

# THE OBSERVANCE OF BROTHERHOOD WEEK

According to announcements appearing in the daily newspaper this week, Mayor E. J. Evans of this city has already appointed a chairman for the 22nd annual observance of brotherhood week, February 20-27. As far as the Carolina Times is concerned, he could have made no better choice in the selection of Woody Woodhouse. It is our candid belief that if given the proper cooperation and support brotherhood week in Durham will take on a greater meaning than heretofore. Mr. Woodhouse is respected and admired by members of all races in this community and his leadership in the brotherhood observance will be followed with much enthusiasm.

Along the line of making brotherhood week in Durham something more than a superficial or namby-pamby affair, we would like to see the ministers of white and Negro churches take an active part by exchanging pulpits for at least one Sunday. Such exchanges might be accompanied by the choirs of the respective churches at which time distinct but pleasant surprises might be in store for members of both races who more or less have the tendency to assume a holier than thou attitude one toward the

other. In addition to exchanging pulpits, such civic organizations as the Kiwanis, Rotary and Exchange Clubs might invite Negro speakers, and in turn the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, the Durham Business and Professional Chain and the Housewives' League might invite white speakers to their meetings.

To achieve such a goal will take courageous leadership and much foresight. For as sure as night follows day, the same old gang that always attempts to hold Durham back when any movement toward better race relations is started will get on the war path. That gang objected to Negro policemen for Durham; it fought Negroes on the City Council; it fought the McDougald Terrace Housing project; it fought equal schools for the races and forced Negroes into federal court to obtain what could have easily been agreed upon by sensible white and Negro citizens sitting around a table and frankly discussing the problem. They are now fighting Negro firemen in Durham, Negro deputy sheriffs, a fire station in the Hayti section and every other movement that will give Negroes bigger and better opportunities for advancement along educational and economic lines.

The three-fold purpose of brotherhood week is to give people an opportunity to re-dedicate themselves as individuals to the basic ideals of respect for people and human rights which are essentially that of our way of life, to dramatize the practical thing which people can do to promote an understanding and realization of these ideals, and to enlist the support of a larger number of people in year round activities to build brotherhood.

Certainly, no movement has a more noble objective; and it is our sincere hope that all of Durham will fall in behind Chairman Woodhouse and make Brotherhood Week the finest city has ever had. If ever Americans of all races needed a better understanding it is now when without a doubt, this nation is being called upon by the entire free world to furnish the leadership that will bring all mankind to a higher level of living.

We in America, the Gentile, the Jew, the Negro and men and women of whatever race, creed or color, must rise above the slush and mire of all men will be respected, and point the way to a world in which the human dignity of all men will be respected. Otherwise the future of all mankind is doomed.

# THE NEGRO CHURCH AND INTEGRATION

The time has come for the Negro churches in the South to throw wide their doors to people of all races. In fact the sooner they forget that they are Negro churches for Negroes and accept all men as brethren by opening wide their doors, the sooner the challenge will be met by churches of other races, and the sooner we will realize that most to be desired goal, the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man.

Generally speaking, the movement of the entire Christian world is toward that goal, but only in spots is the Negro church taking an active part in it here in Durham, one prominent minister of the race has even taken a definite stand against integration and has preached against it with great fervor and with

the suggestion that the Negro has nothing to gain by accepting integration but on the other hand it has everything to lose.

We think if the Negro church has anything to offer that is spiritually superior to the white church, the most unchristian thing it could do would be to withhold it from people of other races. This is exactly what the Jews of the early Christian church tried to practice until Peter experienced the house top vision in which it was plainly showed him that whatever Christian-ity has to offer is for all of God's children.

We sing with great fervor that the Old Time Religion was good for Paul and Silas and that it was good for our old fathers and mothers, but there are some among us here

of late who would have us believe that it is not good for our white brethren. Frankly, we believe that both the Negro and the white church can make a distinct contribution, one to the other. We would hate to feel that Negro ministers as a whole had reached the point of a holier than thou attitude and had begun to teach the people that Negroes have a corner on all the righteousness in the world or even a goody part of it to the extent that they should hesitate to worship their Maker along with their white brethren. Certainly, it will be a dark hour in the history of the Negro church, if it refuses to make a contribution for the betterment of mankind. That would be to sound its own death knell.

# THE 1955 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SEGREGATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 1955 General Assembly of North Carolina is now in session. Prior to its opening, educational, religious, political and social leaders of both races agreed that one of the most momentous questions facing the legislators in the present session is that of segregation in public schools. Of course there are other great decisions that will have to be made by its members but not in the last half-century has a legislature been confronted with a question so close to the lives of all the citizens of this great state.

That more than a million Negroes of North Carolina will have absolutely no voice in a question so important to them is a sad indictment of the kind of democracy that is sometimes found in the South. In other words one-third of the state's population, all of whom are taxpayers and loyal citizens will have to stand by

while those who are not acquainted with their problems legislate or make decision for or against them. No other group of people on God's green earth, calling themselves free, would endure such without at least giving expression as to how they feel about such an important matter as segregation in the public schools that are maintained out of all the taxpayers' pockets.

We think Governor Hodges would perform one of the greatest acts of statesmanship if he would invite a group of representatives Negroes to appear before a joint session of representative Negroes to discuss frankly just how the one-million Negroes of North Carolina feel about the matter of segregation in public schools. For whatever stand the Supreme Court takes further in the matter, it is going

to take careful planning, understanding and cooperation on the part of all the citizens of the state to adjust to the new situation that will confront the members of both races.

As it now stands every white citizen of the state has some kind of representation in the General Assembly. Only the Negro stands on the outside looking in during this hour in which these most momentous decisions are being formulated. We trust Governor Hodges will have the courage to follow our suggestion and invited a group, representing a cross section of Negro life in the state, to give the 1955 General Assembly some conception of how the Negro citizen feels about the Supreme Court and what it can do to cooperate in facing the question of segregation in our public schools.

# GUARDING AGAINST TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

It might not be a bad idea for the traffic division of the Durham Police Department to investigate the parking conditions as they exist on Pine Street between Umstead and Mincey Streets each Sunday morning and Sunday evening during the hours of worship at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. At present cars are allowed to park on each side of the street making it impossible for automobiles to pass each other. All of this

would not be so bad if the danger of some pedestrian being struck down in attempting to cross the street was not so great.

If such an investigation is made, we believe that city officials would immediately limit the parking to one side of Pine Street. This newspaper is making such a suggestion before some person is seriously injured or killed on this particular street. We would much prefer to sound

a warning about the danger that now exists than to do so after someone becomes a casualty. At once of prevention is worth a pound of cure we have been told, and the prevention of a serious accident on this particular street is exactly what we are trying to avoid. Not only that, but we think this editorial is in line with Governor Hodges' campaign to lower the slaughter now being experienced in

# Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

There has probably been no period in the history of the world when men-the common people particularly-desire-peace any more deeply and profoundly than they do today, when they have been moved by desire any more intense for the realization of the dream of that ancient Hebrew prophet who saw the day when men would "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruninghooks, and nation would not lift up sword against nation nor learn war any more."

There is one main reason for this desire: the frightful cost of war. Of course, this cost would include both human and material resources. But I think the thing bulking largest in the mind of the average person is the human loss involving death (and that under terrible conditions) and disabilities, such as loss of limbs, eyes, broken minds, disease, and the like.

When one stops to think about the sacrifices in human resources war demands, he can easily understand this profound desire for peace.

It is no pleasant experience to receive a telegram that a son-sometimes an only son, brother, father or husband has been "killed in action". Multiply this experience which one home may have by several million homes. Then, one can begin faintly to realize how many millions of persons there are whose hearts have been torn and mangled by the most terrible tragedy of all, death, why there is a special universal longing for peace today.

Human life is a sacred thing, not created to be treated lightly, to be used in bloody sacrifice to the god of war. The human body is the temple of the living God and was not made for vermin-infested trenches and foxholes, to be riddled with rifle or machine gun bullets, blown to bits by bursting shells, mangled by grenades and mines, pierced by the bayonet, sprayed with liquid fire, or to be exposed to conditions calculated to destroy it.

I am a man of peace, dedicated to the ideals of peace. This does not mean that I am a pacifist or an appeaser-a believer in peace at any price. There may be times when war is unavoidable and inevitable. I be-

lieve in preparedness-that military weakness invites attack-that military might discourages would-be aggressors. All of this, I believe, although I am a man of peace.

But think about war as I do about a situation involving persons on the verge of severing the ties of matrimony. My advice to them finally boils down to this: exhaust every resource to save the relationship. Make separation a last resort.

I don't think war should ever be resorted to unless every resource to prevent it has been used. It is too cruel, barbarous, inhuman, indecent, unchristian. It is too frightfully costly.

Under ordinary circumstances, war is the most foolish, assinine, crazy, insane way I can think of to settle a dispute. It is bad enough for two men to resort to settling a dispute with fists or weapons. But when two or more nations, to settle a dispute, involve several million men in bloody battles, that looks like mass insanity to me.

To make the matter worse, war today involves not only the soldier on the battle field. Non-combatants, civilians-women and children, the sick and infirmed, are involved too. A city built up over the centuries is blasted into a horrible shambles in less than a night by bombs now outmoded. And, now, that the atomic and hydrogen bomb is available, not merely one city, but many can be wiped out in a single explosion.

Throughout the ages, men have tried to create a peaceful world. But how? By methods inconsistent with effecting peace.

They have created peace pacts, signed treaties, organized leagues, held disarmament conferences, and what not. But, within the framework of these arrangements, there have been inequality, injustice, unfairness, compromises with all kinds of evil and wrong-doing, making a place for race hatred, color prejudice, discrimination, segregation, exploitation, imperialism, etc. Thus the Peace Arrangements made to insure peace have always fallen apart.

And they will continue to fall apart unless the evils within the framework of those arrangements are deleted or cut out.

Peace like a tree must spring from the right seed. Fruit-bearing trees spring from fruit-producing seed. Brambles and briars spring from another type of seed. War is the fruit of evil thoughts, ideals, and practices. Peace is the fruit of good thoughts, ideals, and practices.

We can have peace-the kind of a world Isaiah dreamed of-just as soon as we want it, and are willing to pay the price. And that price is unattenuated good-will, (good will not thinned out or toned down-good will without admixture of hypocrisy, bias, partiality, good (Please turn to Page Seven)

# "DID THEY VOTE TO SECEDE AGAIN?"



# Spiritual Insight

"ENDURE TRIALS PATIENTLY"  
BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND  
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"When trials come endure them patiently." Rom. 12:12  
The real test of our faith comes in times of trouble, misfortune, distress and tribulation. Yes, the true test comes when we are placed under the hammering blows of life. The test comes when we are tried in the fire of trials. You remember how the old blacksmith used to test the metal. I used to stand as a boy and look at the community blacksmith work in his shop. He would put the metal in the fiery furnace. And there it would remain until it was red hot. When it reached a glowing red heat, he would beat the metal into the right and proper shape. And so it is with this Christian life. We are tested in the furnace of fiery trial.  
In the trials of life our characters are beaten into shape. We are really made ready for the ordeals of this christian warfare. Our strength is tested amid the stresses, strains, and burdens of life. Can we achieve true nobility of life and character until we can endure trials patiently? Shall I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease...while others fight to win the prize and sail through bloody seas? The engineer tests material to go into a bridge by a trail and a testing process. Can you pass the real test of the Christian life? The test is can you endure trials patiently? Impatience is a sign of christian weakness. Patient endurance of trials is a sign of inner spiritual strength and power.  
We need a power to wait until God's time comes. Jesus had this power. This is one of the great teachings of the Savior. You remember he waited for eighteen years. He waited until God's time came. You remember he waited until God's time came. You remember he said on one occasion, "MY HOUR IS NOT YET COME..." Too many of us are hot-tempered and spasmodic. We want God's time to come in a hurry. But Jesus had the power to wait until God's time came. Can you wait and learn what God would

have you know in the testing and the trials? He waited until the time was ripe. In many cases it takes time for the ripening of God's purpose. We have seen the eager, impatient player on a football team get offside and get penalized. Too many of us are like that: WE GET IMPATIENT IN OUR HOURS OF TRIAL.

The soul of the Master must have burned with the zeal of holy indignation. But in patience he possessed his soul. In trial he endured patiently; he waited until God's time came. Let us too learn to wait until the ripening of God's purposes and say with Jesus..."My hour has not yet come..."  
O Lord, endow us with the Power to await the ripening of thy purposes. O Lord, help us to possess our souls in patience. O Lord, help us to endure our trials patiently. O God, give us the power of calm, confident endurance that WE MAY ENDURE OUR TRIALS PATIENTLY..."When trials come endure them patiently..."

# Letter To The Editor

Editor Carolina Times  
This missile is so long overdue honestly I am ashamed to mail it and what's worse I have let the yuletide season close in on me--Still I hope you will forgive me...so here it is dating back to Easter spent in Jerusalem.  
You would be surprised to know of the amount of red tape one encounters as you attempt to travel from country to country--depending upon mode of transportation. There are the visas, the customs inspections, opening luggage, parcels and making declarations. Then there are the travel expenses-to save time and for convenience we mostly travel by plane.  
Included in our visit to Jerusalem were plans for a visit to Petra, "the rose city", carved out of a mass of natural rock coloured rock. It is located in the Valley of Moses. To reach there we travelled by plane, car and horseback. Donkeys were included in the caravan to carry luggage. For an hour and a quarter we travelled up and down hills and around cliff sides. Me who hadn't been on a horse for fifteen years found the first part of the journey rather rugged; the horse probably sensed my tenseness and was especially careful. A camping site has been set aside and these weary sightseers either slept in the old tombs or pitched tents. About 40 people can be accommodated at a time, therefore reservations must be made in advance. An entire afternoon and five or six hours the following morning are set aside for group hiking and mountain climbing. At journey's end there were the usual complaints of not knowing one had two sets of muscles. Having been fore warned some of us were prepared for the experience--travelled without luggage-wore skill pyjamas under slacks, shirts, sweaters, and jackets, old crepe soled shoes for climbing; yes we also slept in most of this since we were in a staked tent and expected the wind to take it away any minute. This was a delightful hike, though you probably wouldn't have offered two cents could you have seen us scaling the sides of the mountains. One suffering with dizziness or acrophobia should never attempt the climb. It is truly a phenomenon and one of the eight wonders of the world-how these people in those early days were able to carve a city out of natural rock providing storage for water to be used during the rainy and dry seasons. There's so little that's new. Certainly in the centuries to come our period of civilization will probably be classified as the synthetic age in comparison with those who lived before us.  
We spent Holy Week in and around Jerusalem. My real reason for this trip in addition to being there at this special season was to get some good coloured slides and I did--you'll see them some of these days. The collection includes scenes at Petra, inside the Garden Tomb where they laid Him, Joseph's wine press in the Garden, Golgotha (the place of the skull) the rock where He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane the prayer FORGIVE THEM FATHER FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO, the River Jordan, the Dead Sea, the old walls of Jericho where they are excavating and many others of interest. The Kodak

shrine slides justified the visit. Yes, we were having tea in the Warden's house in the Garden Tomb on the afternoon while Dr. T. A. Lambie, a veteran missionary of over 40 years, sat reviewing the appearances of the Lord after resurrection in preparation of his Easter Sunday morning sermon for 7 o'clock. When he had reached the seventh appearance Dr. Lambie went to sleep and didn't wake up. It happened so quietly and suddenly. To protect the Mission property in Ethiopia during the Mussolini-Italian war, Dr. Lambie had given up his American citizenship and became an Ethiopian. Later his citizenship was restored by a special act of our Congress. As is said in II Samuel "A prince and a great man has fallen".  
In May a field trip was made to Iran (formerly known as Persia) for a visit with public health program there. It is exactly six flying hours from here. I certainly wish we could have had more time.  
Already two and a half years were closing in on me and there was the longing for home and friends and a need for coming up for a breath of air. The right time when one should leave the work and go on home leave. So in June I took off for America via Switzerland and London stopping in both places for a brief visit with old friends. What a glorious feeling on early Sunday morning coming into the international airport at Idlewild and being greeted by those who are so dear to you. There's no place like home. It was impossible to see or contact you during that brief stay of nine weeks...there was so much to (Please turn to Page Seven)

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WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" BY C. WILSON HARDER

Geographically, it's a long way from Dixie to the Far West. Yet, spiritually, there is so close a tie one can almost hear the rebel yell in the West.

This fact probably answers inquiries as to why so many political non-conformists come out of West and South. It is not by accident, Sen. William Knowlton (Calif.), party leader is departing from party lines, nor an accident Sen. Wayne Morse (Ore.), is independent; C.W. Harder neither is fact for first time a senator, Strom Thurmond (S.C.) was elected by write-in votes.

There is a deep seated growing revolt in under developed states of West and South against continued encroachments of Federal government into state affairs especially Federal taxing revenue sources rightfully belonging to local governments.

In a few days, many state legislatures convene. Pressing problem in state capitals will be raising revenues.

Due to population expansions in these states, money is needed principally for schools and highways. Yet problem is finding some revenue source federal government hasn't already grabbed to finance monstrous foreign give-away programs.

For example, only 32 states levy sales tax, but 7 out of 11 Western states have one, and Oregon is due for one early in the year. All 11 Southern states have a sales tax. Only 32 states have state income taxes, but 16 out of 11 Western states have one, all 11 Southern states have one.

While State gasoline taxes average 4.80c per gallon, in West average is 5.50c per gallon, in south 6.50c per gallon, on top of national gasoline tax.

And even though states need more revenue, it is difficult to further tax real estate.

That is because Federally owned lands cannot be locally taxed, and in West Federal government holds on with stubborn determination to 64.5% of all land, 88.5% of all rural lands.

Thus, over 50% of the land which under private ownership would help support local costs is held by Federal government. Neither can most states further tax industry without ruining them.

Many basic Western industries such as wool, metals and lumber already fight for existence against cheap foreign competition permitted by reciprocal trade treaties, other tariff cutting dodges. For example, Philippine mahogany plywood, presumably a semi-luxury item, is being shipped in by Japan and sold in Western markets for less than same product made from native Western soft-woods.

Possibly, as situation worsens, Western and Southern states can get Federal aid and thus recapture part of money that should have gone to states in first place.

But sovereign states are reluctant to go hat in hand to Washington. It annoys too much of pawns shop financing. In 1952 West went solely for a change from twenty year trend and sold South broke over the same reason. Yet no appreciable change has been noted. And that's why Congress finds Westerners standing up with Southerners for a long, loud rendition of the rebel yell.

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