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SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1940 THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

He who | loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend es more; but he that loses his courage foses all .- Cervantes.

There is a grandeur in the soul the dares

To live out all the life God lit within; That battles with the passions hand to han And wears no mail, and hides behind no shield: That plucks its joy in the shadow of death's wing, That drains with one deep draught the wine of life, And that with fearless foot and heaven turned eyes May stand upon a dizzy precipice,

IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

On the front page of this week's issue of the CARULINA TIMES. is another story of the reign of terror now going on in Bronsville, Tenn. Information contained in the article is chough to make one mudder with awe at the kind of liberty to be found in some parts of this so-called "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave." Jt proves further that there is still much for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to do, and that the organization should have the fullest support from every Negro in America.

North Carolinians who read the story will doubtless take satis-faction in the belief that mob violence as characterized by that many "kucky nights," some of fortune achieved Joe and his in Brownville Tenn. cannot happen in this state. Such an attitude in North Carolina.

The CAROLINA TIMES would like to but it cannot be so sure that this state is entirely safe from mob violence. Several lynchings which have taken place in North Carolina within the past ten years, without a single arrest being made, plus many other injusticies which the Negro suffers are sufficient to warn all of us that this is no time for complacency. It may be that North Carolina Negroes are paying too great a price for their peaceful attitude is the canopy of a great inward unrest that only awaits aggressive activity on the part of some Negro before it bursts forth in all its Fury.

WAR, no matter when fought, prosperity and opulence of some Undoubtedly, the Negro peo-or regardless of type of weapon. of our more fortunate brethren ple of America face, today, one The condition which now obtains in Browsville, Tenhessee did not happen when a few Negroes presented themselves to the polls to vote. It was there prior to that time, and only needed igniting to blaze forth in an inferno of race hatred.

Elisha Davis, who has been run away from his home by a mob.

BETWEEN THE LINES

to have an "off night." TIME TO RELINE It is unfair to Joe to fight him ABOUL THE DEST THING JOE LUUIS could do is to reure so often and it is more unfair to from the ring. He has made bring up ham fatters like Galento whose only boast is how much fame and lortune and is comparatively a boy and he has beer he can drink, and how everything to lose and nothing much punching he can take. To to gain from fighting the "ham- throw Joe into the ring with a ard boiled character like Glento fetters" the promoters are bring is to do the former a great ining up. Joe Louis has cleaned up justice. It disparates the boxing the field and lifted the boxing game and if the promoters cansport out of the doldrums said not see it, Joe and his advisers there is nothing that he can add Not in the history of either to the sport or to his own should. boxing have so many lesser pugilistic stature. Joe has been lights been tagged onto a chamone of the most capably handpion and the small gates attractchampions the world has ever known. Roxborough, Black ed indicate the repulsion the sporting crowds, feel towards it and Blackburn, an all Negro

concern, has acquitted itself ali. with honor and I repeat here It is true these promoters ar what I have said time and again, out to fill their coffers; but they that if the Negro race were an should not be filled at the excapably managed as Joe Louis pense of Joe's fame and popularhas been, our future would be ity. With certain mon it is a far more roseate. matter of money; with Joe Louis Joe Louis has fought like a and his skivisers it should be tiger in his lair and has demeanscmething more. Joe has made ed himself as a high toned gentle money for himself and for his man. Joe Louis the boxer and managers and for the promot-Joe Louis the gentleman have ers; Joe has brought boxing done something to this nation back to a high plane and it is in general and has bolstered the now time for him to retire. To

pride of his race in particular. iconardize the fame of so great Joe Louis should retire at once. a champion for the sake of a His battering of Godoy was a timely victory and left no doubt business but not good common as to his pugilistic prowess. For sense. Why go on boxing if many months the sports writers, there is nothing to gained from who at first acclaimed him a superman, have been inclined to

With Joe's record of knockdisparage his fine record as outs and killings he has inflicted champion. At first it was "Brown upon divers challengers and con-Bomber" and now it is "Shufflin tenders, he is easily the great-Ice" while as a matter of fact est champion the world has Joe has no more "shuffle" than known. When a Negro gets President Conant of Harvard where Joe is, he must be "plenty good." The only "pull" Joe has Even Negro writers are calling is in those trip hammer fists. him "Shufflin Joe" a term as un-Dampsey whose record calnuot compare with Joe's is hailed as a super great, but Dempsey's color Fighting Fools.' Joe has done is an asset. Joe's therefore in manalgers have had good fighting dentally bump into the flying sense now it remains to be seen

take the count: and the sun of Already this constant fighting of his glory will set in a cloud. It, a great champion with "third is expecting too much of a man raters" is detracting prestige

C. M. EPPES Summitt, N. J.

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The Tarokha Times

Dear Editor:

dance from North Carolina.

of Wake, Henry Epps of Hali-

George W. Price of New Han-

John H. Williamson, Franklin:

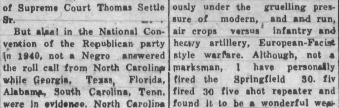
Sawyer, Pasgnstank; John Leaty,

F. Phillips, Gov. Todd R. Cald-

and John Post; Associate Justice

tended all the sessions of the

The Carolina Times Durham, N. C.



pon, but decidedly not equal to visitors were Dr. James E. Shepa champion for the sake of a ard of Durham, Prof. W. H. the tasks few dollars is not only not good Hannum of Sallsbury, Bishop assigned. the tasks for which P. A. Wallace and J. W Brown A squad of Prof. Charles M. Epps who at-

THE EDITOR'S

NORTH STATE NOT REPRESENTED A GOP CONVENTION

The National Republican Con- the duties of state military de-

vention that convened in Philadel fence. The military traditions of

phia in 1872 had a large num- the German airmy are iron clad

ber of Negro delegates in atten- and all troops serving under the

Notably Hon's James H. Harris to the Zenith degree of combat

fax, John A. Hyman of Warren. Naki infantry are reported as

like Col. Isanc J. Young, Samuel supply of superior equipment.

men upon whose shoulders resi

Hitler Regime have been trained

efficiency. Not only that, the

tols, hand grenades, etc.

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convention, attended four yeshs trained in their use, have great ago when Roosevelt was nominer fire power, and if the prope ated and is on his way to attend cover precedutions are observed, the Chicago conclave along with the initial advantage, from th W. R. Johnson, Negro consultoutset, over an opposing squad ant in the department of human squad of Negro infantrymen welfare. armed with twenty years old Mrs. W. A. Smith of Trenton. five shot 30 cal. Springfield. N. J. North Carolinians, white To send soldiers into battl and black, are proud of Doctor half trained and poorly armed Frank S. Hargrave, Dr. Sargeant is a down right shame upon any with whom Dr. James Edward nation, whether the group so Shepard stopped, is a courtly mistreated be black pleasant mannered gentleman. Without a speedy change, for Let us pray that 1940 with all the better, the American naof its confusion may cause may tion stands in direct line to pay cause Negroes everywhere to the terrible price which the exercise the common sense of

first and second generation and build over again a former foundation for Negro advancement: of the commonwealth.

> Maxton, N. C. July 7, 1940 P. O. Box 212

Willkie Pledges Justice For **Colored** Citizens

Comments

BY EMMETT J. SCOTT

WASHINGTON - The nomine, and fairly even if everyone of tion of Wendell L. Willkie for you goes against me. My record President of the United States will show that."

by the Republican National Con-"What about the discriming vention at Philadelphia has been tion against Negroes in the Army huiled by Colored Republicans the Navy and the Air Corpe?" throughout the country with he was asked. . . . enthusiasm. "I'm against all that kind of

being generously supplied with over, Wilson Csirey of Caswell, automatic rifles, automatic pis-Telegrams by the hundreds bunk," he replied." were received by the nominee t citizens like everybody else and John R. Page, Chowan; John troops, of the first line, can be Philadelphia, and at Republican you ought to be treated like expected to make a creditable National Headquarters, f r o m citizens. IF I AM ELECTED Cumberland. These fighting re- showing against such well eqip-Colored citizens expressing grati- PRESIDENT I WILL SEEK TO publicans among white leaders ped troops, without an empl fice fion that so militant a war REMOVE ALL KINDS OF DISrior has been commissioned to CRIMINATION FROM ALL The Springfield rifle 30. cal. carry the Republican standard KINDS OF GROUPS." well, Clinton L. Cobb, member model 1909-17, of which the during the coming months of "A democracy," he said, 'is

of congress first district; United 24th Infantry has far too many, the Presidential campaign. that system of government in States Senators Joseph C. Abbott is an antique piece and cannot which all people regardless of be expected to stand up victori-What particularly commends color are given the opportunity Mr. Willkie to the favor of to have and to enjoy the best Colored Republicalns is the attithings of life." tude he tock in 1924 in opposinfantry and The above recital indicates ing the Ku Klux Klan. Fortune that, in Wendell Willkie, Color-Magazine for April, 1940, calls ed voters have presented to attention to the fact that he "led and won the battle signingt whose past record shows him to 30. fiv

the Ku Klux Klan 1924-26." Current History, for February, 1940, also called attention to it will a Mr. Willkie's attitude toward the Ku Klux Klain is thee following: 'As delegate to the Democratic equipped National Convention in 1924, he with automatic rifles or sub fought for the nomination of machine guns, and thoroughly McAdoo, because Mr. McAdoo was backed by the Ku Klux Klain." During the proceedings,

the Ohio Delegation of which he was a member, was polled and Mr. Willkie was recorded as theit we shall WIN WITH favoring the adoption of the WILLKIE. following resolution: "We pledge

the Democr, tic Party to oppose any effort on the part of the Ku Klux Klan or any organization to interfere with the religious or white any citizen." This position was taken by

im 16 years ago when he had moeracy and liberty. no thought or idea of even being French Republic has already paid considered, for the Presidency. for her gross lack of foresight In The Current History arand underserved ill treatment of the mercenary military servants referred to as "a good, shrewd, The barracks and living quarable, business man to unscram ters of the 24th Infantry are of ble the tax and business situa-

ultramodern design 100 per cent tion the county is in." sanitaly, and of the very best As a forthright man, he decla and of the very best wormaned, that he did not wish, for the ship and materials that money sake of conformit to catalogue cculd obtain. However, the fight himself with a label as his politiing omrale of the Negro troops

are at an exceedingly low ebb, ca philosophy places country above party. chiefly because they sire denied He was one of those who joina sufficient amount of modernizalways been and always will be the firm conviction in some of pendous world political changes ed equipment, not enough Euroed the revolt against the abuses just war-brutal, destructive, us that our socalled education, in all history. Judging from the pean Fascist style drill, and last of big business. He is reported our material possessione, or our present outlook, following in but not least, the absence of a to have remarked that "the

have fought for the things he regards an being fair and just, and for whom they can vote with out hesitation or reservation. He will undertake to live up to whatever promises he makes and when he enters the White House in January, 1941, he will not Al Smith over William Gibbs forget the discriminations practiced against Colored citizens 's Government service, and in many sections of our country. ceacmpho urfeaere tspidac dd

"You are

The portent of the hour is

Seldom has opportunity been presented for those of the Negro race so heartily to join with their fellow citizens in support liberty or political freedom of of a dynamtic personality who has enlisted to lead an aggressive crusade in the cause of de-

The largest minority group in the United States will welcome ah opportunity of this character icle, as far back as the early and particularly the extension part of his year, he was being of democracy and liberty to those who so long have suffered from racial and economic discriminations, and curtailed opportunities.

> With Senator McNary as the Vice Presidential nominee, Mr. Willkie will have at hand one of the ablest and keenest political strategists of the country.

Victory is in the sir!



fist of some fourth rater and if they have "quitting sense." who fights as often as Joe, not from sport.

necessary as unwarranted. If Lindbergh was a "Flying Fool" Joe Louis has been a dozen these times he is going to acci-

university.

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OUR

BY HENRY CLAY DAVIS

Ex-Lieut., Inf., USA

left behind to endure its favages.

enced the physical wars of hate.

revenge, cupidity, conquest, and

oppression, but in this era of so-

called culture and enlighten-

This world has always experi-

sheriff of the county, a night policeman and a mob violence.

The appeal which Mr. Davis makes through the NAACP should touch the pocketbook of every Negro in America. The fight which he is making is not his fight alone, but that of every liberty loving white and Negro citizen in America. Enougn money should be raised to reestablish his business.

OUR TIME HAS COME

give him release from handicaps. Other people who live in this individuals are constrained to country, even Bund members under oath to help the Nazis destroy democracy, find work that is denied to Negroes. Collective bar- proscription, duplicity, maliciand other labor legislation protect other workers. But not the faithful blacks who equally carry the national burden of taxes, all of which lead irrevocably to and of defense, but do not equally share opportunity.

Even the refugees from Europe who find shelter here are taken into jobs which are forbidden to Negroes who are native to this soil. This gross discrimination reduces Negroes' earnings down to the point where they cannot buy education, housing and culture. Yet such is the domination of prejudice in America that the mafority do not realize how cruel and unfair custom is.

It is the Negro who must awaken public opinion and get it onto a sound foundation. It totters to a fall professing one thing and ng mother. There will be representations made that "this time" for our submerged minority to talk about rights, That is old stuff. Labor is not relenting one bit in its demands. Capital still wants profit. Why should not Negroes want a square deal and real citizenship? This is the time when the American people will hear ns.

If in this period we let our opportunity be sidetracked because soone mays our affairs are minor, the bigger fools are we. Today, and say nothing about the shame opportunity knocks! Any Negro who is led off into thinking any-thing else is more important than his own future, assumes that course. Self interest And public interest coincide. The CALL,

these there is intellectual courage, or the courage of opinions.

A RUDE AND VULGAR MAN is one who stares at a girl's figure when she's doing her best to display it .-- Brandon Sun.

high estate, entitles us sutomati- close sequence after the con- sufficient number of Negro comwilliams who was found dead in the river with two wounds in his chest, have not been persecuted and put to death in vain, if worse than another, for war thes the crimes will arouse law abiding citizens In the south to the always been a terretrial Hell to than war in that it drives us into to take up arms against one or ly enough, the War Department to a mould," he said. fact that there is still need for a federal law against lynching and those having to fight them, and the profoundest depth of bitter- more of the European powers has neglected to promote Negro a generous contributor to the ness and hate. No man can be in defense of American econocompetent and just in office who mic interests. . . . suffering and privation of those

feels that what he doesn't know The present pesition of isn't knowledge and that there specific unit of the Negro U. S. 2nd Lieutenant, Major and Major is no explanation of things he Infantry, the 24th with regard General, no matter how great to preparedness, is deplorable. doesn't understand.

is an unjust and shameful war; of the most thorough and stu-

These conditions constitute a and, in spite of their many mani-

ment, especially among Ameri-The Negro is grimly determined to make this national CRISIS can Negroes, racial groups and festations of resultant demorali-are also used in the capacity of Military Academy and perished by them. He did not equivocate of education which discussed tion, destruction, and retrogresexperience the more subtle of sion, they still exist and flourish practically every known variety seems that the unfortunate among us. Ample proof is found ous mendacity, and hypocrisy, whereever Negroes are found our the post. condidence in each other's inte-

ting war; the things we do and

say about the honestly acquired To The Editor:

the same result destruction and retrogression. Wars in this latter category are usually planned and directed by the most competent of commanders for the pur- trary, are leaning toward stag- country is confronted by foes as pose jealousy, envy, conceit, and nation. Our youth, apparently egotism. with the sanction of their eld-

Each day we unfortunate Negroes congregate in our homes,

n our few business establishpect for womanhood and chasity ments, on street corners, anyis sinalogous to the respect a dog divided against itself is at war where, to discuss and debate alhas for a mentless bone. And we and consequently doomed. 14.7 claim to progress under such If we have produced most to the point of belligerency s Nordic European war about deplorable conditions.

and which concerns or affects All of us still sit in "peanut us very little, yet we do nothing galleries" in white theaters. We still ride in segregated sections cies, a profound thinker, and a democracy after all is unworkable! We who are the victims of an expense of our collective well- in all American cities. And we Emancipation. each other but inferior to every

The superflous measure of body else by all the people in WE HAVE SPOKEN OF PHYSICAL COURAGE, or the courage exert in our efforts to castighte Even our religion has failed to of nerves, of moral courage, or the courage of principles. Besides a reputation cleaner than our dissolve the many social classes own is s cruel and inexorable existing among us in order that war; the unscrupulous methods just a semblance of unity and paredness in the world. Let us employed by those of us in high cooperation might be made posoffice to compel unmerited defer sible for common good. The imence and respect from subbordin- poverished condition of our race WE'DE HOPING that the coming generation can pull us through, ates is a shameless and disgust is proof, enough that a house TRULY HELL

"I want to be a free spirit."

non commissioned officers of he continued. 'If I watsn't one, corporal, and Sargeant rating up I would be still sitting on a crack to the ranks of 1st Lieutenant, er box in Indiana"

their scholastic ability, natural These troops are now stationed intelligence, or actual war ser- a room full of Colored delegates isna and Texas were represented

at Fort Benning, Georgia, and vice experience. Even as the at Philadelphia during the Con- here last Thursday in an educavery definite state of war for us beside being restricted to a one late French regime bowed down vention, Mr. Willkie was subject tional conference held under the day a week combat drill program to the spirit of the French ed to a bit of frank questioning suspices of the state department stevedores, janltors, butlers, and from the face of the earth, it or evade. He said to them: of menial labor required around American people are about to I need it. But get this; irrespec- schools. The conditions under the post. witness a break up of their tive of whether Negroes go down which Negro teachers work in Now, restricting infantrymen commonwealth through the Ne- the line for me, they can expect such schools and made recom-

grity has been subjected to a to menial roles of labor when gro prejudice and preparation every consideration. They will mendations for further stady of most ruthless obfuscation. Our times are not critical may serve blindness of West Point. businesses, in spite of our voci- the purposes of the state in a Golden braid does not win a

fcrous protestations to the con-favorable manner, but when any war; neither does childish ne- tion in policy making. They'll state department was representglect of skdequate armament of get the same consideration that ed by D. B. Taylor, supervisor keystone troops make a nation's every other citizen gets. of Negro high schools, and Gorformidable as Nazi Germany, keystone troops make a nation's every other citizen gets.

bout mathematics than they are preparation ought to be made powerful commercially it may about moral perversity. Our res available, in all ways, for the

Negro troops fight best under crucified for their careless negdirect Negro leadership. In no other way can the maximum it is now America's time to amount of patriotic service be sine. Will West Point catch the If we halve produced

happen to be assigned to front there full rights of free men and exponent of Christianity, diplomat free of supercilious tenden- Ene duty. It is altogether far loyal soldiers, which they so cies, a profound thinker, and a and just this the 24th Infantry richly deserve, or must the In a survey to show how available deserve in the speedily supplied with a com- American ship of state be able elementary education was fully demoralizing war we have on public conveyances. We still leader who can inspire confid-fought among ourselves at the have to live in restricted areas ence, let him come forward and plete staff of Negro 1st Lieutan beaten to pieces upon the treach for Negro pupils of the south-ments of our collective well- in all American cities. And we sue for an "hontrable peace" ands, and if necessary other erous shalls of Her own pre-west are, composed of Texas, and democratic system have a duty to set our country on its right being and morale, ever since are still regarded as equal to an eng us. Let us be free of this higher ranking officers. There judices, pounded by the relent- Oklahoma, Louisians and Ark. devastating "civil" war we have dre plenty of intelligent veter- less breakers of soon to be un- Dr. R P Perry, showed the sta already fought much too long. on now connected with the outleased Facist military fury? Let each of us read, memorize, fit to take care of this vitain; We are living in a new era Negroes to be in the ratio of I and live by Psalm 51:10 which need. Also there are a sufficient number of newly enlisted re- Julius Caesar, Hannibal, Genis ard, libraries were poor, transcan do more to prevent wair than cruits with high school and coll- Kahn, Peter The Great, and portion facilities for Negro all the military and naval preege trdining to take care of any Napolsan Bonapart will not stem remaining 1st Lieutenant, etc., the tide of Mechanized Facist te real men and women. Let us military field tactics. rcalize and be proud of the fact positions England and France have al-Respectfully yours, that we are Negroes. War is

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Conterence

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex. (ANP)

PROMISES JUSTICE TO COLORED DELEGATES In an informal interview with ---Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louis-

the need for different training "Look. I want your support. for Negro teachers in elementary

of the whole question with a get their fair proportion of appointments, their fair representa view of finding solutions. The

with the sanction of their eld-ers, are learning much less a-Italy, more thorough steps of greater, no matter how rich and me. But I'll treat you squarely University of Texas delivered greater, no matter how rich and me. But I'll treat you squarely University of Texas delivered two lectures and conducted question and answer period on ready been caught asleep and individualized instruction as shown by special study of 70 lect of preparative fundamentals Negro schools in which 498 teach ers were employed. The conferwhere a true and dependable obtained from Negro troops who hint and grant the 2;th Infantry 300 persons, two thirds of whom

were elementary teachers.

expenditures for White where the ancient strategy of to 1. Buildings were below stand pupils contributed largely their irregular sttendance school, curricula were not scientifically set up to meet the com-WILLIAM M. CARPENTER munity and cultural needs,