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EDITORIALS

THE POLL YAX AND DICTATORSHIP

The News and Observer of February passengers were involved. 22 contained an excellent editorial comment on poll tax payment as a requirement for the suffrage. The occasion for the editorial was a speech by Senator Hoey in Virginia, in which he apparently agreed wth Senator Byrd of that state. that Presdent Truman's civil rights proposals "conceivably could lead to dictatorship." The News and Observer commentatoor intimated that it is the poll tax itself which permits the Byrd machine to have a stranglehold on Virginia politics which practically amounts to a dictatorship within the State of Virginia.

Talk of dictatorship by "the Byrds and any surviving Bilbos" is not a little out of place, the editorial writer intimates. "National repeal, they insist, liable after after all. would be an invasion of 'Southern liberties' which is a matter much more important to them than the liberties of other Southerners."

was adopted in Virginia a quarter of a century after Reconstruction was over, the editorial quotes the famous statement of the late Carter Glass in defense of the measure at the time it was up for adoption: that it "does not necessarily deprive a single white man of the ballot, but will inevitably cut from the electorate four-fifths of the Negroes." (In passing it may be observed that this discrimination mean when they say states' rights.)

a class device rather than a racial one. "Actually, experience have proved that more white men than Negroes are kept from the polls in Virginia as in other Southern poll tax states," it observes. The poll tax is further described and condemned in the editorial as a "device by which some Southern politicans keep hundreds of thousands of white Southpurpose is "to keep the poor of all races from participating in democracy."

of the state jim crow law, and Judge Lewellyn of Mount Airy Recorder's Court released him, holding that the Supreme Court decision took precedence over the state's segregation laws where interestate

The bus company has recognized that its agent was in the wrong, and is doing the next best thing in correcting the injury done Mr. Hauser.

The Pridgen case, originating in Raleigh, was similar in several respects, but the court ruled that the dispatcher who caused Mr. Pridgen's arrest was acting beyond authorization and therefore the transportation company could not be held responsible. The Atlantic Greyhound Company alleged that their driver was acting contrary to orders, yet it has taken responsibility and paid damages. The Pridgen case will go to the State Suprema Court, and it is possible that the high court will hold that the bus company is

LOST DAYS

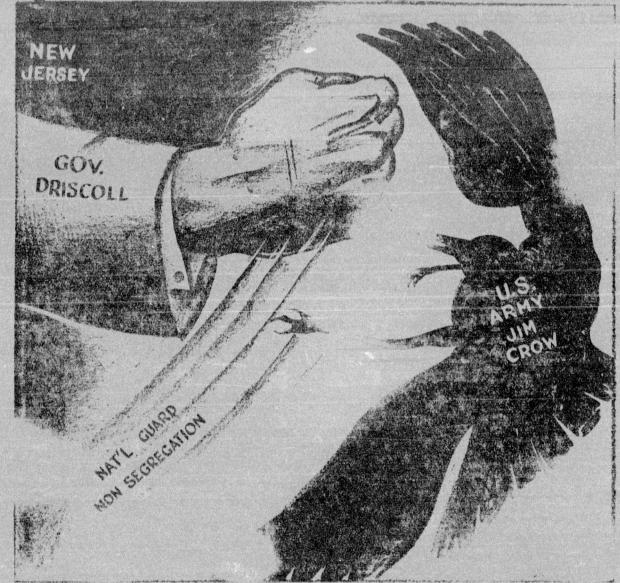
When Wake County schools finally reopened after an unprecedently long sus-Going on to mention that the poll tax pension of activities because of bad weather and bad road conditions Superintendent Benton's office reported that the percentage of Negro children returning was considerably smaller than that of white children. Why would this be true?

It may be a fact that a larger proportion of colored children's homes are on back roads that were still relatively impassabe; that the average distance to school bus stops is greater for Negro is the kind of thing many southerners than for white children; that there is better bus service for white than for Ne-The editorial condemns the poll tax as gro children. We do not say that any of these things are true, but we are interested, and Superintendent Benton's figures aroused the conjectures.

However it is admittedly true that many parents, and possibly more Negro store by civil rights, which exthan white, do not put too high a value on consistently regular school attendance. section of itself lighting against The attitude has not yet disappeared in rural districts, nor altogether in towns erners from participation in the democ- and cities, that children should go to other parts of the world as well racy of thee South itself," and one whose school on the days when there is not something more important to do. Parents often appear not to realize that there is There is one sour note in the editorial, any pressing reason why children should attend school every possible day. Where that is the attitude, excuses for absences come to mind rather easily, and relatively little effort and ingenuity and sacrifice are applied to seeing that children maintain as nearly as possible perfect attendance records.

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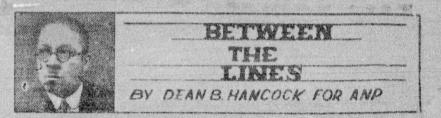
There is something very disving as well as a little startfight in America AGAAINST civit rights. Even fter reading of it in the headines and in the body of news ries for weeks, and taking ensideration the history of the United States, the inconruity of a declared war against civil rights, joined in by a large section of the nation, still remains a shocking thing. That country which lays so much ults in its creed of freedom and democracy, should see a large ne application of such rights to admitted and bona fide cili ens of the nation must be a ery puzzling thing to people in a very depressing one to millions here at nome.

In order to get some kind of understanding of the whole

ommendations of his Civa Amendments to give all the peo-Rights Committee suggested.) ple within their jurisdiction equality of protection under Probably the most respectable the law and equal immunities argument against the President's proposals that poll tax and privileges. Is there anypayment be abolished as a re- one who will come forward and declare that the southern states. quirement for suffrage, that lynching be made a crime aor the states as a whole, if you gainst the law of the United have done so?

Loooked at frankly the plea States, that segregation of races stales' rights in this controlegal, and that Congress enact versy over the proposed civil is a plea that tions against racial discriminathe statues should be permitted do as their white masses were in effect during the war. please, and enforce and implement and abide by if and when s that Congressional action on these matters would be an inthey please, the fundamental law of the land so far as non This argument is of course white persons are concerned. heavily tainled with political a crass and tragic deophistry, and throws all connial of the principles of freesideration of right and justice dom, democracy and human justice, and it is a sad thing out the window. The moral issue is variously bypassed that Governors and Senators and Congressmen and promiancomfortajoin in it, but take the lead in in degrees of vociferousness from hau-learing and waving the Confederate flag assertions that the President's metive is political 'advantage rather than the final extension rights promised by the Federal Government these 80

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THE PATHETIC SOUTH

The south is pathetic! It has been "solid" a long time but more recently it has become pathetic in its feverish efforts to stem the tide of democracy and brotherhood. The world is crying for democracy and the south is crying against it; the world is longing for brotherhood and the south is spurning it.

My beloved south is pathetic! It is striving to be an island of segeregation and discrimination and lynching in a sea of democracy and humanity. The most pathetic part about the south's plight is, it is fighting a losing fight. The south can no more stein the tide that is pressing upon it than it can dam the Mississippi river.

The fact is, there are noble-souled whites of the south who see the danger in the course the south has been following; they know what evils have come and which are likely to come of an attempt to permanently subjugate its Negro citizens.

These whites have seen the handwriting on the wall and are ready to let the Negroes go. As o between destroying their own souls and saving the Negroes they are quite willing to save the Negro if thereby they themselves can be saved. They know that in this way and in no other, can the south and nation be saved.

But pathetically enough, we have a certain sector of the south, remnants of the days of Hoke Smith, Tom Watson, Benn Tillman and Vardamen, and they are seemingly willing to detroy themselves and their beloved south in order to relive again the days of reconstruction and slavery.

Dear to their hearts are lynching, domination, segregation, disfranchisement and exploitation of Negroes. They get their greatest glory in "lording it over" poor defenseless Negroes, whom they have subjugated through hundreds of years of unrewarded labors. Their only means of knowing they are "white" seems to be in comparing themselves with black men. They are only great in comparison with degraded and subjugated Negroes. Herein lies the pathos of the situation!

The blue-blooded white man of the south and his descendants feel their own intrinsic worth, and do not have to degrade Negroes, or look upon degraded Negroes to become conscious of their worth. Even in the days of slavery these better bred whites saw the tragedy of slavery and wanted to see it ended. Their superior breeding and training unfitted them to be slave-drivers. There was something in their make-up that revolted at the servantmaster situation.

Some of these even taught their slaves to read and write but thee poorer overseer class and his descendants have always exulted ing being "better than" somebody and the only somebody they could be "better than" was the poor, ignorant, subjugated Negro, * And so they have clung tenaciously to the giory that inheres in "fording it over" Negroes. Take this away and their whiteness becomes unavailing. Take away their power to oppress and suppress Negrees and you take away the burden of their speech and the music of their song!

My beloved south is pathetic! We see our governors weeping and gnashing their teeth, just because President Truman dared to say that segregation and discrimination, the poll-tax and unfair employment practices should cease together with lynchings. Could pathos be more pathetic than for the states to have governors who would favor lynching and the poll-tax and unfair employment practices and segregation?

In other words these governors are clamoring for more lyncaing, more unfairness in employment, more poll-tax to help cir-

and that may have been unintended, as it is not in harmony with the general tenor of the modern News and Observer. But one who did not know might gather the impression that the writer was condemning the effect of the poll tax on the potential white electorate, as though the disfranchisement of Negroes, if not desirable, was at least of little significance.

from the ballot is not its only purpose nor its only result. And it is clear that the say about the poll tax as a device to re- it is not so. duce the electorate.

TWO CASES

That the Supreme Court's ruling in the losses. Morgan case is not a dead letter was amply demonstrated when the Atlantic Greyhound Bus Company recently paid in an out-of-court settlement of a false

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The problem appears even in colleges. Authorities not infrequently receive re-Nonetheless the editorial makes it quests from parents to permit a son, and of the Christian Acta 8:26-39 clear that the poil tax is an undemocratic especially a daughter, to go home for a device and that exclusion of Negroes few days or a week, for various reasons, Sometimes the reason is very good and the circumstances seem to render the ac-News and Observer has nothing good to tion unavoidable, but again, sometimes cu was killed while Philip, an- ed for leader-bip car and should

> Often the chief difficulty is that neither pupils nor parents realize that every day counts, and that lost days involve other ty to the church, etc. Then there

ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY

President Truman has announced that service. Another helpful point in he reached there nowever the C. B. Hauser, of Winston-Salem, \$2,000 he has ordered the Department of Defense to eliminate as fast as possible the arrest case. The case developed out of remaining racial discrimination policies the arrest in Mount Airy of Mr. Hauser, in the armed forces. In so doing the as he rode a bus enroute to Charleston. President is implementing in an area in West Virginia, to return to his teaching which he has the power to do so his own duties at West Virginia State College. stated philosophy on racial discrimina-Mount Airy policemen arrested him, with tion. At the same time he issued executive by the bus driver who charged violation in federal employment coming under the executive authority.

> In doing these things Mr. Truman bles 2 sears I more a lacy with shows that he is not necessarily simply 3 grown children She is hard to B.N. - I came south to work leves me or nist out for what h ernment itself, and for this he deserves wire this lady? full credit. He is assuming the responsi- Ans: What earthly satisfaction greatly. Accept the offer him alone.

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The plain fact is ignored that based. (In passing it should for more than 80 years, count noted that Mr. Truman has ing only the period since th for more than 80 years, count end of the Civil War, the states ress enact laws abolishing ra- have had the opportunity to excial segregation in general, nor ercise their lights (and their gone nearly as far as the rec- duty) under the 14th and 15th

SUNDAY SCHOOLLESSON By Rev. M. W. Williams ing and the great noise being made is greatest proof thereof. Morally the south today is outgrowing any other part of our

The Personal Witnes. Key Verse "Peace ce unto you" as the Father natio sent me, even

so I send you." John 20:21. This is a unique lesson from our of the early church in Jerusalesa were persecuted and one (Stephthis persecution was aided and Tarsus, Second, Paul, formerly Sual wrote extensively concernng the deacons, their duty, loval may do as a witness in the Chris part of Philip to follow the lead ings of the Sprit is a strong print Christian development and cage. A man who knows what is expected to testify, but lead othare into the light. Such was the case with Fhilip. No difficulties

could deter him A DEACON MAKES GOOD

through a vision and told him to go south unto Gaza, Philip with out hesitation, arose and went i or two angles. First the deacons think the tayaben in the churc. and especially officers who are supposed to be man of Cost selectther went up to Sameria All of grasp the full meaning of oodience. Too many of us laymen fee consented thereto by Saul of that we have an idea better than the scripture for doing church work. Nothing can be more faile God has His own plan and we poor mortals are too finite to uns this matter of what the laymen derstand, except and in so far as, He leads. Philip did not know tian Church. A willingness on the the Ethiopian Equich was on the road reading the scripture (Bible) and yearning for salvation, Our jub is to do as commanded. When the life of a good witness is know- Hely Speit instructed him (Philip) the next slep - yoin thy self to right and knows be knows is not this Christ. Here, again he obey

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anivent the suffrage guaranteed by the Constitution of the C States. They want, of course, more and better regregation. Henry Wallace is a communist because he wants to see an

end of lynching, segregation, the poll tax and unfair employment practices. Yet there are states in the Union that do not have segregation, nor the poll-tax, with legislation against unfair employment practices and at course no haven for lynchers. Are these states communist?

The south-my beloved south-is pathetic; but there is hope, yes abundant hope! The travail through which the south is passing is not its dying groans but growing pains! The south is growing and the great noise being made is greatest proof thereof. nation!

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ruggesuve thought First-Should loves the gui he was going with when we married I want you to M.H.C. - My huscand worked When the angel spoke to him, the Church select men for of tell me what to do! When he away from home two years but ficers who do not know the scrip- drinks, she's al ine thinks about came home every two weeks. He uses and who will not try to but he tells me he doesn't think is back home working and we are in order to find out more about her but I know better. not getting along well. He writes to about the Bible? The second. Ans You're jumping at conclusione woman all of the time and How can a man without know- sions. Yorn husband chose you in has asked me for a diverce and for ledge of the Bible and its teach preference to the other girl and the children. We've been married age explain to the real seekers has been true - isn't that convinc- 13 year, have 6 children and ex-God for salvation unless he ong that he loves you and not her" pecting another soon. What must I nows" "Philip opened his mouth Whiskey depresses hin. - be just do? I love him very much.

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and began at the same scrip une, a little more attentive when he Ans. Do not consider a divorce. and preached unto him desus" gets melancholy and reassure him it would be a terrible injustice to Acts 8351. How can they preach of your love. That's all he needs. your children if you were to separate. Your husband isn't in love with

Please notice that there was 1.9 EL.C. - What is wrong with the this woman - he's only fascinated anteocaong - no cambling H- man I was going with? He doesn't by her. He doesn't realize it, but regard at the same scripture come to my house any more at she isn't about to assume the re-Where Thing or when he obtained mough we see each other every sponsibility of rearing his six chilhis knowledge of the scripture as day as we work at the same place, dren if you were foolish enough tog the assential here except that he Ans. This fellow has found a new rive them up. My Happier Living knew -- What a fine opportunity heart-throb and she's best your Lesson No. 2. How To Hold Your the workers in the church have time. She works at the same place Mate, price 25c has a message for you. Send for a copy loday. a teach young people Bible facts? you do.

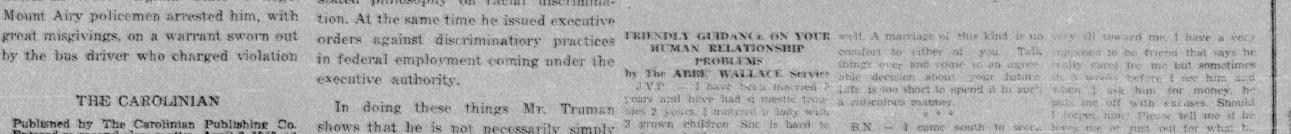
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THEY'LL NEVER DIE By Elton Fax

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playing to the grandstand when he calls any thing and talks reach. We sep uninppy on this job. My employee Ans its certainly doesn't low on Congress to enact certain legislation other man in less than 3 days. She his business establishments in Penn and even interested in you for arated twice and she was with an has offered me a place in one of you and it is quite evident that be in the interests of the rights of minori- docsn's want to do anything around Do you think it wise for me to inke what he can get any longer. If you ties. He is doing what he as the execu- forent men friends. She ordered Ans The chance will make you even bother to look you up. You didn't pursue him, he wouldn't tive has the power to do toward correct- me out but 1 pay no attention to very happy as you will be back husband must be til and a bit hard ber. She has bried everything but up east near your friends and pro- in get along with but be does lov. ing injustices within the Federal Gov- I naven't left yet and that sector ple Your duties on the new job you Change your ways and show ta vex ber more Should I star will be similar to what you are do him more consideration. If you per the now and should interest you sid to being unfaithful - you will lose your mate entacty.

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