

EDITORIALS

VETERANS

A great deal is being made by Dixiecrat candidate Governor Thurmond and his supporters of his participation and record as a soldier in World War II. The Governor's record as a soldier is a proud one, and no one can blame him for making political capital of it.

But somebody ought to remind him, his supporters, and his audiences that a whole lot of black young men also took part in that same war. In fact in proportion to the population about as many black young men were in on it as whites, from this country and from the Governor's own state.

It is true that a large number of them did not make the heroic record made by Mr. Thurmond, but possibly more would have except for certain facts. One of these facts is that by tradition, a tradition that Mr. Thurmond would doubtless heartily endorse, most of these black boys were permitted to serve only as Army laborers. Now there is a vast amount of labor to be performed in modern warfare and somebody has to do it. But those who do, though their work may be arduous and sometimes very hazardous, don't usually get medals for bravery.

Another fact is that under an educational and social system such as is maintained in Mr. Thurmond's and many other states, black boys do not have the same opportunity for education and self-advancement as do white boys, even cotton mill and farm boys as Mr. Thurmond was.

To mention briefly a few other facts in this connection it might be cited that in Mr. Thurmond's state and in some others black boys who may later become soldiers are not encouraged to think themselves as being the same as any other citizens of the state. In fact they may get themselves into considerable difficulty if they act or speak as though they thought they were, in some parts of Mr. Thurmond's state and other states. This does not help to develop their patriotism. A lot of black boys from South Carolina and elsewhere were trained during World War II in the state of which Mr. Thurmond is now governor. While in training there they were impressed by some white people of the state that the first duty of a black soldier, as of any other black boy, was to stay in his place, and not think that the uniform of the fighting forces of his country made him any different than what he was first last and always—a nigger. Especially was it necessary to see to the indoctrination in this precept of black boys from sections of the country north of South Carolina. Again, in the Army it was felt that it was good that these black boys be officered largely by white men from the South, who understood them and their infantile, happy-go-lucky ways who knew how to be firm with them and whom, the black boys just naturally loved and looked up to.

Yes Mr. Thurmond had a fine war record, and he has every right to cite it and be honored and respected for it. But there are other war records, too. One of them ended in South Carolina with a discharge. A few hours later, while still in uniform a civilian postscript was added to this record when a South Carolina peace officer beat into blindness this newly-made civilian who somehow hadn't learned through all the years of peace and war what a black boy is supposed to do when riding a bus in states' rights country.

This peace officer, whom naive persons might think was somewhat of a bully or something like that, was exonerated by the legal processes operating within the State of South Carolina. So maybe he is a species of hero, too, not of Mr. Thurmond's type certainly but South Carolina bred and South Carolina supported nonetheless.

Mr. Thurmond said he didn't fight in World War II only to come home and have his rights and liberties as an American citizen taken away from him. That's the way he feels. We wonder if he ever considers the reactions of the black boys who fought or worked, in World War II, and came home afterward.

NEW VENTURES DESERVE SUCCESS
Last week's CAROLINIAN featured an interesting and informative account of three new business concerns recently opened or soon to open in the attractive new Cooper Building on Bloodworth Street. We express here the desire of the CAROLINIAN to see each of them flourish for they all meet needs often felt by the community.

One of the new enterprises is a florist's shop. The proprietor, Mr. A. J. Turner, is to be congratulated on going into a line of business that departs from the beaten path, and that will supply a service which will attract many patrons.

The modern food market is unique in that it is a co-operative enterprise, offering part ownership to all who are willing and able to make a small investment in serving themselves as well as others, and ready to render service to all, whether members or not.

The Co-operative Movement for consumers offers economic and social advantages which have not been sufficiently exploited in this country, but some of the most successful co-operative enterprises have been organized by groups of Negroes. Raleigh's new Negro co-operative enterprise should enjoy the active support of many participants. Its membership is open to all those willing and able to make a small investment in serving themselves and others at the same time and by the same process, and the patronage of everyone is invited on the basis of superior service and fair prices. It bids fair to be a real asset in the life of the community.

PRACTICAL MEASURE

Word comes from Louisville, Ky., that new recruits to that city's police force are being given a course in race relations. Louisville is the first city in the South to adopt such a policy, it is believed, and it is a fine precedent. When it comes to practical community measures to reduce friction and improve race relations the practical instruction of policemen in their important role in controlling racial situations and intended to train them in proper techniques would rank near the top.

Race relations can be improved and good feeling promoted by doing things; by thinking out and putting into practice positive policies. Talk is cheap and ineffective.

In passing, it may be observed that the police force of Raleigh has had an unusually good record in the last decade for avoiding unwarranted violence and other reprehensible behavior in dealing with the public, including Negroes. It is one of many things of which the city of Raleigh, its officials and the general public may be justly proud.

UNORTHODOX

We note that the police of Charleston, West Virginia, have broken up a teenage gang which has been stealing bicycles stripping automobiles, beating up other kids and engaging in various other disapproved activities. They named themselves the "Junior Ku Klux Klansmen." But they were a high unorthodox offshoot of the real Klan for, according to the Associated Press report the membership included eleven white boys, three white girls, and six Negro boys.

What's in a name?



Second Thoughts

By C. D. HALLIBURTON

The acceptance speeches of the Dixiecrat candidates for president and vice-president were remarkable for their lack of race-baiting. That of Mississippi's Governor Fielding Wright was especially mild. Although it is pleasing that the Dixiecrat standard bearers have not resorted to open race baiting in their public utterances so far, it is well to remember in the first place that they are ostensibly appealing to the whole country on the issue of states' rights, and declare that they are making a bid for votes in every state in the Union. Obviously an appeal based strictly or primarily on race prejudice would be poor strategy under those circumstances.

In the second place Governor Thurmond and Governor Wright are intelligent. They recognize the trend in this country against rabid racism, and they know that except in the most benighted sections direct and bald appeals to race prejudice are outmoded and risky. There is plenty of sentiment still left in favor of white supremacy and it is not confined to the three states which apparently have pledged their electoral votes to the

States' Rights party, but the old ranting up-starting anti-Negroism just doesn't fit any more except in some isolated local instances.

So the campaign is being made on the respectable issue of the rights of states. The listener to the acceptance speeches could easily tell, however, that the Dixiecrat definition of states' rights was of the same kind that was in the mind of the South before the Civil War, when the holding of human beings in physical bondage was defended as an institution within the privilege of any state. The definition of "the people" in the Dixiecrat dictionary is white people. Individual freedom to them means freedom for whites and as much freedom for Negroes as the white government and the white people in any state think is good for Negroes. The right of the state to supervise its elections and determine the qualifications of voters means to Governor Thurmond that all the restrictions any state, thru its white government, sees fit to place on the suffrage of Negroes, is nobody's business but the state's, and not the concern of the Negroes

within the state.

According to the Thurmond and Wright philosophy Negroes have few inherent rights as American citizens. They are not included among the "people" in the meaning of the Constitution's language. Thurmond and Wright made it plain that for them the 14th and 15th Amendments are not parts of the Constitution. That part of the Constitution which limits the powers of the Federal government is the only part they stress, and except for the benefits derived within the borders of their states as the result of Federal spending they seem to have no use for the Federal government. According to their philosophy of government as expounded in their speeches the United States is not a nation except for its function in war and foreign affairs. In every thing else government belongs entirely to the states, and by extensions, exclusively to the white people of the states.

After listening to those speeches it would seem that the only solution for the problems as posed by the Dixiecrat leaders is secession, and one wonders why they have not proposed that.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BY REV. F. H. JOHNSON

Subject: Ananias, Disciple at Damascus.
Memory Selection: I delight to do thy will O my God; Yea, thy law is within my heart. Psalm 119:10.
During the past few Sundays we have studied a group of illustrious Bible characters. Micaiah, Bezalel, Naomi, Jonathan, Baruch, Ebed-Melech, Andrew, Dorcas and this week we are to study Ananias. The characters we have studied and the ones we are to study during the remainder of this quarter should quicken in our lives a determination to do more for kingdom building.

The importance of Ananias in the lesson has to do with the part he played in the conversion of Paul. In order for one to understand this lesson or appreciate it, he must know something about Paul's attitude toward Christians

prior to his conversion, which was a hostile attitude. Paul had convinced himself that he was right in persecuting the Christians. Many people who are wrong today have convinced themselves that they are right. In order for us to know whether we are right, we must judge our lives by the Standards set by Jesus Christ.

Ananias was an instrument in the hand of God. When the call came to him giving definite instructions, Ananias was afraid, he overlooked what Jesus had just related to him about the change that had taken place in Saul. All Ananias could see was a man Saul, one whom he feared the very name of. He felt that Saul would even chain him and carry him captive to Jerusalem. Jesus merely tells Ananias what to do. He also tells him that "Saul is

now a chosen vessel." Saul who once had despised Christians, and Ananias, who had dreaded Saul, are now brothers. The power of God has united them as one.

Jesus tells Ananias Saul is "a chosen vessel to carry my name before the Gentiles." Ananias knew Saul could not do that properly unless he was endued with power from on high. New sight came to Paul through Ananias, and baptism swiftly followed. Then Paul was ready to instruct Christ in the very Synagogues where he had entered to denounce Christians. God used this humble man, Ananias, to play a very important part in the preparation of Paul for his ministry. Ananias possessed faith. If we are going to be obedient to the call of God then we must have faith in Him.

ADVISORY COLUMN

M.B. — Have I the wrong opinion of my husband? He is very nice to me. I don't work, just take care of the home chores but sometimes he acts a bit nasty, not for any cause on my part. I like right and honest doings. When he acts indifferent I tell him about it and he doesn't like that and then he acts real nasty. We never fuss, just speak each other out, then we are through. Am I right in accusing him?

Ans: The accusations you make and the cool, indifferent attitude you assume toward your husband is wrong. You should not accuse your mate of anything unless you have definite proof, even then it is a bad policy to do so. And you may not think that your habit of speaking him out is not fussing, but it is. It antagonizes him and every time it occurs he has a tendency to increase the tension between you. Display more love and understanding in your marriage.

L.C. — I received the Happier Living Lesson and have been benefiting greatly by it. I enjoy even

reading your most helpful letters of advice which have been a light to my eyes. Here is my problem. My mother-in-law is not well and has sent a railroad ticket for me to come visit her and bring my boy, whom she has never seen. I really want to go but do not want to leave my husband. He says he thinks it would be nice should I go?

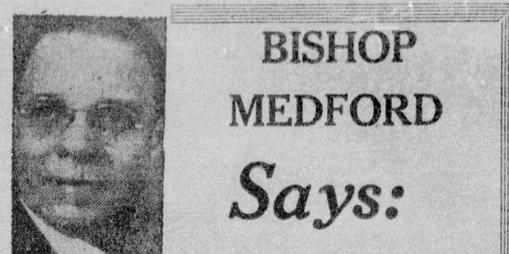
Ans: By all means do. She will be overjoyed to see you and her grandson. There is no question but that it will lift her spirits. Plan your trip for the week before Labor Day and your husband can make the trip on the week end. All three of you can return together.

X.C. — I find your column most interesting. I have had a good paying job for the past eight years but we have little to show for it. I want a comfortable home and a little money ahead but my wife lives only for today. If I mention saving, it causes a misunderstanding. Yet, I hate to make such good money and keep mum about it, slipping away so fast.

Ans: It's folly to live up to every-

thing that you make. You are wise you have been offered.

Ans: You are not ready for marriage. In your anxiety to make a good catch — you are overlooking the most important factor of all — and that is LOVE. When you feel that you have met the one and only man in the world who can make you happy — then you will be ready for marriage. Give up the idea now and accept the position you have been offered.



BISHOP MEDFORD Says:

The World Council of Churches meeting, Amsterdam, Holland for fourteen days which started Aug. 22, is an attempt to unite Christianity in the world and bring its force to bear on today's world problems.

Forty five nations are represented. The Catholics look on from a distance. The Vatican sent a few "observers." It claims that Christian unity can only be found through the Catholic Church. More power to the great world church council.

The passing of Dr. S. L. Carothers of New York, whose funeral was held from Mother Zion Church there last Saturday morning and attending school in Arkansas, he finally made his way to unique clergymen of the race. Born in 1865, in South Carolina, he entered the ministry of the church in his teens. After preaching and attending school in Arkansas, he finally made his way to Washington, D. C., where he served Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church for fifteen years.

But for a deadlock in the voting at the General Conference in Charlotte, N. C. in 1912 which resulted in no election, Dr. Carothers without doubt would have been elected a Bishop in Methodism. He and Teddy Roosevelt were personal and political friends.

His death last week attracted Associated Press notice throughout the nation. The writer delivered the eulogistic message.

Senator J. Howard McGrath, the National Chairman has announced that there will be no "Negro Division" of the Democratic National Committee in the campaign set-up this year in keeping with President Truman's desire to end segregation. Very commendable indeed. We read however in the Race Press of last week that Congressman Wm. Dawson of Illinois "heads Democrat Race Division." Let's hope that Mr. Dawson and other leaders of the race interested in the cause have not asked for segregation, despite the President's wishes and the Democratic National Chairman's announcement that there will be none. The Negro certainly must not invite segregation. Mr. Dawson should explain. We don't expect him to head a jim-crow anything.

"By his deeds ye shall know him" are the words that accompany the cut and a well worded appeal for the election of President Harry Truman in November, as carried in all the leading Negro papers of the country.

It's a fine way to know a man or woman, in fact it's the only real way to know one. Not by his words, not by his promises, not by his political party label, but by what he really does.

Judged by his deeds, President Truman ranks tons. No President since Lincoln has risked so much, and made such a consistent fight for the Negro and his constitutional rights in this land as President Truman.

But for his fight for human rights and the ending of the nefarious segregation and jim-crowism there would be no Dixiecrat organization opposing his election today. His record through the U. S. Senate House has shown him to be a friend of the Negro and other minorities. Surely these minorities will show their gratitude when the opportunity comes in November.

All this cry for "States Rights" means they want these "rights" with which to do wrong. They want states' rights to continue Jim-Crow, poll tax laws, lynching etc, the right to hire the Negro last and fire him first. That's the way the States Rights for which they are fighting will work out.

Gov. Thurmond says the state can regulate lynching. We suppose they mean regulate like they did a few years ago when a gang of taxi drivers confessed that they lynched a Negro down in South Carolina, not far from Gov. Thurmond's state capital. They were all brought into court and not a single one of them convicted. That was "States' Rights" way of dealing with their confessed lynchers. It turns them loose to lynch again at the slightest provocation.



ONE night back around 1935, on my way home from the broadcasting studio, I dropped in a New York night club to hear a new girl vocalist singing with Chick Webb's band. She had been with the band only one week, and she was as nervous as a high school senior making a speech on graduation night. If you want to hear for yourself just how much that shy, awkward girl has developed into a poised, finished singer, listen to Ella Fitzgerald's new Decca record of "My Happiness." Yes, it was Ella I heard that night.

The same tune has been waxed by John Laenz for Mercury — and there's an interesting story connected with the record. Because of the Petrillo ban, the orchestral background was recorded in Europe and the master flown here, where Laenz's voice was "dubbed" in. Pretty slick, huh?

Speaking of records made abroad something really different is a tune called "Jazz Pizzicato," recorded by Ambrose on a London label. Ambrose, who has been playing in England's swankiest hotels for years, comes up with a very listenable combination of swing and strings backed by unusual rhythm ideas. . . . Another fine arrangement can be heard in Gordon Jenkins' disc of "Dark Eyes" (Decca).

Of all the above records, my "ABC" selection is: A—Peggy Lee's "Caramba!" B—Sammy Kaye's "Cool That I Am." C—Freddie Martin's "The New Look."

They're only one man's opinion, of course. You probably have your own favorites among the newest discs. If so, drop me a line and maybe you can convince me your selection is better than mine (remember I said "maybe").

Good listening to you . . . and you . . . and especially to you.

THE CAROLINIAN
Published by The Carolinian Publishing Co.
118 East Hargett St., Raleigh, N. C.
Entered as second-class matter, April 6, 1940, at the Post Office at Raleigh, N. C., under the Act of March 3, 1879.
P. R. JERVAY, Publisher
C. D. HALLIBURTON, Editorials
Subscription Rates
One Year, \$3.50; Six Months, \$2.00
Address all communications and make all checks payable to The Carolinian rather than to individuals. The Carolinian expressly repudiates responsibility for return of unsolicited pictures, manuscript, etc., unless stamps are sent.