

WHAT PRICE HONEST NEGRO LEADERS

The death of Dr. F. D. Bluford, president of A. and T. College, on last Wednesday, removed from the field of education in North Carolina one of the most outstanding personalities of our time. This newspaper could not always see eye to eye with Dr. Bluford on certain issues as they affect the Negro race in this country. However, we never lost sight of the fact that under his leadership A. and T. College had become one of the largest and most outstanding educational institutions of its kind in the nation devoted entirely to the education of Negroes.

For 30 long years he stood at the helm of A. and T. College, guiding its destiny and planning its future. Thirty years is a long time for any Negro leader in the South to be shouldered with the responsibility of the presidency of an educational institution that is dependent almost entirely on the state for its financial support. Often behind the scenes maneuvers have to be made, and battles have to be fought with narrow-minded white southern members of trustee boards,

battles that are trying to the soul of any self-respecting Negro as well as challenging to his manhood.

Dr. Bluford took over the helm of A. and T. College when it had only about 200 students and eight buildings. During his administration he saw the student body grow to approximately 3,000 and its physical plant increase to approximately \$12 million. It takes no ordinary Negro to pry that kind of money out of white southerners for Negro education and at the same time retain his self-respect and the respect of his own people.

This newspaper has learned from a reliable source that just a few months before his death Dr. Bluford had fought off the onslaughts of both the governor and the attorney-general of this state which tried to force him to come out for the governor's unholy "voluntary segregation" scheme. When we consider that at the age of 73 Dr. Bluford stood his ground and refused to do the governor's and the Attorney General's bidding, we are forced to pay the highest tribute to him for

having such moral courage. That Dr. Bluford refused to pay such a horrible price for the governor's and the attorney general's friendship is a tribute to his manhood and leadership. The ordeal of the incident no doubt contributed to his death.

Someday white leaders in the South are going to discover that a Negro leader who "Yes, Yeses" them on every hand and who is willing to make shady deals behind the scenes that will sell his race down the river are without character and moral courage. Then honest Negro leaders will not have to withstand such ordeals as that heaped upon Dr. Bluford at 73 years of age.

Someday all of us are going to have sense enough to retire Negro educators, ministers, business men and others when they should be retired; then we shall rely upon our old men for counsel and our young men for war. Certainly the counsel of Dr. Bluford is sorely needed during these trying times through which the race is now passing.

Life Is Like That

BY H. ALBERT SMITH

THE UBIQUITY OF DANGER

On Christmas Day about two thirty in the afternoon, a man whom I knew well and with whom I have engaged in conversation more times than I can recall died on the highway while enroute to the funeral of a relative. A car full of young people pulled out of a line of approaching automobiles and crashed into the vehicle in which he was riding and knocked it into a ditch. He stood apparently unhurt after the accident as officers of the law busied themselves with getting the facts when suddenly he collapsed. He died within fifteen minutes before the arrival of an ambulance.

Brought To Mind

When the news of the passing of this man reached me, it brought vividly to my attention not only the matter of the senseless slaughter daily occurring on our highways, but also the ubiquity or the omnipresence of danger, especially in these days of technological achievement which has given us a world such as would stagger the imagination of ancestors of a century ago.

Henry duPont

I read only a day or two ago a statement made by Henry B. duPont, a vice president of the duPont Company. He said, "Technology is one of the most powerful forces in the world today, a force that transforms men into giants, deserts into gardens, and poverty into wealth." It was another way of saying that technology is a wonderful thing and has made the world a great deal better place in which to live.

In Agreement

With this view, I am inclined to agree. For so far as I am concerned, the world today is infinitely more interesting than the world in which I grew up, affords far more comforts, entertainment, enjoyments and convenience. The frigid air and the deep freeze make us wonder how we ever got along with the old ice-box. Setting a thermostat is so vastly beyond the old-fashioned heating methods of coal stove and furnace as to invite no comparison. The automobile gives us a day's cruising radius the grandparents of some of us hardly had in months. While, in our living rooms, we see and hear persons by means of radio and television

we would never contact in a life time without these inventions.

Increasing Dangers

But with the technological advantages of the times have come increasing dangers. They were numerous enough in the days when we were far less advanced. So true was this that one man in citing the ubiquity of danger gives us an illustration to this effect.

He stated that a man standing at a street intersection saw approaching him a team of runaway horses. From another direction, an automobile (an "ancient" one) was bearing down upon him. From another came a fire truck, and from another some other vehicle. He looked up and saw a disabled airplane about to fall on him. In desperation, he snatched up a man-hole cover and jumped through the opening. A subway train ran over him.

Never Knows

Unless a man lives a long way from the highway today, he doesn't know when an automobile is going to crash into his living room, or he is apt to be rudely awakened to find a car and a "tipsy" driver in his bedroom. He has no guarantee that an airplane won't fall on his house, however for out in the country he may live. When he sends his child to school in the morning, or to the store at any time, he must of necessity have a bit of faith because the menace of the automobile is a constant threat of tragedy.

Deadliest Holiday

Even as I write this article, reports are coming in via radio, television and press that traffic deaths for the weekend total five hundred and ninety-two, with the count steadily mounting. This tragic toll made the three-day Christmas weekend the deadliest holiday in the history of the nation.

Emphasizes Danger

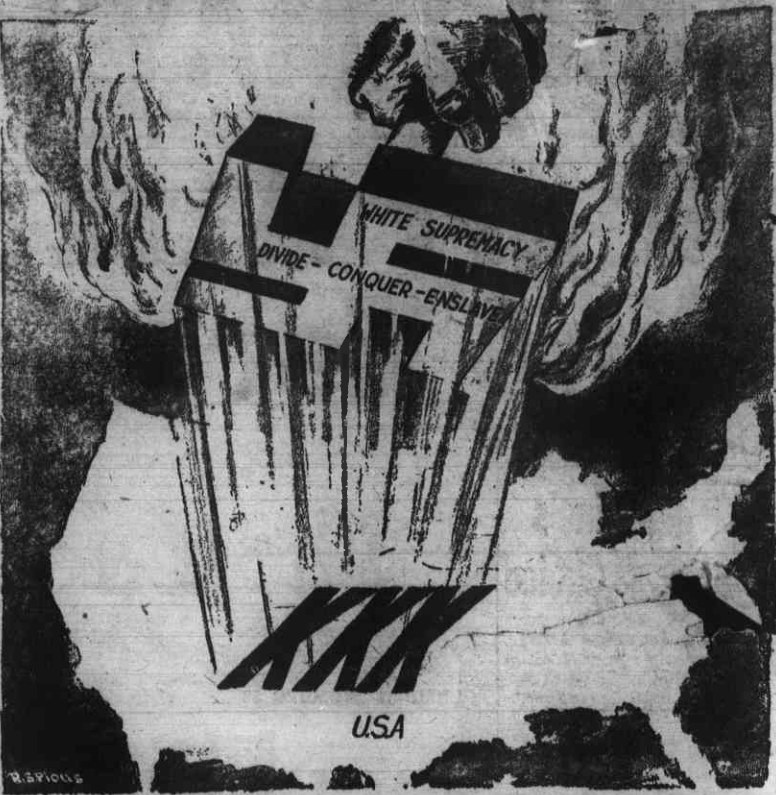
This wholesale slaughter but emphasizes the ubiquity of danger...that it is always and everywhere present...and confronts us always with the challenge: Be Careful!

Centuries ago a Hebrew poet wrote, "There is only a step between me and death." I wonder how he would express himself today were he alive to face the present American scene?

by job openings in the local office, has been steadily dropping since September, and by November a decline of more than 20 percent was shown. Even so, the demand exceeded

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"Still Plugging Us, But With A New Approach"



Spiritual Insight

"Facing The Future Unafraid"

BY REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"I will lead them in paths that they have not known...I will make darkness light before them..." Isa. 42:16.

We are facing the adventure of the unknown path of a New Year. It will be for us the thrilling adventure of the unknown. With each passing day this future will unfold to become the living present. We do not know what will be our lot as the dark impenetrable unravels itself daily. How will you face this future? Will you face it with courage or with fear? With God as companion you can face this unfolding future of the New Year with confidence and assurance. Face it with God, and there will be less fear and dread. Have faith in God, and you can face this unknown future unafraid.

May I suggest, therefore, that you make God your daily companion that you may face this future unafraid. You have the promise of His word which cannot fail...I will lead them in paths they have not known...I will make dark light before

them... A little time in meditation with God will make every day bright and its burdens lighter.

Make God your companion, and you will become undiscouraging in the face of the worst that this unfolding future can bring. Life in God is unbeatable. You know not what will be your lot for the year. But with God you can face anything. Yes, with him you can do and endure anything that may come your way. Accept God's invitation for guidance for this unknown future. Make use of God's power for the journey. How can you make it without God? Ask him to go with you, and you will be prepared for the changes, crises and emergencies. God's word is true. Take Him at His word, you can't go wrong...Fear not. I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God...I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness...

It is a blessed thing to put God in your business. Leave

Him out, and you will be in confusion and in nothingness. The way may be discouraging and He will give you power to go through. Too many will crowd Him out. Many will try to make this unknown journey without Him. Why take such a chance? Put God in your business for the New Year, and it will become a high adventure of faith and victory. Yes, with God your business and on your part there is nothing to fear. Your unknown future unfolds and becomes the living present. "What have I to do with I to dread learning everlasting arms?" "I will lead them in paths they have not known...I will make darkness light before them..." Yes, with God you can face the future unafraid.

THE NEED OF EDUCATIONAL STATESMANSHIP

Three Indian students will be admitted to an all-white school in Sanford when schools re-open in January. The chairman of the school board, Dr. J. L. Knight, says there are no objections and no meeting is necessary. It thus appears the board of education in Sanford has handled with ease, what might have been a most difficult question or much ado about nothing. It would seem that here is a fine example of educational statesmanship that might be followed in other cities, towns and counties where the question of admitting Negroes is sure to arise come the opening of school

next fall. It is our candid opinion that if southern white leaders will do so, they can minimize the question of integrated schools by taking a cue from the Sanford Board of Education in the instance of admitting Indians to a previously all-white public school. Leaders in education took the right and proper attitude, and we can rest assured that everything will turn out all right and the three Indians will be accepted as any other school children.

among public school officials. If such is exercised, integration instead of being a problem will become a benefit to the southern economy that is already sagging under the burden of trying to maintain two standard school systems.

Whatever happens Negroes will stage no grand rush to enroll their children in white schools. Likewise, there will be no grand rush of interracial marriages as a result of integration as has been definitely proved in northern and western states where integrated schools are the rule and no ban exists on intermarriages.

THE SOUTH AS PLAYER AND REFEREE

An apt summation of the official position of North Carolina—and of many other whites in this region—on the matter of integration was presented in an editorial of the Durham Morning Herald the other day. In discussing the implications of a case in Greensboro where six Negroes are being tried in court to test the validity of the city's right to lease public lands to private segregated groups, the Herald said in part:

What the Herald is actually saying amounts to this: "If Negroes continue to press for first class citizenship, for full enfranchisement under the law, they will force the South to do away with all publicly supported institutions. Reduced to its common denominator, the Herald says simply, if the Negro persists in trying to free himself from the gutter of legally enforced inferiority, he will cause the white man to wreck the South in trying to keep him in the gutter. And this will be the fault of nobody but the Negro, who insisted on getting out of the gutter in the first place.

place, this is exactly what Governor Hodges' appeal for voluntary segregation — voluntary disfranchisement — says, stripped of the verbiage of political doubletalk and hocus pocus demagoguery.

And, the only difference between Gov. Hodges' attitude and that of the Mississippians is that while Gov. Hodges and the Herald appeal to reason of Negroes to lie in the gutter peaceably, the Mississippians, like other uncivilized tribes, do not have the capacity to make appeals to the reason. The only appeal this tribe knows is by brute force. They will simply kill any Negro who tries to get his neck from under the white man's foot.

"Considering the readiness of many Southerners to abandon their public schools rather than to agree to racial integration in them, it isn't hard to figure that the future of public recreation is dim indeed if members of the Negro race try to use public recreation facilities heretofore restricted to white people.

We pity the Herald writers. For they seem to have a reverence for and devotion to logic in their approach to various issues. Here, they are faced with the impossible task of trying to make logic out of an illogical situation. We cannot conceive of an underdog killing his captor by simply removing the captor's foot from his neck. The nonsense in it all—and in the pursuit of logic, the Herald inexorably arrives at an inescapable nonsensical position—is readily apparent and makes plain the futility of trying to make sense out of nonsense.

The attitude displayed by the Herald and much of the civilized white south puts us in mind of one displayed by children who have not yet learned to appreciate the code of good sportsmanship. The attitude of the little boy who will take his glove, bats and ball and stop the game—no matter how much he likes to play ball—rather than play by any rules except his own is one familiar to most of us. But, unlike real children, the South is not playing quite the harmless and innocent game of ball. It is playing with human lives.

"The Negroes, therefore, have it within their power to liquidate public recreation in the South for both races. And since it is a safe assumption that there are many among them who care little for public recreation and who would rather have no recreation facilities than segregated facilities, the future of public recreation in the South seems dim indeed."

But, as we said in the first

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Employment Demands Down Seasonally Labor demand, as reflected

Employment In Durham Area Passes Peak

Employment in the Durham Area is still high, even showing a fractional increase over the last two months, despite the heavy seasonal layoffs in tobacco (500) in anticipation of the holidays, as well as increased activity in textiles and services (primarily hospitals), were the primary stabilizing factors. More optimistic still is the fact that gains were registered in every industry over the past year, with the exception of a fractional loss in transportation, communication, and utilities.

The total number of unemployed is currently estimated at 1,800 (1,260 women), an increase over the past two months of 140, (9.6 percent). By contrast with last year, unemployment has decreased by nearly 900 persons, (38 percent).

A survey of the unemployment claims and active applications yields the following information:

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SCIENCE IN YOUR LIFE

The Giant Foe

One of the most striking achievements of modern medicine has been its success in routing tuberculosis. This story is well-documented with statistics. In the United States alone, for example, the disease has plummeted from a first-ranking cause of death to tenth place, leaving hospital after hospital emptied of its victims.

Most TB specialists credit this drop primarily to the new anti-tuberculosis drugs developed towards the end of World War II, for the period in which these drugs have been available has encompassed the most rapid decline in tuberculosis mortality the world has ever seen.

The drug streptomycin marks the starting point of this chemical attack on the disease. Recently, the first human patient treated with the drug was re-visited, and a "before and after" report was made in the *American Review of Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Disease*.

The patient, a 21-year-old girl suffering from advanced tuberculosis, was given streptomycin in 1944. Now married, she is the mother of three robust children who were born in 1950, 1952 and 1954 respectively, the report states.

This happy ending of an apparently hopeless case has been duplicated thousands of times since the TB wonder drugs were first developed, and new advances in therapy are today constantly adding examples. Cited by experts as particularly promising is the recently developed drug Streptothridin, which links the two powerful anti-TB weapons streptomycin and isoniazid so they can be given in a single injection.

Medical specialists from Howard University, reporting on its use at the recent Third Annual Antibiotics Symposium, stated that Streptothridin produced more rapid clinical improvement than did either isoniazid or streptomycin given alone. In addition, it helped to eliminate major problems arising from the prolonged use of the other drugs, problems such as dangerous side-effects and resistance.

Capital Close-Up

Peace Tree Lights

Standing by when the President, at Gettysburg, flashed on the lights of the great Christmas tree in the Ellipse below the White House, were two youngsters representing all the children of the Nation. One was white—a Campfire Girl. The other was a Negro—16-year-old Mervyn Reeves, D. C.'s newest Eagle Scout—a Junior at McKinley Tech Senior High School, inducted the morning the Peace Pageant opened. Two short years ago, McKinley's only Negro students—and graduates—were those who resorted to "passing" in order to avail themselves of the vastly superior facilities at "Tech," as contrasted with outmoded, inadequate and generally inferior facilities at Armstrong High-its "Division Two" (Jim-Crow) counterpart.

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Mrs. Vann, Asa Spaulding Off to Tubman Inaugural

Mrs. Jessie L. Vann, Pittsburgh Courier publisher, and Asa T. Spaulding, North Carolina Mutual vice-president, will be leaving for Liberia, December 29, as two of the five official United States delegates to the Third Inaugural of President William V.S. Tubman of Liberia. Other members of the U. S. delegation are Garfield I. Kass, realtor, former Senator Robert W. Upton, of New Hampshire, and top echelon representation from the Armed Services. Ranking U. S. representatives at the inauguration will be Resident Ambassador Robert Jones. Send-off ceremonies for the delegation are scheduled for December 29, at the Department of State.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: A copy of a letter sent to Rev. Dwight Watts, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church at Wake Forest, is reprinted here at the request of the writer who sent a copy of the letter to the TIMES: Rev. Dwight Watts, Minister of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wake Forest, N. C.

Dear Reverend, follower of our beloved Christ:

Now that Thanksgiving is past, we remember our blessings in this country which we love, a country with so much opportunity to show the world through examples, not words, a way of life that will lead to World Peace.

The deplorable incident and regrettable behavior by the membership of your church towards a Christian lady, citizen of this fair State, has come to the attention of many people. Something should be done by your Church. Not only an apology to Miss Perry for the inhuman action to another of God's children, a lady, a teacher and church-woman, who prayed for the one who offended her.

I am from Vienna, living in

this country a long time, who respects and loves its blessings and the people, in high places and in humble walks of life, who live the principles of their respective creeds and obey the divine laws taught by their Prophets, which are all the same. People make the differences.

I have travelled much and many years on three continents for religious and human purposes. This past summer I received a permit and a visa to travel in countries behind the Iron Curtain, talked there with people who have little opportunities and suffer much. They asked me, "what are the citizens of your country doing to their people and what effect have their churches? So, you see what happens here is known far away.

I wish I could speak to Miss Perry and tell her how sorry and ashamed I am for what happened to her, and how much I admire her for the prayers she offered for the offender. She behaved as a Christian lady. Hoping praying and working for a better World, I remain in His path.

Ludmila Van Someek

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