BETWEEN

### EDITORIALS

VEY WEAK

The action taken by the State Board of trars from excluding Negroes from the Elections with a view to stopping regisfranchise is very weak indeed, if the reports in the daily press represent the extent of what the Board proposes to do.

voted to include in its pamphlet of instructions what amounts to little more than a suggestion or at most an admonition that registrars comply with the law when faced with Negro would be registrants.

as to the language of tht clause to be inthat it should read.

giving the educational test for registra-"Registrars must not act arbitrarily in tion." One member objected that "must" as the wrong word, and proposed the substitution of "should," on the ground that people do not like to be told what they MUST do. The board agreed, and

"should" became the word.

It is plain that registrars have been violating the law by adding qualifications which go beyond the law. Why they have to be handled with kid gloves as violators of the law who are supposed to be administrators of it is beyond us.

People may not like to be told what they "must" do, but we would be in a pretty pickle if all our laws were enforceable only on the basis of "should." The registrars who violate the law most certainly tell the Negro seeking to vote what he "must" do, even in violation of the law. Certainly any superior authority has not only the right but the obvious duty of delling the registrar what he must or must tot do in observance of the law.

Even if the word "must" were used, of what is and what is not within the purview of the registrar. It is certainly not enough simply to advise them that they "should" register those who qualify under the law. They know that already.

### NO SYMPATHY

The CAROLINIAN thinks that very few will feel that the 32 year prison sentence given Eddie Lee Russell, the lye thrower. is too severe. A man who would assault any woman with such an awful weapon is a dangerous character, and one who would commit such a crime on an elderly woman against whom he had nothing, and with no provocation beyond a desire to rob, is obviously near the bottom of the human scale.

The only consideration in such a case is the establishment of identity. After that is taken care of then the full penalty of the law is in order, not only as retribution, but just as much if not more so, for the protection of other people against a man so depraved in mind and heart.

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF IN BAD

One of the candidates for sheriff in Catawba County was among a group of 34 persons arrested in a drive in that county against violators of the alcoholic control law. In other words the candidate was errested for dealing in bootleg whiskey.

This is rather unusual, to say the least. Bither one of two things must be true. Either the people of Catawba County have discovered BEFORE the election that one candidate is highly unfit for the office he seeks, or else some one of his opponents certainly knew how to make him look bad and had the pwer to do so.

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#### EDWIN R. EMBREE

American Negroes should not fail to pause to honor in death Edwin R. Embree, who passed from this life February 21. Dr. Embree was for many years director of the Julius Rosenwald Foundation which did so much for the furthering of Negro progress. A great deal of the Rosenwald money spent under the direction of Dr. Embree went to improve educa-According to the newspapers the Board tional facilities for Negroes in the South; other thousands of it were spent in scholarships to persons of both races whose contribution to knowledge might improve the relations of the races.

Dr Embree's work practically ended It seems that there was a discussion when the Fund's money was all spent according to the wishes of the late Juins cluded in the pamphlet. It was proposed Rosenwald by 1948, Mr. Rosenwald want. ed the money to be used while there would still be a great and acute need of it. He could not foresee the future of the Negro in America a century or more beyoud his time; he knew that there would be much need for his funds in the years immediately following his own life span.

> Dr. Embree was a wise and great-hearted humanitarian. He believed in the equal worth and dignity of men regardless of their color, and was not afraid or ashamed to let the world know his views. He made himself unpopular at various times and in various places with the powers by his forthright championing of the principles as well as the Negro. His factual volsal to compromise those principles under

> Dr. Embree was also a scholar. He was ! the author of several books on anthropollogy, and his studies included the American Indian and European and Asiatic peoples as well as the Negro. His factua voumes about the Negro in the United States were as valuable as his volumes pleading the Negro's cause.

The memory of Edwin R. Embree the new clause in the instructions would should be kept green. He was one of be inadequate. The registrars should be America's time ambassadors of inter-racdirected in more spelific detail as to the lial good will, a real democrat, a genuine application of the constitutional test, so humanitarian, a scholar, and a gentleman that there could be no misunderstanding in the best sense of that much abused

### ALL KINDS OF CANDIDATES

One of the things which will happen in a democracy is that all kinds of persons will run for office. The ineffable Mr. Olla Ray Boyd, who describes himself as a candidate for nomination for the U.S. Senate in the forthcoming Democratic primary, has approved lynching. He says he favors lynching because it is a good way to con-

Nobody takes Mr. Boyd seriousy as a candidate for any important office. He is a perennial office secker, and one who is always seeking thereby demonstrates that he doesn't find. At the opening public meeting of his campaign on his home grounds less than 50 people turned out to hear his speech, according to the press.

Mr. Boyd is absolutely harmless. It is a tribute to the tolerance of the democratic system that he and other such queer ducks can qualify to run for office. It is a greater one that only a handful of people would vote for Mr. Boyd for any office, and that it is not even necessary to denounce a candidate whose platform includes advocacy of lynching as a desirabe social practice.

### BEST YET

Solictor Malcolm B. Seawell, of the Ninth Judicial District, is receiving only applause for his vigorous and positive dealing with the Ku Klux Klan organizer who moved in to set up shop in Lumberton. The plain-spoken prosecutor simply gave the brother 24 hours to get out of townand out of the judicial district, on pain of prosecution. The solicitor knew of a statute under which the organizer could be legally prosecuted, too, so it was obvious that he meant business.

If all public officials were as straightforward and as ungentle in meeting the menace of the Klan organizer to decency to discourage these purveyors of prejuand law and order, it would not take long dice and exploiters of ignorance.



## second Thoughts BY C. D. HALLIBURTON

SECOND THOUGHTS.

of minority groups, and reons who are genomicly inter viers to full physicipation of numerical in the American life.

In the February is us of Harpers Maraline Remard DeVoto y feature commenting on the deinnorary American scene. comments on the attempts of minority groups and their tricide to bring about censor it the movies and the stage piction of a recomber of their oup from being presented to

He is easy to understand how controlly hypersensitiveness comes about The question has ets see what Mr De Voto has

How advisable is it to tell the stage and wieen, in the relations, that they can treat generaling into fatuous prissiners. The kind of rangel and re ligious equality (we want to bring about was recently unus med in his a man who but speni his life working for more justice to Degrees in this country. He he would not be satisfied ill it was possible to feel as a functionalmientary design tion sometimes used by Pres dent Trumoni as he would feel if he applied the enithet to a

demenstrable that an occasional

The prissiness has some odd results. No more than a dobooks a have directly affected. American society, but Uncl-Joan Chan dia But to any Unite Totals Cabin't can play in a theater only sorreputerming in any alreable city the recal Negroes will get its supthe Negro, it doesn't it treats him sentimentally and treat him as more noble than the taustical average but it reces its reticute and contenut for

What is much worse, the one great play in all American liter atine cannot be reviced for the deals with the tracedy of burnan and human faith and has iceling the nobility of Negroemotion and Negro religion, agonized by the traineds of Mogra experience It did more to advance colored Americans foward the equality else in its generation - literary

that is their right than anothing Mr. De Vote's conclusion about the influence of 'The Green Padures" may not be entirely warranted but in our opinion he is absolutely right about their bring every reason why it should be revised and continue indifinitely to be shown. He is also eight in his entire argument that in our unwainanted touchi ness, no matter how much w we not only make ourselves help also to obstruct to some ex-

### white man It is statistically

IN THIS OUR DAY

BY C. A. CHICK, SR. ADULT READING

A recent editorial in the Greenstorn (N.C.) Daily points not comething that on serious reflectio nil cannol he regarded an asset to the people of the United States The editorial in prestion summarized the results of a poll by Dr. Gallup to ascer ta in the reasing habits of the Australia, Sweden, and the

According to the editorial in replación Dr. Gallup's poll in which a gross ection of adults were asked whether they han pencel to be reading any book noves the following answers vere received:

YES Percent Percent Australia United States The editorial further pointed

outilist in England only thirteen per cent of the adult population have completed high school or college against fifty three per cent in the United States who have completed high school or I glone with the editor, work

der what accounts for the apnurently vast difference in the reading by the Adult peoples in the countries polled and those in the United States. And regarding England the question becomes all the more puzzling when it is realized how much birger per centage of the adult people in the United States who have completed high school or

percentage of adults in England who have completed high school or college. The ersalfs of Dr. Gallun's poll would seem to in dicate that our schools and col leges are not developing a read . . ing habit in the students who aitend them This writer does not claimi to

have the answer to the forego ing problem However he doe feel very keenly that in part the answer is found in the March (1950) Atlantic Monthly in which Albert Lynd, former Har vard professor and school board member, has an article entitled Quackery in the Public In part the article tates that schools spend too litthe time and effort on the old rigid drilling in reading, writing and arithmetic" and too much time on "skills for 'socially meful results, although it is not very clear who the unmire of these results is supposed to be" The Greensboro Daily for March 17, 1950, infers somewhat the samething Writing on the subject "The Heart of Educa tion" the editor said in part, It has bee nour conviction for sometime, strengthened by the State Education Commission's findings that the fundamentals ice being grossly neglected and that our school are taking on so many things that they are unable to do anything as well as they should."

It should be poitned out that if, as is indicated in the poll in question, adult peoples in other countries are doing more serus reading than those in the United States, we cannot for long hold our present position of world leadership. Our great

# **SERMONS**

BY REV. FRANK CLARENCE LOWRY FOR AND

Den't you wish you could be like a bud, but filled with beau enty virtues Divine jonly waiting to embrace. God's sanlight so that age His loving face you Don't you wish like the bud

ou could be silent; yet so powerfol so mighty and strong, that temptations and forces about von conidn't tempt you to da anything wrong,

Resting quietly when all is in turnoil and the outside world beset with sin; you like a oud undisturbed by the conflict nowing ne ill can find its way

with nature and all earth conhieting to your delight. had you would be shielded from anger and never an occasion would there be for freight.

For every day would be a blessing and the end of night worde come quiet soon; for like inia always expanding, your

You would then haev ever t be mindful that your exquisits nlumage and coloring belongs to God, and services must never stimed, and beyond a doubt no chisling nor froud

The aroma that emits from you must bespeak a nearness to Philids and kind actions and things that you do, must in God's sight suffice.

The mirror of sin though everywhere present a christian must by to defeat, and to rearesent the bud that carries the roseli his characteristics like Christ's ranst be sweet

A skillful horticulburist who an visualize his connection with God, sees more tha needs and flowers who the lifts his head from the sod.

He censes and feels an inward emething like a bud, striking hard and breaking thru valls of sin; it is that peculiar soing throm death unto life. thta mysterious something with-

Would you like to have that tarnge something so queer? It can only be fully known when to God one draws near.

The new birth will then unfold your natural bud and a rose of regeneration will lift its head toward God.

1950 PRAYER FOR OUR By J. HAROLD BROWN forANP

Lord, bless America. Bless the United States, and, especially, the homes of our nation. Thou didst establish this sacred institution for the welfare of man kind and for Thy glory, Evil has entered within its bounds and thwarted Thy purposes and plans. Throughout our realms husbanda and wives, mothers and fathers, by thousands have become vile enemies to each other breaking up the home and leaving innocent little children without any one to care for them. Thou seeth ad knowth all about their pittful plight my Father and my God.

Help us through the years to rebuild our homelife which we have tern down. Our national foundation is being undermined by this grave weakness in the homes of the land. Send the spirit of Christ our Savior to fill the hearts of men and women who enter into holy wedlock Please purify and calm the

social philosopher has said that great decisions are made, not by the courts nor by legislative bodies, but rather by the people. This write rwishes to ask the question that is a none-reading public qualified to make great decisions



### THE LIMES BY DEAN B HANCOCK FOR AND

OVER-BOOSTING OUR BOYS When this writer was princi pal of Seneca institute in South Carolina, we had an annual ora torical contest. There was a youth who had marked crateri cal gifts and who made a yearly effort to capture a prize. He tail ed three years in succession. He tried too hard. His parents and relatives and friends were over invious for him to come through and they usually took the front seat and of course their great and grave anxiety had a depress ing effect on the aspiring orator. The pressure of their immediate presence and their vaunted eas erness was too much for the fall. I sensed the trouble and begred them to take back seats while he made his fourth try for the prize. It worked like a charm-That night with his parents and friends on back seats the youth rose to towering heights and won the prize by a wide margin.

In previous years he was embarrassed by those who were too anxious for his success. He was trying too hard. All he proded was just a little failtude and when he got it he made good with a rush. The foregoing it lustrates some thoughts that have been constantly turning over in my mind with regard to our Negro big league baseball players. There is a question to my mind if we are not injuring them by too much pressure Of course, it goes without saying that we are all overanxious a bout them but we must not let our over-anxiety handican them in the great task they are called opon to perform. Of course, as a race we are spoiled by the phenomenal performance of Jos Louis whose fistic press boost ed the flagging morale of a struggling race. But fighting now and then is nothing like being

Our haseball before have done a fine job and their promise is great but there is grave doubt a to whether we are beining them or hindering them by our unconsciona pressures we exert by our too great boosting and enthusiasm. A little more mod esty in our boosts and a little more veiling of our consuming anxiety for their success would be of great value to them in the stress and strain of a terrific

under pressure every day,

campaign. Those boys have been marvelous but they are human and they like others who have rone before them will bend under too great pressure.

When we over-boost the boys they become too anxious to live up to our extravangante expectatins and over-try in their attempts to make good. The man who tries hard has a chance buthe man who tries too hard does not have a chance Moreover it is difficult for any man to hear too many good things about himself without believing some of them. If we expect our rookies to perform like veterans and measure arms with veterans, we are expecting too much Just how Jackie and Larry Doby and Don Newcombe and Satchel Paige could carry the load of their playing and our load of rampant expectations has been a miracle but even miracles are not eternal. If over hoosting does not turn the head of these young fellows it certainly predisposes them to over doing themselves trying to live up to advance no tices and the plandits of the

When these fellows try and fall they have a sense of frustration and futility that the young white players do not have Wa seldem see an over-boosted white player make good. Monte Kennedy and Clint Hartung are good examples. The guys up there who are playing the life out of the big leagues are fellows who were not over-boosted but who had to fight for what they got At any rate the fel low who comes too highly recommended starts under a severe handleap even like the children of prominent parents

This article is written in hehalf of the fine hoys we now have in the major leagues. I would love to see them let alone and given the latitude they need to make good and not over whelmed with our deep anxieties for their success. Some boosting has its place but too much boost ing can be a distinctive handicap to the boys we are depending on to carry the race's colors. Too much boosting places the hoys under too great a strain. Let us be more restrained in our enthusiasm lest we hinder the very thing we try to help. The Negro press has the answer



### LEST WE FORGET

BY W. L. GREENE

The past week has revealed interesting things about duman relations in different regions of our fair country. Our own North Carolina has been in a tayored spot in the national Ports picture. The final contests for raskethalf supremacy nave been staged in the East and the West. By the time you read this, he last contest will have been dayed ONE OF NORTH CAR OLINA'S GREATEST TEAMS of he year will rank no lowe than fourth in the nation. The other teams will be a question mark because only one side of North Carolina entered the pic-

The N. C. State Wolfpack and the N. C. College Eagles both wan conference titles Both teams showed becculean strength during the 1949-50 season. The Wolfpack was invited to both big national tourneys but took eart in the NCAA playeffs only The Eagies and the Wolfpack home state for the entertainpart of the Eagles was very much in the teams which the Wolfpack had to beat or not rise to the top of the heap.

It is tragic that two such out standing teams cannot be featured in a contest in their own

bloody tide that is rushing in

and overwhelming our homelife.

Help this generation to betake

themselves to the task in Thy

name and with Thy inspiration

and guidance, to rectify what

IN IOWA !

representation for any region in the world as baskettall players But, officially, North Carolina cannot be represented by a team of brown boys. The blond and brunet boys who are traditionally chosen to be THE North Carolina representatives had to enter the New York area to get good competition with the counterpart of the brown boys. The combination of New York's best mown bland and brunet have defeated the OFFICIAL REPRE-SENTATIVES of North Carolina. It is highly probable that a combination of North Carolina's best boys, regardless of their hair texture and color or their facial complexions could have beaten the New Yorkers and made the news of the week end such that Carolina's boys could rank no lower than second. The ridiculous condition ob-

home state, for the entertain-

ment of their fellow citizens.

The orown Eagles would be fit

taining in our region is not in the hearts of those basketball players. The Wolfpack were fine examples of good sportsmanship as they lost to the CCNY team sprarked by three brown boys. They could have won as happly if they had been aided by brown boys from home,

will otherwise become our na tional calamity. May Thy nama be glorified in this, we most fervently pray.

ALEXANDED CLARK THE HE WAS TAKEN TO CINCINNATI, DRID, AT 13 AND TAUGHT THE BARBER'S TRADE . THREE YEARS LATER HE WAS OPERATING HIS OWN SHOP A SHEEWD AND FRUGAL YOUNG MAN, HE INVESTED HIS SAVINGS IN BEAL ESTATE FROM WHICH HE DERIVED A NEAT FORTUNE! DURING THE CIVIL WAR HE GERVED WITH THE FIRST COLORED VOLUN-TEERS OF LOWA, RETIRING WITH THE RANK OF SST. MAJOR, HE FOUGHT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR VET ERAN'S PENSION DAY A PANKING MASON ME CLARK ALSO HELDED NOM! SUSINESS MAN FOR PRESIDENT!