen as symptomatic of a deeper disorder from which the nation is suffering. Capital and labor are out to get their pound of flesh, and they mean to have it at any costs. But we, the people, may rest assured that they are only killing the goose that lays the golden egg. When they will have finished, all eggs will be gone; for a corpse goose does not lay eggs.

To a man looking only at the affairs of the passing moment, the current development is not distressing; but to one who is trying to see these things in larger outline, the outlook is far from propitious. When our country can be forced to its knees by the meat interests, it can be forced by other interests. A country or its knees cannot survive in this bitterly competitive age. The United States deserves a better fate than one that is being foisted upon it. We are heading for chaos and disaster. The only ray of hope that is left resides in the bare possibility that the nation may awake and put on its strength and hurl from power these despotic interests who would slay a nation if such slaughter served but to increase their run-away dividends.

This country is being forced into the arms of the communism are not in Moscow only but in the counting houses of this country, which we claim so earnestly to abhor. The foes of this nation cry as well. If the plutocrats would let the revolution which great Roosevelt bought off, stay bought off, there would be greater hopes for success in beating disastrous inflation that is knocking at our doors.

The voters of a nation get about the kind of government they deserve. When we are ready for better government we will get it, but not one day before. The "gain-or-wreck" interests of this nation have won one of the strongest forts along the financial and political ramparts of the nation. They have, therefore, jeopardized democracy and the nation. There is but pyrrhic victory, which if exploited means disaster. When election time comes, the voters of the nation would do well to lay before themselves the records and vote according thereto.

It must not be forgotten that the interest that have brought the nation to its knees are the same interest that elect the Talmadges and Bilbo and Rankins. The voters who send these color manias to office are the tools of the plutocratic interests who are but political potters with the masses as their clay. These are the interests who refuse to curb the southern filibusterers and who refuse to enact anti-lynching legislation and who refuse to affront the reactionary south.

The Republican party, long known for its plutocratic propensities, is today the power behind the scenes. Trampled for nearly 16 years beneath the Herculean heels of a regnant Roosevelt, the master mind of the 20th Century, these old plutocratic Republicans are now crawling out of their holes and looking things over. Sen. Taft saying that if the nation wants these snarls straightened out it had better elect a Republican congress. It would be more appropriate to say that if we want a national calamity, we may have it by empowering those old time Republicans with their limitless fortunes who know no arguments save those which stem from the logic of the dollar.

If we stop listening to the "Stop Russia" propaganda long enough, we will feel the hand of a plutocrat in our pocket. And here we are prostrate in the dust of humiliation, surrendered to the plutocrats, and trying the while to run the affairs of the world. When Russophobia becomes plutophilia in disguise, the portent of national disaster becomes ominous: A nation surrenders.



**THIS CARTOON SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN NECESSARY**  
Artist Corbin should not have found it necessary to draw this cartoon. That is, the condition which occasion it should not exist. . . . the practice of our physicians filling their own prescriptions at the expense of the ideal Pharmacy, Wilmington's sole Negro drug store.  
We have said it before and we repeat that it is a pity that our doctors would so strangle an allied profession that a father would have to advise his son against entering that profession.  
Our city will never have a successful drug store, in every sense of the word, so long as present conditions exist, and the colored population can thank our doctors for such a deplorable situation.  
Who said Bilbo is the race's greatest enemy?  
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**NEVER IN REVERSE?**  
"Oh, yes, but you must stop the car."  
"It was the salesman teaching his customer how to drive."  
"But I should think that throwing it quickly into reverse would be a better way to stop it than stepping on the brakes."  
"It sounds good, lady," said the salesman with a smile, "but, don't ever do it. You'll wreck the transmission."  
"I shall say that the salesman has just given his customer a "command" never to reverse directions before the car is at a standstill."  
— of course, she could do as she pleased, but it would certainly be foolish in this case.  
And can we say that the lady is still free to shift from high to reverse whenever she pleases? Or would we say that she's bound to follow the advice, rummard, or warning given to her by the salesman? — that is, unless she wants to act against common sense.  
When we realize that we are much more complicated than even the most expensive car, and that God

our "Manufacturer," has given us directions for the use of ourselves, can we still say that we're free to break His law? — these Ten Commandments — is that they are a statement of the principles governing our operation — such that not even He could let us go against these principles, without going ourselves endless harm.  
That's why so many of us Christians stick to our ancient ideas of purity and chastity. We recognize love between men and women as a powerful driving force in our nature, but God, who planned and built our bodies, designed that power only for the building and protection of families.  
In governing and using that power, we have the same choice as the lady has about reversing her speed. Certainly we're free to satisfy that driving force before our marriage, or with someone other than our wife, or to prevent the fulfillment of God's purpose in creating it. But just as she'll ruin her car, so we'll ruin our souls. She'll be making a fool of herself, and so shall we!

## Catholic Information

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