

# HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

The Carolina Times congratulates Shaw University in its very timely recognition of the service rendered the race, the nation and humanity by JOHN HERVEY WHEELER, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, by conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. It is not always that this newspaper can endorse, without qualifications, the readiness with which some of our colleges and universities hand out honorary degrees. In many instances honor has been bestowed upon persons to whom honor was not due or could at the least be questioned.

In bestowing the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Mr. Wheeler, we think, all of our readers who know the honoree, will agree that no man in our time is more deserving. For unlike many of his associates, here and about, JOHN WHEELER has not been satisfied to serve and do a good job only in places from which he secured a salary check but has and is serving beyond the call of duty, and into every worthwhile phase and endeavor in the life of his people.

Because the citation so beautifully describes the full measure and worth of the man and with the hope that it will inspire others of similar training and experience to "go and do thou likewise" we print below the citation in its entirety:

**AS BUSINESSMAN**, you advanced through the rank of teller, assistant cashier, cashier-vice president to the high position of president of the great Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham and Raleigh. As president, you have succeeded that distinguished international public servant, the late Dr. C. C. Spaulding, perpetuating with distinction the multiplicity of public duties that occupied Dr. Spaulding; raising the resources of your bank to a position that merited a place on the list of the 3,300 outstanding banks of our country; providing lending and other services and the kind of advice that advances interest of all North Carolina citizens as well as the economic interests of the Negro people. Your two terms as president of the National Bankers' Association attest to the regard in which you are

held by the members of the banking profession. Moreover, you have given unselfishly of your time and your business skills as director of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the Bankers' Fire Insurance Company, the Southern Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company, and the Mutual Savings and Loan Association.

**AS CIVIC LEADER**, you have demonstrated anew the truth of the axiom that to get something done, get a busy man to do it. In this crucial period of transition for our Southland to a realm of equality of opportunity, you have shown in the sterling quality of your efficient community service that the members of our group can be both devoted and able public servants. Among the organizations that you have served with distinction are: The Durham Community Fund for a period of six years; the Recreation Commission for the City of Durham for two terms; the Southern Regional Council, which you served as vice president; the Lincoln Hospital, being chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Board of Trustees; the John Avery Boys' Club, treasurer and member of the Board of Directors; the Stamford L. Warren Public Library, serving as secretary of the Board of Trustees for 22 years.

**AS FRIEND OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**, you have steadfastly advocated programs that were designed to improve our society; and since your graduation from Morehouse College with summa cum laude honors on through your service on the trustee board of Atlanta University and Morehouse College, you have worked assiduously in behalf of the forces of education.

**AS ATTORNEY FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS**, you have given additional evidence of your deep and abiding love for Christian education. Your confidence in the abilities and the potentialities of the youth of our group led to your selection as chairman of the Sub-committee on Education for the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. In that capacity you directed the institution of legal action and appeared as one of the attorneys in a school suit which brought the inequality of educational opportunity for Negro children in your community to the at-

ention of the federal courts. As indication of the legitimacy of your complaint, and subsequently under order of the court, the school board in your city has made notable improvements in the facilities for Negro children. Moreover, your far-sighted action in resorting to the peaceful means of the legal maneuver in keeping with our finest democratic traditions has been highlighted in recent weeks by the unanimous decision of the U. S. Supreme Court that segregation in the public schools of this country is unconstitutional. Your militant championship of civil rights in the field of education will long endure you to your fellow-citizens, and, indeed to freedom and justice-loving people everywhere.

**AS FRIEND OF THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH**, you have continued to espouse the Christian doctrine of emphasis upon human rights for all citizens through your activities with the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students; and through your community cooperation with the United Negro College Fund and very significantly through your work as president of the 4-H Foundation of North Carolina, you have spread the wholesome influence of your business and professional skills to the farm families of our state. Moreover, this emphasis in the farm life of our state has been shown in your sponsorship of the annual public speaking contest among farm youth, and, in another way, in the considerations that you and your associates have made for the farm families in such manner as to intensify their interest in the ways of efficiency and enriched living.

**THEREFORE, TO YOU, JOHN HERVEY WHEELER, A. B., SUMMA CUM LAUDE MOREHOUSE COLLEGE, LL. B., THE LAW SCHOOL OF NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AT DURHAM, SHAW UNIVERSITY IS INDEED PLEASED TO CONFER UPON YOU THE HONORARY DEGREE OF DOCTORS OF LAWS IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN YOUR STATE AND, INDEED THROUGHOUT THE NATION.**

## STATE RIGHTS-SOUTHERN STYLE

Since the rendering of the Supreme Court decision, striking down segregation in the public schools, this newspaper has observed with a degree of amusement the howl sent up by conservative white sovereignty of states by the rights. Without denying that there is an element of danger attending the invasion of the sovereignty of state by the federal government, we are at the same time aware of the fact that state rights to a majority of southern whites means the right to keep the Negro in a position of second-class citizenship.

It means the right, without the interference of the federal government, to compel Negroes to go to inferior schools, to do the same work for less wages, to ride over the wheels in the back of buses, to live in ghettos of our cities where the streets are unpaved and the lighting is poor. It means the right to attack and rape Negro wo-

men, to shoot down in the streets and even in prison helpless Negroes as in the case of the Chief of Police of Apex.

It means the right to tax Negroes and then deny them representation in government. It means the right of white men to beget children out of wedlock by Negro women and leave them without the right even to force the father of those children to provide for them. It means the right to continue the tenant farm system all over the South and in many instances to rob, cheat and take advantage of struggling Negro farm families. It means the right to gobble up all of the jobs of city, county and state governments and reserve only the most menial tasks and the poorest paying jobs for Negroes.

It means the right to force Negroes to the galleries in places of amusement and deny them hotel accommodations. It even means the right

to lynch, to force Negroes to enlist in the armed service, fight for democracy and then deny them the fruits of their sacrifices.

The screaming cry of most southerners about state rights must be taken with a grain of salt. For in the final analysis many of those who scream the loudest would be terribly embarrassed if they were called upon to give a true version of what is actually meant by state rights.

Unfortunately for most of the die-hards who are now fighting the onward march of truth in this matter of segregation, they seem not to realize that they are now fighting against a die that has already been cast and not against Negroes and that no power on earth can stand against truth. As painful as the birth of this new era of freedom for all people is, the child will arrive kicking, healthy and strong. The Father is God and the mother is truth.

## THE VISIT OF HAILE SELASSIE TO AMERICA

It must have been disappointing to many white Americans if not revealing to learn that Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, classes himself as colored and not belonging to the white race. Radio commentators were prolific in their statements when the Ethiopian monarch

first arrived in this country to emphasize the rumor that Selassie does not consider himself a Negro.

In his speech at Howard University, the King of Ethiopia gave great praise to the contributions made to this country by Africans "whose descendants are here repre-

sented on this occasion." Apparently referring to the recent Supreme Court decision, outlawing segregation in public schools, he said, "Events of recent days, here in the United States, have brilliantly confirmed before the world the contributions which you have made to the principle

that all men are brothers and equal in the sight of God."

Colored peoples throughout the world may differ in religion, language, dress, customs and other practices. One thing upon which all of them agree is the universal right to human dignity and equality of all men. In the struggle for that goal they will join hands in one accord and will not be moved. It may be that the keeping of this fact ever before white Americans and Europeans will be the one thing that will save civilization.

Haile Selassie is probably

aware of the manner in which he was treated when he attempted to plead the cause of his country before World War II. It was these same white nations that are now politely bowing at his feet, since landing field for European and American planes are greatly needed in Ethiopia. In addition the discovery of uranium in that country has pushed it to the forefront among important nations of the world. American and European nations have probably become friends in deed to Ethiopia because they are friends in need.

## Open Letter To Citizens Of Durham

May 21, 1954

Durham, N. C.

Dear Friends:  
This letter is to pay tribute to the Negro school children, teachers, parents and attorneys of North Carolina who have shared in the long struggle to have the Supreme Court of the United States outlaw segregation in the public schools. The NAACP has provided brilliant leadership, but we in the ranks now wear an individual badge of honor in place of a former band of inferiority.

A special tribute is due Louis E. Austin, editor of The Carolina Times, one of my first employers and a stubborn unsung hero of this triumph. Mr. Austin symbolizes that rare brand of fighters throughout history whose dedication to a principle is so great, they endure personal sacrifices, reprisals against their families, public vilification and peril of life and limb, but remain steadfast to the end. We can now appreciate more than ever Mr. Austin's relentless, and sometimes heartbreaking, desolate, fight against segregation and discrimination.

Too much appreciation cannot be expressed for those thoughtful white citizens of the South who have been willing to re-examine customs and traditions, to harmonize principle and practice and to extend us a helping hand in our battle for equality of opportunity.

My family, Mrs. Pauline F. Dame and Mrs. S. A. Fitzgerald Small, former public school teachers of Durham, North Carolina, share with me this tribute and the rejoicing that we know you feel today, even though we cannot share it with you in person.

As many of you know, my family has been intimately associated with Negro education over four generations as teachers in the Negro public schools, and in North Carolina since 1888, the year in which the Fourteenth Amendment went into effect. The problem of giving Negro children self-confidence and a sense of self-esteem in the face of inferior buildings and equipment, meagre salaries, and continual insults to the dignity of Negro teachers has been a household concern.

Many of you would have wept to see the deep emotion of my two aunts, when they

read the decision of the Supreme Court and exclaimed, "This is the greatest thing since the Emancipation Proclamation!" When you realize that Mrs. Dame was born in 1870, you know the authenticity of this statement. Although now retired for a number of years, these stalwart souls have talked of nothing but the Negro teachers of the South during the past few days. They see the splendid role these teachers will play in implementing the current Supreme Court mandate. They were proud to note that Greensboro, North Carolina, was the first city to bring its plans into harmony with the decision. They only wished out of pride in their native state that Durham might have been the first!

Out of their deep experience and abiding interest, they wish me to express to you on their behalf their great confidence in the Negro teachers of the South in this historic moment. They know what infinite patience, restraint and continued sacrifice will be necessary to make the transition from segregated to integrated schools. They are deeply conscious of the constant threat which has been held over Negro teachers; the threat that many of them would lose their jobs should this day come to pass.

They know, however, that for more than a generation the Negro teachers have been preparing for this day. They have made continual efforts to improve their qualifications through summer school work, higher degrees and the raising of their certificates. They know how these teachers have carried an almost intolerable burden of overcrowded classes and, all too often, inadequate teaching facilities. They know there are few Americans more dedicated than the Negro teachers who have given spiritual strength to their students throughout our history.

We have long awaited that time when we would be judged on individual merit. That time has now come. The Negro teachers will not fail. Furthermore, the same Fourteenth Amendment which protects the Negro child from segregation and discrimination also projects the Negro teacher. Let us not forget that the Negro teachers of the (Please turn to Page Seven)

## "Still Thinking In The Past"



## Spiritual Insight

"REFLECTIONS ON DESEGREGATION"

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"You must love your neighbor as yourself...love never wrongs a neighbor...Rom. 13:9"

The Court erased the legal roadblock. The door is opened! The practical everyday implication of integration is a spiritual problem. Now we must bring to bear the matchless beauty and power of the SPIRITUAL LAWS AS REVEALED BY JESUS CHRIST. The Law of Love—the Laws of the Spirit must now take over and make it work. Some forty million people must bring to bear the power of love to build a new pattern of Christian human relations. The spiritual resources of our faith face a gigantic, practical everyday test. Can we past the test? Yes!

The love we talk about and preach about faces a supreme test. I have faith in our ability to past the test. The Church must lead us into this new and higher ground of CHRISTIAN HUMAN RELATIONS. God will be glorified. And we will gain the admiration and respect of the world. Why? We shall

have passed the highest test of our religion... "YOU MUST LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF..."

What about those deep-seated fears? There are fears on both sides. But most of our fears are unfounded? Why? Because deep down, in sober moments, all men want to do right and be decent. This faith sustained the Master in his relations with the most wretched. Already we can see that thousands were just waiting for a chance to be decent: THE DECISION HAS MADE THIS POSSIBLE. A new found respect and love will drive fear from the field. "PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT FEAR"... Truly the fruits of love will take over and win the day—goodwill, understanding, tolerance, trust, cooperation and decency. Love will build the new patterns of the integrated society.

Love may seem slow—love is sure! It may take longer to build what love builds lasts longer: LOVE BUILDS FOR PERMANENCE AND DURABILITY!

Some will be plagued by resentments as we work together during the coming months and years to build the NEW PATTERNS OF CHRISTIAN, DEMOCRATIC RELATIONS. Let's be honest. Resentments can block our movements. We must face this poison of the soul. And then go on to root it out. Let us ask God to remove them and help us overcome them. "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good"... We must believe in a very practical way that... "LOVE NEVER FAILS..."

Some are saying wisely: LET THE CHILDREN HANDLE THE PROBLEM! Is not the child's natural sense of decency the important fact in a harmonious adjustment of this problem? Jesus said the spirit of the child was of the very essence of the Kingdom of God. May it not be true in this hour that "a little child shall lead them..." May we as adults not be wise in just standing back and letting the children lead us into a higher ground of human relations demanded in the immediate years ahead.

## STRAIGHT AHEAD—By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK  
The saying "If you're going to dish it out, you'd better be able to take it" expresses a sort of rough and ready code. It means very clearly that when you "jump" somebody, you have to expect the same kind of action in return. It's all in line with the principle of fair play, one might suppose, because it is perhaps only right that you give a fellow as good as he sends. But somehow that is never enough and when the fight gets to going real good, the punches get lower and lower.

The much-talked-of spectacle in TV right now is an example. Roy Cohn, the merciless, self-righteous, put his "victims" on the witness stand and tore them apart with his pointed questions, and wore them down with his volubrious attacks. Or at least, he tried to. The Senator from Wisconsin poured it on as only he can do, asking long and involved questions, and then demanding "yes" or "no" answers, and brow-beating the witness if he did not answer in that manner.

If the witness protested that the question could not be answered in that manner, there were many times aspersions cast upon his reputation, his honesty, his character, or perhaps his mental capacity. No holds barred—anything goes.

It is interesting now to watch the same operations squirm under the same kind of questioning they have been pouring on all this time. Perhaps it was a slightly sadistic reaction, but there was, we blushing admit, a tiny bit of satisfaction in seeing the cocky Mr. Cohn stutter, stammer, and evade under the questioning of Army Counsel Joseph H. Welch. Perhaps Mr. Cohn under-

stands now as never before, that there are some questions that can't be answered with a "yes" or a "no." He must know now if never before, that anyone can make a witness look small and seem ridiculous by taking a chance remark, or a slip of the

## GETTING ALONG

NEW YORK  
Emperor Haile Selassie came to our country on May 25th aboard the liner SS United States. This ship is the newest and most modern ever built by this great nation. However its claim to fame is its service to the passengers.

I have talked to many passengers who have crossed the Atlantic on the SS United States and all of them have highly praised the latest addition to our Atlantic fleet. Whether you travel tourist, cabin, or first class you can be assured of service deluxe.

Even those traveling tourist have only to press one of the conveniently located buttons in their rooms to have a steward at their side in a matter of seconds. Whether it is to bring food, movie luggage, open a bag, or give information the steward is always on call. Every passenger is given every possible attention.

Since infinite care is taken to please the most humble passenger you can imagine the consideration shown the great. They are surfeited. According to my informant before the Emperor came aboard the entire crew was jittery as new boots at inspection time. All over the ship were whispers "The king is coming aboard."

The path from the gang plank to the king's suite was swept and swabbed several

times before the servants brought the luggage aboard. The path was swept again before Haile Selassie and the party were allowed to go to their suite. After the royal party was aboard every effort was extended to make them comfortable.

Like most modern liners the SS United States afforded motion picture theatres, recreation centers, swimming pools and beauty parlors. And beauty parlors bring me to the point of this release.

Princess Sybel Desta, granddaughter of the Emperor decided she wanted her hair fixed American style and expressed her wish. Now there were beauty parlors on ship but whether they were prepared to properly care for Princess Sybel Desta's hair is another thing. Could the great SS United States with its service deluxe for all allow Princess Desta's coiffure be uncared for? Oh no! The crew knew exactly what to do.

On board were two expert colored beauticians, Mrs. Eloisa McClain of Kansas City, Kansas and Mrs. Evelyn Allen of Chicago. They had with them every conceivable device to care for every conceivable type of hair. So, while Mrs. McClain did the princess' hair, Mrs. Allen cared for her nails.

Princess Sybel Desta entered New York with the latest American hair-do and expert manicure. The SS United States can still boast of service for all.

WASHINGTON AND  
**"SMALL BUSINESS"**  
By G. WILSON HARDER

In one of the strangest moves ever undertaken in American business history, discount houses, through an organization they have set up, are asking the Federal Trade Commission to force legitimate wholesalers and manufacturers to sell to them. FTC is now investigating.

The first action is directed against Mack, Inc., of New York, wholesalers of electrical appliances and hardware items following announcements it will not sell G. W. Harder to any discount houses.

A series of such actions is understood planned by discount house operators. This is perhaps the most blatant display of brass ever released to fool both government bureaus and public.

Nation's Better Business Bureau scores heavily practices of so-called discount houses.

Ethics and honesty, not for self-protection, but for protection of the public is a traditional principle of American business.

That is why many independently made and sold products on the market today are bought with public confidence in product integrity, and held in event of any defects adjustments will be made. But that system depends on strong links; a manufacturer of integrity, wise use of integrity, retailers of integrity.

However, this traditional American system, largely unknown elsewhere, is being threatened by so-called discount houses which unload a lot of junk on the public. But people do not willingly walk into a store handling only junk merchandise. There must be some bait.

Discount houses fight for brand merchandise to use as bait.

But even so called price advertising by these discount houses is wide open to question.

A common advertising practice is the "was and is" method. A fictitious high price is listed as the original selling price of the article to compare with the discount house price.

And often so-called cut prices are on old, obsolete models, inferior to be current models.

There is still a further public deception. If a chef cooked in the same pot the carcass of a single rabbit with that of a horse, called it rabbit stew, he would be questioned.

Yet discount houses constantly refer to their stocks of nationally advertised merchandise, when in fact the preponderant part of their stock is unknown. But by loading the stock with a few brand name items they throw the cloak of respectability over entire stock.

Thus the public, attracted by the bait of well known names, is lured to buy other merchandise, paying an exorbitantly high price for it.

This situation cannot continue. Despite efforts of some independent manufacturers, too many, often combine subsidiaries, shut their eyes to the situation.

However, independent retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers, working together, could by full publicity and self-police, solve the problem. And it appears high time to adequately publicize these manufacturers and wholesalers who are seeking to carry water on both shoulders.

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