Editorial Viewpoint

WORDS OF WORSHIP

Well. He got her attention by speaking of the water of life. With sure instinct he followed up tention to the teaching of a Jew.

Jesus persuaded most of his converts through his initial advantage. He began to talk to her in the personal interview, rather than big revival terms of her own life, her ambitions, her hopos, meetings. Of course, John the Baptist won his knowing so well that each of us is interested crowds of converts at open-air meetings. Think of (first of all) in himself. When the disciples came the meeting of Jesus and the women at Jacob's up a few minutes later, they found an unbelievable sight— a Samaritan listening with rapt at

Who Is The Most Thankful Family?

It is traditional to observe Thanksgiving Day in the sirit of the colonial Pilgrim Fathers, who had had a rather "rough" time of it during their first year in the new world. They fellowshipped with the Indians who brought most of the food which consisted of wild turkey, squash, and other wild animals.

We are afraid that far too many of us have strayed far from the original spirit of the observance. Some take this time to go hunting and fishing, to make trips to football classics, to eat sumptious meals and "stuff" themselves so full that they must take something to relieve them of acidity and painful stomachs.

But then, on the other hand, other people and families are genuinely thankful for God's blessings. Many families have special reasons for which they are thankful. The pastor of the Pine Crest Baptist Church in Florida, for exxample, has one of those special reasons to be thankful. The minister says:

"Thanksgiving Day this year has come to us with a deeper meaning. For the second time in his life, Grant, our little son, has been brought back from the brink of death. When Grant was only six months old, he was stricken with fibrasarcoma, a malicious form of cancer. This dreadful disease sweeps swiftly through the body, especially in the case of a child. Doctors said an immediate amputation was necessary. Even then, they said, they had little hope for him. They are amazed that he is alive today.

"My wife and I, however, accept his recovery as an answer to our prayers and give God

"Then came another terrible testing time for

It has caused us some disappointment and

alarm to hear that the Federal government is

having difficulty in getting repayment of loans

to college students. Federal education author-

ities were alerted recently by government au-

ditors that a collection problem is rising in the

The program, begun in 1959, is just coming

to grips with the payback problem as students

complete their studies and the year of grace

The comptroller general's office, in a report

to Congress on the loan program, said the Of-

fice of Education has been slow to install good

Naturally the colleges and universities them-

selves have become disturbed and concerned

about the problem and completed recently a

study of how the program is operating in 446

colleges. The results of the studies which

covered all cost aspects of the program includ-

ing repayment, will be published early next

For an example of how the collection pro-

gram has suddenly burst on the universities, in

November 1962 only 9,394 loans were due ond

not collected, while six months later the num-

ber had jumped to 22.007. This fact is calam-

atous when we consider that the number of

students participating has risen from 24,831 in

1959 to 217,000 in 1963 with the average loan

You have read in the newspapers an account

of the Mecklenburg grand jury indicting Police

Chief John S. Hord and seven other Charlotte

policemen on 37 counts last week. climaxing

a five-month investigation of the city's police

department. Most of the charges involved wil-

police, six against his chief of detectives, and

six against a former detective of the depart-

Police Chief Hord, who has held this job

since May 1961, was charged on two accounts

of failing to keep proper supervision of his de-

partment of about 350 men, and in two cases

with failing to arrest two women whom the

grand jury believed operated houses of prosti-

tution. Captain W. A. McCall, chief of the de-

tectives, was charged with failure to arrest a

child in an icebox in April 1963. He was also

charged with failure to discharge his duties

properly in a gasoline theft case last January.

It was this case that set off the probe of the

The past election brought into being a num-

ber of hate groups, political propagandists,

right-and-left wing groups, and other organi-

zations of this type. Not knowing altogether

the purposes and goals of these organizations except for statements on paper, the Federal

government granted many such organizations

Since many of these organizations have en-

gaged in full-range political activities forbid-

den to tax-exempt groups, we think that this privilege should be revoked.

A recent report from Washington informs us

that the Internal Revenue Service is moving to

men who was suspected of murdering her

There were 14 charges against the chief of

being \$478 a year per student.

ful neglect of duty.

fast-growing college student loan program.

allowed before loan payments start.

collection procedures.

year.

us. Last April Grant become violently ill with spinal meningitis. His life hung in the balance. We prayed to God once more and our little boy was spared.

"Today, except for his stiff way of walking due to his woden leg, Grant is like any other

little boy-mischievous and affectionate." Often it takes a great tragedy like this case to awaken us to gratitude. In little Grant's healing, the parents opened their hearts to the full meaning of Thanksgiving. In fact, all mankind ought to think of Thanksgiving Day as being more than a time set aside for the formal recognition of the Lord's goodness to us. To us, the true thanksgiving should be an attitude of the heart that knows no season or limits.

Negro families have much to be thankful for, since the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill a little more than four months ago. Even though some businesses must be coerced into compliance, our racial group is beginning to feel "like a man" with human dignity. We can stop at decent places in our travels and enjoy good food and lodging at economical prices We can be thankful that few proprietors will dare to tell us to go around to the back to the kitchen to eat, or "we don't serve colored."

We should be thankful for the concept of the dignity of man, our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and our freedom to worship the Supreme Being as we please.

President Johnson has offered us a challenge in the offering of our thanksgiving: We should be thankful in our ability to meet the challenges of today and the future.

No wonder the institutions participating in

the federal defense loan to students program

are concerned about the products they have

been graduating since 1959. If college students

learn nothing else of importance while engaged

in study, they should develop a pride in their

integrity, honesty, and practice the philosophy

that "a man's word (promise to repay his

loan) is his bond." If students cannot be de-

pended upon to assume their financial respon-

sibility, how are they going to have a family

While we admire the programs of loans for

assisting students to remain in school and

graduate earlier, there may be some merit in a

student dropping out of school for a couple of

years to earn a bank account to pay for his education cash. Then students won't have to

start out in life "in the red." And oftimes a stu-

dent finds that when he marries, he doesn't

have enough left from his salary to repay his

loan as he promised. It would be wise for a

student owing a loan to the government for his

education to put off marriage until the cost of

The colleges and universities involved can-

not afford to permit a single student to get by

without repaying his loan. To do so, would

deny other worthy students from getting this

Students, remember that your word is your

bond! If you keep your word, people will re-

Just two months ago the Jacksonville, Fla.

police department personnel came under fire

for allegedly accepting large-sum bribes from

underworld characters. The investigation in-

While we cannot present facts in support of

our conclusions, it may well be that certain

underpaid law enforcement officers accepted

bribes to increase their incomes. While in the

Charlotte case, we can only ask why didn't

these high-ranking law officers live above su-

spicion? Why was it that certain officers failed

to make arrests in order to carry out the man-

dates of the grand jury? What more serious

charge can there be against an officer than

If the charges against some personnel of the

police department at Charlotte, N. C., and

Jacksonville, Fla., are true, then without delay

the involved offenders should be relieved of

duty and punished in accord with strict en-

forcement of the law governing failure to com-

ply with the ordinances governing the deport-

ment of policemen and the performance of

cancel the tax exemptions of several of the

groups, mostly right wing. Whether the IRS is

using this whip to silence the right-wingers we

cannot say. The preedure to revoke tax ex-

emptions should be fair and applied also to

We know full well that all tax burdens waiv-

ed for organizations of this type must be, in

the final analysis, paid from the citizen's poc-

ketbooks. If the organizations cannot qualify

for the ttax exemption, and obey the rules in

Every organization must help bear the tax

their activities, then deny them the free ride

volved from six to ten policemen.

'wilful neglect of his duty?"

their sacred duties.

terms of special privileges.

Abusing Federal Exemption Rights

his education is paid for in full.

same privilege.

Morality Of Law Enforcement Officials

It is Thanksgiving!

and earn a credit rating?

Where Is Our Students Integrity?

Just For Fun

THANKSGIVING DAY Thanksgiving Day is right ver the hill, and I think of the poem we pupils were required to learn in the elementary school. It went something like this:

"Over the river and through the woods to grandfather's house we go, the horse knows the way to carry the sleigh, through the white and drifted snow. . . " Then at another place in the poem: "Spring over the ground like a hunting hound, for this is Thanksgiving Day."

And it is; think of the turkey and mince meat pie - Ah boy! UNANIMOUS CHOICE: The place is located in Chihuahua, Mexico - No! not New Mexico. By unanimous choice, Governor Praxedes Giner Duran was best man for 17 couples who chose to get married in a simultaneous ceremony at his dedication of a

new Civil Registry building. DENTRIFICE: Hippocra tes or chalk mixed with the head of a hare and the intestines of

mice. The American Dental Association, reporting this bit of toothy history, noted also that dentrifices of more palatable formula were used by Americans last year at the rate of 10.5 ounces

MAN-EATING CROCODILE: (The mean old rascal) A story comes from Bangkok, Thailand, recently and which stated that a crocodile more than 13 feet long had killed six persons and terrorized villages in Chumporn Province of South Thailand for several months was killed recently with an antitank bomb, according to press reports.

The crocodile, named Ai Darng (the Piebald), because of a white streak on its neck, was killed by a soldier, the brother

BY HARRY GOLDEN

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLUMN

Like us, the ancient Carthaginians were very brave and very strong and very rich They had so many of the good things of life they hated giving any of them up. So they went out and hired foreign soldiers and mercenaries so they could devote themselves to real enjoyment that came with being a Carthaginian.

They had always had a Thanksgiving Day until the Romans came. The Romans were neither rich nor appreciative of the finer things in Car-

But they were tougher and braver. The Roman commander slept on the ground with his Legionnaires and every night on campaign, the Romans still had the energy and discipline to build around their camping grounds a trench eight feet wide by eight feet deep. Historically, the Romans were never surprised at night. They began pressing the Carthagini-

So the folks in Certhage in vented a new kind of Thanksgiving. They offered the Romans their young sons if only the Romans would leave them alone. But there was always a Roman senator to rise before the people and demand Carthage must be destroyed.

The Carthaginians went further. Their women cut off their hair as a sacrifice, and when that didn't deter the Romans they built a huge pyre and consigned the most beautiful of their maidens to it. They tried everything but nothing worked. Nothing propritiated the gods because the Carthaginians were not really giving thanks. Thanksgiving Day is the most modest of celebrations because all it supposedly involves gratitude for life, for susten-

Thankgsiving Day is as old ast he Hebrews whose holiday "todah" literally translates as the day in which to praise.

Yet old as it is, each national Thanksgiving Day seems the most indigeneous of holidays. New Year's Day is celebrated the world over at some time in the year. Every Western country knows Christmas. Most peoples celebrate a day of independence or liberation. But our American Thanksgiving Day seems absolutely unique. unique it is, for it was the first American holiday invented by the Puritans and sanctified by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War.

We are at the same point in our history Carthage was. We are brave and free and strong. It is for these gifts we ought to thank God as we celebrate happiness and friendship with loved ones

Like Carthaginians, however, we are menaced. The Cold War with Russia and China has changed our lives, every one of us. It is hard to try simply to

and the Lincoln spirituality on successive Thanksgivings. are in a desperate race which itself can strip man of his individual dignity and make of him an hysterical faceless be-

Instead of thanking God for our material well-being and abundance we ought to ask Gcd how can we share it with the world

Instead of thanking God for the love we receive, we ought to ask Him how can we share love with all men. Instead of thanking God for

peace, we ought to ask Him how can we continue to preserve it. If we do these things, I think we will never have to thank God for not being overcome but we can give thanks that we

Other Editors Say...

THANKS FOR GIVING .

Thanks to you, young men and women afflicted by polio and other crippling diseases are learning to work with their han-

Thanks to you, people born without hearing and who live in a world of silence are being trained at trades they can one day perform in private industry.

Thanks to you, 550 people burdened by physical, mental and social handicaps are being given hope for the future through sheltered employment at the Goodwill Industries workshops, 1500 West Monroe Street.

While they are striving to achieve their independence and maintain their dignity by undergoing rehabilitative training at Goodwill, these handicapped workers depend upon you to keep them busy. By providing the materials-used clothing, toys, electrical appliances, furniture, shoes-you make it possible for them to learn how to repair and renovate a range of items and thus simulate job situations in competitive industry. In this way, you make hope a reality for hundreds of people who would otherwise face the agony of being useless to themselves and to society.

Without your help, particularly in the winter months, these handicapped people would not be able to work and learn and prepare for the future. -THE NEW CRUSADER

VIRGINIA POLL TAX

The ruling by a special panel of three Federal Court judges in Alexandria in which the state of Virginia's poll tax law was upheld, poses a judicial as well as moral dilemma. The decision ignores a 1963 Constitutional Amendment barring poll taxes as prerequisites for voting in Federal elections.

The Alexandria court held that it was "not at liberty to deviate" from a 1937 Supreme Court decision affirming poll taxes generally.

The decision came in the form of a dismissal of two suits attacking Virginia's \$1.50-a-year poll tax as a violtaion of the equal protection guarantee of the constituionally of a clause in the Virginia Constitution that denies "paupers" the right to

-THE CHICAGO DEFENDER

DO YOU REALLY WANT FREEDOM?

The fellowing editorial is from the magazine. The Brown Texan. of Fort Worth, Texas, for October, Adelle Jackson, executive igh the election is over.

we think it's timely and worhwhile of reproducing:

"For more than 100 years the Negro lived as a second class citizen in the United States. ow, with passage of the civil rights bill, he has a chance for the first time to become a first class citizen.

But the bill only grants him his rights, it doesn't force him to use those rights.

Wouldn't it be a shame if. with all the work and sweat that went into obtaining passage of the "Negro Bill of Rights," it all went for naught? It could you know.

Apathy on the part of voters could erase most of the gains it took a century to gain. The man who's too lazy to vote on electin days, the man who is "too busy" to take part in civic affairs. These people could nullify most of the good done thus

Such persons would be playing right into the hands of the white supremacists. They could then say: "I told you so. The majority of Negroes really didn't want civil rights at all. Just a few agitators."

Don't let this happen. On election day, vote. When called upon to take part in local government projects, accept gladly. When asked to participate in civic affairs, do so willingly.

We all can remember how things used to be, how we might have to travel all day withou finding a restaurant we could eat in, how we couldn't use a public drinking fountain or rest room, how we had to sit on the rear seats of buses.

All that's in the past now, We must make ourselves worthy of

the gains we have made. Freedom on the shelf is no freedom at all. It's like the story of the bear in the cage. For years the bear had been in a six-foot cage. He'd pace those feet then turn around and walk back again. He did this every day for years. Finally they lifted the cage off him. He still paced the six feet, back-ward and forward, all day long. He had become a creature of habit. Let's don't be like that bear.

This is a fast-changing world we live in. We've got to change with it or get left behind. If we get left behind then we're no better off than we were to start

Don't be a bear. Be a responsible citizen. You've got the chance now. Use it. -THE MIAMI TIMES

CHANGES DUE No one knows what appoin-

recommend a dentrifice using the recipe of carbonate of lime Only The Stars And Stripes Must Prevail as the recipe of carbonate of lime on the limit to be a carbonate of limit to be a



ALTAR CALL

BY EMORY G. DAVIS, D.D. (For Negro Press International)

"TIME TO TEACH THE TEACHER"

standing," Director LeRoy Collins of the Community Relations Service (USA) explained to a meeting of all religious faiths in an address in Alexandria, Virginia recently. He called upon his audience to "enlighten moral segregationists."

This former avowed segregationist, once gov-

enor of Florida, and now head of the agency set up by President L. B. Johnson to implement the Civil Rights Law, has in effect said, IT IS TIME TO TEACH THE TEACHER.

Segregation has been taught by thousands upon thousands of American whites. It is still being taught and practiced avidly in the deep South and subtly in other parts of the country. For this the CRS Director gives both an apology and an

explanation. "Most defenders of segregation," he says, "do not harbor hatred in their hearts against Negroes. Nor do most segregationists feel, in their consciences, any sense of guilt as they discriminate activities." gainst Negroes.

They were brought up in a society in which they were carefully educated from childhood to believe that the Negro had a secondary place—an inferior place—and that he should be required to stay in it and accept this as his lot in life with-

Admitting that he is firmly opposed to those who base segregationist views on hate, he explained that "many fine white people" feel that segregation "is perfectly compatible with their

sense of moral responsibility and even deep personal affection for Negroes. Yes, Director Collins, it is time to teach the teacher and you are right when you ask all church members to "help educate those who do

not hate and who do not intend to harm and yet who still insist upon keeping the Negro in a state Twenty million Negroes in America agree in principle with what Collins has said, but they are wondering where we will get enough teachers to

teach INTEGRATION to those who once taught SEGREGATION. We are grateful to have you now as head of the "school of integration."

Another comment in an address made by white teacher of integration" was one of the

most forthright I've heard in a long time Richard J. Thain, Jr., who directed the 1964 Inventory of Community Relations in Evanston, Ill., publishing a 50-page volume that really bared typical subtle Northern segregation, said, "there is no way to escape from living with Negroes, but we must find a way to make ourselves acceptable to the Negro rather than to make the Negro ac-

ceptable to us." Whew! That's a hot one!
For the white man to "be acceptable" to the Negro is quite an order. My first reaction was what kind of a white man is acceptable, Surely not a patronizing, feel-sorry-for-you-Negroes type. Certainly not a hand-me-downer, who passes his left-over materials and kindnesses to his "po' bruther." Then too, neither do we want him to face a wall of black nationalistic arrogance and resistance.

During the summer riots we heard the word "whitey" used quite frequently hurled both at "whitey" used quite frequently hurled both at those whites who would do good as well as those who will not. Once in a mid-western town where they once had separate beaches on each side control the lake for Negroes and whites, they changed the policy, opening both sides to everyone. As you might suspect the Negroes still thought they had "their side" and one day a white boy came over on the former "colored" side to swim and was chased out by a group of Negro boys who said, "get over on your own side."

So it looks as though there's quite a ter job to be done. Not only do we need to teach the segregationists but we need to teach the SEGRE-GATED.

Once, quite facetiously I said, we will have full INTEGRATION when a very dark-skinned Negro man can slap a blue-eyed blonde white woman in front of the City Hall in Jackson, Miss. without any more reaction from the crowd than, "he's no gentleman." This may not be an honorable goal, but it may suggest what kind of a white man it's going to take to be readied for integration. If he can stand by and see something like this happen, brother. HE'S INTEGRATED!

Teaching is really the answer - both the segregated and the segrationist. Church people of America ought lead the way to this challenging altar — THE ALTAR OF A TEACHING MIS-SION IN RACIAL BROTHERHOOD.

NEWS AND VIEWS

TEACH THRIFTINESS ROCKY MOUNT — Opportunity has to knock, says the Cherokee (Okla.) Republican, but it is enough for temptation just to stand outside and

whistle to get us to accept it. That certainly is the 'gospel truth', says the Old

It is a disgrace to the Negro race to see us pass up so many opportunities by which we could easily IMPROVE OURSELVES if we would only teach our people to stop wasting their little money in riotous living as did the Prodigal Son in the Bible, and put our money to the exchange as the Master taught in the Parable of the Talents.

Therein, God rewarded the two who made use of their talents and earned more. He took away the one talent which the lazy man had and did the most. Thus it is throughout our modern and

Let us teach our children, (if indeed we oldsters are too far gone to learn thrift) that every dime saved means a chance at education for the future rather than just eating and drinking up all we have for a season and then living in poverty nine

months of the year.

It has been established that Negroes waste more morey per capita and according to what we earn than other ethnic groups on toys and non-essentials, to say nothing of confections, soft drinks, strong drinks and just plain foolishness and nick-

Our schools have rightly requested and gotien cafeterias and lunch facilities even among the rural schools where our people have little or ne money to support them. Pray tell us how many tenant farmers or sharecropper families or widowed mothers can afford to give three to five children from 15c to 25c per school day to pur-chase school lunches with, meaning up to \$3.75 to \$5.75 per week just for lunches when that a mount will go a long way into the family budget each week and the poor child could carry his (or her) own lunch from home.

O, we know no one thinks of that nowadays because its old-fashioned. But the men who made this country great carried their own lunches to school-even Lyndon Baines Johnson, we'll bet Now he's a millionaire—and President of the USA besides. Many of us would get somewhere in life if we did not eat up, drink up, and sport out the part of our income we should be SAVING for the

RAINY DAY in life. Thriftiness is the law of the ants, squirrels, and many others; but too many Negroes fear they will die and leave some food, bottled drinks or money for someone else to use, being too selfish to ro member that others left something for their advent on this planet. We forget that unless we have something to leave for someone else-we can-

not have enough for ourselves on this earth. Let's SAVE SOMETHING.

Moore himself, if he has made up his mind. Those close to him have the feeling his assumption of office will not affect the rank and file of State employees who are efficient. However every incoming governor is ac-customed to dealing out pat-ronage to his friends and sup-porters. Some of Moore's bitporters. Some of Moore's bit-terest pre-primary opponents hold paying jobs in State government. Reason and precedent give rise to the assumption that these will be among the first to be retired to private life or forced to seek employment else-

From remarks made by Judge Moore when he was running for the nomination the lightning likely will strike hardest in the State Highway setup. In fact, it would seem to be not a bad bet that the entire State Highway Commission will be replaced. This, of course, would be followed by the replacement of certain key workers in the State Highway Department. As to the "little fry," they likely will remain on the job, if the new administration thinks they

Also, each incoming governor names the State collector of revenue. Then, there are other key administration officials appointed by the governor, espeally those drawing from \$10 -000 a year up. Perhaps, the new executive may see fit to do something for the "forgotten" men and women who do the drudgery for the state.

At any rate, we shall see what we shall see, come January and the months fol months following
—THE PUQUAY

INDEPENDENT

THE NEGRO PRESS-believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every man regardless of race, color or creed, his human and legal rights. Hating no man fearing no man—the Negro Press strives to help every man on the firm belief that all men are burt as long as anyone is held back.

