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#### THE CAROLINIAN

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### EDITORIALS FISHY

The Associated Press noted recently that "publicly reported dividends of corporations totaled \$1,183,600,000 for the third quarter of this year, an increase of 17 per cent over the same quarter of last year." And last year was a very good year for business. Dividend payments for manufacturing showed a 25 per cent increase, and automobile producers registered a 50 per cent gain in dividend payments.

In evaluating these figures as an index of the current prosperity of business it should not be overlooked that cash dividends form a relatively small proportion of the year's profits of most well-conducted corporations. The bulk of the profits goes into surplus, various "reserves," and other funds kept in the business. And then some dividends are made in stock rather than cash. Also remember that dividends are paid from revenue left after deductions for taxes.

All this is by way of saying that the allegations of big business that the extremely high prices which have prevailed since the removal of price controls have been necessary in order to meet wage demands and other operating costs are a bit fishy. It is obvious that a big share of the greatly increased income of big business is going into big profits; that these big profits are derived from high prices, and that costs of operation do not justify the high and mounting price level to anything like the extent claimed by the spokesmen of big business.

#### WELL EARNED

The tribute paid Dr. H. L. McCrorev, retiring president of Johnson C. Smith University, a short time ago was a splendid acknowledgment of his worth and his service, and one richly deserved. It is not often vouchsafed to a man that he spend 61 years within the gates of one institution. It is more than the entire span of many a useful and illustrious life. Of these 60-odd years Dr. McCrorey gave more than 40 years in the position of head of the institution; so that for half the life of Johnson C. Smith Dr. Mc-Crorey was its guide.

mere humaneness, a concept often associated with the proper treatment of creatures blow the human level, and an expression frequently used in connection with slaves. The resolution offered and accepted in the convention recognized certain very fundamental obligations to the Negro as a fellow-citizen and a fellow-Christian, and the convention should receive full credit for the same. That is why this paragraph is written, and in writing it we realize that the Times' correspondent or reporter was simply using journalistic shorthand when he employed the inadequate term "humane treatment."

#### WILL CRITICS BE CONFOUNDED?

It is being charged by many white and some Negro commentators that the report of the President's Civil Rights Committee is a play to the grandstand on the part of President Truman and the Democratic Party; that it is a well-timed maneuver whose real purpose is to corral Negro votes into the Democratic fold next vear

It is our own belief that the Committee was entirely sincere in its motives, and we are inclined to feel the same about the President's sincerity. But it is up to the executive branch of the Government, as headed by the President, to prove that his critics are wrong. President Truman cannot guarantee the support of the Congress for that part of the program proposed by the committee which requires congressional action. But there are certain recommendations which can be carried out by the executive arm of the Government itself.

For instance: It has been reported in the press that there are at present only 96 Negro officers on active duty in the U. S. Army. Unfortunately we have no comparable figures on the Navy; but we know there are no Negro officers at all in the Marine Corps with active status.

By the terms of the U.S. Constitution the President of the United States is commander-in-chief of the Army and Navy Mr. Truman's work is cut out for him in this area. He can take steps, if he will,

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THE MINORITIES HELPED TO BUILD ONE WORLD!



The expected reaction in the outside interference and medd-Southern Region to the report lers to destroy the nation." of the Civil Rights Committee in full swing. Appropriatefirst published ly enough, the comment to hit the newspaper emanted from Mississippi, and bit the public prints days before tory and foaming at the mouth Rantin' Rankin got his comeppance in the Senate race.

It was no less a personage than Acting Governor Oscar Wolfe who spoke for Mississipso the statement carries a definitely official flavor. The chief executive of Mississippi

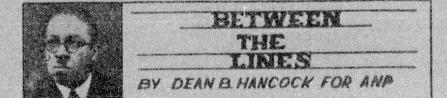
"History shows that where any nation has not practiced segregation of the races, but al-

The acting governor is to complimented on this remarkable manifesto. It is a masterpiece of misstatement, non seouitur, rewriting of world hisworthy of his late, great fellow citizen Bilbo, and except that t did not call anyone a Com-nunist, might equal the best

efforts of Congressman Rankin Wolfe the hope that our nation Without pausing to ask what nations history shows to have been destroyed by miscegenation, or even to state that what was Bilbo's. We want our chilworld history really does show, dren to live in a better America,

committee would hazard such a recommendation, and it is leubtful that any member of that body even thought about But Acting Governor Wolte did; for that is the classic reaction of the southern demagogue to any plea for equal civil ghts; as automatic as it is nlogical.

We do share with Governer will not be destroyed. We love it. It is our native land, as it is Wolfe's, and Rankin's, and as it as no doubt does Mr. Wolfe his,



#### MISSISSIPPI HEARD FROM

The seething south where color lines are drawn so tightly gets its full measure of criticism. This criticism which has been so vigorously opposed by rabid southerners has been the south's salvation. When a section will not criticize itself it needs, all the more, criticism from the outside world.

One of the marks of promise that there is being born a new south is the growing knowledge at the south that outside criticism is not all inimical. Those who criticize our faults may be rendering unto us a necessary service. The seething south is stirring in unbelievable ways. Things are daily transpiring before the eyes of old southerners that stir the imagination. Things undreamed of 50 years ago are becoming common place.

When I was a boy I read a book written by a southerner questioning whether or not the Negro was a man. Today the question is, what manner of man he is. The doors of tull citizenship for Negroes in the south are at least standing ajar, and it is just a mattter of time before they will be flung wide. Some divinity has so decreed it. God and Time and Right are on the side of human brotherhood and justice.

#### CURSED WITH DEMAGOGUES

The foregoing was provoked by the turn of political events in Mississippi during the recent elections. This state has long been cursed with the professional demagogues and super-rabble-rousers Because there was a large percentage of Negroes in the population, the old bug-bear of "Negro domination" outlasted its usefulness. The nation remembers with shame Mississippi's vaunted Vardaman, its Bilbo and its Rankin. Their shameful politcal lustre was only eclipsed by Tillman and Blease of South Carolina and Hoke Smith and Tom Watson of Georgia.

However, bad South Carolina may appear today, she cannot discover a Tillman or a Cole who cried "to hell with the constitution" even when he was a United States senator. Talmadge is just a vest-pocket edition of Hoke Smith and Tom Watson. When Georgia gave more than half of its votes against Talmadgism. Georgia was heard from in a big way.

And now comes Mississippi voting down a white supremacy advocate. It is well nigh unbelievable that a white supremacy candidate can lose in Mississippi. And yet that is just what happened! Mississippi has served notice on the world that even she is laying off demagogue politics and politicians and that henceforth she is supporting candidates with platforms that face up to world issues

#### MISSISSIPPI VOTE SIGNIFICANT

Mississippi's was the most significant vote cast about the nation on election day. That election marked Mississppi's liberation The question recurs as to whether the Negro is prepared to take the fullest advantage of the larger spheres opening to him. Fifteen years ago the late Major Moton raised the question and more recently Dr. Charles Houston of Washington is raising the same question. It might be well if 13,000,000 Negroes would raise the same question concerning themselves.

There are many things wrong with the American white man and there is the bare possibility that there are a few things wrong with Negroes. There are many things that white men can do to hasten the liberation of Negroes and there are also many things the Negro can do. It is going to be a mighty big step forward when we do a little more self-criticism. For instance do Negroes use to the fullest their suffrage opportunities? If they do not whose fault is it but that of the Negro leaders,

#### MANY NEGROES DON'T CARE

There are thousands and thousands of Negroes in the urban ters of the country who care about as little for their right of

During that time the university developed in every respect to a remarkable degree, and a great deal of what was accomplished was not only under his administration, but as the direct results of his own personal endeavors.

It must be a grand thing to look back over a life well and fruitfully spent, and a heartwarming experience to have so many persons pay tribute within one's own lifetime, in such a manner as was done in Charlotte on the Johnson C. Smith campus October 19, to one's work. and that in the very setting in which the work was accomplished and stands as a monument.

Dr. McCrorey has earned an eminently honorable retirement. If there were ever a man who had the right to look forward to a peaceful and happy vacation it is this dean of North Carolina educators.

#### MORE THAN HUMANE

mane treatment" of the Negro. The phrase derstatement. Whereas the Baptist convention of this year did not go so far as to condemn exclusiveness in places dedicated to the worship of God the Father of all, as it did last year (at first), it did

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to remedy this situation. It is not necessarv to wait for any action on the part of Congress. Should he fail to act on this matter, and on other matters over which the executive branch has power and can take the initiative, President Truman's critics will have the better of the argument. He will be putting political expediency ahead of precedent, and it will appear that his critics are right; that the Committee's report and his comment on it

### IT'S THE JURY THAT COUNTS

are indeed only words for effect.

eight minutes of deliberation the Goorgia olina, 1902-1906, set the pattern for distiples prison warden and guards who shot to the State's progressive attitude in phy of relation death eight convicts in Georgia last sum- groes." The writer of the editorial anything t mer. It took the jury only eight minutes ing the other S uthern States in 1 muse Newroes wall' be invited to reach a verdict in a case which re providing for equal salaries, same to the State Capitol to go through quired six days for the hearing of the method of certifying teachers of laws for the State In another case evidence.

couraging aspect of federal court action political ideology of the ruling eic cause the paper wrate about poliin civil rights cases under the very leni- ed 'the State at the turn of the cen. The disciples carried the Goverhed adopted a resolution calling for "hu- rors will handle the federal cases as would have sat on the case had it been tried a conclusive case that the judge can order a directed verdict the decision as to whether or not there shall be a conviction rests upon 12 men who likely as not are full of the bias and prejudice prevailing set forth a praiseworthy 8-point program in the local community, or afraid to go of race relations which went far beyond against prevailing local sentiment backed by tradition and the white supremacy complex.

The outcome of this case and similar Entered as second-class matter. April 5, 1940, at ones, including that of the South Carolina officer who blinded the Negro exsoldier on the day the veteran was discharged, suggests that stronger civil rights laws as recommended by the President's Committee and the Attorney General may be relatively valueless unless the federal court procedure is also amended. And this would call for a constitutional amendment.

wed miscegenation and amaltruction of the nation that permitted this crime against na-

We of the South know this and ask the aid of all decent white people of this country to help stem this concerted effort on the part of misguided people to foster a scheme advocated by

(including emphatically the his-tory of the United States) is amation of races, the custom that miscegenation has been ias always resulted in the de- widely practicted though not necessarily intermarriage, throughout the history of the world, we come to the real point: The President's committee did not recommend miscegenation. amalgamation, intermarriage of races, or even the repeal of any state laws forbidding intermarriage. Not even a civil rights

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

himself.

AYCOCKIAN POLITICS AND THE NEGRO Editor, CAROLINIAN:

A federal court jury acquitted after server stated recently that Charles man's State primoting "gold schools for Necorrect, North Carolina is leadboth races.

ment in North Carolina, He "stump. Lical equality.

example the or tay of State refused to have right to vote, because they cannot world. In Stear Lands length if school term, and same the procedure of making mythical a teacher in Warren County, N. C.

In addition Governor Aycoc: was advised to top having the Here again was demonstrated the dis- must be held responsible for the Airo-American come into Wise, be-

tury to preach the doctrine of por's thoughts into the little town ent statutes now on the books. Unfor- white supremary to his people and of Columnia. N. C. this summer. A tunately federal juries in such cases, as won his case for closing the door croup of Charistian students of body of tre and unlimited suffrage in cases were driven out of town, be-The Raleigh Times in a news report on in all others, must be drawn from the the State. In rder to keep this door cause they were living and workthe Baptist Convention in its issue of No- area in which the alleged violation oc- closed he caused to be enacted a loc together. In forcing the group constitutional amendment. The pur- t leave the leader of the posse ad vember 12 stated that the white Baptists curred, and roughy the same kind of ju- pose of the law is to keep the initied that there was no law for "ignorant Negro" from voting and the action of the mob. but "it is just

if he is a father. But our ap prehensions have very different roots. I am worried about things that actually are: about condi tions which really exist. The governor's fears, if he is sincer in what he says, are mythical fighting windmills. The Civil Rights Committee recommends a plan of attack against some things which war against the very soul of America

suffrage as does a hog about holiday. Whose is the fault? There are thousands and hundreds of thousands of Negroes who do not know how to demean themselves in public. Whose is the fault? There are thousands and thousands of Negroes who are doing shoddy work and if fired raise the "color cry", who are not willing to do an honest day's work for a honest wage.

Is Negro leadership facing up to the things in the race, correctible by Negroes themselves? Or are we still laving everything on the white man? What transpired in Mississippi shows that the south is growing. Are we?

### A PRAYER FOR THE TIMES

permit the "Uneducidee white to against the custom" for thristians to

Supremacist was "North Caroling Jesus in the way they were doing. We pray today, O God, that the The Editor of the News and Ob is, and always will be, a white As to voting, it is needless to peoples of the earth will recogantich what Aycock did, but for nize and appreciate the oneness E Aycock Governor of North Car- Mons of the politicians today are the record teachers holding "A" of humanity-the historical and solves individually for all the Ave chan philose. Certificates from the State Depart- social relationship of the various most of Education are denied the races, cultures, and creeds in our

> and write and interpret the hate from our hearts, to abolish Assembly. Constitution.

malice, prejudice, and envy from Consequently, the cored of po- the world-hate toward any race pressivism talked by the followers of whatsoever color, clime or naof Aycock is to all intents and pur- tional origin. May there be no cses a psuedo-philosophy. They malice in our hearts toward re a split per-onality. Part of thei: whites or blacks, Jews or Genheart belongs to the American creed tiles, Catholics or Protestants That is on one hand they preach Americans or foreigners. democracy and on the other they made us all, O God and we are brothers. May the poor not envy the laws of the land by not giving the rich, nor Americans their fereign brothers, nor Southerners citizenship. To put their thoughts their kin in the North. We pray especially, Our Fath-Bibically it would be - "The voice er, that the oppressed, the dc-\* Jacth's voice, but the hands are spised and the hated will not per-

hands of Essau." mit their experiences to make T. L. Spraggins, Executive their hearts revengeful, their Secretary Raleigh Branch of souls bitter and their minds prej- weights 5,633,000,000,000,000 tons.

r diced. Help, we pray, those who sow seeds of discord, hatred and death in America and the world Help Negroes, and Jews, and Catholics, and Protestants, A tote The eatcharact of the White be abiding by the principles of By CARTER JEWELL For ANP merican born and foreign-born in our midst to make love of liberty. justice and peace the basis of their righteons fight for a better selves, individually for all the races, nations, creeds and minor all over the world. ties

Help all of us to understand Help us, Our Father to banish that no group can achieve or guarantee justice, liberty, securi ty and peace through any kind of force, except love. May the tick and haughty races and nations realize that domination by trute force and money cannot last. Amen

> Colombia's monniains were iong the only known source of platinum. then discoveries in the Urals made Russia the supplier of nine-teaths of the world's platinum and later no was extracted from Canadian ores.

The atmosphere of the earth

# "humane treatment" is definitely an un- in a state court. In the absense of such SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams

Key Verse: "Foilow after love? I Cor. 14.1.

John, the beloved disciples whose epistie we study today writien, perhaps from Epnesus towards the close of the first century, to the believing Gentiles and residents in Asia Minor, was act certain prevalent errors.

to he the Son of God. John called 2:16: 4:15) --- and the reality of Lis death John Jerms this a delusion and declares that he had himself felt with his hand the body of his Lord 1:1).

that it was enough to worship God with the spirit, and that the body might have all possible incluicence. This, the Apostic refutes by showing that every sin is real

chn 2:7-17, 3:13-18; John 21:17-22, ship with God purifies the Chais was points the way of life or you tion and only thus car we be real have sin which points the way of ognized as His (2:5: 3:8-10: +.13) HERESIES IN THE EARLY

CHEEKCH Why people will take on and group taise teaching in prefer once to the true will always be a question. False teachers during endeavoring to correct or counter- the early church took several an-

gles -- Grosticism -- a kind on Some questioned the Divine religion which appeal to the ndignity of the Lord, denied film telligensia - knowledge was all that mattered Decitism a belief these deceivers and anti-chrisi that Jesus' suffering and death (2:22: 4:15: 5:1). Other denied His were a myrth, a kind of imagin humanity - a contradiction of ation the treatment of each other. real fellowship with men (Heb. Christians holding bitterness to- the brethren." De we measure up wards one another and Christian's to the test here? He closes in the stillade toward those outside the church and of other races, With all of these heresies

doubts and questions, John. In ais Then there were those who held desire to set men straight and leave no doubt in their minds about Christ and the Christian

Subject. The Way of Love. - 1 transgression (3:4); "That tellow- You either have the love of G d derkness.

NAACP

There is no twilight; you are right or wrong. All heresies are contrary to the will of God and therefore in the category of sin, and the only remedy for sin

TEST OF LOVE In our lesson John mentions three things which he cautioned believers against the lust of the flesh the just of the eye and pride. Are we guilty of any of these or all of them? In another place, he says the test of love is "a love for later part of the 3rd chapter by saving

"Let us not love ith word neith er in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Do we strive to minister to our brother?

way he used four words -- Light. In the symbolism of heraldy, ar Darkness Love and Sin. You at gent - white or silver -- is the color of f ith and purity. either in the light or darknes.



THEY'LL NEVER DIE By Eltor Fax

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