

Let's Improve The Situation

Why was a CAROLINA TIMES representative barred from a recent meeting of the grievance committee of the hospital board in which a Negro citizen of this community was appearing in order to restate and substantiate her charge of willful mistreatment by nursing personnel while she was a patient at the Victoria Hospital?

Was the TIMES representative barred because there were some hospital officials who did not want this particular representative of the TIMES to add to his knowledge additional information concerning what appears to be a very unwholesome situation with respect to Negro patient-care and Negro staff relations at the hospital?

Whether present or absent, the situation at Victoria Hospital is such that stories of poor patient-care and poorer staff relations, with respect to Negroes, are fast becoming

common knowledge in the Negro community. And as a result, there are definite indications that the Negro people of this community are becoming disturbingly disillusioned about what has happened since the closing of the Asheville Colored Hospital. The results, apparently, have been somewhat short of approaching the promises made to the Negro people a few years ago at the time when funds were being solicited in order to build the newly-completed new Medical Center of Western North Carolina.

If conditions for Negroes are bad with respect to patient-care and employment in the present situation and with completion of the new Medical Center scheduled for sometime this Fall, it would certainly appear that the Negro people of this community need to take steps immediately to assure and make certain that the Negro people of this community are not being "cut

short" in any respect.

Therefore, it would seem advisable, and urgently so, that appropriate steps be taken to organize a competent and representative group of citizens for the purpose of making a study and investigation into every phase of the hospital's operations, and that such conclusions that are validly reached, be translated into the proper practices and procedures for the operations, henceforth.

In the meanwhile, may we suggest that the policy-making and executive officials of the hospital take an unprejudiced and objective look at its operations, especially where Negro patients and Negro personnel are involved, in the interest of and with the view toward improving staff relations and improving patient-care.

Let's improve the situation; don't let it get worse.

The Readers Speak

THE MISEDUCATION OF A COLLEGE YOUTH-II

Editor's Note: The writer of following letter is discussing an article appearing in a recent issue of the 'Daily Tar Heel, the student newspaper at the University of North Carolina. The first part of this letter was printed in last week's paper. Following is the concluding portion.

The author of "The Perilous Hour" is also obviously not a student of Education, least he should know that any professor worth his salt and with the ability to teach in a university knows that there is no superior race, and all men are human beings. This information is not restricted to "northern professors".

Wood is surely not a student of Sociology, least he should know that no one race is endowed with the irresponsible, the uneducated, or the mentally retarded, that where there is equal opportunity, there is equal attainment, where there is equal environment, there is equal culture and the only difference in the races as a whole is economic and man made.

America cannot allow a misconception of social justice to retard her progress in a free world. The eyes of the Communist world are upon us... and each false move is maligned, misconceived and misjudged... with the air of men like Wood.

The common man was the pioneer in the building of this great country, and he gave of blood, sweat and tears, that this nation might become strong and powerful". The Negro was numbered among these men. And now with each passing day it is made clear that the world of the past is dead and gone...and that we are now living in a New World... that the common man has now become the New Man...so with the Negro, there is a New Negro; far different from the anti-bellum and Reconstruction day Negro.

As Mr. Moody says, "We must love our Negroes and forgive them for they know not what they do". I can say that the possessive, paternalistic attitude, once accepted by the Negro also went out with the anti-bellum and reconstruction days. The New Negro needs no forgiveness for he knows what he does. The New Negro takes his place in his search for freedom...and in his demand for full social justice, civil liberties and civil rights. Men like Wood, Hamilton, Clark and organizations like the K.K.K. will not deter him from the achievement of his goal.

Mr. Wood, the New Negro can not be "tamed" as you wish him...accepting your un-democratic ideas without

challenge. He can and will become "vicious"...vicious in the increased use of the ballot and of the courts in seeking his rightful place in society...not the place you wish to keep him. And for your information and the information of many who share your thoughts...the Negro does not wish to marry your daughters, he has many charming and cultured ladies of his own race from which to choose. There will always, of course be interracial marriages, but such are certainly not the aims of the race as a whole.

In closing may I quote from the Shrine's pledge a challenge to "The Perilous Hour" and to those who may share its views.

"We pledge ourselves, to the promotion, along with other thoughtful citizens, of modern and practical legislation by any governmental agency, that will rebound to the benefit of our "AMERICAN" way of life.

"We pledge ourselves, to support duly constituted authority, for the elimination of anti-social conditions, wherever found to exist, that we and all other people may enjoy a rich, round and fuller life.

"We pledge ourselves, to morally support and encourage every social agency, that has for its purpose the maintenance of the highest ideals of the people of the nation.

"We pledge ourselves, to cooperate fully in disseminating "Truth" among the people of the earth, to the end that "DEMOCRACY" shall prevail forever, and the peace of every nation be preserved."

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HD Women Meet At A & T College

GREENSBORO

"In living in America, with all of the rights and privileges which we enjoy, we likewise accept a civic responsibility which we must not shun", warned R. E. Jones, state agent of the North Carolina Extension Service as he delivered the principal address at the annual meeting of the Negro Home Demonstration Women of the western district held here at A. and T. College yesterday.

Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of the college gave the welcome address.

New officers for the ensuing year included: Mrs. Lillie Perry, Chatham County, president; Mrs. Martha Lipscomb, Rowan County, vice president; Mrs. Alice Clayton, Person County, secretary; Mrs. Ella Trice, Orange County, treasurer and Mrs. Mary Speight, Durham County, assistant treasurer.

"Moving Ahead, Despite All Obstacles"



Spiritual Insight

Understanding The Alcoholic

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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And they come to Jesus, and saw him that was possessed clothed in his right mind ... MARK 5:15.

Alcoholism and the alcoholic represent a growing national health and spiritual problem. It is a threat and a peril to the health and the well-being of our nation. There was one case that Jesus had to deal with which seemed to have some of all characteristics of the Alcoholic or the uncontrolled drinker: It is the mentally and spiritually sick man among the Gadarenes. Let us note the delicate compassion, understanding with which Jesus dealt with this case. Jesus did not curse, nag nor condemn the man. Jesus did not sit in judgement nor did he enter upon a long moral tirade. Why? The man needed understanding and healing. The man was sick. He needed healing. Mark says he "HAD COMPASSION ON HIM".

The Alcoholic or uncontrolled drinker is a sick man or woman and needs an understanding and healing touch. The Alcoholic has been the most misunderstood and abused character in our society. Here lies one of the great challenges of the Christian Church. What is the problem? We need a new attitude. We need to bring to

bear the compassion, understanding and love that Jesus brought to bear in a healing way upon the sick and troubled man among the Gadarenes. Read this beautiful story of the delicate skill of the master's healing touch in the case of this sick man. The Million alcoholics in our nation are sick and need the understanding and healing ministry of the religion of Jesus. We all have been too slow in understanding the spiritual beauty and power of the Religion of Jesus. We cannot, in our humanness, grasp the full meaning and import of the healing and redeeming powers revealed by Jesus Christ the son of God. We are too human to grasp the sublime spiritual beauty of the Christ as revealed in his relation with this helpless and sick man among the Gadarenes. Jesus understood. He loved the man. He healed the man. The man was saved for society. He too was precious in the sight of God. He too, was worthy to be saved. The Alcoholic is human. He is precious in the sight of God. Jesus ever had love and understanding for the most degraded wretch. Let us understand the Alcoholic. Let us show a Christian attitude. Let us try to heal and save the alcoholic. The Spirit of Jesus de-

mands that we build and rebuild men as well as fine Churches.

We need a new attitude—THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE! This attitude holds that every individual is precious in the sight of God and is worth saving. Too many Christians have shown the unchristian attitude to the sick and helpless alcoholic. What did Jesus say about the lost sheep? He said leave the ninety and nine and to search for the lost sheep. We must free ourselves, as Christians, from the old idea that the alcoholic is nothing but a no-good, wretched bum or sinner. He is a child of God. He is precious in the sight of God. He needs healing and rehabilitation. The Alcoholic is one of the lost sheep of our society. He is lost in the tangled maze of shame, guilt, remorse, fear, tension, abuse, condemnation, loneliness, confusion, agony, pain and sickness of body, mind and soul.

Just think what rejoicing will come if just one is reclaimed or healed. What happiness you will bring to a home, a wife, a husband, a mother, the children or friends if you can help in the healing of one Alcoholic. You will bring back a lost and sick one to the job, the home, friends, self esteem and respectability. (Please turn to Page Seven)

When Brotherhood Is Absent

Before you read this editorial get alone with yourself where you can think seriously and prayerfully about what it is going to say. You will need to be alone if you think us not evil for writing such harsh words against the Christian Church.

The greatest hours of segregation and absence of brotherhood in the United States is not at a baseball game, a prize fight, a theatrical performance, a speak-easy reeking with liquor, a gamblers' den nor a house of prostitution. All of these places manage somehow to find, every now and then, a common ground where their participants meet on one level for the promotion of their program. The greatest hour of segregation and absence of brotherhood is that between eleven and one-thirty on Sunday, when, in the name of Jesus, white and Negro Christians in this country gather in separate churches to worship and beseech the God of all mankind for help.

It is in that hour that Americans of all races sink to their lowest depth in hypocrisy and defiance of the teachings

of the founder of the Christian religion. The sports world, and the theatrical world may find a way for participants to get together without regard to race or creed and enjoy themselves. The drunkard and the prostitute may sometimes during their lives meet on a common level, drink liquor out of the same bottle or glass and revel in licentious living without regard to race or skin color. It remains for the Christian church and the Christian church alone to refuse to retreat one inch from its stand against the brotherhood of man.

The sports world, even in the deep South, is beginning to deal some telling blows against the evil of segregation. In Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia and other southern states Negroes are being accepted for their worth in baseball and other sports. It is alright for Joe Louis and Billy Conn and other pugilists to stage a prize fight together; it is alright for the Harlem Globetrotters to stage a basketball game in a white sports arena; and it is becom-

ing alright for Negroes to hit home runs in mixed ball games even in the South. But for Joe Negro and Billy Graham to save souls together must not be tolerated in high Christian circles.

So, instead of the Christian church in America promoting the brotherhood of man, it is the one institution above them all that stands in the way of its furtherance. For Negroes and whites to pray, sing and otherwise worship God together would be to pull down the last remaining fortress against the damnable evil of segregation. Its leaders know that men cannot call upon the true and living God together without eventually accepting the teachings that He is no respecter of person. They know that the closer man gets to God the more he realizes his own frailty and his total dependence on Him for existence. It is then that he fears to approach the throne without taking his brother with him. It is then that he realizes that he is his brother's keeper, and that both of them need to go up into the temple together to pray.

"Brain-Washing" In U. S.

You have been reading lately much about the technique of "brain washing" used by the Communists on American soldiers in far away China and Korea. You need not become too disturbed about "brain washing" being something new among the people of the earth. The only thing new is the name. Long before the Communists came into power and even until this very moment "brain washing" of Negroes in America has been used ever since the "first" boat load was brought to these shores and sold into slavery.

The Communists, who apparently are just learning about this method of thought control, could probably learn a great deal about "brain washing" from the United States, especially in the South. Here the method has been practiced for so long a time on Negroes that it is the accepted custom, and we abide any white man who dares refuse to keep the practice. If he refuses and is found accepting and treating Negroes as his equal, the "brain washing" machine in all its fury is then turned on him until he

too becomes a "brain washer" or accepts the custom without a "mumbling word."

Southern white men know this and many who feel that Negroes are being dealt insults, injustices and indignities almost beyond human endurance would like to speak out against them but are afraid of the consequences. Thus you will see all over the South, otherwise fine and upright white citizens, defy heaven and hell about unpaved streets, Sunday movies or Sunday baseball and other lesser evils, while they wink at a lynching, the rape of a Negro woman by a white man and other discriminations which the Negroes suffer.

As sad as is the plight of these white citizens, it is not half as sad as that of majority of the Negroes who, having been "brain washed," live and die without ever knowing that they are victims of one of the most fiendish practices ever concocted in the minds of evil men. Not even the most highly educated of the race escapes, for quite often you will see otherwise normal Negro men and women, holding masters and doc-

toral degrees, crawling up the backdoor stairs of a jim crow theater, accepting with relish segregated seats behind goal posts at football games and other indignities that only "brain washed" victims would endure.

So complete has been the "brain washing" job on Negroes that many of them will hire a taxi or walk long distances right by the most modern and up-to-date free delivery store operated by members of their own race and haul their groceries and other commodities home. Because of "brain washing" they actually believe that the sugar in the white store is just a little sweeter and the pepper just a little hotter.

Let there be no mistake about it, "brain washing" of Negroes in the United States is the most perfected of any in the world. Only the strong of heart and spirit in the race escapes this terrible indoctrination of the belief that only white is right. Only they can stand up against the eternal pounding on the mentality that equality, freedom and first-class citizenship are "for white only."

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

BY C. WILSON HARDER

A plan to solve newspaper problem is before Congress.

Background data supporting this plan was announced during Senate Small Business Committee study of newspaper situation about a year ago. Facts were found, for example, that the U. S. pays \$600,000,000 annually on Canada for 5/8's of its newspaper supply where producers appear to operate as a monopoly.

It is time for action, says C. W. Harder, Sen. Francis Case (Rep. S. D.). Case has introduced a bill that will permit a newspaper industry in the vast Tongass National Forests of Southeastern Alaska.

Although these reserves were held inviolate for years, recently permission was granted an international firm to cut pulp timber to make cellulose.

Senator Case feels time has come to protect interests of independent U. S. publishers.

His bill has several interesting provisions. A private company shall operate Alaskan newspaper industry. It must agree to reserve a certain percentage of production to meet needs of American newspapers with circulation of 10,000 or less.

back over 50 years.

Stronous objection to this bill from both domestic and foreign sources can be expected. Former State Department opposed action on newspaper problem.

But in Senator Case's mind the problem is quite simple. Preservation of American liberties, both political and economic, rest on a free and independent press in the smaller communities of the nation.

Due to price gouging by Canadian newspaper producers, many publishers must spend 50 cents out of every dollar taken in just for paper. Mortality among independent newspapers has reached a new high.

On the other side of the picture, more and more the big cities are being served only by a chain newspaper. And due to what many consider laxity by the Federal Communications Commission, television and radio station ownership is being given to big combines, many of them also having interests in metropolitan newspapers.

Thus, more and more, weekly and small daily newspapers remain the only institutions where freedom of expression is found in the United States.

Opposition to this bill will undoubtedly claim this is a plan by which newspaper publishers are trying to use the government to feather their own nests.

by Alfred Andersen

Within and Among

Dear fellow seekers...Our efforts thus far to lend plausibility to the "after-life thesis" are leading us to some kind of "transmigration of souls" picture. We have tried to show the necessity of continuity with "this life", particularly as regards those particular individuals (whether we have had spiritual embrace. For such spiritual fellowship is the stuff of the moral life. Moral life is inconceivable without it. This means that we are thinking in terms of an "after-life" as going on from this one as against one unrelated to it.

But if yonder postman was once a scampering canine at the feet of Cleopatra why does he not have recollection of it? If we have played other roles in Life before this one why can't we remember them? Well, perhaps we can as regards significant aspects. Perhaps this instinctive affection we have for lower forms of life has a history. Perhaps the soul's retreat to "nature" when the human scene becomes too ugly is an attempt to revive the past and perhaps this is a good thing. Perhaps insight into nature is one of the basic fruits of slowing down our life's tempo. Certainly Thoreau thought so. One cannot take time to read his accounts of communion with nature at Walden pond without feeling a basic

kinship there. To be sure most of us don't take such time to sound the depths of our lives. It takes time and thought to employ any kind of significant memory. And time and thought just isn't of this age. Yet we have seen from studies in hypnosis that it is possible to remember countless experiences which we thought were forgotten forever.

Some psychologists claim that no experience is ever forgotten; that it can, with proper preparation, be brought back to relaxation in all its colorful and emotional details. Fanatical Dianetics even claims to recall prenatal experiences, the act of conception itself! Yes, even conversations between the mating pair immediately prior to and during the conceptive act. However this may be, it seems definitely established that our potential memories go to tremendous depths. It seems reasonable to assume, however, that our present existence "strains out the details of "past lives" which are unrelated to presently familiar details. Thus our memories of "past-lives" would naturally be hazy and unintelligible beyond the realm of basic emotion. And this is in keeping with what we know of animal life, that animal thinking is so thoroughly instinctive and emotional as to be almost devoid of objectivity and self-consciousness seems almost exclusively confined to the human level; so much so that we

need not be surprised at hazy memory of our presumed experiences in "lower" consciousness.

All of this is of course perfectly consistent with the universally accepted theory of evolution (saying nothing for the moment about how evolution takes place and certainly rejecting the extreme tooth and claw theory). In fact, there seems evidence that the human embryo "re-lives" the entire evolutionary sequence from the single-celled Oemba on up. At one point the human body takes on the appearance of a fish complete with gills and tail. All signs of the gills are gone at birth, but a small remnant of the tail is evidently discoverable at the base of the spine. Is it possible that it is during this prenatal period that the human embryo "re-lives" its past "incarnations" as they relate to his present adventure? Certainly it is in this pre-natal stage that his past experiences are most pertinent. Isn't it plausible that even as "the race" has developed through the various stages from lowest form of life that the individuals now participating in the higher form of consciousness have been the very individuals who laid the groundwork in the struggles at the lower ranges? Something to think about, fellow seekers. Something to take within and prepare it for due influence among.

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