

A Salute to Person County

We salute Person County for having won the 1960 North Carolina "County of the Year" award for rural progress. The achievement should be an inspiration and an encouragement, especially to Negroes of the rural areas of the county, to continue their efforts toward improving their living conditions.

While the report paid special attention to gains made in improving the income of farmers of the county on crops, expanding livestock production and other farm areas, we would like to point out to the winners of the award that there is another one in which Negro farmers and persons living in rural areas are sadly running behind, and that is in registering and voting.

It is our sincere hope that Negro farmers of Person County will not feel that winning the "County of the Year" award is evidence

that they have arrived. It should give impetus to the efforts now being made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, other organizations, and individuals of North Carolina, to increase the voting strength of Negroes, especially in the rural areas. For without influence at the ballot box, the gains made in farm income and elsewhere are sure to be nullified by the overall losses experienced by Negroes in industry and other fields.

The Carolina Times would like to see an award offered by some organization or individual to the county showing the highest increase in registering and voting of Negroes living in rural areas. It is our feeling that such a program will be equally if not more beneficial to all the Negroes of the state as the "County of the Year" award by a county.

A Shock to the Wake Forest College Trustee Board

Their blood pressure shot up like a modern day sputnik and goose pimples shot out all over the tough, southern hides of members of the Wake Forest Trustee Board last week when members of the school's faculty recommended that the college trustees modify their stand on admitting Negroes to the school. No sooner had the stunned board members partially recovered from this staggering blow when five coeds of the school declared, after spending a week at Barnard College in New York with five Negro coeds from Spelman College of Atlanta, that the week together had helped them clear misconceptions and fears.

The action of the faculty members and the five co-eds, we fear, was enough to make half of the board members swallow their chew of "tobacco" and reach for another swig of brandy or mountain moonshine. There is certain to be a hot time in the old town of Wake Forest when the next trustee meeting is held. Southern dander is up, and Baptist deacons and missionary sisters are sure to search the scriptures for proof that God Al-

mighty never intended for white and Negro pupils to get an education together.

Some of the trustee members may be expected to snatch the confederate flags from the walls of their homes and offices and ride in haste to Wake Forest College to halt what they will declare is downright communism. In fact, before it is all over the Ku Klux Klan may even ride again and Senator Deacon "Kunnel" Claghorn may renounce his Baptist faith and join Jehovah's Witnesses.

What happened at Wake Forest College is a foreshadow of coming events, and in the South more such incidents may be expected as the spirit of the new South conflicts with that of the old. It is positive proof that segregation as a philosophy of this region is dead and is now on the embalming slab. The only things left undone are the funeral and burial and those are soon to take place, and the mourners will be only a few die-hard who will long for the good old days of segregation when a white face was the only thing necessary to qualify one as a superior human being.

Africans Cause Trouble in The UN

Last Sunday's edition of the New York Times published an informative and thought provoking article by Nan Robertson about the serious problem facing this nation in the matter of housing African diplomats of the United Nations in New York. The article says, in part, that "housing difficulties—caused mainly by racial prejudice—have been a thorn in the side of the United Nations, the State Department, anti-discriminating groups and real estate men in New York."

Unlike his southern counterpart, who comes on out in the open with his prejudice against Negroes, the Yankee segregationist resorts to his usual superficial liberality while carrying on all sorts of shady schemes behind the scenes to achieve his goal, which is the complete barring of Negroes from the better residential areas of New York. The problem is not only loaded with explosive repercussions but threatens to undermine whatever hopes the United States has in cultivating the goodwill of the seventeen new African countries that have recently joined the United Nations.

Probably the most shocking information to many whites and Negroes of this country is that the Africans object to being housed in Harlem, the almost exclusive residential area of Negroes who live or go to live in New York. The Africans, like a majority of intelligent and successful southern Negroes who find it necessary to visit New York on business or otherwise, want no part of Harlem's usually rat-infested, dirty, crowded, and dingy apartments.

In spite of the common belief that all Negroes who go to New York to live or visit there are just raring to settle down in Harlem, the Africans have brought to light the underlying feeling concurred in by many serious-minded Negroes of this country, that for the most part Harlem is a refuge of the unsuccessful, the light-in-the-head, the ne'er do well, the failures and the slicksters of the race, both native and immigrant of the South. There is a growing feeling among the more thoughtful of the race that it is far better for Negroes to remain in the South where

there is no mistake of who, where and what the enemy is than to live in Harlem under the illusion that he is free only to discover that he is the victim of one of the most vicious systems of subtle discrimination ever concocted by the mind of man.

When the thoughtful of the race think of Harlem they think, for the most part of climbing four, five, six, eight, ten or more flights of stairs to rat-infested apartments; of the numbers racket, liquor parties night after night, of drug addicts or dope fiends, prostitutes, pervers and other victims of the doomed and dying. They compare these disadvantages with the homes or farms they are buying or own in the South, the insurance companies and banks they own and other smaller businesses they operate and they are convinced, like their African brothers, that living in Harlem is far more like living in hell than living in a majority of places in the South.

So it's no longer, home to Harlem. Rather we would send out a clarion call to the hundreds of thousands of Negroes now living in Harlem to come on home to the South. Come on back home where you will at least see and know the enemy when you meet him, where you will have a part in the great battle being waged and won by the eleven or twelve million Negroes of the South to achieve first-class citizenship without being led to believe you already have it.

The Only Solution to Congo Crisis

President Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana has come up with what we believe to be the only practical solution to the serious situation as it now exists in the Congo. Last Saturday Nkrumah called for a new all-African United Nations command in the Congo to take over "complete responsibility for law and order." The Ghanaian president went on to say that a new and serious approach is needed in the Congo "if the United Nations is to be saved and the further of peace of Africa assured."

Whether the European and American nations of the United Nations agree or not matters little. One thing is sure the situation in the Congo has grown continuously worse under the present United Nations command, and there is strong evidence that it will never improve so long as the command is composed even partly of whites. Native Negroes of the Congo and other parts of Africa, after many years of white control, have reached the point where they no longer trust the white man and it is our opinion that so long as the control is in his hands there will be no peace in the Congo or elsewhere in Africa.

LET'S MAKE A "FRESH START." PUT OUR OWN IN ORDER FIRST



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Healing is Outstanding Feature of Teachings and Practices of Jesus

"Diseases left them, and evil spirits came out of them." Acts 19:12.

Healing is an outstanding feature of the original emphasis of the teachings and practices of Jesus. We have been tempted to forget or overlook this healing feature of our Religion at times. But thank God there has been a trend for sometime to recover this important emphasis. There are healing resources in the Religion of Jesus. Faith healing is not a vain, meaningless idea. Here we have spiritual cleansing as a basis of healing. The evil or unclean spirit is a health destroying spirit. Many of our sicknesses seem to be rooted in the unhealthy feelings we may have. What are some of these unhealthy feelings? They are fear, resentment, hatred, bitterness, anxiety, worry.

Faith in God is a basis of good health. Truly good religion is good health. Those who have faith in God Almighty have a

much better chance to have and enjoy the blessings of good health. And faith in our fellowmen is an important factor in our having healthy bodies, minds and souls. Thus when we lose communion with God and man our chances for health are diminished. We all need the spiritual cleansing essential for union and communion with God and man. Jesus said on many occasions to sick people, "Thy Faith has made thee whole." Faith offers great healing power for us.

Spiritual cleansing does make for health and physical well being. Healing follows the forgiveness of our sins. Forgiveness is a healing spiritual operation within the soul of man. Sin makes us sick. Thus when sin is removed our health is restored in body, mind or soul. You remember the paralytic whose healing followed after Jesus had forgiven his sins. Thus we need to ask God often in our prayers that we may be healed through His

forgiveness. The Psalmist realized the healing power of Divine forgiveness when he says "Create within me a clean heart, O God." Forgiveness is healthful for it takes away the health-destroying power of the uncleanness of sin.

Love is a creative, health-giving power. We all need to cultivate love in our hearts and souls so that we may share its rich fruits of health. Yes, love is life and health and those of us who would really be healthy must let love abide in our hearts. Love generates the glowing of health for those who cherish her in their hearts. I heard a man of ninety-two say that he guarded his soul against the health-destroying power of hatred. Let love reign in your heart and she will offer you the rich fruits of healthful living.

Let us guard our rich, God-given treasures of health by letting our souls be indwelt by love and the Holy Spirit.

CLOAK AND DAGGER, TALE FROM SEGREGATION WARS

Group Working for Integration in the South Tells How State Planted Spies in Effort to Trip Members

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was prepared by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—A hearing by the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee revealed how spies are planted in integration groups to report to state officials in the South.

Three such spies were exposed when the committee made a desperate but unsuccessful effort to show that the integration movement is controlled by so-called subversives.

Those exposed were C. C. Collins and Ernest M. Salley, both of DeLand, Fla., and Mrs. Mary Mueller of Mobile, Ala., formerly of Tallahassee, all of whom told of attending Communist meetings and subscribing to integration literature at the instigation of R. J. Strickland, committee investigator.

Salley even went so far as to allow himself to be subpoenaed to the committee hearing so he could take part in consultations between Carl Braden and his attorney beforehand.

Braden, a field secretary and editor for the Southern Conference Educational Fund, New Orleans, had been subpoenaed by the committee while making a speech before the Volusia County NAACP in Daytona Beach.

SALLEY SPIED ON GROUP

When Salley appealed for help, Braden offered to introduce Salley to Len Holt, Norfolk, Va., nationally known civil rights at-

torney who was to represent Braden before the committee. The Rt. Rev. C. Ewbanks Tucker, AME Zion bishop, was also Braden's attorney but was unable to be present.

Holt, Braden, and Salley met the night before the hearing and Salley employed Holt to represent him. The spy obtained a copy of a statement that Braden planned to make to the committee the next day when refusing to testify.

The statement accused the committee of violating his rights under the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, guaranteeing freedom of speech, press, religion, association, and petition. Salley gave the statement to the committee, which then told Braden he could either answer all questions fully or not be required to testify at all. The chairman, Rep. William G. O'Neill of Ocala, hurled the usual charges at Braden.

He shouted: "We will put in evidence that you are interested in agitation, stirring up sit-ins, and that you have no desire to improve the position of the Negro but to further the Communist cause."

After conferring with Holt, Braden told the committee: "This is a somewhat unusual procedure which you have set up. I disagree with what you have said. It is based on inaccuracies and false assumptions. I refuse to testify because you are violating my rights under the First Amendment."

Braden and Holt then sat down in the front row at the hearing and listened to the spies describe their work. Mrs. Collins told of attending meetings of SCEF and other groups and of receiving literature and letters which she turned over to the committee.

Salley said he attended a meeting in Orlando in March, 1960, at which a statewide committee was set up by persons and groups interested in civil rights and civil liberties. The inquisitors were especially concerned about a group set up in Tallahassee to alert people all over Florida against repressive legislation.

Salley told how he spied on SCEF, the NAACP, and the Council on Human Relations. He also made reports on peace groups. On one occasion, he even took a three-hour tape recording, part of which was played for the investigating committee.

Reporters later asked Braden if he and SCEF were concerned about spies and informers in the groups with which they work. Braden replied: "We never give it a thought. We are not doing anything subversive or unlawful. We take everybody at face value until they show that they are not what they say they are. We refuse to play into the hands of the segregationists by being suspicious of people. That's what they want us to do."

Reporters also asked Braden for copies of the statement that he planned to make to the com-

Veterans Questions and Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q.—I hear that men being discharged from military service have one-year deadline from date of discharge for applying for VA dental treatment. Is this true?

A.—Generally, yes, for VA outpatient dental treatment, for which the dental condition must be service-connected. But there are a number of exceptions. These include veterans drawing compensation for dental conditions, those whose dental conditions resulted from service injuries, and former prisoners of war.

Q.—Can I get transportation to

a VA domiciliary?

A.—As a rule, transportation to a VA domiciliary at Government expense is provided only for the initial admission.

Q.—I know a wife may be buried in a national cemetery if her veteran husband is already buried there. But what if the wife dies first?

A.—A veteran who assures cemetery officials that he intends to be buried in a national cemetery may make arrangements for his wife to be buried there if she precedes him in death.

Q.—Where does one write to secure information about state bonuses to veterans?

A.—Write to the State Capitol in the state concerned. Do not write the Veterans Administration about state bonuses as they are administered solely by the individual states.

the Palmetto Education Association. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Miss Curfbo is the latest in a series of personalities featured in Carnation advertising in Negro publications. Among those seen in last year's campaign were Physics Engineer Meredith (Flash) Gourline, former Cornell University track star; and Home Economics Department head Dr. Elizabeth Durham, of Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, and Pinkie Thrift, Southern University.

--Philip

Continued from front page they were continuing to prepare a defense against the first degree murder charge.

Philip is being defended by Kingston attorneys Guy Elliott and McKinley Battle, and Earl Whitted, of Goldsboro.

--Congo

Continued from front page Negroes may be no more clear on many aspects of the Congo situation than their white fellow citizens, they are clear in their belief that "their country should help the Congolese people to self-sustaining independence and that Belgian colonizers should not be replaced with Soviet Union colonizers."

--Alabama

Continued from front page February 21, 1961, was excessive and not in the best interests of justice. However, the Federal Court refused to delay the evictions.

The New York Times newspaper is a co-defendant in the case involving the suit against these Negro leaders resulting from the publishing of a full page ad in the New York Times by a group defending Martin Luther King, Jr. In this advertisement, Alabama was charged with intimidation and violence against the peaceful protests of Dr. King and his followers.

--Native

Continued from front page to North Carolina College's Law School Dean during the summer of 1948 and joined the staff of St. Augustine's College in Raleigh as an instructor in Business Education in September, 1948.

She returned to school at Boston University, and earned the Master's Degree in Education in 1953. She has subsequently completed additional study at Harvard University.

Miss Cumbo joined Allen University, in her present position as Dean of students in 1953.

She is active in a number of professional organizations, including the National Personnel and Guidance Association, National Business Teachers Association and

--UNCF

Continued from front page student enrollment of more than 24,000.

--Arrested

Continued from front page ing racial hate is out to commit political suicide.

Dr. Lowery, who, himself, has been cited for contempt of a Florida legislative committee because he failed to satisfy them on questions put to him, said that "with all of America's genius in out-producing the rest of the world, it is amazing to note her failure to grant full citizenship rights to her largest largest minority—the Negroes."

--Hodges

Continued from front page Whitaker, 34, was a practicing attorney in Columbus, Ohio.

Secretary Hodges was one of several government and business leaders who were guests at the reception. Others included Ghana's Ambassador to the U. S. Maim and his wife; Congressman Horace Korman (D-M.C.), Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.), Frank Rives, special assistant to President Kennedy, Dr. Jas. Nabrit, President of Howard U., Doyle Mitchell, president of Industrial Bank of Washington, D. C., and Attorney Belford and Marjorie Lawson.

The ex-North Carolina chief executive went on to say that he found it hard to divorce himself from North Carolina in the beginning, but realized that he was in a position to serve the entire country.

by the fact that your chief investigator subpoenaed me while I was criticizing your activities at a public meeting of integrationists.

"I have pending in the United States Supreme Court an appeal by me involving these very points, and I do not feel that I should testify regarding these matters while they are under judicial consideration. This was called to the attention of your chairman when I asked for postponement of my appearance here.

"I join other victims of this committee in declaring that you are trying to hamper our work for integration under the pretext of looking for subversives. I refuse to cooperate in such an endeavor because it violates my conscience, my religious principles, and my constitutional rights.

"In other words, gentlemen, my beliefs and my associations are none of the business of this committee."

The committee indicated that it did not plan any action against Braden because of his defiance of it.

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