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ANOTHER VICTORY WON

The Carolina Times wishes to extend its thanks to all who have aided us in the fight to obtain a 12 grade system in the Negro public schools of Durham. We wish also to extend our thanks to those who oppose our efforts, and say to them that because of their opposition we were made more determined to secure for Negro students of Durham the same number of grades which the city provides for white students.

This newspaper will not be concerned with just what will be taught in the additional grade to be added to the Negro school system. We are willing to leave that part of the program to those more acquainted with what it takes to make up a well rounded school system than we are. Unless it is brought to our attention that the grade to be added is inadequate and not up to standard we are going to call the victory won, just another day's work.

To our faithful readers who have stood with us in our contention that Negroes in Durham should have a 12 grade school system we would like to say that the struggle for better educational advantages for the race does not end yet. There are many faults and shortcomings in our Negro schools of Durham. Some of these conditions have already been mentioned in these columns, and if they are to be removed it is going to take an unceasing warfare and determination.

It must be remembered that the school officials have announced that there will be no need of additional teachers for the additional grade. This matter should be carefully looked into by the parent-teachers association, or some other organization capable of determining if the grade can be added and successfully taught without without more instructors.

JUST A REMINDER

If we remember correctly when the A. B. C. store was opened in the Hayti section of Durham there was a promise made that if Negroes would accept a mixed personnel, that as soon as another store was opened for white people that the Hayti store would be turned over entirely to Negro management.

The local branch of the committee on Negro affairs which has seen fit to take a vacation during the summer months may find it necessary to call off its vacation and look into the matter of the promise made about the A. B. C. store in Hayti.

Let it be said here that this newspaper has nothing against the white manager of the Hayti store. As far as we have been able to learn he has conducted himself above board, and is well liked by patrons of the store, as well as those who do not patronize it. We are forced however to call attention of the A. B. C. officials to the fact that the white manager of the Hayti store is able to get in many places which Negroes are not. No Negro would be acceptable as manager of such a store on the Main street of our beloved and friendly city. The white manager of the Hayti store might be able to get a job on the police force or in the fire department of Durham. None of these jobs awaits the Negro who awaits the opening which was promised by the A. B. C. officials.

As far as we have been able to learn the Negro employes of the Hayti store have proved themselves capable and worthy of managing the store, and the Carolina Times feels that it is only fair that a store operated in a Negro section of the city be managed by Negroes.

SEPARATE BUT EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Less than a month from now the city and county schools of Durham will open for another session. Hundreds of children will enter school for the first time to embark the uncharted and treacherous sea of education. Many will never reach port, but will be lost because of discouragement and lack of will power to continue the fight against overwhelming odds. Others will be satisfied to drift with the tide and will have no use in mind.

Public education in North Carolina has always held out to the Negro only a mere pittance when compared with the amount it holds out to its white citizens. Negroes have had only less educational facilities. They have obtained what education they have, sometimes under the most trying circumstances. Indeed the struggle sometimes has been so hard and bitter that students with ability have considered it a hopeless task, and have given up in despair.

Here in Durham, a city surrounded by some of the best and oldest educational institutions in America, we have done something towards providing educational opportunities for Negroes, but we have not done our best. In most cases where Negro education is concerned we have come up short if the mark, we have failed miserably to provide the same educational opportunities for Negroes that are offered to our white citizens.

The Carolina Times does not attempt to put its finger on the person or persons responsible for this injustice. That the condition exists cannot be successfully contradicted. A visit to the East Durham Elementary school which Durham provides for its Negro citizens is sufficient evidence that Durham has failed utterly in its program for Negro education. Whatever we have done for Negro education in other parts of Durham, whatever advancements we have made in that particular part of the program have been marred by the most deplorable condition of the East Durham school for Negroes.

Teachers at the Negro school in East Durham taught from fifty to sixty pupils last year. Even the principle was forced to teach classes. In addition she was forced to do her class work in the same room which he used for an office. Poor toilet facilities made the building a menace to the health of every person connected with the school. We have seen as many as 150 children lined up in front of the one drinking fountain provided at this particular school. Old fashioned stoves that bake one side of a child while the other side freezes are some of the punishment which the city of Durham inflicts upon Negro school children in East Durham.

This newspaper does not know what to advise, it is lost for a remedy, but we do feel that an attempt should be made at securing a restraining order to prevent such a menace as the East Durham Negro school from opening its doors another year. We do feel that Durham should become crossed to such an extent that it will speak

JAPANESE DAMNED IF THEY DON'T

(By William Pickens, A.N.P.)

Sombody better take those war planes away from those Chinese before they hurt each other with them. They aimed at Japanese battleships in the river and hit the heart of their own city, killing Americans, Frenchmen and Englishmen. The Japanese ships are in the Whangpoo and the great Yangtze. It seems that if the Chinese missed the ships, they might at least have hit the river and not to International Settlement or the hotels far inland.

But what is more interesting, is the further evidence of the bias of American newspapers, and their anti-Japanese feeling, as shown in their blaming Japan because Americans were killed by Chinese bombs which were badly aimed at the Japanese. The papers reason thus: that it is the fault of the Japanese, because they had no business being the target of the Chinese meant for Japanese, Japan is to be blamed that those shots hit foreign white people. Presumably if the shots had only hit Japanese, every thing would have been all right,—in our newspapers,—and they would be praising the Chinese for their courage and good aim; if the Chinese aim had been good, all the credit would have gone to China, undoubtedly,—but since the aim was bad, all the blame goes to Japan. How logical.

The only logic we know so far to match it, comes out of Arkansas some years ago in the riots in Elaine County in that state, the white mob was chasing Negroes, and some of the Negroes ran and hid in a swamp. When the mob surrounded the swamp and began shooting, a member of the mob

shot another member dead by mistake. There, when six Negroes, wet and wounded, were pulled out of the swamp, they were charged with first degree murder because this white man had been killed by bullets meant for them. They were convicted and all readed for the electric chair. It took a five year fight, the greatest of its kind before the Scottsboro Cases, to get a reversal of the sentence. The mob evidently reasoned this way: If it had not been for those Negroes, the white mobster would not have got killed by accident by his own Negro mobsters; therefore, the Negroes were to blame,—ergo, guilty.—See: if the Chinese had not been trying to kill Japanese, they would not have killed Americans by mistake; the Japanese caused the killing, and therefore the Japanese rather than the Chinese are guilty of the slaughter.

Really, in these days logic is just what one wants it to be,—just like history, anthropology and pseudo science. Wilful rationalization is substituted for reasoning, and the mob is stirred.—To test the thing out, you just let the Japanese aim some bombs at the Chinese and hit a hotel full of Americans instead—can you imagine that you will hear anybody blaming the lucky Chinese for escaping the missiles? No. But you can imagine our jingoes calling for war with Japan, for being so sinful as to hit Americans even by mistake. Verily, in this world our passions lead us a race while our intellect leads us an inch. We have built up an anti-Japanese complex; therefore, those Japanese—damned if they do, and damned if they don't.

N.C. College-

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teaching, insurance, and the ministry. Dr. Shepard's Plans

But the plans of the founder are not yet complete. Dr. Shepard still works intensively, consolidating the gains of the school. The physical plant of the college is now rapidly nearing his ideal, then he plans to devote more and more time to the raising of the professional prestige of the institution, making it second to none in the country. Already distinguished faculty members are being attracted to the college, the most recent being Prof. Alphonse Henningburg recently elected president of the American Teachers' Association.

Business League

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the discussion with a strong appeal for the development of co-operatives among Negroes. Foster - Jackson On Jobs

"Breaking Through Employment Barriers in Non-Negro Enterprise" proved to be one of the most interesting among the discussion groups. J. A. Jackson, special representative of the Standard Oil Company opened with a hard-fisted appeal for attacking these barriers on the basis of Negro purchasing power rather than on a purely sensational appeal. A. L. Foster, Chicago Urban League secretary, followed with a presentation of the successful efforts in Chicago to break down the barriers. Mr. Foster gave supported evidence that white patrons will not cease patronizing a store because Negro clerks are added, and that Negroes are just efficient, capable and honest as white clerks.

The discussion on Friday morning: "Selection of and Preparation for Business Careers" opened up the whole question of the type of training offered by our schools. Arnett G. Lindsay, able promotion secretary for the Atlanta Negro Chamber of Commerce opened the discussion with the statement that Negro schools offer the same courses of study in Business Administration that are offered in white schools, "the contents of which are not related to Negro business."

against the sad condition which exists at the East Durham school, in such a manner that will provide better facilities for those who go there for an education. Durham and North Carolina owe it to the humblest child the best educational opportunities. Then and not until then will the law which says there must be separate but equal accommodations become more than a mockery in our great and noble state.

SMITHFIELD MARKET WILL OPEN SEASON THURS. WITH 15 BUYING FIRMS

Johnston County's Only Market Anticipates Highly Successful Season With Greater Facilities For Handling Tobacco

With four warehouses ready to provide patrons of the Smithfield tobacco market greater marketing facilities than ever before and with highly encouraging price news coming from the Ga. and Border Belt markets, local tobaccoists predict that one of the most successful seasons in the history of Johnston County's only market will be set in motion next Thursday morning when the Eastern-Belt launches 1937 sales.

Not since years before the Depression has Smithfield had four warehouses. The expansion in floor space for this season is another indication of the growth which the local market has enjoyed in recent years.

Gold Leaf Expands

The fourth warehouse is a result of expansion by the Gold Leaf Warehouse. Since last fall, this organization has built adjacent to its original house an additional 34,230 feet of floor space and this section of the warehouse will be operated as Gold Leaf Warehouse No. 2, Gold Leaf No. 1, the older section has a floor space of 44,100 feet.

Roy A. Pearce is back again as manager of the Gold Leaf with Jim Moore returning as auctioneer and Frank Skinner as sales manager.

Wallace's Warehouse

Wallace's Warehouse, which expanded its floor space in 1935 when the old Planter's warehouse building underwent remodeling, will again be operated by the Wallace brothers, Holton and Dixon. Darius Wilder will be back as auctioneer.

SMART CAFE MANAGER BAFLED AS OFFER IS TAKEN UP

Burlington, N. C.—(ANP)—One of those smart signs often seen at restaurants to discourage the asking of credit boomeranged last week.

On the walls of the Roadside King's Kastle a white inn near here is a sign reading, "Credit to those over 70 years accompanied by their parents."

Center Brick Led The Belt In Leaf Sales

Sold One Sixteenth of All the tobacco Marketed in Eastern North Carolina Last Year; This Popular Warehouse Has Been In Business Serving the Farmers For Forty Three Years.

During the 1936 season the Centre Brick Warehouse sold one sixteenth of all the tobacco marketed in Eastern North Carolina, and led the entire belt. This achievement was the result of careful conscientious building since 1893 when the Wilson market was in its infancy. Beginning 43 years ago, its proprietor have constantly sought to improve the service, sales and personnel until today the Centre Brick is the most famous name in the warehouse business.

Every year since its beginning the Centre Brick has led the Wilson market. In 1908 its volume of business was such that it was necessary to enlarge its selling space to accommodate its customers. Today the Centre Brick No. 1 and No. 2 offer floor space capable of accommodating 8300 baskets of tobacco, approximately 1,000,000 pounds daily. To operate these houses efficiently an unexcelled force has been engaged for the 1937 season. The auctioneering will be done by Tom and Paul Burton, brothers without peer in the selling of tobacco. The floor forces will be composed of men selected because of their years of experience, ability and sincere interest in the service of the patrons of the Centre Brick Warehouse.

The sales force at the Centre Brick is qualified by years of experience and a thorough knowledge of tobacco to assure the high dollar for each pile of tobacco. Their past record proves that U. H. Cozart, J. C. Eagles, Percy Holden, Sid Clark, Zeke Cozart, Joe Eagles, Jr., and John Burton can sell tobacco to the utmost advantage.

In the long and steady growth of the Wilson tobacco market to its present position of world leadership, no names stand out more

forcefully than those of U. H. Cozart and J. C. Eagles. Both are known throughout the Bright Belt for their honesty and fair dealing. Their best thought has always been directed to the improvement and betterment of the warehouse business in general, and their loyalty and boosting in connection with the Wilson market has always been one of its greatest assets. Their leadership in the business has been variously attested by the high offices these gentlemen have frequently held in the State and National Tobacco and Warehouse Associations.

Associated with Messrs. Eagles and Cozart, senior members of the firm are Tom Cozart, U. H. Cozart, Jr., Zeke Cozart, Joe Eagles, Jr. and Fred Eagles, all prominent young tobaccoists who are very popular with both farmers and buyers.

The loyalty and good will of the thousands of customers of the Centre Brick are among its most valued assets, and it is this support that made the Centre Brick the leader.

The firm expresses to all of its friends its deepest appreciation for their loyal patronage in the past and assures them that during the 1937 season the policies of fairness, personal service, and interests will again be pursued.

N. C. MUTUAL AGENTS HAS DAY OFF

The agency force of the Durham District of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company took a day off last Friday, forgot their their agency problems and spent the day at the cabin of County Commissioner, O. C. Carver of Rougemont. The day was well spent in fishing, swimming and trying to eat a whole half of a barbecue pig. Judging from the number of fish caught, the agents soon found out that they could not collect as many fish from the muddy waters of Rougemont as they anticipated and soon decided that they would

rather return to their debts, where they would have better success in collecting nickles and dimes from their policy-holders. However, President Palmer, Jr. insisted on the fellows returning to the cabin to spend the rest of the day in cards, sleeping and feasting on their barbecue and drinks before returning home.

Durham District Announces Change in Agency Force

The management of the Durham District wishes to announce the following changes in its agency force. Agent T. P. Patterson, who has been in the service of the district during the past three years has resigned as agent of the Southern and Eastern sections of the city and Hayestown. Agent Patterson has rendered good service to the district and much regret has been expressed by the members of his debts. W. O. Harvey, son of Columbia, S. C. has been selected to succeed Mr. Patterson.

STATE USHERS

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A. M. E. Zion Church. 4. To T. L. Moore and Co-worker of Durham City Union who spared no pains to bring pleasure and happiness to each of us, during our sojourn here.

5. To the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, and the committee on management for privilege to see the office of the great Negro Company as well as Duke University.

6. To President Doak and his co-workers for their service during the past year that made for success of the organization.

7. To Editor L. E. Austin, of the Carolina Times for the special mention in current issue and for the privilege of using his paper as our official organ.

8. To his honor Mayor W. F. Carr and others for the generous welcome extended us.

9. To the Efland Home sextett, the North Carolina Harmony Male Chorus, The Union Baptist Ushers' Chorus, and the chorus which sang so beautifully for us.

10. To Rev. Meridith for words of advice to us as ushers, and (1) To officers of St. Marks A. M. E. Zion Church for privilege to worship with them.

Respectfully Submitted
J. H. R. Gleeves, Chairman
Miss S. Gilmer, Secretary
Miss Sarah Hudson
Miss Jennie Mark

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