

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."

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.

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.

WELL EARNED

The tribute paid Dr. H. L. McCrorey, 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.

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

The Raleigh Times in a news report on the Baptist Convention in its issue of November 12 stated that the white Baptists had adopted a resolution calling for "humane treatment" of the Negro.

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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.

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 year.

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.

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, to remedy this situation. It is not necessary 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.

IT'S THE JURY THAT COUNTS

A federal court jury acquitted after eight minutes of deliberation the Georgia prison warden and guards who shot to death eight convicts in Georgia last summer. It took the jury only eight minutes to reach a verdict in a case which required six days for the hearing of the evidence.

Here again was demonstrated the discouraging aspect of federal court action in civil rights cases under the very lenient statutes now on the books. Unfortunately federal juries in such cases, as in all others, must be drawn from the area in which the alleged violation occurred, and roughly the same kind of jurors will handle the federal cases as would have sat on the case had it been tried in a state court.

The outcome of this case and similar ones, including that of the South Carolina officer who blinded the Negro ex-soldier 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.



THE MINORITIES HELPED TO BUILD ONE WORLD



Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

The expected reaction in the Southern Region to the report of the Civil Rights Committee is in full swing. Appropriately enough, the first published comment to hit the newspaper emanated from Mississippi, and hit the public prints days before Senator Rankin got his commencement in the Senate race.

Without pausing to ask what nations history shows to have been destroyed by miscegenation, or even to state that what world history really does show, (including emphatically the history of the United States) is that miscegenation has been widely practiced, though not necessarily intermarriage, throughout the history of the world, we come to the real point.

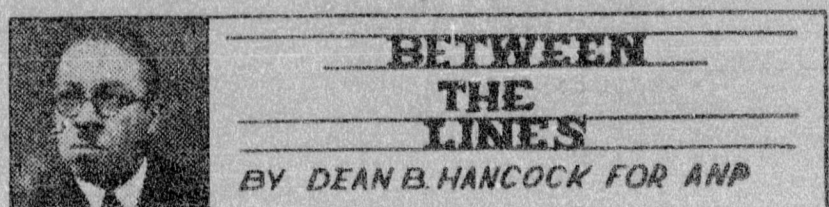
We do share with Governor Wolfe the hope that our nation will not be destroyed. We love it. It is our native land, as it is Wolfe's, and Rankin's, and as it was Bilbo's.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AYCOCKIAN POLITICS AND THE NEGRO Editor, CAROLINIAN: The Editor of the News and Observer stated recently that Charles E. Aycock, Governor of North Carolina, 1902-1906, set the pattern for the State's progressive attitude in promoting "good schools for Negroes."

permit the "Uneducated white to vote. The establisment of the White Supremacist was North Carolina, and always will be, a white man's State."

against the custom for Christians to be abiding by the principles of Jesus in the way they were doing. As to voting, it is needless to mention what Aycock did, but for the record teachers holding "A" Certificates from the State Department of Education are denied the right to vote, because they cannot read and write and interpret the Constitution.



BETWEEN THE LINES BY DEAN B. HANCOCK FOR ANP

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.

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.

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 full citizenship for Negroes in the south are at least standing ajar, and it is just a matter of time before they will be flung wide.

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.

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 Mississippi's liberation. The question recurs as to whether the Negro is prepared to take the fullest advantage of the larger spheres opening to him.

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.

MANY NEGROES DON'T CARE

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

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

A PRAYER FOR THE TIMES

By CARTER JEWELL For ANP

We pray today, O God, that the peoples of the earth will recognize and appreciate the oneness of humanity—the historical and social relationship of the various races, cultures, and creeds in our world.

Help us, Our Father to banish hate from our hearts, to abolish malice, prejudice, and envy from the world—hate toward any race of whatsoever color, clime or national origin.

Help all of us to understand that no group can achieve or guarantee justice, liberty, security and peace through any kind of force, except love. May the rich and haughty races and nations realize that domination by brute force and money cannot last. Amen

The atmosphere of the earth weighs 5,635,000,000,000,000 tons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams

Subject: The Way of Love. — I John 2:7-17, 3:13-18, John 21:17-22. Key Verse: "Follow after love." — I Cor. 14:1. John the beloved disciple whose epistle we study today, written, perhaps from Ephesus, towards the close of the first century, to the believing Gentiles and residents in Asia Minor, was endeavoring to correct or counteract certain prevalent errors.

transgression, 13:41. "That fellowship with God purifies the Christian and only this can we be recognized as His." 3:8-16 + 13: HERESIES IN THE EARLY CHURCH Why people will take on and group false teaching in preference to the true will always be a question. False teachers during the early church, took several angles — Gnosticism — a kind of religion which appeal to the intelligence — knowledge was all that mattered. Dualism, a belief that Jesus' suffering and death were a myth, a kind of imagination the treatment of each other. Christians holding bitterness towards one another and Christians' attitude toward those outside the church and of other races.

You either have the love of God which points the way of life or you have sin which points the way of darkness. There is no twilight, you are right or wrong. All heresies are contrary to the will of God and are therefore in the category of sin, and the only remedy for sin is love. TEST OF LOVE In our lesson John mentions three things which he cautioned believers against the lust of the flesh, the lust 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 the brethren." Do we measure up to the test here? He closes in the later part of the 3rd chapter by saying, "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." Do we strive to minister to our brother? In the symbolism of heraldry, argent — white or silver — is the sign of truth and purity.

THEY'LL NEVER DIE By Elton Farr



SUSAN P. VASHON WAS BORN 109 YEARS AGO IN BOSTON, MASS. AT 16 SHE WAS VALEDICTORIAN AS WELL AS THE ONLY COLORED GRADUATE OF HER SENIARY CLASS AT SOMERVILLE, MASS. SHE WENT TO PITTSBURGH WHERE SHE TAUGHT PRIMARY SCHOOL. LATER SHE MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. WHERE SHE HEADED THE THADDEUS STEVENS SCHOOL. FROM THERE MRS. VASHON PROCEEDED ON TO SAINT LOUIS, MO. TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY WORK. DURING THE CIVIL WAR SHE WAS PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN HELPING CARE FOR THE WOUNDED AS WELL AS THE MANY REFUGEE NEGROES SLEEPING THE POST-WAR SOUTH.