

THE HOUR OF TRUE LEADERSHIP

We think white and Negro leaders in Durham should be congratulated in that they have viewed the school suits, instituted by Negro parents on behalf of their children, with a marked degree of calmness and objectivity.

Poorly trained Negroes can no more make their full contribution to society than poorly trained white people if the Negro is going to be required to meet the same standards as others he must be given the same kind of training.

Heretofore Negroes have been the victims of a vicious circle. They have been told that they could not work on certain jobs because they were not trained. When they would request that their schools provide the kind of training for such jobs, they were told that they did not need it because there were no such jobs available for Negroes.

The suits in Durham, Plymouth, Wilson and other counties in which they are being contemplated, therefore, must be interpreted as a normal effort on the part of Negroes to break through these barriers that have to a great extent held them in economic bondage.

That the objectivity of the suits is fully understood on the part of all Negroes may be attested to by the solidarity which is being exhibited by all elements of the group, from the highest to the lowest. Such solidarity belies any suggestion that the suits have been instituted by a few disgruntled Negroes.

Such solidarity sounds a note of warning to weak-kneed Negro leaders who may waver under anticipated and expected pressure of the old Broughton type. Such pressure is sure to come from certain well-known sources on top Negro leaders to desert the cause at its most strategic moment.

The hour is at hand when every true leader will rise to the occasion and false ones will slink to their dens of self aggrandizement. The hour is at hand when true friends of the Negro in this State will be made known. The hour is at hand when honest leaders of both races will keep the faith they have had in each other through the years, a faith that has been established on the firm ground of mutual respect and admiration and not the false ground of deceit, prejudice and malice.

A NEW PARTY NEEDED

The recent appointment of a Negro to the National Platform Committee of the Young Republican National Federation is only a drop in the bucket of what it is going to take to lure the Negro back to the Republican fold.

The formation of a coalition of Republican leaders with Southern Democrats in Congress to halt the attempt to pass civil rights legislation has made the name Republican odious to many once dyed-in-the-wool Negro faithfuls of the G. O. P.

What this country really needs is a new party to take the place of the Republican Party that apparently is gasping for its last breath. Unless

something is done in this direction soon, or a miracle man is found to resurrect the G. O. P., we in the United States may find ourselves a nation of a one-party system.

It probably would not be a bad idea for the Dixiecrats and right wing Republicans to form a party of their own based on the principles for which both of these out-of-date elements stand. Then there could be more party harmony within the ranks of the Democratic party and more work done in Congress.

As it now stands the Democrats are attempting to run with the wolves and gallop with the hounds in that they are endeavoring to satisfy both their Southern and Negro constituency, a thing that will ultimately prove to be an impossibility.

A GRAND AND GLORIOUS OCCASION

Conspicuous by their absence at the Democrats grand and glorious conference and Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner last Saturday in Raleigh were Negro Democratic bigwigs, or should we say little wigglers. If they were invited they had sense enough to not show up, all except one wee wiggle Negro who usually imposes himself on occasions of this kind because he thinks he is a bigwig.

Such events remind thoughtful Negroes that in the South they are far from being recognized as first-class citizens, and that their plight as participants in democracy is a sad one. Sad because they have no other political party to join that is worth the effort.

Here was an occasion that was meant to drum up support for the party that so much likes to boast of its Jeffersonian principles which de-

clare again and again for the equality of all men. In spite of this claim not a one of the loyal Negro Democrats of the entire State or South was present as an official participant in this grand and glorious occasion.

The clarion call was for all good Democrats to rally to the cause personally and financially... they came from far and near, but nary a single Negro showed his face and nary a single Negro was wanted. In fact, we doubt seriously if a Negro's \$50.00 donation for a plate at the banquet that topped the rally was even wanted.

Well, now all good Negro Democrats are expected to beat the bushes, get out the Negro vote and remain loyal to the cause of Jeffersonian Democracy. Well, Well, Well!

THE WRONG BUS

The announcement of former Senator Robert R. Reynolds that he will seek the Democratic nomination for the U. S. Senate is no surprise as he had already indicated that he would run for the office. There is an element of surprise in the fact that he is willing to oppose Senator Frank P. Graham.

Whatever it is that happens to political office seekers must be a peculiar disease in that it can suddenly make a rational person such a numbscull as to believe that he has a chance to be nominated or elected to any office under any and all circumstances.

That former Senator Reynolds would select Senator Graham as his opponent, instead of Senator Clyde R. Hoey, a decidedly weaker statesman, is probably due to the fact that Mr. Reynolds believes Dr. Graham will be less formidable because of his liberalism.

Time, we believe, will prove that the deductions

of the former senator are all wrong. We predict that Dr. Graham will win the nomination by an overwhelming majority and that the defeat will be so decisive Mr. Reynolds will never have the courage to again present himself as a candidate for public office.

In spite of what sometimes appear to the contrary, there is a fast growing element of white people in North Carolina that believes in right, without regard to race, color or creed. It is this element that will rise up at the appointed time and assert itself to halt the kind of reactionary statemanship that Mr. Reynolds' election would perpetuate.

The former senator has not missed the bus, but he has taken the wrong one. He would have had a much better chance to defeat Senator Hoey than he would have to unseat Senator Graham. To your tents Oh Ethiopians!



Spiritual Insight

"PURIFIED DESIRE"

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"Thou shalt not covet..." Ex. 20:16.

Desire, selfish desire, has been a constant threat to man's inner spiritual and moral peace. Thus to covet is to desire, long for and crave for that which rightly belongs to another. Covetousness is rooted in human desire. The root word means desire. An ancient spiritual wizard, therefore, was right when he said that desire is the root of all suffering. It is the root of all sin. Was it not desire which turned Eden, the place of "Delight," into spiritual and moral darkness? Adam and Eve desired infinite wisdom. And thus unpurified desire brought a black-out in Eden.

This commandment reminds us that purified desire comes to us when we are dominated by the Divine will. Covetousness is a hindrance to godliness which flows from a purified desire.

They alone find purified desire who have freed themselves from the barbed-wire entanglements of blind selfishness. This blessed state will not come to those who have grown satisfied with human imperfections. Man, left to himself, cannot achieve this spiritual blessedness. God alone prepares us for it by inner purging and cleansing.

Nicodemus was looking for it but Jesus told him he had to have a Divine operation of the soul. This is a priceless possession of peace and joy. With it, you are on your way to true happiness. The writer of Ecclesiastes found it in the will of God. Thus purified desire is a Divine gift. Conflict and warfare grow in the soil of unpurified desire. Individuals, races and nations have craved what belonged to others. This flame first burns in the minds and thoughts of men. Next we have the passionate propaganda called the "cold war." And finally the thought of the mind finds outward and overt expression in aggressive deeds. This is fed and given life by falsehoods and half truths. The passion burns until it moves us into a hot war with its train of evils.

Covetousness has followed the Church on the foreign mission fields. It has gone before or walks close behind the Church. This unpurified desire strangles the mighty power of the Religion of Jesus. We see it in India, China and Africa. An American leader of Religion, dean of a leading Theological School, visited Africa the past Summer; he tells us of the increased bitterness among the natives. A week or so ago a leading Chinese

Christian made the same indictment. Unpurified desire has stymied the Church on foreign soil. It has made the power of Pentecost putrid and anemic. It has denaturalized the Church. The life-giving word is failing to satisfy spiritual hunger. Love has degenerated into a worthless sentimentality. The Salt has lost its savor. Now in China we see it being trampled underfoot by the vigor, daring and imagination of a ruthless and Godless idea. This idea sweeps on as we stand in fear and trembling. We must rediscover the mighty passion of a purified desire—purged by the power of God.

Covetousness has led us down a blind, dead-end alley. It led us from the path where we met God. We have lost our power. Like a mighty robber, it has stripped us of our power. The lost and disinherited yearn for bread and we give them a stone. They want love and we give them pride and hatred. They want the touch of life and we give them death and decay. God's peace and joy are found in purified desire. With Isaiah in the Temple, we must realize that God must Purge us—he alone has the gift of purified desire.

What Other Editors Say

Under the rules the next opportunity to extract measures from the Rules Committee's files will be the second Monday in February. However, Feb. 13 happens this year to be a holiday, which probably postpones the whole issue until Feb. 27, the fourth Monday. By that time the waiting list will doubtless be as long as it is today—maybe longer. Unless strong pressure is brought to bear the outlook for a House vote on FEPC or any other civil rights measure is not likely on Feb. 27 or any other early date. The administration, as in duty bound will do what it can. But perhaps the folk at home might make their wishes felt, too; they might remind their own Representatives that these honorable gentlemen are in Washington to represent their constituents and not to take dictation from Congressional minorities.

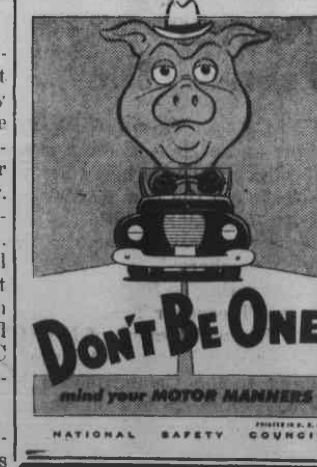
—New York Times, Jan. 23, 1950

The battle for Fair Employment Practice legislation isn't lost; it has just begun. We say this emphatically because some left-wing critics of the Administration, striving to prove their preconceived case against Mr. Truman, have hastily conducted funeral services for FEPC. Their eagerness to abandon all hope confirms our belief that the greatest spiritual blow which the pro-Communist left could suffer is enactment of an FEPC law that Man Truman occupies the White House.

—New York Herald Tribune, Jan. 26, 1950

that lie ahead. Speaker Rayburn's performance in sidetracking the measure was a cruel and disgraceful exhibition. If his heart belongs to the Dixiecrats, it would be an act of minimum decency for him to abdicate the role of leadership. The President last week observed that James F. Byrnes is free to do as he damn pleases in his crusade against the Administration and all its works. So is Rayburn—once he ceases to pretend to speak for the President and the Democratic Party. If Mr. Truman has not made that clear to the gentleman from Texas, it is time that he did; there is no issue which more clearly tests the sincerity and conviction of the White House than FEPC.

—New York Post, Jan. 25, 1950



Browsing Brower BY FRANK BROWER

Anything You Can Win Can Collect When your lips make a date That your hips can't take, The journey is too long, Brother, you're over the hill. Did you give to M. O. D.—ROXIE.

- CHINESE POEM --- Nice nite --- In June --- Stars Shine --- Big Moon --- In park --- On Bench --- With girl --- In elch --- Me say me love --- She soo --- Like dove --- Me smart --- Me fast --- Never let --- Chance pass --- Get hitched --- Me say --- O. K. --- Wedding bells --- Ring ring --- Honeymoon --- Everything --- Settle down --- Happy man --- Another nite --- In June --- Stars shine --- Big moon --- Ain't happy --- No more --- Carry baby --- Walk floor --- Wife mad --- She fuss --- Me mad --- Me euss --- Life one --- Big spat --- Nagging wife --- Brawling brat --- Me realize --- At last --- Me too --- Dan fast --- Yuk, Yuk.

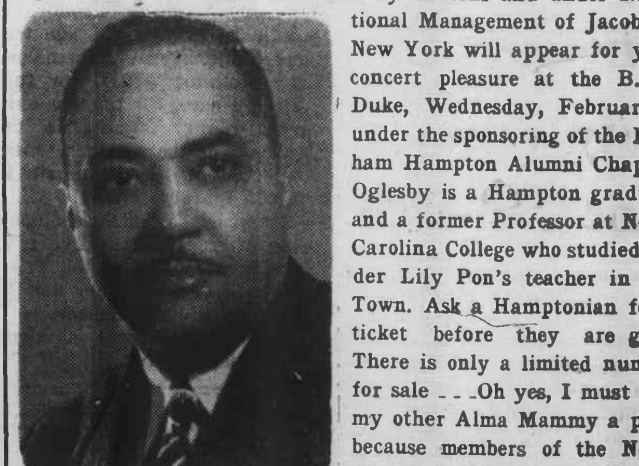
N. C. STATE CONFERENCE --- The North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the NAACP held a meet at Hotel Alexander in Charlotte past bathday headed by Kelly Alexander where the two Civil Rights Cases were endorsed, i. e. "The Epps Case" and the Durham public school suit for equalization. Another suit, (the Daniel Cousins Case) will be appealed by the National NAACP with the condition precedent of no liability for past expenditures and from here on out it be exclusively under the NAACP banner --- Congressman Harold D. Cooley of the 6th District writes a letter to Mrs. Ruth Morgan, "Dear Ruth: I will bear in mind your comments on H. R. 4453" --- Hoey is definitely against the the FEPC, and Graham is in favor of a Rooster without a spur, a voluntary FEPC --- Carl Durham says our race doesn't vote enough, and a sepiam man definitely stayed behind "that afternoon in D. C." to talk, and it wasn't Booth --- Most active white member of this organization in North Carolina is Rev. Ernest Shufelt of the Southern Pines branch branch headed by Mr. King --- Brower and Johnson made members of the State Legal Staff --- A non-partisan drive is now under way to register 250,000 votes for 1950, in this state.

REHASHING THE BLUES AND FUTURE NEWS --- The Ninth Annual Meeting of Hayes-Taylor Memorial YWCA on East Market Street in Greensboro was held January 26th --- According to Greensboro socialite Mrs. Goldie Hargett, Mrs. Raymond Pace Alexander (Sadie) addressed a Sunday afternoon group after an informal Coffee Hour at 1108 Gorrell by the Delta Sigma Theta Saturday nite --- Sister Larry Donnell, the latest singation and his favorite band by Paul Williams will appear and use Black Magic on his fans at the Planters Warehouse come February 4th. No more Armory because the State Guard wont permit the use of the balcony where supplies are stored and can't be locked --- Sociologist Noveta Green of Southern University has returned to Durham after graduation for possible employment.

MIDDLE DISTRICT COURT --- Which opens here has a jury list of three colored out of 56 names for the Federal juries, and they are George Cox of Durham, A. L. Farrington of Chapel Hill, and Grant Garrett of Leasbury according to Clerk Henry Reynolds --- The Epps case against UNC and the State, and the group of Durham against the N. C. Board of Eddy and the local which were scheduled this Wednesday and was continued to April term by request of the State. Policeman to a husband staggering home at 4 A. M. "Where are you going to this time of nite?" He answered in queasy voice "To a lecture and a fite."

DO YOU WANT THIS COLYUM 'TINUED --- We are sorry that we left out Browsing with Brower, but the make man had to take Hadaeol for a full page. Fact is, we wanted to see if anybody cared, and to see if you were still reading it. We found out and the consequent reaction has convinced us, but the cards and letters were not from those we expected to write in our behalf.

ISADOR OGLESBY HERE NEXT WEEK --- This native son with a fine tenor acclaimed by millions and under National Management of Jacobi of



New York will appear for your concert pleasure at the B. N. Duke, Wednesday, February 8 under the sponsoring of the Durham Hampton Alumni Chapter. Oglesby is a Hampton graduate and a former Professor at North Carolina College who studied under Lily Pon's teacher in Big Town. Ask a Hamptonian for a ticket before they are gone. There is only a limited number for sale --- Oh yes, I must give my other Alma Mammy a plug, because members of the North Carolina College Alumni not only contributed to the Mile of Dimes by check but gave unselfishly of their time headed by Miss Ida Bass in theater-solicitation at the Regal while the Boy Scouts were at the Booker T. by courtesy of Messrs. Schooler, Bennett and White.

DOROTHY DASHES --- One of the cutest couples the Irving Brooks in the January 14th edition --- A devoted sight Howard Smith and Annie --- RURAL NEWS and compliments to Gladys Mason and Johnnie D. --- Celebration at the O. Masons on Highway 54 --- Leigh Whipper whose dotter wrote for New York paper is the uncle of Milton Woods --- Peter Stanford (real name Elmer Malcolm) native of Warsaw and now resident of Big Town again as of past Friday) has taken his pretty spouse the former Epee Scarborough back to the lights. He worked in drama at A. and T. and North Carolina College and after accomplishing successful standing in college plays got substantial recognition as a thespian in Anna Lancaster and plays of the "Negro Repertory Theatre." Both contributed considerably to the recent March of Dimes Campaign --- ORCHIDS to the talented Hillside school teacher and artist who purchased a home and heard wedding bells almost simultaneously, making good rain pour in lucky life. She is now Mrs. Walter Green and the former Miss G. M. Moore --- Send all straggling March of Dimes contributions to the March of Dimes Division Chairman, Offices of Attorney W. Frank Brower, Second Floor of the Logan Building, over the Donut Shoppe, or telephone 5-7751 and the donation will be called for. Goodnite Voter.

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We do not minimize the reverse met so far or the obstacles