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to give invaluable advice on various matters. Secondly, as his statement of refusal to be a candidate for re-election caught the Republicans off guard, they now have him to use as a propaganda weapon. Therefore, the Democrats are in the position to capitalize on this and have time enough to get a good man, leaving the Republicans little time to dig up enough dirt on a new candidate. If the Democrats use this incident wisely with President Truman behind them, they will win.

Thirdly, I feel that President Truman, in bowing out, has done what most great presidents have done — gone out of office unopposed to be resurrected and known as great later on.

President Truman is a shrewd politician, doing things unexpectedly and catching people unaware. In his speech, he led up to a melodramatic climax and then said "I shall not be a candidate for re-election," which resulted in a strong sentimental appeal from the people. I believe that President Truman will be known as one of the greatest presidents we have had.

REV. GEORGE FISHER, RECTOR, SAINT AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

My reaction to President Truman's statement was one of disappointment, due to the fact that I have always thought that President Truman would be the Democrats' standard barrier for the 1952 election.

Truman as president, has been most representative of the common people; and his



refusal to make the race in the next election will tremendously effect legislation which would help the Negro community.

Although the Civil Rights legislation has not passed congress, many people in and out of congress have been forced to come to grips with the issue and will face more seriously the issue, not only on a National level, but on a world level of race and color.

Im particularly interested in President Truman because of the appointments he has made of outstanding men to cabinet positions, secretary of state Dean Acheson being one of them. Secondly, his refusal to proclaim a state of war even though overt acts of war have been committed in Korea and Trieste, and in Germany there still remain incidents.

Knowing the internal strife within his own party, and with party fighting him secretly and openly, his loyalty to that party makes him subtle that stubbornness for which he is well known, and step aside from holding the highest job in the country.

Next, it is doubtful if we will have again soon, in the White House one who had come up from the ranks, and could really appreciate the needs of the common people.

His desire to give aid to the lower classes has indicated that he was not motivated by politics or financial regard — but by a sincere wish to be a friend to man. History has a queer way of tendering honor sometimes upon those deserving it, but there is no doubt that when the record is written of President Truman, he will be among the Presidents called "great," not only because he championed the cause of Negroes, Jews and Gentiles alike, because he tried to be true to himself and his creed, which was "Inevitable."

Proper rotation of crops is one answer to the black shank problem, believe tobacco growers of Franklin County.

REV. PAUL H. JOHNSON, PASTOR, MARTIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

President Truman has stated that he will not seek re-election to the presidency this year. I think this is a wise step on the part of our president. The president will have served near two terms when his time is out. The job is too big and taxing for one man to serve more than two terms.

There should be enough good men in this country from which the voters can select a competent president. The boys from the deep south are throwing their hats into the ring. It is doubtful that a candidate from the south has any chance at all. If the Democrats are not able to finger a strong Christian for its candidate, well the Republicans are just about in.

HUGH DAVIS, AMBASSADOR THEATRE, N. C. STATE LEGISLATURE

I think the Democratic Party is in its worst condition since 1911 for a candidate, acceptable to all the people the country over.

DR. THOMAS A. HAMLIN, PHARMACIST, RALEIGH

On hearing of Mr. Truman's statement that he "shall not be a candidate for re-election," I was filled with mixed emotions. First, it showed the wisdom of a little man who has grown great.

TEARFULS SEEN LEAVING AUDITORIUM FOLLOWING HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL MEETING

Approximately three thousand Negro women attended the State Home Demonstration Council meeting held last Saturday at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Retiring president Mrs. Irene Veates presided over the meeting which was highlighted by an address by Dr. Hornell Hart, member of the Duke University Faculty. Newly elected officers were Mrs. Lena Brindle of Forsyth County, president; Mrs. Naomi B. Wilson of Granville County, vice president; Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Hertford, secretary; and Mrs. J. M. Reeves of Pitt, treasurer.

Poems By Catherine M. Young JEALOUSY, OR WHAT?

They lie on the sand And tan and tan, To make their skins Like the colored man's. Often they blister, even burn To learn They were not meant to be The rich brown color Of you and me. When one gets a good sun-tan Resembling that of the colored

man's. He wouldn't it exchange for gold — Though temporarily it seems. But, let me sit By his side in a coach. That is an act Of just reproach. You see I'm a natural born brown man. But his is an artificial tan.

Time is a tin That will not fade With time or loss in sun or shade. God has made mine Sure and fast, Had he is a color That cannot last.

BELOW THE SURFACE BY WM. HENRY HUFF FOR ANP Though I may wear a boot and shoes, I'm from a gourd or cast out can. They'll honor me for what I do, To help uplift the race of man. They will forget the things I wore As time goes on and bigger things Come with pollution to the fore, As if from Mars on golden wings.

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