

HOMETOWN PRIDE

"If you want to live in the kind of a town you like, you need not slip your clothes in a grip. And start on a long, long hike. For you will only find what you left behind. There is nothing that is really new. It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town. It isn't your town, it's you."

Real towns are not made by men afraid. That somebody else will get ahead. But when everybody works and nobody shrieks. You can raise a town from the dead. Your neighbor can make one, too. Your town will be what you want it to be. It isn't your town, it's you."

—Author Unknown

This newspaper has watched with a degree of amusement the sources from which some of the objections to the extension of the corporate limits of Durham come. In a few instances, we have been disturbed because there are many fine and upright citizens among the opposition who impress us as being opposed to this evidence of growth and development of Durham. They apparently have given no serious thought as to why.

It has been hard for us to reconcile ourselves to the fact that there is in the city of Durham a single loyal citizen who wants this community to become stunted in growth rather than to see its a growing, thriving community. The persons who oppose it appear to us as being blindly led by the same element that years ago, kept Durham from having a main line railroad. They constitute the same crowd that objected to the city and county spending money for an airport, recreation, and other important items of a growing and progressive community.

The very fact that the opposition is led by this non-progressive element of the city ought to arouse every loyal Durhamite to go to the polls on this Saturday and vote for extension of the city limits. For, if Durham is to hold its place among the leading cities of the state, it will not do so by following the lead of those people, who for selfish reasons, are opposed to its growth, but by following citizens with vision and fore-thought enough to support measures toward that end.

It is our sincere hope that a majority of Negro voters, as well as white, will not stand in way of the progress of Durham but will give evidence of their real interest in its growth by voting for the extension of its city limits on next Saturday.

A NOBLE MAN IN OUR MIDST

The only man in this world who never makes a blunder is the man who does nothing. Most of the men and women who succeed in the affairs of mankind are those who have learned and heeded the many good lessons that are to be had from one's own blunders and those of our fellowmen. To error is human, to have the courage to confess one's errors and short-comings lifts one out of the realm of ordinary men to that of extraordinary.

The last week's apology of Editor E. R. Williamson on his Eleanor Rush comment of

the previous week is one of the finest things we have ever seen done by a newspaperman. It sets forth the writer in no unmistakable terms as a very big and noble person, the type that is seldom found in these parts. Editor Williamson's action sets a fine example for all of us to follow, as well as those of the fourth estate.

Said Elbert Hubbard, "One of the first signs of true greatness is humility." This being the case, Durham has in Editor Williamson one of the great men of our time, probably too great to be fully

appreciated by many of us who think we are great. For there is nothing so offensive as a proud, over-stuffed and arrogant little fellow of mediocre achievements who, not having a true estimate of human values, will not admit his own shortcomings.

We of the Carolina Times are happy to live in the same city with such a noble character as the editor of the Labor Journal. His example of righteous humility is one that we shall endeavor to learn and to put into practice as the years come and go.

STRONG WORDS FOR OUR TIMES

The Rev. Charles Jones, dynamic minister of Chapel Hill, exploded another bomb this week that has fairly rocked the Christian churches of the South. The explosion came about in his sermon last Sunday morning concerning the matter of segregating the remains of departed white and Negro citizens in the proposed new Chapel Hill municipal cemetery. The good old southern pro-segregationists of the town have enacted an ordinance providing that there shall be one section for Negroes and another section for other races.

It's absurd, it's foolish, and at the very time we are trying to eliminate peacefully and calmly segregation in life we want to perpetuate it in death.

"One wonders where the fear is to be found. To be sure buried children can not play together and there can be no intermarriage. What a spirit of illiberality there is when folk cannot lie in peace in death together."

Now these are strong words, probably too strong for our day and time. They are shocking, embarrassing and disturbing. For what good southerner of the Zalph Rochelle type is there who believes that the ghost of a white southern would dare practice social equality with the ghost of a Negro? Zalph

says that God believes in and practices segregation and this being true it is certain He would not stand for mixing of the races in the ghost world.

Probably the citizens of Chapel Hill could be assured of perpetuating segregation in their cemetery by erecting a wall between the white and Negro sections of it with signs reading "white ghosts" and "Negro ghosts."

Sometimes in the course of history it takes men like Charles Jones to show us just how stupid we are about some of our most cherished customs. Such men blaze across the firmament of the ages, spitting fire as they go, fire that burns, consumes, destroys. Without them humanity would never rise to new heights.

THE ECONOMICS OF DESEGREGATION

We salute Harnett County school officials for standing their ground on the matter of holding a scheduled interracial teachers meeting for the opening of school. Reports that several white teachers were opposed to an unsegregated meeting and would not attend turned out to be one of those incidents that did not materialize.

The action of the Harnett County school officials just goes to show what can be done when those in authority use a little courage in matters of this kind, and presents a fine example for others to follow in making the change over from segregated to un-

segregated schools. Now that the meeting has been held, even the most prejudiced teacher is compelled to realize how stupid it has been in the past to hold separate meetings for the same purpose. Also those who opposed a mixed meeting must feel somewhat ashamed that they objected to it when so much saving of time, energy and money can be realized.

This brings us around to the question of just what a stupendous amount it is costing the South, the most poverty stricken area of the nation, to indulge in the luxury of segregation. The

millions of dollars spent to maintain a dual system of education are enough, if properly spent on a non-segregated one, to bring southern schools up to the standard of those in other sections of the country.

One thing is certain there is not enough money in the South to maintain two standardized school systems and any movement toward complying with the desegregation order of the U. S. Supreme Court on the matter of public schools is a movement toward raising the economic level of the entire South as well as its educational standing.

GETTING ALONG

BY LAUREN WHITE

NEW YORK We are grateful for the fact that people now and then take us for an employment agency and seek our help in finding worthy young men and women to fill this position or that. It makes us keep in touch with the fast pace at which we are moving toward the inclusion of Negroes in the general pattern of American life. We have tried to track down everything from stenographers to engineers for people, promising to keep a weather eye out, and sometimes filling the bill, but more often not.

But the requests keep coming at intervals, and have been for some time now, and it becomes increasingly apparent that doors are opening right and left, often in fields we have not yet covered sufficiently to supply any great numbers. For instance, the Engineering Department at one of the well known Negro colleges, is one of the finest in the country, and its graduates are absorbed into industry as fast as they can be turned out. There is a crying need for technical men in this country, and as it has been pointed out more than once, our production of these highly skilled scientists has diminished, while that of Russia has increased many times. Our young Negro technicians face little, if any, discrimination in this field and while the jobs they get are admittedly not yet top level, once they get a foot in the door, the sky will be the limit. But only very small numbers of our young people take advantage of this type of training.

An official of one of New York's Savings banks, just last week was bemoaning the fact

that he had not yet been able to find a young accountant, interested in a future in the banking business, to add to his staff. His institution is growing, working in a constantly expanding market. But, he says, there just don't seem to be enough young men around who think in terms of jobs requiring executive ability.

These are only two examples of new territory to be explored, and should set us immediately preparing ourselves in allied fields, looking in every direction for the means to expand our knowledge and experience, and to inspire our young people to train with these larger horizons in mind. For many years, Negroes were so circumscribed that they could only look forward with any certainty to pursuing careers as teachers, ministers, doctors, lawyers, dentists, and social workers; and they were able to follow these only as the demand was created for their services among Negroes. It is understandable, therefore, that over the years they may have over-trained in these fields; but it is our responsibility now, to pull out of that rut.

We aren't out of the woods by a long shot. We still have that bloody battle to fight for basic human rights. We have to keep up the struggle to get great masses of our people out of the slums, and secure for them an education that will equip them for coping with a more complicated existence. We have to keep plugging for recognition of our investment in this country, our economic power, our abilities.

But we are on the march, and we have to get in step or the parade may leave us behind.

"Talks Like Him, And Acts Like Him."



Spiritual Insight

"Four Steps In Soul Growth"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
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"Stand in awe and sin not... commune with your own heart... and be still... Offer sacrifices of righteousness... and put your trust in the Lord..." Psalms 4:4,5.

The Psalmist gives four indispensable steps in the spiritual awakening and the growth of a soul: Self awakening, self communion, self confession and self abandonment. How do you stand in these steps of spiritual and moral growth? Am I growing in moral awareness or a keener sense of what is RIGHT and WRONG? Am I in harmony with the moral law? Do I have a fine sense of reverence? Am I mature enough to face sin and confess it? Am I aware that my sickness may be rooted in a GUILTY CONSCIENCE? Am I aware of the fact that selfishness is the root of so much of the troubles of our times? Am I aware of the fact that so much of our fears and anxieties are rooted in a lack of simple faith and trust in the power of the Almighty God?

Reverence is the first step in the religious awakening of your soul to stand in reverence before the HIGH AND THE HOLY ONE. Many have lost the majesty of Holy Reverence. Too many now reverence neither God nor man. Reverence and lawlessness go together. The increase in crime among youths in the nation has come in the past fourteen years; THE PERIOD OF WAR! We had no reverence for human life. If you have no reverence for human life, what is there to be reverent about? NOTHING. We have glorified violence, bloodshed, and death. We have become somewhat irreverent toward the finer things of the spirit and the Moral Law. LET US REDISCOVER THE GREAT TRUTH OF THE AGES GOD AND HOLINESS ARE THE ONLY THINGS WORTH LIVING FOR.

Am I aware of the fact that so much of our fears and anxieties are rooted in a lack of simple faith and trust in the power of the Almighty God?

Honest self communion is the second step in the Religious awakening and growth of a soul. We are reminded to commune with and search our hearts. Many know what's wrong with our neighbor. But

Confession is needed for the healing and cleansing of your soul. Confession heals and restores the sick soul. Take your soul sickness to the healer of souls. Turn to him with the prayer of healing and cleansing. "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART...RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME..." Why bear the burden of Guilt when God is ready to take it away? Take it to the Lord in prayer! And the fourth, and final step in the awakening of your soul is found in self abandonment. How is this achieved? We must cease relying on self. WE MUST PUT OUR WHOLE TRUST IN GOD. Trust in things is not the solution. Trust in men will not satisfy. "PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD..."

We all need the spiritual and moral awareness expressed by the prophet... "COME LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF JERUSALEM..." Let us find God and our lost sense of reverence. Honest self communion is the second step in the Religious awakening and growth of a soul. We are reminded to commune with and search our hearts. Many know what's wrong with our neighbor. But

STRAIGHT AHEAD

By Olive A. Adams

NEW YORK The United States has a population of about 150,000,000. Through the efforts of this population, (and their ancestors) this country has attained a position of world leadership. We have more money, more labor-saving devices, more instruments of warfare and more general know-how than any other nation.

about 200,000,000. Through various methods, she controls about 500,000,000 more inhabitants. Russia doesn't have the money, labor-saving devices, or general know-how, that we have, but she does have infinite more people. These people are capable of acquiring every advantage we have. With these advantages, more man power and intense dislike, the United States would not be in a very good position.

their message to business and labor leaders two points were stressed: "First, the growing industrial might of this country requires the largest possible reserve of skilled manpower. "Second, in the world struggle for the minds of men, America's position of leadership makes it mandatory that we not be subject to the charge of racial prejudice which is being hurled at us every day by the Communists."

But the United States has not mastered the art of getting along with other nations. Arrogance and color prejudice have not endeared her to the other nations of the world. Recent events in Western Europe and Asia impress that fact upon us. Should a war come, we would have no strong nation as an ally.

President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon are aware of this condition. They are trying to do something about it, too. Recently they appealed to the nation's business and labor leaders for more help in the administration's program to end employment discrimination among whites and Negroes. In

grate our school, at least I know it can be done. We've had colored children here two years now, and nothing very bad has happened."

One of the teachers from the Negro school said, "I'm not opposed to integrated schools, but I've talked with some of the colored children at No. 29, and they aren't too happy there. Most of the colored children are still right here. They're used to having their own school, and they like to have their children taught by a colored teacher."

REDBOOK points out that children show the least concern. Miss Claire Byler, the girls' physical education teacher at Claymont High School said, "Basically, I think the white children have accepted integration. We have colored girls on the field hockey, softball and basketball teams—all teams that play against other schools,

Delaware, summed up the Delaware situation by saying, "'Of course integration works. It works if you want it to work. And maybe if you don't

Redbook Magazine Gives Preview Of How Interracial Integration May Affect Southern Education

A preview of how racial integration may affect education in the South has been provided by a group of three Delaware schools, according to an article by William Peters in the October issue of REDBOOK Magazine.

All three schools are within a short distance of Wilmington, Delaware's largest city. Two of them—Claymont High School and Hockessin School No. 29—accepted Negro students for the first time in September, 1952, as a result of a court ruling which found the corresponding Negro schools "unequal," a finding upheld by the Delaware Supreme Court. The third school, Arden Elementary School, voluntarily—and in defiance of the State Constitution—opened its doors to colored children at the same time.

REDBOOK reports that although strongly varied attitudes were voiced, no untoward incidents occurred. The few protests from parents ended quickly

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STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS

From The Bible

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.—(Romans 8: 6.)

One becomes spiritually minded when, by acts of his will, he rejects evil, unworthy, selfish thoughts, acts and desires, and tunes in, through devout prayer, to the source of all good, all love, all strength, which is God. Then, and then only, will we find peace and happiness, real and lasting.