

BROTHERHOOD WEEK IN DURHAM

Brotherhood Week as celebrated in Durham brought little or no hope to approximately 30,000 Negro citizens of the city and county that there is being developed here a spirit of better understanding between people of all races, creeds and colors. Except for one or two watered down programs between Jewish and Gentile groups, the week passed as any other in this city of education and industry.

This newspaper had hoped that the white and Negro ministerial groups of Durham would sponsor some kind of interracial worship program in the churches with an exchange of pulpits and choirs. So far as we have been able to ascertain no such program took place even in an isolated case and Brotherhood Week in this city was allowed to pass as usual without any special contribution being made toward a better understanding between its white and Negro citizens.

We think, however, that when a better understanding of the basic desires, aspirations and ambitions of both

groups is had that many of the problems now confronting the South will disappear. For certainly there are persons in both groups who, because of no contacts on an equal level, never learn that after all there is little or no difference in people.

There are many Negroes who actually believe and teach their children that all white people are haters of Negroes and that upon the least provocation all of them are potential lynchers. Likewise, there are many white people who believe and teach their children that all Negroes will steal, rape, lie and commit all kinds of heinous crimes. These stupid notions must be destroyed if there is going to be created the kind of social soil in which real brotherhood and mutual respect can thrive.

This newspaper knows that there are many fine and noble white people in Durham and other communities who stick their necks out from time to time to foster a better understanding between the races by insisting that a greater portion of de-

mocracy be extended to Negro citizens. Were this not true life in the South would be unbearable for all decent and intelligent Negroes. There are many other white people who need to know that Negroes have no basic desire to associate with them or intermarry with them solely because of the color of their skin. Social contacts and marriage in the final analysis, we think, are so very personal that they constitute a realm into which not even one's parents should invade but just so far.

We here at the Carolina Times have little or no time for focusing the attention of our readers upon any one particular day or week as a time to encourage brotherhood. We rather think there is need for a day to day and a week to week program for such. However since the week has been established we think our churches at least should take a more active part and encourage it by instituting programs that will include persons of all groups rather than just those of the Jewish and Gentile races.

WHY TURN BACK THE CLOCK IN EDUCATION?

Out of last week's appearance of a group of representative Negro citizens before the General Assembly of North Carolina has come the stark and disappointing realization that Durham's own superintendent of schools is the man upon whom reactionary forces in this state are depending to carry the ball against compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling on segregation in public schools. It was Superintendent Stacy L. Weaver who answered 90 per cent of the questions fired at the special commission appointed by the late Governor Umstead to study and recodify the education laws of the state.

Prior to the appearance of the Negro citizens before the Legislature, there was a glimmer of hope that Durham's Sunday School teaching superintendent of schools was a man in whom a semblance of justice and fair play might be found, because a majority of Negroes are inclined to look upon things of a religious nature with a deep sense of reverence. The sermon on the Mount, the Lord's Prayer, and the entire Bible have been to them through the ages their shield and buckler in the midst of all kinds of

trials and tribulations. It is hard for them to rationalize how any man who teaches out of that great book Sunday after Sunday can fail to absorb some of its truths.

When Superintendent Weaver curtly replied again and again to his interrogators that House Bill 177 and Senate Bill 112, prepared by the Commission for approval by the General Assembly, was "not a desegregation study" he not only lost stature but the respect and confidence of the 20 or 25 Negroes of Durham who were members of the group of 300 appearing before the legislature. There is nothing that can so quickly de-throne respect for a man of importance as his deliberate lying.

While there has been no open statement as to the purpose of the Commission it is common knowledge that it was charged (privately) by the late Governor Umstead with the duty of devising ways and means to circumvent the Supreme Court's ruling on segregation in public schools. The mere fact that the House and Senate bills are attempting to decentralize the educational machinery of the State and put it back into the hands of local au-

thorities is positive proof that the Commission's only justification for rewriting the school law is to circumvent implementation of the Supreme Court's decision. This is further substantiated by repeated assurances from members of the Commission that most of the provisions of the new bills are SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME as those found in the school laws as they exist at the present time, except for those sections which transfer authority previously held by the state board and state superintendent to local authorities. If this is so why rewrite the school laws at all unless North Carolina hopes by this means to circumvent the Court's ruling?

If this is not the reason for the Commission and its objectives, we think the burden rests on its members to state in emphatic language just what is its purpose. All of the people of North Carolina are entitled to know why after years of decided improvement and progress in the educational program under strong state supervision and control they are asked to stand idly by while the clock is turned back 25 years or more to local supervision.

THE NEW BOOKER WASHINGTON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

An announcement on the front page of this issue of the Carolina Times reveals that the Booker Washington Birthplace in Virginia was purchased last Saturday at public auction by Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman, daughter of the famed founder of Tuskegee Institute. Mrs. Pittman bought the property in behalf of the newly created Booker T. Washington National Monument Committee which is headed by S. J. Phillips, founder and president of the original and now defunct memorial foundation.

On paper the plan as set forth in the release to news-

papers appears to be above board and if carried out accordingly will result in success. We trust, however, that Mr. Phillips and other organizers of the new foundation will profit from their past experience and take into their confidence reputable men and women of both races to the extent that they will be allowed to participate actively in the management of the organization.

If however the new foundation resorts to the same methods as the old and refuses to give an open and above board report of all the monies received and spent, it is doomed to failure. Its of-

ficers must realize that already they have two strikes against them and therefore must draw around them, as actual participants, responsible business men and women.

Negroes all over America realize fully what a distinct contribution Booker T. Washington made to the race and they will join hands with any sound movement that has as its purpose a befitting memorial to him. However, respectable Negroes will look with suspicion and scorn upon any movement that appears to have as its aim the exploitation of the name of Booker T. Washington for selfish purposes.

Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

Singing And Religious Experience

There is a ministry of song to which I would direct your attention at this time. And I believe the Apostle Paul had that ministry in mind when he said, "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

And that reminds us that religious singing should be characterized by two conditions. First, it should be from the heart. And second, it should be intelligent. If such singing is to be intelligent, it cannot be merely a jazzy babbling and syncopated confusion that produce feeling without insight, and emotion without vision. But it must embrace great religious ideas — ideas about God, salvation, grace, sanctification, holiness, resurrection glory, heaven and eternal life.

With this in mind, I am presenting some of the great themes pertaining to Christian revelation which singing should deal with and some of the great hymns centering about those themes.

Passion and Death
Consider a few great hymns and verses from them setting forth the passion and death of our Lord.

Dark was the night and cold the ground
On which the Lord was laid;
His sweat like drops of blood ran down;
In agony he prayed.
Father, remove this bitter cup,
If such thy sacred will,
If not content to drink it up,
Thy pleasure I fulfill.
Consider this familiar hymn.

"Alas! and did my Savior bleed?
And my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?
Chorus: "At the Cross, etc.
A Risen Christ

But our Christian hymnody does not leave Jesus on the cross or in the tomb. It follows the biblical story of resurrection, triumph, and ascension glory. And it tells us:
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He is victor from the dark domain,
And he lives forever with his saints to reign;
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

How well that hymn fits into the New Testament story of Christ's resurrection: "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept!" How well it describes the Gospel story of a risen Jesus and harmonizes with the vision of the glorified Christ on Patmos!
Know He Lives
Alone sometimes or in crowded church, we catch the theme in the hymn "I know that my Redeemer lives, He lives, who once was dead; To me in grief

Our Own House Is Crying For Improvement, Too



Spiritual Insight

"HUMILITY"

By Reverend Harold Roland
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"He that cometh after me is mightier than I." Matt. 3:12

Humility is the noblest of the christian virtues. But pride, man's greatest spiritual enemy, makes it the most difficult to achieve. John the Baptist was the very essence of gracious Godliness. The great soul quality of humility caused Jesus to declare him to be the noblest of men. Unlike most prideful men he was graciously willing to take second place with dignity and poise of soul. All too many of us fall down at this point. We can strut in first place. We know not how to take second place gracefully.

How the world's peace and harmony would be enhanced if we had more of the great soul power possessed by John the Baptist. Power-drunk and prestige-seeking men have lost the grace of humility.

Our pride is the great enemy of humility! Pride ennobles man's soul. Humility enriches, enhances and ennobles man's

soul. What is that makes us so sensitive, touchy, and conscious of status and place? It is pride, the enemy of man's spiritual hopes and aspirations. No wonder the word of God warns us... "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall..." The Holy writer talks about the roadblock to humility when he says, "Not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think..." We are naturally prideful. But it calls for intense spiritual discipline to achieve the virtue of humility... "God resisteth the proud... but giveth grace to the humble..."

Humility is a badge of the true spirit of the Christ. Do you wear this badge? How much of this grace have you achieved? Do you walk gracefully in the path of humility. Humility keeps us from self-exaltation. It keeps us so God can use us more successfully. Pride stirs up ill-will. Humility enhances the esteem and dignity of others. Humility, therefore,

attracts. Pride drives others away! Humility makes for a strong, harmonious community of true christian fellowship.

Jesus ever stands as the supreme example of this noble virtue of the soul. He calls us to humility. And he set the gracious example. He humbled himself to be born in a manger. He left his throne in Heavenly glory. He came to walk among us with our sin, sorrow and sickness. He clothed himself to be born in a manger. He left his throne in Heavenly glory. He came to walk among us with our sin, sorrow and sickness. He clothed himself in humanity's robe of flesh to redeem our souls from the enslaving clutches of sin. He died on a cross to exalt us to a place of Righteousness and Eternal glory.

O God, teach our prideful, arrogant hearts the graciousness of true humility that we may be fit vessels for thy service.

Letters To The Editor

THE NEGRO MINISTER THE MAN OF THE HOUR

Carolina Times
Down through the ages the Negro minister has been accepted as a leader for his race. He has proven his worth and ability and is doing his part to bring about the type of fellowship that is needed in the world today. The things that men are fighting for on the far flung battle-fields of the earth will be realized only when the Christ-like way is considered. The Negro minister is the man of the hour and in a position to bring about a Christian world fellowship.

The few crackpots who seek to discredit his worth need not be considered. By experience and training the Negro minister is in a position to lead his people. Experience gained in directing larger congregations has given him an ability to prove his worth as a business man. He has accomplished miracles with little means.

The erecting of church buildings costing over a quarter million dollars and paying for the same has shown his knowledge of economics. His ability to handle the most complex domestic affairs of his members tells of his value as a lawyer. His well planned daily program that keeps the doors of his church open seven days out of the week proves that he understands how to plan.

The well-organized religious education set-up that employs social and other workers shows that he is a social worker who understands the needs of his people. His contact satisfactorily makes him a diplomat. Above all, his direct connection with the Almighty qualifies him for leadership.
To prove that the people have confidence in the Negro minis-

ter and accept him as a leader, Marshall Shepard was chosen recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. Sandy Ray served as a member of the House in Ohio and was succeeded by Rev. Ashburn, Dr. Mordecai Johnson has served successfully for more than ten years as president of Howard University. Here in our state at Winston-Salem, the Rev. Kenneth Williams was elected a member of city council and was succeeded by another preacher, the Rev. William Crawford. Countless others head our large schools and business concerns.

More power to these great men who have done so much to lead their people.
S. R. Johnson, Jr.
Salisbury, N. C.

"RECORDER CORRECTED"

Carolina Times
In recent months, a segregation petition has been launched by an eminent university doctor under the guise of biology. In the interest of the biological approach, the doctor astutely by-passes biology and attempts to justify segregation with the New Testament.

But the doctor was careful not to cite the episode of the Samaritan woman at the well, with whom the Jews had no dealing, but to whom Christ made the first announcement of his Messiahship.

The doctor continues: "The colored race has not yet proved its capacity to develop a civilization."
Various authors, both European and American, whom the doctor seemingly failed to read, disagree with him.

"Ruins of Empire," Page 17, says: "The Ethiopians were the first to invent the science of the stars and give names to the planets."

Aristotle, in his Physlognomy, Chapter 6, distinctly mentions the Ethiopians as having woolly hair and Egyptians as being black-skinned.

Arthur Brisbane, the late editor of the N. Y. American, said on Dec. 25, 1921:

"The most famous of all the Sphinxes, with thick Ethiopian lips and flattened Ethiopian nose, is the Sphinx of Gizeh."

"The Sphinx is as old as the days when Ethiopians, ancestors of the colored man, your neighbor, ruled in Egypt!"

It is the sacred duty of the teacher to impart true information upon citizens of the United States.

Frank G. Sowell

McKee Speaks At Central High School

WHITEVILLE

Dr. McKee, of the Extension Course from the University of North Carolina recently spoke on Reading and Retardation to the teachers at Central. Dr. McKee was brought to the group by N. M. McMillan, Supervisor of the Negro County Schools of Columbus County in his regular monthly meeting with the teachers.

Dr. McKee told the group that retardation was a thing that teachers need to become alarmed over. He said first of all plans should be made for the elimination of retardation; discover the cause of retardation; discover the cause of retardation and adjust the pupil's program to what he can do. The speaker said that special techniques should be employed for aiding retarded children.

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS"

By C. MILSON HARDER

Washington pundits who claim only "right wing" republicans will oppose Administration's protective tariff wrecking proposal, with democrats supporting it, apparently have not marched through Georgia lately.

Rep. Henderson Lanham, a Georgia democrat takes mighty blast at plan to turn over economy to Acheson. Dulles theories of State Department.

Rep. Lanham feels pending tariff C.W. Harder measure would be death blow to nation's cotton textile industry, and cotton growers already feeling effects of "One Worlders."

He points out published list of planned tariff reductions includes almost every item produced by U.S. textile industry.

Rep. Lanham also points out while average hourly labor rate in U.S. textile mills is \$1.30, in Swiss mills it is 42c, in England 40c, France 38c, Italy 30c, India 9 1/2c, Japan 12 1/2c.

He further reports it is planned, if Congress approves current tariff-wrecking scheme, to also lower tariffs on foreign made synthetic fibers.

Thus, plans are afoot to flood U.S. with foreign cottons made at wages ranging from 10 to 25% of prevailing U.S. wages but at same time, through cutting tariffs on foreign made synthetics, it is planned to wreck U.S. cotton farmers even now supported by farm program.

From his study, small business alone will bear brunt of tariff wrecking plan. In cotton textile industry, employing over 1,250,000, 75% of industry is composed of small firms who do less than 1% of total industry.

The Georgian also made this highly significant statement: "The American people feel that the great mass production industries of the United States are so much more efficient than foreign industries as to be immune to foreign competition. Hence we expect that articles selected for tariff reduction would include products of great super-efficient mass production industries. They are either not on list at all, or are relatively minor items."

But he does charge through list of tariffs to be reduced Washington planners have selected for destruction many industries composed of small operators, or agricultural operators.

It is interesting that at the same time Congress is being asked to raise by law U.S. minimum wage rate to more than twice prevailing skilled wage rate in England.

It is also interesting to note that one of the first to testify in support of tariff wrecking was a cabinet officer who formerly headed nation's biggest manufacturing firm which also operates branches in many world's cheap labor nations. He was joined by Harold Stassen, whose experience in world trade has been confined to giving away U.S. tax billions as hand of Foreign Operation Administration.

In meantime published figures show that since 1927, while U.S. tariffs have been slashed by 60%, England's have been increased by 20%. Thus many feel it is good they still whistle "Dixie" in Georgia instead of "God Save the Queen."

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