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CREDIT TO WHOM CREDIT IS DUE

Passage of the Conscription Bill with the amendment providing for inclusion of Negroes in all branches of the national defense, is a victory for Negroes, won almost single-handedly by the Pittsburg Courier, America's largest race newspaper. No doubt there will rise up in the next few days a number of so-called Negro leaders who will lay claim to having accomplished the deed, but this newspaper feels that credit ought to be given to whom credit is due, and we are willing to take off our hats to Editor Robert L. Vann of the Courier, who conceived the idea of making the fight to obtain, for the race, respectable representation in all branches of the federal armed forces.

Although the Carolina Times, together with several other Negro newspapers, sustained the Courier in its fight, we want no credit for the victory, as we were merely following its lead. The one thing we want most is that our readers shall be guarded against some politician or self-styled leader, fooling them into believing that he, and not a Negro newspaper, was responsible for the amendment to the Conscription Bill.

The exclusion of Negroes from all branches of the nation's defense was about the sorriest condition that could exist under a democratic form of government. The Courier and its intrepid editor have done the race a great service, but they have done their country a greater one. They have made it harder for prejudice to dominate any branch of the national defense, which is a deed as patriotic as shouldering a gun.

BETTER BUS STATIONS

We endorse most heartily the movement now under way by the Durham Junior Chamber of Commerce to secure a new bus station for Durham. Negroes who patronize the bus companies have suffered untold disadvantages and hardships because of the inadequate facilities provided for their race in the local station. If the white people have found cause to kick about the poor accommodations they ought to take a look at those afforded Negro passengers.

What is true in Durham, relative to accommodations furnished Negro bus passengers, is true all over North Carolina. Raleigh, Greensboro, Salisbury, Winston Salem, Charlotte and other cities have just cause to complain about inadequate facilities furnished Negro passengers especially. The treatment afforded Negroes in the Durham and Greensboro stations is outrageous.

The Carolina Times is glad to extend a word of appreciation to the Durham Junior Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Negro citizenry of Durham and the state for the effort it is putting forth with regards to a new bus station for this city. We trust similar movements in other cities will be started wherever they are needed. We are satisfied that the decent white people of Durham and North Carolina will not permit the erection of another bus station with accommodations as deplorable as most of them in stations already existing. So a better bus station for white people means a better bus station for Negroes.

The example set by the Durham Junior Chamber of Commerce is a good one to be followed by Negro organizations whose functions are about the same in their race. We suspect that most of the members of the local chamber are owners of automobiles, and patronize less frequently the local bus station than those who will benefit from the erection of a new one. In spite of the awful condition existing in Negro bus waiting rooms, Negro leaders, most of whom own automobiles in which they travel, have not felt it necessary in most cities to make a definite attempt to secure better accommodations in bus stations for the great mass of Negroes who do not own automobiles.

Negro leaders, if there are any, have got to become more unselfish. They have got to learn the way of true leadership. They have got to be willing to sacrifice a little of their time, money, and energy that the humblest Negro may have an opportunity of living above the plane of a hog.

AS WE PASS THIS WAY

By Charles Earl Cobb

Seeing is believing and as I pass this way I find that everything they say about Charlotte is not true. For one week I have enjoyed the finest relationship one could expect from any group of people. Sunday morning it was my pleasure to enjoy Sunday School with the members of St. Paul Baptist Church, and church services at Ebenezer Baptist Church and it was while there that I became more convinced than ever that if the Negro in Charlotte is to solve his problem the church is the place to start. We Negroes, and other races too, should let the church be our "Carter's Little Liver Pills" because the church does the work of force, arms and coercion without the use of force and arms.

Love, cooperation and a true spirit of fellowship should be our standards my friends but these characteristics should not make us blind to the faults of our brothers; if they do wrong they or we should be reprimanded. Brawls like I have seen in these seven days aren't necessary and the blame for them cannot all be placed upon the participants. We Negroes have problems too similar to set ourselves so far from one another, as we have had a tendency to do in the past, and unless we bind ourselves together we cannot survive.

Expression is good for the soul and sometimes expression is given thru eating, drinking or brawling and it is those types of expressions that are detrimental to us as a group, the Carolina Times seeks to rid the Negro community of Charlotte of these things. Undertakers, Lawyers, Doctors, and Business men and friends I beseech you to join hands with your three most potent factors for the betterment of our community, the church, the school and your Carolina Times and see what we can do to improve Charlotte, our Queen city of North Carolina.

A Short Story

By HENRY CLAY DAVIS

It was Heaven's periodical gala day commemorating the return of the Prince of Peace from wicked Earth. The highways were congested with bands of joyful and spotlessly clad angels who preferred to march together rather than fly in order to render their great happiness even greater through fraternal interchange.

The capital city of the celestial empire was crowded to overflowing and the air was rent with the ceaseless singing of hymns of praise and the shouting of loud hosannas. The heralds were every where sounding angelic notes on their glistening golden trumpets and directing the ever increasing host toward the proper place of assembly.

On one of the highways three trudged along a decrepit, dejected, lone angel whose robe was not spotless and whose wings were in need of repair. An herald who was on duty at the Sarcophagus of the Recording Angel sighted the forlorn creature and remarked excitedly to his superior, "O Holy One, there goes a soul which evidently does not belong here."

"Not so, my inexperienced son," replied the Recording Angel, "That Soul does belong here, but on probation as it were."

"And why on probation in this of all places?" queried the herald.

"That Soul," replied the Recording Angel, "lived on Earth in the place they called America and in the City of Durham, N. C., where the strong felt itself duty bound to disadvantage the weak, where cleanliness and candor were forcibly overshadowed by the misrepresentations of ambitious moral turpitude, and where the Gods of fashion, finance, social position, and selfishness were worshipped in front of our Heavenly Father who is the King of the Universe and the Creator of all things. That Soul, my son, was not bad enough to be consigned to Purgatory and not good enough to enjoy the companionship of full-fledged angels here. Its greatest fault was its willingness to do things because the Joneses did them regardless of the effect on other helpless mortals. Therefore, my son, that Soul must suffer isolation here for a thousand years or so in order to atone for its terrestrial lack of courage and magnanimity. Do you understand now?"

"Yes, I understand, O Holy One," sighed the herald as he turned to face the opposite direction.

The decrepit angel also heard and understood and trudged along more despondently than ever and alone.

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Thank you very kindly,
B. H. Thornton

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Dear Mr. Austin:
Congratulations on the 16 page Carolina Times. It's a mighty fine publication and deserves the full support of all the colored people of North Carolina.

Keep up the good work.
Daniel Y. Stewart,
President, Colored
Republican League

Between The Lines

(By Dean Gordon B. Hancock)

NEGRO'S NEW FRONTIER

For more than three score and ten years the fight for the Negro's fuller freedom has been centered about Washington. This has been especially true since the coming of the NAACP which has been the spear-head of the attack on the injustices and inequalities which have haunted the Negro like some ghost of Banquo. So long as the Negro's emancipation came directly from Washington we were emboldened to look longingly towards Washington when too hard-pressed in the battle for existence.

With the coming of Oscar De Priest there has come into Negro thought a vote-consciousness unknown before with the result that Negroes are taking local political situations more into account. Negroes are gradually learning that the kind of mayor who presides over southern cities is more important in many ways than who is president of the U. S. Presidents can do but little to help local situations but mayors can do much. In the last analysis however, we carry our fight to Washington where before the supreme court we have won victory after victory that has made the struggle for existence less fierce.

President Roosevelt said some months ago and the shortighted congressmen made him retract "that the frontier of this country is on the Rhine," but even those stupid congressmen must admit that even if our frontier is not on the Rhine it undoubtedly is on the Thames where London is. Rohld's frontier was in Czechoslovakia, Czechoslovakia's frontier was in Ethiopia, Denmark's frontier was in Poland, Norway's frontier, though weak it was, was in Denmark; Belgium's frontier was in Norway and France's frontier was in Belgium and England's frontier was in France and the frontier of these United States is in England. Woe unto that nation that refuses to note and safeguard its frontiers against aggressors!

Some months ago it was my privilege to address the students at the University of Richmond, a white institution, and I choose to speak from the subject, "The Fallacy of Isolationism." Subsequent events have abundantly corroborated my fundamental thesis that these nations and races and individuals committed to isolation are doomed.

The fallacy of Nordicism is its commitment to a species of isolation. The grave danger which inheres in the negro's thinking today is that he can isolate himself and achieve a good detached from the general good. As I have said in this column times without number that the welfare and the future of the Negro is bound up with the welfare of this nation and if this nation prospers, the Negro will prosper in a less degree and if this nation suffers, the Negro will suffer in a greater degree. This is an ugly fact but a stubborn fact nevertheless. Today this country faces a grave crisis. "The American way of life" is seriously challenged and this is a challenge to the survival of the Negroes in this country.

What has happened to minority groups in other lands can happen here, and will happen here unless the tide of Hitlerism can be stemmed. The coming election will be one of the most momentous in the history of our country. Negroes have a mighty stake in this election. We are not going to say that President Roosevelt is indispensable to the safety of this country; but we are going to say that he has been true and tried and has a grasp on international affairs that it will take Mr. Willkie seven years to acquire it. A lot of things can happen in seven years for Hitler thus far has shown that he is not a seven-year man.

Negroes must know that their frontier has moved from Washington to London. What goes on in number Ten Downing Street is more important for the present than the discrimination Negroes suffer in a hundred ways in this country. No sensible Negro can ignore the problems that Negroes face in this country; but neither will intelligent Negroes deny the fact that the Hitlerization of our nation would complicate our problems. It must be obvious to us all that the real problem today is whether this American way of life can survive.

The Negro then must vote this year not so much with an eye on Washington as on London. Matters in Washington can wait as they have waited for 75 years, but matters will not wait in London. Something must be done and done now. The question Negroes must ask at the polls is not whether they like every detail of the Roosevelt administration; whether or not Negroes have realized their whole hope for their second emancipation, but whether or not Mr. Roosevelt can be trusted with the destiny of this nation. Our new frontier is in London!

By supplying the affected low income families with free mattresses, and giving them other possible aid, it is hoped they will recover from the floods' ravages much sooner the State College home demonstration leader said. Miss Current also reported that the mattress-making program for the State as a whole is now turning out more than 1000 finished mattresses a week. Families who are to receive these mattresses assist in the making, supervised by home agents of the Extension Service or trained voluntary leaders.

More Help Offered To Flood Families

Increased aid to low-income farm families hard hit by recent floods has been announced by Miss Ruth Current, director of home demonstration work at the State College Extension Service.

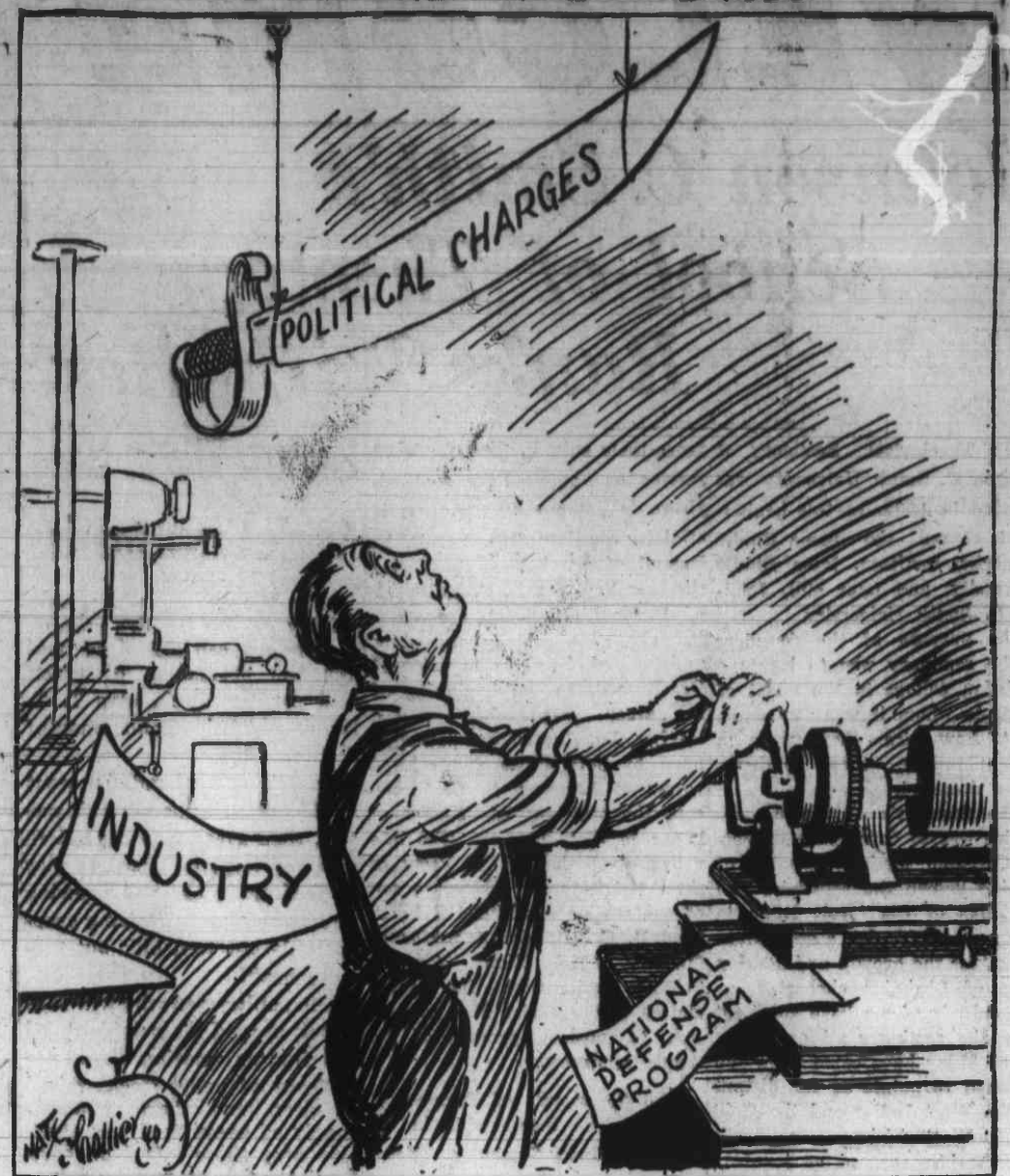
The mattress-making program which formerly limited families with an income of less than \$400 last year to one free mattress has been broadened to allow one mattress to each two members of a family in 17 flooded counties.

The counties are: Ashe, Avery, Bertie, Caldwell, Halifax, Haywood, Jackson, McDowell, Martin, Northampton, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey. Five other counties were affected by the floods, but will not be covered by the new provision either because their damage was slight or because the mattress program is not in effect there.

Many families have been left almost destitute in the wake of these floods, Miss Current said. Household belongings as well as crops, livestock, and feed on hand were swept away or ruined by the water.

Our new bases in the Atlantic add greatly to the future safety of this hemisphere from invasion; when the two-ocean Navy is ready, we will be ready. Democracy does not function to suit those who think they should be those to govern. Many writers are so anxious to author smart things that they say untrue things.

THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES



N. C. State Fair Have Vocational Agriculture Day

Raleigh, Sept. 19.—More than 10,000 students of vocational agriculture will participate in exhibits as guests of the State Fair which opens at Raleigh, October 8, Roy H. Thomas, State Supervisor of vocational agricultural education, announced today.

"Vocational Agriculture Day" will be October 10, and all students will be admitted free who are wearing traditional "skull caps" designating their membership in a vocational school, Dr. J. S. Dorton, Fair Manager said. Ten booths featuring home project work of students, livestock and livestock judging contests will be features of the vocational program. Two, large silver loving cups, to be awarded in the judging contest, will be presented by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott.

Displays by Future Farmers of America will be judged on the basis of educational value, attractiveness and simplicity. The vocational exhibits will be expanded this year and for the first time students will enter swine, dairy and beef cattle.

"We expect the program presented by vocational students and teachers to be an outstanding contribution to the agricultural and educational displays of the 1940 State Fair," Thomas said.

Home economics, rehabilitation and industrial education programs will also be featured in the vocational education departments.

While the 1940 exposition will paramount agricultural, educational and industrial progress through displays, the Fair management has also "booked" prominent entertainment features including nine grandstand acts and a revue furnished by Geo. Hamid; the World of Mirth Shows on the mile-long midway; Lucky Teter and his Hell Drivers; auto, harness and motorcycle races.

If you have rolling land, then soil erosion is your chief problem.

Conservation is the biggest word in the Southern farmer's dictionary.

Wife Preservers

If you are tired of shouting at the children to call them in to meals, etc., get a small whistle next time you are in a shop where they are sold and use it instead. It will save a lot of wear and tear on the throat.

New Paper Mill To Be Built In Georgia At Cost \$2,000,000

Norfolk, Va.—Georgia is to have a new paper mill according to an announcement by Warren T. White, General Industrial Agent of the Seaboard Railway. This mill for the production of kraft paper from southern pine, will be constructed by the St. Mary's Kraft Corporation at St. Mary's, Ga.

Estimated cost of the new plant, Mr. White said, will be several million dollars and when completed will provide employment for more than 300 men in the mill and additional hundreds in the woods. During the construction period a large number of men will be given employment for about nine months the time estimated necessary for the completion of the mill.

The Industrial Department of the Seaboard under Mr. White's direction, has been responsible for the locating of many industries in the states served by the Railway.

The Voice of Wisdom

HIGHLIGHTS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON 9-21

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for September 22 is Proverbs 4:23, The Golden Text being Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.")

THE BOOK of Proverbs is generally assigned to Solomon, who flourished about the year 1,000 B. C. No geographical place is mentioned in the chapter.

In the first of this fourth proverb the writer pictures a happy home, with mother and father tenderly watching the growth and development of their only (maybe their first) child. "For I was my father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother," he says.

It is a wonderful thing to be born into a family that loves one tenderly from the start. And even more so to be a member of a family in which both parents are honorable, upright people, who are good neighbors and good citizens, as well as good, kind and loving parents. Such parents set a standard for their children, and even though such children may do wrong for a time, they will seldom, if ever, sink so low that they cannot right themselves.

"This father 'taught me also,'" says the writer, "and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words; keep my commandments and live."

"Get wisdom," the proverb states, "get understanding." And again: "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding." When you study in school, you are trying to get wisdom out of your books and the teaching of your instructor. But if you do not understand the problem in arithmetic or the thing you are reading, you will not gain much, will you? A good teacher is always glad to answer questions and explain the lessons, and if you understand, you will gain the sort of wisdom for which you were sent to school.

But there is another kind of wisdom which is more important for the children to learn than what we call book learning. It is the wisdom that recognizes the right and good way to live. That kind of wisdom often is possessed by men and women who have very little education from schools.

Of wisdom the writer says: "Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her."

"She shall give to thine head an array of wisdom."

ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee."

Then this wise father says to his son:

"I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths.

"When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble."

This means that the person who walks in the way of uprightness and wisdom may walk freely and proudly. He need not be timid and afraid. His conscience is clear.

"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

"Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away."

Avoiding Evil

In other words, avoid evil companions who might tempt you to go wrong. Children brought up in good Christian homes are less likely, I am convinced, to find those less fortunate in their moral standards congenial. But evil companions sometimes have fascinating personalities and exercise considerable influence over those whose minds are not grown up enough to see the flaws beneath the attractive exterior.

"The path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble."

Isn't that a vivid figure of speech? When we walk in the light of day or brilliantly lighted paths at night, we see where we are going and do not stumble. But if we walk in darkness, we may not even see the obstacles over which we fall.

"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh."

We who are older often find ourselves remembering things our parents—now gone, maybe—said when we were children. Sometimes their words help us at critical times in our lives. Parents who have lived well and courageously never know their influence over their children. Let us be thankful for such parents and be very sympathetic and helpful, if possible, to those who have not had our advantages. And let us—"Keep our hearts with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."

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