

STATE

A VOLUNTARY FEPC NEEDED IN EVERY COMMUNITY

Over the entire front of employment in North Carolina the situation is getting no better so far as Negroes are concerned. Although gains have been made in certain areas and many Negroes are now holding jobs from which they were once almost entirely barred, the overall picture is cloudy with members of the race being slowly but surely pushed out of employment.

perform skilled labor which requires higher wages and better working conditions. Thus the Negro is kept in the lower salary bracket where the most menial tasks are to be performed and the pay is generally the lowest. Even his membership in organized labor means little or nothing, for here he finds the policy likewise supported by white labor that in most instances requires that he belong to a segregated union or an auxiliary where the policy is not made but handed down by the white unit.

of white labor is the unanswered question and one that we will not attempt to anticipate here and now. Whatever and whenever the outcome, we would like to suggest that it not be waited for, and that each city, town or community organize now a kind of voluntary fair employment practice committee, composed of thinking members of both races who are willing to face courageous and frankly the problem of Negro employment, and that they not only discuss the question but do something about it.

IMPLICATIONS OF THREAT TO OUST DR. FRANK HORNE

EDITOR'S NOTE: Rumors around Washington are currently to the effect that Dr. Frank S. Horne, assistant to the administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, was informally requested about three weeks ago to tender his resignation from his post to make room for the appointment of a Republican, Joseph Ray, to the job. Both are Negroes. The rumor of Dr. Horne's threatened ouster has caused unprecedented comment among Negro leaders and the NAACP. Following is the first of two installments discussing implications of Dr. Horne's ouster by the TIMES Washington correspondents. The next installment will appear next week.

During the past 15 years, the housing agencies of the Federal Government have developed and utilized a group of specialists in public administration, housing and interracial adjustments that have become known collectively as "The Racial Relations Service." Their jobs in the field have been to work with city officials and private builders, lenders, real estate operators and community groups to expand the opportunities of Negroes and other nonwhite families to attain decent private and public housing. In Washington, their job has been to influence the policy and procedure of the Federal housing agencies to the end that Negroes would participate equitably and smoothly in all types of private and public housing as well as slum clearance and urban redevelopment programs. Through the years, this Service has become recognized as a distinctive contribution to public administration and improved racial relations throughout the Nation through its consistent efforts and achievements toward equalizing the opportunity for decent housing among all American citizens.

he is sponsoring the replacement of Horne with a real estate broker and builder of Louisville, Kentucky, who has been an active Republican political leader in that State for many years. This action represents the first time that the Racial Relations Service has been subjected to political pressure by either party in the 15 years of its existence. Numerous national organizations vitally concerned with housing and intergroup relations are protesting this proposed change as being not in the highest interest of public administration, housing, racial relations or of Negroes and the Nation at large. Both Ray and Horne are Negroes.

The basic issue involved is not simply the preservation of a certain individual in a certain job. Rather the fundamental effort is to preserve the integrity of a non-partisan professional Governmental Service, developed through a period of 15 years and conducted along sharply defined lines of Governmental policy and procedure. The purpose is to have this Service recognized as professional, technical and objective, comparable to the professional career technicians of such agencies as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Standards, and the Atomic Energy Commission; the objective is to avert the danger of its becoming the subject of patronage by either political party and prevent the disastrous effect of intruding the "Spoils System" upon a technical Federal Service.

There is no value here in disparaging others who may be under consideration for this top job or any other position in the racial relations operation in housing. There are now a number of individuals—white and Negro alike—with the type of training an experience in public administration, housing and intergroup relations who could qualify for and carry forward effectively top jobs in Federal housing programs.

The basic concern is that this Service goes forward, builds up its 15 years of cumulated experience so that the best interests of the Government are assured and Negro and other racial and minority families are served as fully as are families of other racial groups. The only justification for all-out efforts to avert the ouster of the head of this Service is to ensure continuous and consistent progress toward the goal that Negro and other non-white families get the same opportunity to bargain for decent housing in the open market as is available to any other American family.

The situation which has developed now, in which one Negro is being played off against another, represents a prime failure of white and Negro leadership—political and otherwise—to place the public interest and improvement of the housing of all races above the interests of any individuals or political parties. Joseph Ray of Louisville, (Please turn to Page Seven)

"BUT A CIVIL RIGHTS LAW WILL HELP, MR. PRESIDENT"



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SPENDING THE BOND ISSUE MONEY

Now that the \$72 million bond issue has been passed it becomes the duty of every citizen of the state to see to it that the money is spent in the areas where it is mostly needed. With only \$50 million to be spent on schools there is little hope that such a small amount will result in bringing Negro schools within speaking distance of equality with the state's schools for whites. The unfair practice of allotting to Negro schools only the crumbs that fall from the educational table in North Carolina has been going on for over three-quarters of a century, and it is not possible to undo such a wrong with such a small amount of money as \$50 million.

The CAROLINA TIMES feels that state educational officials will only show good intentions if they spend every dime of the \$50 million on Negro schools and that to do less will only give impetus to more federal school suits. If all the money is spent on Negro schools, Negro leaders might begin to have faith in the efforts of state officials to equalize educational facilities of white and Negro schools of the state. It will not, however, satisfy. The ultimate goal is absolute equality, and that can only come through integration.

We think that after nearly a century of being denied equal educational opportunities while at the same time being forced to pay the same taxes for the upkeep of super-ample schools for white citizens that the only just and fair procedure is to spend every dime of the \$50 million on Negro schools in the counties like Caswell, where last year the record showed that there were 21-one-teacher schools for Negroes with as many as seven classes being taught in many of them. This in view of the fact that in many areas where these schools exist a steam heated, brick school structure with ample classrooms is maintained for whites.

As far back as 1945, the legislature of the state passed a bill for the establishment of a Negro training school for feeble-minded children as a counterpart to the Caswell Training School, established in 1919 for feeble-minded white children. In spite of the fact that the bill was passed over seven years ago, nothing has been done, by succeeding legislatures to provide funds for the erection of the school.

In addition to the fact that the state maintains no school for feeble minded Negro children, it also maintains no hospital for Negro alcoholics as it does for its white citizens at Butner. Thus, not only in the field of education has the state been robbing its Negro citizens for a long number of years but also in the field of care for feeble-minded Negro children and that of alcoholics. The \$22 million ought to be spent entirely in providing such care and in making amends for the wrong that has been committed over so long a period.

The attempt to escape the full responsibility by crowding all of these needed facilities in the institution maintained for Negroes at Goldsboro is unfair, unjust and conducive to creating poorer race relations in this state. It is forcing Negroes to resort to the court to solve problems that ought to be solved over the conference table and by people who are concerned about each other's welfare without regard for race, creed or color.

GENERAL

GOSPEL HUSTLERS ON THE INCREASE

In the September 26 issue of several weekly newspapers there appeared a picture of Fathine Divine shaking hands with Prophet Jones while standing beside Fathine Divine was his wife clad in a silver mink coat. Neither of these two so-called religious leaders needs no introduction to the people of America. Whatever their claim on possessing supernatural powers will in time be nailed down as the truth or follow in the footsteps of other flimflammers and crooks.

the public's attention needs to be called to the fact that great religious leaders of the past whose work had lived after them have never been possessors of great material wealth. In a class by Himself and the most outstanding of them all was Jesus Christ. Said one writer of Him, the only piece of property He had on this earth was His cloak, and we would add that it was by no means a silver-mink cloak. When He was finally put to death by being hanged between two thieves they had to bury Him in a borrowed tomb. Imagine Him, His relatives or the type of people who would become His friend wearing a silver-mink coat.

More and more it is beginning to leak out about the nefarious schemes of present day gospel hustlers who fatten off the blood and sweat of religious dupes and fanatics. In spite of it all their tribe and their followers appear to be on the increase, so much so until we are beginning to wonder if it isn't possible to stretch too far this thing called religious freedom.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER. A step toward preservation of American free enterprise was presidential signature of the Small Business Act. This sets up the Small Business Administration empowered to make loans to independent business. Several facts were considered. Among them was the fact that under tax laws, it is practically impossible for a business to lay aside enough reserves for expansion by the time honored method of setting aside a part of earnings. Usually, a small business gets to a point whereby it remains static, must sell out to a big company or perish. While many private bankers would like to make more loans to independent business, they are handicapped by federal and local banking laws. Administrator W. D. Mitchell announces he will work toward the eventual goal of small business loans being underwritten by private capital. There is precedent. Under FEA home financing, private capital is employed, with government insurance. The Federal Land Bank system, once heavily financed by the government, has become independent of government finance, and meets needs of farmers to an extent which laws do not permit conventional banks to go. It is much too early to predict what direction the SBA will take. The important point is that government has recognized that first of all small business is vital to the nation; secondly that small business has finance problems requiring under present conditions, special attention beyond legal limitations of private banks. Therefore, as with so many plans for progress set up in the frame work of a democracy, the success or failure of SBA will depend largely upon the extent to which independent business men work for its success. The need for a source of credit for small business was well expressed by National Federation of Independent Business.

Spiritual Insight

"AGONIZING LONELINESS"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND PASTOR, MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH



"And they all forsook him and fled" Mark 14:50. Loneliness is one of the most unbearable of human experiences. It is agonizingly painful. No wonder so many fall under its crushing weight. Someone has called loneliness the great sickness of people swept past me. I think about it the more truth I see in it. We can even be lonely in a great mass of people. I experienced it one Saturday afternoon in New York as a great mass of people swept past me. God did not make us for the agony of loneliness. We are made, in our inmost nature, for fellowship and communion. Thus when we are cut off from vital human communion there is an aching void in the human soul. Our inmost nature cries out for Communion with God and man. The agony of loneliness bespeaks the deepest hungers and needs of men. Every human being needs to worship. We need the soul nourishment that comes from stealing away once a week to join in prayer, singing, meditation and communion. We need to flee from the AGONY OF LONELINESS! We need to stand on Holy ground. We need to see life from the Mount of Transfiguration. We need to see life in the light of the Cross with its outreach of redeeming love. There is nothing but the agony of loneliness if you see life only from the human level. You need a reverent pause in the heart-warming glow of the Holy Spirit. Jesus faced physical loneliness when "THEY FORSOOK HIM AND FLEW." But Jesus was ready for it. He had communion in the upper room and had prayed in the garden. Jesus was prepared through human fellowship and Divine communion. He was ready when he took the path of God's will! Left in our strength we are crushed under the weight of our loneliness. There is power for the lonely. There is high and

Holy Communion for the lonely. Remember that... "The arm of flesh will fall you... You dare not trust your own... You cannot walk this way alone. You need the support of a higher power. Find God! Find power through human and Divine communion. Steal away once a week to hear of God's love. Go some place and sing and pray with the people of God. "He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul..." Accept the Savior's invitation once a week... "Come ye that labor and are heavy laden... and I will give you rest..." Overweening selfishness is the root of the AGONY OF LONELINESS. Get away from self. Lose yourself in some service of love. Forget self and you will find the true meaning of life. Jesus could go on when they all forsook him because he had surrendered to the will of God! Lose your life and you will find it!

by Alfred Andersen

Within and Among

Dear fellow seekers... Taking the position that good living consists in good relations with one's environment we have argued for the position that good nutrition has ethical implications, specifically toward the lower forms of life affected by man's efforts to feed his body before we leave this area of discussion we have yet to deal with man's treatment of those "lower" forms of life called animals. What treatment of animals does the good life require of us?

twigs, insects, etc. Their wings are hardly strong enough to allow them much pleasure in flying (though some nevertheless), but their legs are capable of much running and exploration; and they seem to be born to peck at an infinite variety of interesting objects in the natural world. Are these natural inclinations and pleasures to be brushed aside without consideration what ever? Is man's gluttonous appetite for "fried chicken" to be the only consideration, not to forget of course the purely financial benefits in chicken raising and slaughtering? Does it seem right to raise chickens for 10 weeks only, under artificial environment at that, when their life expectancy under natural conditions is several years?

tummy by other means than raising animals for slaughter. It may be argued that even raising cows essentially for milk and chickens essentially for eggs leaves the problem of what to do with the male individuals who are even more expendable in these days of artificial insemination. This is a problem, the solution of which will not be discussed here beyond pointing out the important difference between slaughtering incidentally to the main interest in giving the animals a normal life on a cooperative basis... between this and raising animals for slaughtering exclusively. This whole area of right treatment of farm animals in a sympathetic and cooperative spirit is one which needs to be worked out in practice, as do all other areas of "the good life." But then we all preach much better than we practice!

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to animals has much to say about the treatment of dogs and cats and other household pets. But hardly a voice is raised in consideration of the treatment of "farm animals", those long suffering creatures which supply such a large portion of the average American diet. Where our stomachs are concerned we turn the other way at slaughter and mistreatment. What we are concerned with here, then, is the question as to what, if any, good relationship can be had with cows, chickens, pigs, etc. Off hand, it might seem a simple matter to have a cooperative relation with chickens, for instance, where we give them food and shelter in exchange for their eggs. Their eggs, yes, but what of their carcasses? Can we enjoy a meal in the meditative spirit realizing that this chicken meat which we eat with such relish is the product of a process of raising chickens exclusively for "butchering purposes"? A chicken has a normal life expectancy of several years, with normal activity amounting to free exploration of the woods and the field for certain seeds,

It has been argued that this reasoning has no end, for it makes us as reluctant to kill a fly, a malaria-carrying mosquito, or a poisonous snake as our theoretical "chicken". If we were to raise flies, mosquitoes, and snakes merely for the slaughtering the argument would make some sense. But it is one thing to kill in order to protect "higher life", seeing no other alternative; it is another to deliberately breed life and then abort its full development merely on the excuse that it's carcass lends variety to the American diet and income to a branch of American business, this when there are abundant other foods which have served man quite well. Historically man's most basic food is fruit and nuts; the robust bear still lives largely on these. With all man's ingenuity, surely ways can be developed to fill his

School Sponsors Fair Exhibits

GARLAND The Garland Agriculture Department under the direction of E. W. Gray, teacher of Agriculture, entered two educational exhibits at the Sampson County fair held during the week of Sept. 21 to the 27. One exhibit was a blue ribbon winner of \$60.00 and titled ADULT FARMERS LEARN MORE TO EARN MORE. The other received a third prize of \$40.00 with its theme "THE HIGHWAY TO SUCCESS WITH PASTURES." (Please turn to Page Seven)

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