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Better housing for Negroes.
Negro representation in city, county, state and national governments.

EDITORIAL

FAVORITE TEXT:

"Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out."
John. vi.—John. vi., 37.—Suggested favorite Bible text of
Rev. Raymond W. Cooke, Methodist Minister.

Our National Defense

Today leaders of our great country are raising a great hue and cry about the question of preparedness, or national defense. Our dailies are filled with columns calling attention to the gigantic spending program underway; and the titans of the business world are indiscriminately passing on bits of advice as to how the lagging wheels of industry may be speeded up to meet the greater demands of increased defense spending. On the surface, the country seems to be passing through another cycle of prosperity, and the apparent ills of the early thirties seem to have vanished in the mirage of this vast federal spending program. Statistics point to the decrease of unemployment within the ranks of labor, and to the corresponding increase in wages. Economists point with pride to the increased national income, and we all seem to agree that we are in for another boom. There is no mistaking the public's chant, "We are headed for the promised land. But where do we, the Negro group, fit into this picture of national prosperity.

Are we not Americans too? Are we not part and parcel of every inch of this great land? Have we not played one of the most important roles in the building of this, the richest nation in the world? Have not our sons shed rivers of black blood in her defense? Have we not been ever loyal to our flag? What ought we as American citizens expect of this vaunted democracy, that repudiates on every hand, so far as we are concerned, the cardinal principles of democracy? These potent questions are well answered in the discriminatory practices, sanctioned by our president, evidenced in our army and navy; the barring of Negro workers from employment in some of the country's major defense plants; and the continued disfranchisement of millions of Negroes in the South. These are the premiums of our 1941 democracy. Yet, we have the audacity to pity the "Ghetto" Jew.

Again, we repeat, the first line of our national defense is the elimination of antiquated prejudices and discrimination from our national life.

Case of the Durham Housing Association

We are informed that the Durham Civic Housing Association, an organization seeking to secure the establishment of a Public Housing Authority in Durham, is scheduled to appear before the City Council next Monday to request a report from that body's Public Works Committee on a petition for the creation of such an authority for Durham.

We are at this time, unaware of what action the Councilmen may take regarding this petition; as we understand that the city's Real Estate Brokers are bitterly opposed to such a progressive step by the Council. Yet, we aver that the cause is just, and are firmly convinced that our Councilmen should think twice before denying this group's petition.

The question, in our estimation, is one of the most burning ever to face this august body. It's not the question of opposing influential real estate interests. It is the question of providing adequate housing for the hundreds of lower-income families, who form the majority of the renting public, and who are, woelessly, exposed to the avarice of heartless landlords. It is the question of providing for the body of citizens, least able to pay, the type of housing commensurate with modern housing developments, and the lowest standards of public health. It is the question of destroying the despicable eye sores so apparent in the various residential sections of our city. Further, it is a question of providing a better community environment for the majority of our future citizens, the children of these lower-income families.

Durham, reputedly one of the South's most progressive cities, lags behind the nation's enlightened cities in this matter of public housing. We are aware that there may be many arguments to the contrary in the matter, yet, the tottering, old-law tenement houses, visible in all sections, stand as mute evidence for the cause of The Durham Housing Authority; and as a blot on the escutcheon of those selfish individuals who oppose it.

Let Us Go Back To The Bible

By Rev. Will H. Houghton, D.D.
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Many of an older generation will remember the famous lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," which Dr. Conwell delivered thousands of times. His thesis was that men miss the opportunities for success at their own doors, while they wander the world over, or wish themselves in distant places. Dr. Conwell multiplied true incidents of men who journeyed to the ends of the earth in search of fortune, only to find it buried in the very ground on which they had rolled their marbles. Ours is particularly an age of novelties. We like search better than research, and we prefer the new to the true. Experiment rather than experience counts high with us. To say that a thing has been tried and proved is equivalent in the minds of many to saying it is musty and mildewed. We have experiments in morals, in philosophy, in economics. We observe entire nations deliberately cutting loose from the moorings of the centuries, and in mutiny against the captain named Experience. They are giving allegiance to a new commander, named Experiment. Now while men are in the mood for trying things, may it not be the best time to remind them they had better try something new which is yet old—the Bible, the eternal Word of God.

In the light of the demands and failures of the present day, the reading of Psalm 78 would be profitable. It demonstrates the permanence of the Bible message. In this historical psalm we see God's ancient people placing all their problems on an economic basis. "Can God supply a table in the wilderness?" was one of their troubled questions. God replied, "I'll supply all your temporal needs, but you have greater needs." How strange, and yet how true to human nature in every age, to read in conjunction, "He brought streams out of the rocks . . . and they sinned yet more against him." Again, "And he rained manna and flesh upon them . . . For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works." The more they got the more they wanted, and the less thankful they were for what they got. They blamed conditions, but God blamed them, and over and over we read, "Yet they rebelled against the most High God."

CALVIN'S DIGEST

By L. Baynard Whitney

WHO'S NUTTY NOW?

Not since Booker T. Washington set the American standard for education geared to practical living has any system quite equalled it for originality and effectiveness, until the coming of Hampton Institute's fifth president, Dr. Malcolm S. MacLean. The just of Dr. MacLean's proposed streamlined education is to break the mold of stereotyped college courses and recast it to the needs of the student. In place of the college saying "We are here to teach you what you ought to know," the new Hampton will ask: "What is it YOU want US to teach you?" And for this they call the new prey a nut; but the students think it's grand.

Dr. MacLean is inclined to the belief that our educational system has become senile and brittle, grinding out educated misfits, somewhat like a factory turning out obsolete fittings for modern things.

A CLINICAL SETUP

"We hope to develop a clinic at Hampton," said Dr. MacLean, "through which we will learn the ambitions, potentialities and other features of our students which will enable us to assist them in deciding upon a career and outlining courses that will fit their needs."

President MacLean also intends to toss out the traditional 4-year period, having some courses to run less and others to run five

or six years. Eschewing that house campus training, outside the college there will be sought openings for apprenticeship and internships with full credit given for these learn by doing periods. This angle of the scheme strikes fire in the students' imaginations. They will also explore new avenues of rare and strange demands, and by sheer merit bore their way through and beyond racial barriers. In time, New Worlds to conquer.

A Labor Of Love Unfinished . . . Dr. Chas. Stelzle Dies

BY R. E. WRIGHT, JR.

Bishop of the AME Church
My phone rang, and a voice in New York said to me in Louisville, "Dr. Charles Stelzle is dead." I was so shocked, it was several seconds before I recovered my proper composure. I was assured that it was the Doctor Charles Stelzle, my friend and humanity's friend.

Had Dr. Stelzle died two years ago, I would have, of course, expressed deep regret, for I would have felt a personal loss. While I had known him many years, it was only after I became active in the Good Neighbor League in 1936, and had every day contact with him, that I came to value his friendship and trust his advice. Many hours we spent in discussing the Negro race, its history, its hopes, its aspirations, struggles, disappointments, successes, etc. He came to America as an immigrant of poor parents. He knew the hardship of New York's East Side, poverty, and the struggle of so-called working element. A machinist by trade he early joined the labor union and fought side by side with his fellow workers for better conditions. But he was interested in the souls of the workers as well. He became a preacher. He organized a workers' church, the Labor Temple in New York, and interested himself in all phases of labor improvement. He became advisor to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America on labor conditions. Then he became interested in the Good Neighbor League, and that was when I met him, and soon discovered something in which I fell in love. He was so quiet, so simple, so kind, so genuine, so much interested in the things in which I was interested. Long hours I spent telling him the story of my people and long hours I listened to him tell the struggle of Labor, and his hopes for a better world.

I went to Africa; we corresponded. I returned and saw his name in many colored newspapers. Upon his invitation I went to talk with him in his New York office, and in his quiet way he told me of his hopes. "I want to help if just some little bit," he said, "to inform, perhaps inspire; Negroes are citizens; they are Americans. They should think American, they should act American, make that their habit," he said to me for perhaps the twentieth time. I told him I had read his articles in sixteen papers that week, and he seemed pleased. "Do you think I am writing the right things?" he asked. "You see, I want so much to help. For I realize that there can never be Democracy in this country, to say nothing about Christianity, unless all people have the OPPORTUNITY, and inclination to do their part. And the colored people as we all know are pushed farthest back."

Dr. Stelzle talked with me with great enthusiasm about his new venture into the Negro newspaper world, and showed me letters of appreciation from Negro editors, and was happy that he was beginning to touch thousands of Negro readers with his weekly articles.

That is why I say I regret most sincerely that he passes at this time. He showed a remarkable grasp of the finer aspects of Negro life, and an understanding of the Negro struggle which few outside the group have.

I cannot refrain therefore from writing these words of appreciation of him, who loved humanity—one of God's noblest men—and to express the hope



Business Activity Close To Peak

Domestic business activity as a whole continues at a high level, with only minor fluctuations from week to week, states the current issue of The Guaranty Survey, published by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Good Driver Should Know Rules Of Road And Use Them

Speaking the other day to a group of drivers, Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division, paraphrased the song title, "It's Not What You Do, But the Way That You Do It."

"In driving a motor vehicle," Hocutt said, "it's not what you know but the way that you show it that counts."

Elaborating on this statement, the safety director pointed out that around 90 per cent of the drivers involved in reported accidents on North Carolina streets and highway last year had more than one year of driving experience.

According to the division's records, 5,653 drivers involved in accidents in the state last year had been driving for 11 years or longer, another 3,625 had been driving from six to ten years, and 2,386 had been driving from two to five years.

"In other words, what really counts is not the amount of driving experience a person has had, but the lessons he has gained from that experience," Hocutt said. "How to start and stop a car, apply the brakes and give hand signals are important—but what is much more important is actually doing these things at the right time, and in the right manner."

"Driving experience may enable a person to acquire a great deal of driving skill, but unless he also has learned to obey the rules of the road and the motor vehicle laws, and to employ courtesy, caution and common sense along with his skill, his experience has not made him a good driver."

"Experience is the best teacher," he added, "only when the pupil is willing to and capable of applying the lessons learned from that experience."

Quotation

FORTUNE is stable in one thing—she does not love faint hearts.
—Robert Blatchford.

PERTINENT FACTS . . .

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Strikers Qualify As
Fifth Columnists

The increasing number of strikes in defense industries shows that the organizations fostering the strikes are conspiring to obstruct and defeat the essential defense of the nation at a time when a national crisis faces this country.

The government has adopted a hands-off policy towards the strikes, at the same time charging industry with failure to hurry up production of materials necessary for defense.

At the time the draft for soldiers was set up, provision was made for exempting individuals whose employment was necessary for production of goods required by the various departments of government. Now that these same individuals are refusing to work unless given large increases in pay, the government might with propriety schedule them for induction into the defense force and let some of the soldiers and sailors now drawing thirty or forty dollars per month go back into the production of goods.

Fifth Columnists intent on sabotaging industry at this critical time, must rejoice at the success along those lines resulting from the strikes. The whole cost of defense and other governmental expenditures must be borne by the taxpayers of this nation, and all increases in wage rates at this time add just that much more to the cost the taxpayers eventually will have to meet.

The cute little coed is the girl who put the "leg" in college.

The trouble with most hick towns is that they have too many hicks.

Maybe the world crisis will die down when the baseball crisis begins.

If you are willing to give, you will always find individuals ready to take.

This republic will be utterly lost when its salvation depends upon one man.

Intelligence does not always accompany the degrees that some people acquire.

Education begets responsibility, the more one knows, the more one's task in life should be.

Some of the people who talk of tolerance are looking for special favors.

The best recommendation is a repeat order; in other words, a subscription renewal.

The individual who accepts from society what he hasn't earned is, at heart, a rogue.

Never assume, when one asks your advice, that the questioner is interested in your opinion.

No candidate becomes wiser through the lucky incident of getting a majority of the votes.

Too many human beings are waiting for the millennium before attempting their good works.

Debates would improve if speakers frankly advanced their real arguments against a proposal.

The U. S. has three-fourths of the world's gold, but try and get some of it.

Democracy must have much more than political equality if it is to bless the people of the world.

Incidentally, what has become of the gridiron stars who captured the headlines a few years ago?

The person who does not read is not educated; conversely, the one who reads is making progress.