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- Full participation of Negroes in all branches of the National defense.
- Abolishment of the double-standard wage scale in industry.
- Greater participation of Negroes in political affairs.
- Better housing for Negroes.
- Negro representation in city, county, state and national governments.

## DR. EPPERSON DOING A FINE JOB

Durham ought to feel proud of its Health Department, not because of the expansion program it is beginning, but because of the great work the department has already done under the fine leadership of Dr. J. H. Epperson. We believe the head of the Durham County Health department is doing everything at his command to safeguard the health of all the citizens of Durham without respect of race.

The intensive campaign put on several weeks ago to clean up restaurants, cafes, markets, hotels and other places of vital importance to the health of the people included Negro places as well as white.

In many instances places of business too dangerous for the welfare of the community were forced out of business. In many cities in North Carolina Negro places of a similar nature have been allowed to operate without regard to cleanliness, apparently because they did not cater to white patronage. On the other hand, white places of the same kind have been forced to clean up or close up. In Durham the clean-up or close-up program applies to both races alike, which is as it should be.

THE CAROLINA TIMES and all of Negro Durham should cooperate with the Health Department in its efforts to make Durham a cleaner and healthier place in which to live. We salute Dr. Epperson.

## MOB VIOLENCE IN ROXBORO

That mob of human hyenas which stormed the Person County courthouse in Roxboro last Saturday in an attempt to get an accused Negro rapist, has again dragged the name of North Carolina through the stench and filth of mob violence. The damage done the Person County courthouse is small in comparison with that done the people of Roxboro and vicinity, by those who lost their reason and set themselves up as Judge and jury to try and convict a fellow human being without the due process of law.

We hate mob violence, we hate lynching, and we hate rape. All three are cowardly, and most repulsive to law-abiding citizens, and those who engage in any one of them should be made to feel the full penalty of the law—the Roxboro case is not without exception.

We are against that mob which stormed the Person County Courthouse, we are against the Negro CCC boys if they band together and marched into Roxboro for the purpose of carrying in further mob violence. We are against the Negro if it is proven that he committed the crime for which he is being held. And finally, we are against Governor Broughton for ordering an investigation into the march of the CCC boys without ordering an investigation to determine who were the leaders of the mob which stormed the court house before the CCC boys started their alleged march.

From all indications, Sheriff M. T. Clayton, and the other police officers who prevented the lynching, are about the only persons connected with the entire affair who have up to this time shown any semblance of common sense. We think the officers of the law have made a three-base hit and should be commended for the manner in which they handled a very difficult situation. They can make a home run if they will identify members of the mob and arrest them immediately for their participation in the disturbance.

Here in Durham we have learned to go slow on these various accusations of rape. In the past twelve months one Negro, accused of rape, another of attempted rape, have been freed after thorough investigations proved the charges to be unfounded. Had not cool-headed judgment been used both might have been the victims of mob violence. Roxboro citizens may feel the same to be true if they will use their courts and not mobs to conduct trials.

ANY PERSON in North Carolina interested in how to prevent, discover, or cure tuberculosis may write the Extension Department of the North Carolina Sanatorium, Spartanburg, North Carolina, and receive the information.

## BETWEEN LINES

By Dean Gordon B. Hancock

### FOOLING FOLKS; JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AND THE NEGRO

Within the last five years it has been my rare fortune to attend three great religious conclaves. The Oxford group which met in Oxford, England, four years ago attracted delegates from the four corners of the earth. This group impressed me as one of great intellectual calibre and composed of the best people. More recently I attended one of the great meetings of the Seventh Day Adventists at their camp ground in Michigan and what a meeting it turned out to be! The group impressed me as belonging to a hardworking farmer class with a good representation of intellectuals.

Last week while visiting in St. Louis I ran into the annual convocation of Jehovah's witnesses led by Judge Rutherford. I spent a whole following up every lead that I thought would help me to understand this great movement. At the end of my seeking I had found nothing. I had thought I might find "something different" but my disillusionment was complete when I had spent a part of two days among Jehovah's witnesses. The impression I gained was that this group is no different from hundreds of other cults great and small. They all have the same technique and the same financial objectives.

If Jehovah's witnesses excel in anything it is in their zeal to sell literature, which is propaganda of the most effective sort. Throughout all their messages is the subtle inference that Jehovah's witnesses are right and all the other people are wrong, there is the assumption that they have a monopoly on the Bible and its teachings there is always the fundamental assumption that all who are not of their group are their "enemies." They use the term "enemy" frequently.

Of course it was intriguing to watch the Negro "witnesses" who were "in the ring even if they did not make a thing" and it is safe to conjecture that they did not. These dark skinned "witnesses" did their part to sell their share of printed merchandise. The thing that interested me was, that at one of the meetings I went to a rather important section of the spacious auditorium of the arena and took myself to one of the prominent rows of seats and sat in the very middle of the unoccupied row. I sat there for three hours, and although my section became crowded, these witnesses left unoccupied three seats on my left and two on my right which goes to show that they were not too busy witnessing to forget the color line.

Room was at ever so great a premium before one of the old witnesses dared to sit beside me; and since I was tired of the whole thing, I moved out and struck a bee line for home thinking within myself that Jehovah's Witnesses like the other religious witnesses, do not throw away their prejudice when they embrace a religious faith.

On Sunday there was a great baptizing of some new "witnesses" made during the convocation in St. Louis. The new Negro witnesses were sent to the Negro YMCA for baptism; while the whites were baptized in the great pool in Forest park. And so Jehovah's Witnesses declined to let their colored brethren be baptized in the same pool. This all goes to show that Negroes are in their own light who think that any of these sects are "different." It matters not what kind of new religion comes along, the Negro tries it once in the hope that it might receive him as a real brother. And although we always find the Negro, we also find that there is always that attitude of superiority on the part of their white "brothers."

When great old Richard Allen just took the ox by the horns and went out and built his own church he had something! There is a great Negro rush today into every new religious sect but it only means the Negroes are trying to be "different" and that is all. The Negroes always find themselves fooled on all these new re-

ligious. Jehovah's Witnesses like all the rest will only "suffer" the Negro, but they do so knowing that he is not an integral part of them. When therefore Negroes turn to these new white cults they may as well search out and find the jim crow coach for they will wind up in one by and by. If our white religionists insist on fooling us, let us not fool our selves.

## YOUR FOOD PLAN IN USE . . .

The Right Foods Every Day Every farm family wants to do its share in the National Defense program.

Health of all the people is a very important part of defense. The kind of food we eat every day has much to do with our health. We need milk, eggs, fruits and vegetables every day in the year—not just a few months in the summer. Every farm family can have the right kind of food because they can grow it. They do not have to depend upon cash to buy health.

the foods that are necessary for You have made a food plan for this year which shows how much milk you are going to produce, how many vegetables, how much fruit, how much meat, and how much you you are going to can and store.

In terms of three meals every day, your food plan should provide your family with the following:

An Egg for each person.  
Lean Meat, Fish or Poultry (every other day if supplies are limited) Do not count salt pork, fatback or bacon as lean meat.

Fruit at least once — fresh, cooked, or canned.

Sorghum, a sweet spread, or some sweet food.  
Milk for cooking.

Water.  
Three to Five Times a Week Cheese, dried beans, peas, or peanut butter in place of meat

To make meals appetizing and satisfying have at least one of the following each meal:  
Foods that have some bulk, such as green vegetables, whole grain cereal or fruit.

One fat meat, such as bacon or salt pork.  
A Sweet Food.  
One Food of decided flavor, such as onions, tomatoes.

Help your family, your community, and your nation by eating the right kinds of food each day in the year.

Florence H. Hamilton, HM Supervisor.

## Two of a Kind

One day Richard Brinsley Sheridan brought to his wife the joyful news that they had inherited some money. After discussing their good fortune for a while, they decided to keep the bequest a deep, dark secret. That evening two of their friends, a Mr. Crevey and his wife, called and after dinner when the ladies had withdrawn, Sheridan confided to Crevey that they had just come into a fortune.

"Mrs. Sheridan and I," he explained, "made a solemn vow to each other to mention it to no one."

"Then why are you telling me?" asked the puzzled friend.

"Only one circumstance would induce me to confide in you," replied Sheridan, "and that is the absolute conviction that Mrs. Sheridan is at this very moment confiding it to Mrs. Crevey upstairs."

## Save Your Tires

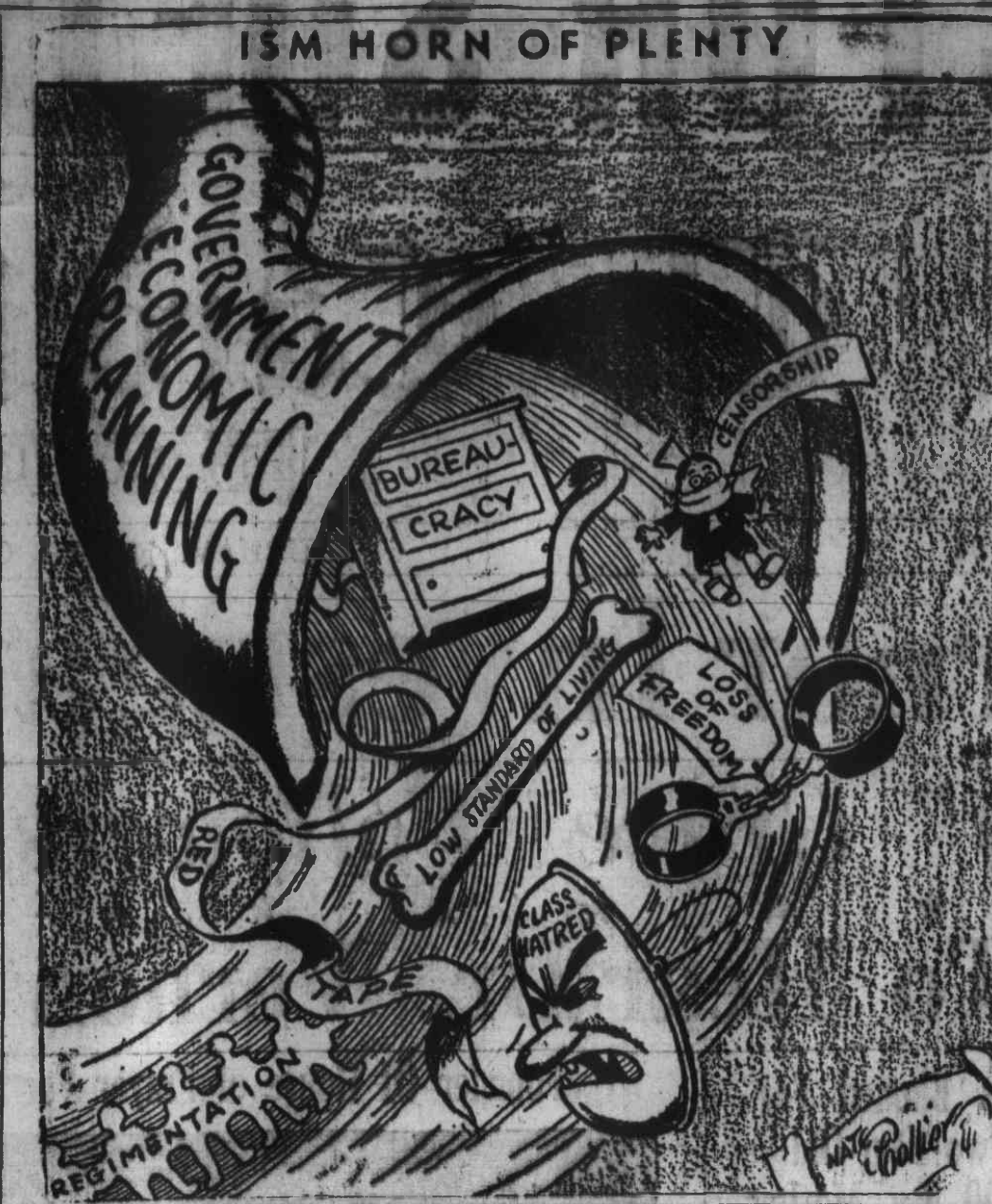
With the Government undertaking rationing of crude rubber, tire makers appealing to fleet operators and individual motorists to observe a few simple rules to get more mileage. Here, for example, are the do's and don'ts advocated by John L. Clevy, President of B. F. Goodrich Company:

Keep tires at the right air pressure.  
If you change a tire check the wheel at least every 5,000 miles.

Change tires from wheel to wheel at least every 5,000 miles. Keep safe tires on all wheels—a blowout destroys a complete tire.

Don't take corners at high speed; that wears tire faster than anything else.

Never slam on your brakes except to prevent an accident.  
Have wheel alignment, front



## Pipe Factory Hums

A pipe factory at Boone, N. C. is running two shifts to fill orders for pipe blocks made from ivy, laurel and rhododendron burl, since the war halted shipments of briarwood from Italy, France and Algiers. There is also an unlimited supply of natural briarwood which is of the same family as the white hest plant of southern Europe. Only that portion of plant just beneath the soil is used for pipes.

## When In Doubt

When John Hay, the American statesman, appeared before a committee of prominent lawyers to be examined for admission to the Illinois bar, a member of the august body fixed a stern eye up on the young man, described in elaborate detail an extremely difficult case, and then demanded, Mr. Hay, what would you do if a client came to you with such a case.

## Living Costs Rise

Living costs in June continued to rise, and were 1.3 per cent higher than in May and 3.5 per cent above a year ago. Food led the advance, according to the survey. Food prices were 4 per cent higher than in the preceding month and 8.1 per cent above the June, 1940, level. Rents showed little change, gaining only about one fourth of one per cent over May and 1.6 per cent over June, 1940. Clothing prices were the same as in May, but were 7 per cent above a year ago.

## STILL PRESIDENT

Mrs. Richard Harding Davis was riding in a Lord Island train when an important looking woman took a seat across the aisle from her. Mrs. Davis remembered that somewhere she had met the newcomer, but what her name was she could not recall. To make the situation acutely embarrassing, the

## FLOWER OF FRIENDSHIP

The flower of friendship droops and dies In gossip's gale, Beneath the heat of hate and lies.

Its petals fall; The splendor of its sunny cheer Is lost to sight, When falsehood and dishonesty Its beauty blight.

## But friendship's roots are deep and strong,

And live for aye; Though blossoms fade, the parent plant Must always stay, And flowers of true sincerity Will bloom anew, When watered with forgiving love

And heaven's dew.  
—Cecil Bonham.  
Her Choice

A certain man in this community has an aptitude for after-dinner speaking. He has been heard at many important functions and has acquired quite a reputation for his eloquence and repartee.

At a recent dinner party his wife was asked which after-dinner speech of his she preferred. The lady looked up with the bouillon with a long-suffering expression. "I think the best

## His Difficulty

James Whitcomb Riley once attended a party at which were present a number of would-be literary people. One budding author, a young woman whose success had been considerably less than sensational, was accompanying the poor prices paid in the literary field.

## Obeying Orders

A visitor was entering a museum when he was stopped by the new doorkeeper. "Pardon me, sir," he said, "but you must leave your umbrella here."

## The Economical Way

Members of the faithful little flock in a town in Scotland had managed to build a church. Everything was considered complete—until it was discovered that the church had no bell. A campaign was started for funds for a bell, but the parish had been well drained, so the pastor sought funds from outsiders. He finally approached one farmer.

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The farmer listened, thought a moment and asked: "Ye say ye have a new choorch?"

"Yes," said the pastor. "An' noo ye want a bell for ut?"

"That's right." "Did ye na' say the choorch is heated by steam?"

"Yes." "Weel, then, my gude mon, why dinna ye put a whistle on ut?"

Greenville — Negro citizen of Greenville and Pitt county closed their Old North State Fund Drive with a total of \$85.69. It was reported here Tuesday.

The bulk of the amount was contributed by Greenville citizen, because of the impossibility of organizing the county in so short a time. The entire amount will be turned over to the Old North State Fund.

Members of the committee appointed by Gov. J. M. Broughton and Dr. C. M. Epps, C. C. McGlone and Dr. J. A. Battle, who with the local committee expressed

appreciation for the county's warm spirit of cooperation. This is a good time to make up your mind to save human life by driving carefully before you have that accident.

## Words And Deeds Amiss

By William Henry Huff

Your tongue is like an air gun trigger— It shoots away at everything But makes the shooter none the bigger Nor does it any fritage bring. I used to be such little gunner; I shot at birds I could not eat. Of every pet I made a runner Or else I punctured all its feet. In after years I learned the folly Of saddening others for my good. Let everyone around be jolly In everybody's neighborhood.

## In The Editor's MAIL BAG

The Editor The Carolina Times Durham, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

I assure you that I read with a great deal of interest your recent editorial under the caption, "PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH." When I finished reading it, however, I was both enlightened and confused.

I discovered from the editorial that it is your opinion that it was one of our Negro business institutions that transformed the individual referred to from a "raw, green" awkward backwoodsman to a respectable gentleman. I had not heretofore realize that the schools and colleges which he attended, the urban environment to which he had been exposed for such a long number of years, his church life, associates, other contacts, his own efforts and personal conduct had played NO part in this transformation, nor in fitting him for the position which he occupies and for making use of the opportunities offered him by the institution referred to. If it is true, however, that he was not affected by any of these things, then it is not surprising that he has not caught what you referred to as "the spirit of Durham."

I was a bit confused, however, when I found that your paper printed this scathing editorial without making an investigation or putting forth any effort whatsoever to get the facts and circumstances surrounding the case, or even considering the other side of the picture; that you made no effort to find out why Negro painters were not used, and that you gave no consideration to the fact that a Negro concern, Union Insurance and Realty Company, was given the contract for the woodwork and plumbing necessary and that this amounted to more than half the total cost of the painting job. I would not burden you with other observations which are just as pertinent.

As I thought of the "departed forebears" to whom you referred and held out as ideals, and recalled that they preached and practiced inter-racial cooperation as well as intra-racial cooperation, the real purpose of your editorial was not any the less confusing. This letter does not come to try to discourage you in your purpose to perpetuate the spirit of cooperation handed down by Merriek, Moore and Avery — I commend you upon that purpose — but merely to remind you that critical editorials about people and their personal affairs based on onclusion reached without due consideration of the whole picture and other extenuating circumstances do those people an injustice without attaining your purpose or perpetuating a genuine spirit of cooperation.

This is merely my opinion and I do not deny you have the right to your own, but as a regular reader of your editorials I would like to be able to feel that the opinions are informative, reasonably correct, reliable and fair in their appraisal of persons and situations.

Very truly yours,

A. T. SPAULDING

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