

The Carolina Times

THE TRUTH UNBIDDEN

Published Every Saturday By
THE CAROLINA TIMES PUBLISHING CO.
518 East Pettigrew Street Durham, N. C.
Phones: 5-9873 — 5-0671 — 3-7871
Member National Negro Press Association

VOLUME 30—NUMBER 1 SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1953

It is absolutely impossible for the CAROLINA TIMES to guarantee the exact time of publication or location in the paper of unsolicited articles, but will strive to conform with the wishes of its reading public as near as is humanly possible.

Entered as Second Class matter at the Post Offices at Durham, North Carolina under the act of March 3, 1879.

National Advertising Representative Interstate United Newspapers, 545 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, New York. Branch Office: 5 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

L. E. AUSTIN Editor and Publisher ADA HANNAR City Editor
ALEXANDER BARNES Managing Editor M. B. HUDSON Business Manager
WILLIAM COOK Circulation Manager

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

6 MONTHS	\$2.00	FOREIGN COUNTRIES	Per Year \$4.00
1 YEAR	\$3.00	3 YEARS	\$9.00

The Proper Treatment Of Persons Under Arrest

The Carolina Times looks with serious disfavor on the apparent unwarranted beating which a policeman of Durham administered to Clarence Jones, an innocent Negro, who was placed under arrest here several days ago. In so doing we think that we will have the support of every decent citizen of this city, all of whom are anxious that the Durham Police Department be kept on the high level at which it has operated under the leadership of Chief H. E. King. We would not like to see the department revert to the days when officers of the law in Durham gained entrance to homes by kicking down doors, and resorted to beating up and shooting down Negro citizens on the least provocation.

A man who has been placed under arrest is at the mercy of the arresting officer and should be protected by that officer rather than abused. Certainly if he is not resisting arrest no decent or intelligent policeman should feel it his right to force a confession out of him by beating or administering some other punishment. To guess that the arrested man is guilty of a crime merely because he meets the description of one wanted for

such is not enough. An officer of the law should know and after knowing he should use only the necessary force to keep his prisoner under arrest.

It so happens that the suicide attempt of Jones failed and that later he was proved not to be the person sought and, therefore, was released. Had he succeeded in his effort to take his own life, because of despondency over being wrongfully beaten and the prospect of serving another term on the road for a crime he did not commit, we think the arresting officer would have at least been guilty of contributing to his death.

This newspaper has for the past several years stood behind our police department. In several instances we have given it the benefit of doubt in cases involving what appeared on the surface to be questionable methods in perfecting arrests. We have done this because we have had an abiding faith in the type of men who now compose the Durham police. We would not like to lose that faith, and it is our sincere hope that a similar occurrence as that surrounding the arrest and treatment of Clarence Jones will not again occur in this city.

Lone Negroes In White Groups

At Winston-Salem the lone Negro member of the City Board, the Rev. W. R. Crawford, is fighting an all-out battle to allow members of his race to use the Reynolds Auditorium, a tax supported school building. Both the building and the land were donated to the city by Mrs. Katherine S. Johnson of the Reynolds' family with the stipulation that "if the city shall fail to maintain a public school on this property for a period of three years, the property shall revert to the heirs of Katherine S. Johnson."

At a recent meeting of the school board, Rev. Crawford and one other member voted to abolish a "white only" policy which prohibits Negro citizens and taxpayers from using the auditorium, but forces them to pay taxes for its support. The one other member was Mrs. W. K. McGhee who stated that "the question should be left up to various civic and cultural groups of the city."

In protesting, Rev. Crawford labeled the policy "un-Christian and undemocratic." In his reply to the chairman of the board, who stated that he had talked to many citizens who told him that they felt that "the time is not quite ready," the Rev. Crawford shot back:

"Of course the time is never ready if we never make steps for it." Mr. Crawford continued, "We don't know until we

make steps in that direction. A few Negroes have attended events at Reynolds Auditorium, and the people who went in white came out white and those who went in black came out black. Either we are out of line or we're not ready for progress."

Here you have a new type of lone Negro serving on a board with whites. This is indeed refreshing and points the way to other Negroes who happen to be members of boards, committees and other groups where they find themselves in the role of the only Negro. For experience has proved that only in rare instances do these Negroes take definite stands against established policies operating against their own people.

We commend Rev. Crawford for his forthright stand for democratic principles in this region of the nation that is trying desperately to prove that it is possible to have one brand of democracy for whites and another for Negroes.

When Negroes living in the South take such stands, they are not only safeguarding people. For in the end the white citizens of this country cannot escape reaping the certain harvest that comes from allowing one group privileges and benefits that are denied another.

Learning The Hard Way

North Carolina College officials are learning the hard way that you can't do business with Hitler or any of his kind. They awakened last week to discover that the promise made them last year by officials of the University of North Carolina that if NCC would accept a Doctor of Philosophy course in education, they would help the local college get its appropriation approved by the State Advisory Budget Commission, was just as worthless as the so-called promise of 40 acres and a mule made Negroes during the Civil War.

What NCC officials should have told UNC officials was, first get the appropriation approved and we will talk to you about the Ph.D. course. As it now stands the college has a phoney Ph.D. course in education on its hands and no money for a building to house

it, to say nothing about money for other buildings it had requested.

As quiet as it has been kept about the only respectable increase that has been approved for NCC has been that of the president's salary that was hiked \$3,000, in an apparent attempt to keep him from kicking the traces in this most notorious scheme of the State to keep Negroes out of the University of North Carolina.

If the appropriation is not finally approved before the curtain is rung down on the current session of the legislature, we hope and trust that when action is brought in the federal courts to gain admission to Ph.D. training in education and in other fields, that N. C. College officials will at least keep their noses out of the affairs and assume a hands off attitude.

"The United Nations Must Not Let Them Push Back The Clock"



Spiritual Insight

"The Unfailing Word"

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church



"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away..." —MATT. 24:35.

We need the understanding support of the unfailing and imperishable word of God. Amid the perishable we need the assurance of the imperishable. There is too much pessimistic and hopeless thinking in our times. I know of a sure remedy for the atmosphere of gloom and doom: IT IS THE UNFAILING WORD OF GOD. Do you mean it is that simple. Yes! The remedy is daily meditative, careful and prayerful reading of the Eternal Word. God's word will drive away the gloom. The word of God gives the assurance that there are something that do remain and shall not pass away. Every mortal, sinful creature of a passing moment needs this assurance.

We need the words that Isaiah spoke to his nation during the disruption of his times: "THE WORD OF GOD SHALL STAND FOR EVER." God's word is eternal. God's word gives strength I know, for many are the times it has strengthened

me. Job says "Thy WORD HAS KEPT MEN FROM FALLING" God's word gives courage to endure: This is one of the great needs of our times. God's word banishes our fear. God's word changes our weakness into strength: God's word is a light for Life's dark places. Let us, then, turn to God's word that we may be able to find the courage and power to ENDURE.

We need a change of diet! What can be expected of those who feed on a diet of gloom and doom? We see and hear it almost everywhere—the newspapers, the radios, the magazines and televisions. Feed on despair and you will become a despairing cry baby. Thus may I suggest, my friend, that you change your diet. Get off the diet of gloom and doom! Cease being a GLOOMY GUY AND A WOEFUL WILLIE! Take your stand on the word of God. Feed on the word of God. I have found this helpful: READ THE WORD AND PRAY BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE IN THE MORNING. Feed on the word of God—nourish and nu-

ture the mind and the soul with LIFE-GIVING VITAMINS OF THE SPIRIT.

Physically, vitamins are essential—your doctor will tell you that I am a Physician of the soul or spirit—I prescribe spiritual vitamins as found in the word of God. The word of God represents the best source of spiritual vitamins revealed to man. In prayer and meditation feed your soul a daily portion of the BREAD OF HEAVEN.

Why are we suffering from spiritual malnutrition and under-nourishment? Why do we have full stomachs and empty souls? Why do we have big bank accounts and poverty stricken souls? Feed on the word daily and see your outlook and mood change. Why die of starvation when you have the vast store of riches of your heavenly Father? Now isn't it silly—it is downright stupidity! Be wise—wake up and live! There is a famine in the land. The word of God inspires and nourishes the things we need most; faith, love, self-sacrifice and deep inward peace of soul.

WITHIN And AMONG

Alfred F. Andersen

Dear fellow seekers... If we are correct in our interpretation of the F. O. R. Statement of Purpose, that its central purpose is to implement the F. O. R. commitment to seek to make love "serve as the true guide of personal conduct in all circumstances", then we may rightly be asked how it has become so generally thought of as an anti-war organization; not only by non-members but by some members as well. We acknowledge this problem and turn now to an attempted answer.

It is one thing to mouth platitudes about "brotherly love", "The Kingdom", etc., and it is another thing to "do the will"... "of Him who sent me". It used to be derogatory to say that a thing was "a dime a dozen"; but this would be a gross overstatement as words are used today. Words are so cheap and plentiful that many of their creators gladly pay people to take them away. This may sound like vulgar metaphor; but isn't it essentially accurate? A case in point is the peace talk of the major powers today. Less peace talk and more peace action would certainly be welcomed by all of us. It is this that the F. O. R. recognizes. It makes very little of its written statement of purpose.

It asks rather to be judged by its implemented (active, living, functional) purpose as evident in the living complex. And following from this point it feels instinctively that for the bulk of mankind, the greatest threat and temptation to the life it would demonstrate is the modern military state, whether American, Russian, or otherwise. That is why it feels, as we have felt in this column, that when speaking to the "general public" its first responsibility is to make clear that here is one group that will not fall in line. Here is one group which still stands in essentially the same relation to the military state as the early Christians did to the Roman Empire of their day. In short, in answer to the state's demand that it be regarded as morally superior to all other considerations the F. O. R. replies that it cannot acknowledge this; that its prime loyalty remains with something, to be sure less tangible, but also something more inalienable with corresponding inalienable rights and responsibilities of which it can embrace no contradictions. And (here is the practical consequence) some of the demands made by the modern military state do contradict this more basic inalienable loyalty... notably militarism itself! Therefore it is notably up-

on militarism as such that we (the F. O. R. still speaking) focus our objection and thereby (as far as the general public and the state is concerned) attempt to honestly clarify and represent what is our highest loyalty and our committed-to way of life.

We offer this as the essential explanation, then, for the generally narrow interpretation of what the F. O. R. most basically stands for.

As with every organization there are minor contradictions and side-excursions which the F. O. R. and its individual members make from this ideal as stated. Human failings inevitably enter in. But nevertheless my observation has been that the more basic commitment is often returned to as a determinant of policy and specific direction in the life of the F. O. R.

Having said this, there is one point consistent with the essential F. O. R. position which seems to me important and which, due to practical involvement, has not been generally recognized by the F. O. R. itself. It will take several installments of this column to make clear what I mean and to be persuasive. But at least we can give a hint here at the start.

We have said that one practical consequence of embracing the F. O. R. position is the moral impossibility of accepting militarism as a means of settling disputes. This puts the F. O. R. outside of the modern military state, since militarism is one of its biggest projects and one to which its whole economy and politics is oriented. To be sure, the motive claimed is the prevention of aggression police-wise. But it is quite clear that militarism is overwhelmingly accepted as the ultimate means and as a legitimate means.

This is a direct contradiction of the F. O. R. position. How, then, can F. O. R. members continue to be, and to consider themselves (ye even seek to become!) full participating members of the military state? A state is characterized by the order it would administer and the means it would use to administer it. And F. O. R. must consistently maintain that the means are most important in that they determine largely the order that in fact results. If the means accepted by the modern state is so overwhelmingly militarism, How then can the F. O. R. accept as members persons who remain full state citizens, let alone be an agent for said state in securing financing for its program?

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. WILSON HARDER

Trying to foresee the future is a hobby in Washington today. The soothsayers are unsure. For one thing, the nature of some appointments to high administrative offices is puzzling. Therefore, for the first time in two decades, the platform of the incoming party is being read and re-read doubly to seek clues to the future.

Many see in this platform a return of consumer credit regulations, such as were known in the past as Regulation W.

Several months ago, Congress took away from the Federal Reserve Board the power to control consumer credit. But in the GOP platform it is stated that one project will be "a Federal reserve system exercising its functions in the money and credit system without pressure for political purposes."

The restoration of the power to control credit will be backed by some of the bigger financiers of the nation. Many of these people claim consumer credit produces inflation, does not encourage personal savings.

On the other hand, those opposed to credit controls take this stand: There is nothing wrong with people buying out of income, the produce of American factories. It is probably an expensive system of distribution due to interest charged the buyer, but this is overcome by the movement of merchandise.

There is no precedent for the American system of installment buying, at any time in the world. However, in no other country in the world has it been possible.

© National Federation of Independent Business

for so many people to enjoy, and eventually own, so much goods.

Many of the financiers who deplore easy consumer credit in the U. S. are deeply involved in government guaranteed Marshall Plan and Mutual Security financing of European plans.

For example, Communist Tito's Yugoslavia has a commitment of \$132,900,020, and almost all of this commitment is held by the Chase National Bank of New York.

Communists are not considered good credit risks.

Credit extended Yugoslavia merely goes to build the state controlled industry of a Communist regime.

But Joe American has a reputation for meeting his obligations. Credit losses on installment buying are less than one-half of one per cent. And both American industry and business gains by this credit system.

Then comes the argument that credit to Joe American builds up inflationary forces.

But just the other day, in just one minor transaction of the MIA, 600,000 in U. S. dollars was allocated to buy sugar in Canada to sell to Denmark.

Many Washington observers feel the biggest single defect of the Federal government in approaching problems of credit and inflation, is the neglect of government to consult with those who know the subjects.

The nation's independent bankers and the nation's independent businessmen, who work closely with the people of America, have a "grass roots" picture of what these engaged in international financing. These are the people who must live by, for, and with the American economy.

4-H Foundation Meets At A. & T. College

GREENSBORO

The camp site committee of the 4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., was given full authority to procure immediately, adequate camp facilities for Negro 4-H Club members in the state, in a decision reached in the annual membership and board of directors meeting held last week at A. and T. College.

A drive which began in 1951 to procure funds for the establishment of a camp for the boys and girls and to, generally implement the 4-H Club program in the state, appeared nearer reality following the meeting last week. William C. Cooper, 4-H specialist of the A. and T. Extension Service, stated that the camp should be ready prior to the end of the year.

E. Ray Hodgins, treasurer of A. and T. College, who also serves as treasurer of the foundation, reported that the organization has now on hand nearly \$30,000 of the original goal of \$50,000. Plans were completed through which the balance will be raised prior to the end of 1953.

Present plans for the camp call for the construction of four basic buildings to include: a kitchen, dining hall, assembly and recreation building, infirmary and workers quarters. Cabins will be constructed by the participating counties on a cooperative basis.

All of the offices were re-

MARYLAND EXTENSION SERVICE APPOINTS IT'S FIRST NEGRO DISTRICT HOME AGENT

WASHINGTON

Appointment of the first Negro district home demonstration agent in Maryland has been announced by the Maryland State Extension Service in a report received last week by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The agent is Mrs. Ezelle M. Gregory who resigned from a similar supervisory position in Texas to accept the newly created post in Maryland on Jan. 1. She will supervise seven home demonstration agents in eight counties and the city of Baltimore. These workers assist homemakers with problems in home management and home improvement, such as meal planning, food preservation, and the purchasing, making, and repairing of clothing.

Mrs. Gregory says one of her first jobs will be the development of a home demonstration and 4-H club program designed to meet some of the major needs of homemakers. She says she expects conferences with the homemakers to reveal a need

for increased emphasis on nutrition and consumer education.

The district agent was reared in Texarkana, Texas, and was graduated from Prairie View A. and M. College, Prairie View, Texas, in 1938 with a degree in home economics. She has done graduate work in her field at the University of Minnesota.

Her experience in home demonstration work goes back to 1940 when she was appointed home demonstration agent in Navarro County, Texas, with headquarters at Corsicana. She later held a similar position in Tarrant County with headquarters at Fort Worth. And during the height of the wartime food emergency, the home economist supervised food conservation activities in 18 north east Texas counties. Since 1949, she has served as district home agent of these same counties.

Mrs. Gregory's appointment brings the Maryland Negro Extension staff up to seven home agents, seven farm agents, and two supervisors.

Others attending the board meeting were: R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro; H. R. Reeves, Ayden; H. V. Floyd, Louisville; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Garysburg; H. N. Dowdy, Washington; A. G. Thompson, Lumberton and Dr. F. D. Bluford of A. and T. College.

Leod, Lexington, was elected to replace George Coble of the same city.

Others attending the board meeting were: R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro; H. R. Reeves, Ayden; H. V. Floyd, Louisville; Mrs. Emma Johnson, Garysburg; H. N. Dowdy, Washington; A. G. Thompson, Lumberton and Dr. F. D. Bluford of A. and T. College.