

Improving the Health of All North Carolinians

In its projected plans to investigate the desegregation of mental health facilities in North Carolina, the Old North State Medical Society is taking the kind of forward step that augurs well for the future health of all North Carolinians. Segregation itself is a disease that our State can ill afford to continue. However, a state statute makes it mandatory to separate the mentally ill colored from the mentally ill white patients. According to a report from Wednesday's meeting as part of Lincoln Hospital's 16th annual Post-graduate Clinic, the ONSMS has obtained the cooperation of the NAACP in a survey that may lead to class action directed specifically at desegregating mental health facilities. If successful, a favorable ruling for colored litigants would unquestionably lead to the desegregation of all state-supported health and hospital facilities.

And without a single dissenting vote, the physicians here this week voted to dig down in their pockets to finance a series of actions designed to improve the lot of the Negro patients. If this action is characteristic of North Carolina Negro medical men, we may well have reached another milestone in realistically appraising the formidable problems that segregation will pose for many years to come. ONSMS President William W. Hoffer, of Elizabeth City put the matter bluntly: "If we are going to improve the status and prestige of Negro medical men, we must first of all improve the opportunities in health and hospital care for the great mass of Negro citizens." Dr. Hoffer added that the mental and physical health of all North Carolinians is closely intertwined with the health and welfare of both the advantaged and disadvantaged of all races.

Observers said the scientific part of the meeting was one of the most successful in recent years. As in the past an integrated team of clinicians participated in bringing busy practitioners up to date on issues as varied and complex as thyroid problems and cancer diagnosis. The clinic itself is a tribute

to two of the founding members who attended, Dr. Clyde Donnell and William M. Rich, retired director of Lincoln Hospital.

Dr. Donnell and Mr. Rich have lived to see much progress in health and hospital care in this state. They have played pioneering roles in virtually every advance along the lines. To their successors, however, has come the task of bringing new light and new race relations techniques into this important field of health and hospital care.

Special praise should go to the planning committee headed by Dr. R. P. Randolph and Dr. Charles D. Watts, president of the Lincoln Hospital staff. These men, in addition to others like Dr. Hubert Eaton of Wilmington, Dr. Murray Davis of High Point, Dr. Emery Ramm of Charlotte, and Dr. Wiley T. Armstrong of Rocky Mount, see clearly that medicine and community welfare are two facets of the same problem. They are uncompromising in their stand against segregation whether in state medical societies or in the expenditure of federal money to operate segregated hospital facilities.

We are encouraged to see this tangible evidence on the part of Negro medical men that they also can join our generation's crusade to extend the horizons of democracy. With physicians in the fight to rid society of cancer and segregation, we believe that success is indeed just around the corner.

And as the assault mounts against segregated public health facilities, private segregating agencies may well take heed.

Segregation in the matter of health and hospital care has no place in a society like ours. By beginning with mental facilities, ONSMS may have wrought better than it realizes. For in the minds of our people lie the potential solutions to many of our problems. Solve the problems of these who are diagnosed ill mentally, and we shall have made progress in solving the problems of many of our citizens who are ill with segregation. A good assist from the federal courts will speed the process.

Durham's "Time Ain't Ripe" Mayor and His Gang

In the Carolina Times, issue of October 7, we published an editorial in which we attempted to call the attention of our readers to the fact that Negroes are getting tired of having to play second fiddle or take for granted that they are never to be considered for the chairmanship of committees on which they serve with white persons. We did not know at the time we wrote the editorial that within less than 30 days the members of an important committee in the city of Durham would sink to the lowest depths of depravity and political skulduggery to prevent its lone Negro member from being elected its chairman.

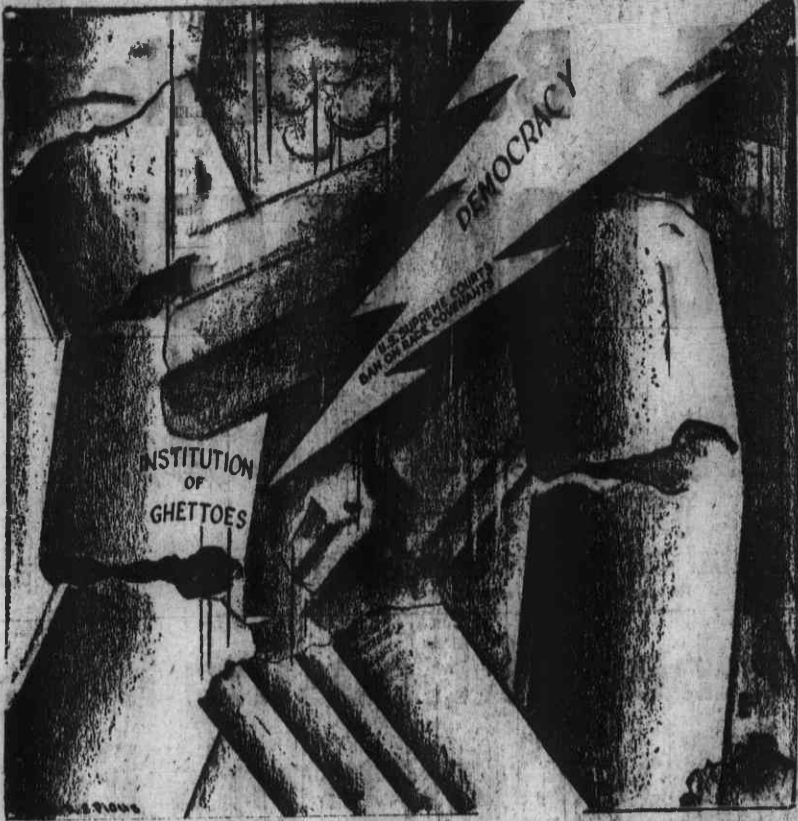
Last week saw Durham's so-called Housing Authority slither through the slime and muck of some of the dirtiest politics this city has witnessed in many a day to accomplish its damnable objective. Involved in the hellish plot was not only Durham's "time ain't ripe" mayor but several of the city's so-called civic celebrities. The same old dirty gags and the same old dirty tactics that have held Durham back for the past 50 years were the order of the day.

From the standpoint of seniority, experience and training there was no question in the minds of the leaders of Durham's "time ain't ripe" gang that J. J. Henderson was the best qualified member of the Housing Authority to become its chairman. The only unforgivable sin he had committed is that he was born a Negro. The time just "ain't ripe" for a Negro to become chairman of a group, or committee

composed of one or more of God Almighty's one and only pet race.

This is the same unholy and pernicious attitude of bulldozing and bigotry found in South Africa, the southern part of the United States and other parts of the world where white supremacy is the order of the day. It is the basic reason behind all of the cheap and hellish bickering now going on between this country and Russia, both of which are predominantly white and both of which live and move by the formula that white plus might equals right. It is the same attitude that has kept Durham's Chamber of Commerce from having on it, as a member, representation of the city's largest home-owned and home-operated financial institution.

The crooked chicanery resorted to last week by certain Durham leaders and certain members of its housing authority is enough to force a weak or mediocre man to hand in his resignation. We trust, however, that Mr. Henderson will not do this. It is our opinion that because of his long service on the housing authority and his experience and training in the field of business and real estate that he owes it to the growing element of fair-minded white people of Durham, as well as his own race, to continue to serve as a member. We would even insist that he remain on and serve with his usual dignity and humility. This is the way of all noble men. It is the way of all great men.



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"Bear Ye One Another's Burdens And Thus Fulfill the Law of Christ"

"We knelt on the beach and prayed . . . bade each other good bye . . . Acts. 21:6."

We see here friends saying farewell on bending knees in prayer on the beach. Do you pray for your so-called friends? Friends should pray together. We need to take our friends' cares up before the Sovereign God of the universe in meaningful moments of intercessory prayer. What a blessing it is to have praying friends. Are your friends praying for you? Or do you have friends who do not know the worth and value of prayer. We are thus reminded that we should choose friends for spiritual qualities they may possess. Or maybe you choose friends on the basis of their material possessions.

The wise man chooses friends on the basis of the spiritual qualities they may possess. Remember one may be judged by the things his so-called friends may cherish. A friend with a spiritual outlook is a cherished

possession. Such a person can add a lasting beauty and power to your life. Such a person is ennobling and uplifting. A spiritual friend radiates in a matchless fragrance.

We humans become like that, we love and cherish. Thus we are reminded of the importance of our choice of friends. Paul had found friends of the highest order—spiritual friends—and the knee on the beach in a farewell prayer. They part as a farewell prayer. They part as they bring one another before the throne of God in intercessory prayer.

This farewell prayer of friends gave a needed lift to the departing man of God. What a beautiful way to face an unknown, perilous future. Truly we can face our tomorrows more bravely when we have prayed with our friends. And we can go joyously when we know our good friends are continuing to pray for us. I think this is what happens in a real way when a church sends out

a missionary.

The missionary knows he is sharing in the sacrifices and prayers of christian friends in the home church. In John seven-teen we are assured that Christ our redeeming friend has prayed for us and still is our advocate at the throne of God in that Celestial City.

The word tells us that the prayers of the righteous are effective. Somebody has asked you to remember him before God in prayer. Have you carried that friend before God in prayer? If you have a friend in trouble you ought to go to him or her in prayer. A friend burdened, lonely, sick, fearful, anxious and confused needs you to join him in prayer. In the process remember that a burden shared is a burden made lighter and manageable. "Bear ye one another burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ."

This lesson reminds us of the need of praying with and for our friends.

supporting and to keep a comfortable home for the children. She has worked in the field as a farm hand, and at the same time kept a good garden and tried to raise poultry. An aid to dependent children grant was obtained for the children. The child, Tom, is a "top notch" student in the 11th grade. He participated in many extra-curricular activities, has an especial interest in the agricultural program, and has taken a shop course. He has some attractive pieces of furniture for the home which the family finds useful and all are very proud of them. The younger children attend school regularly and make good grades. Recently Tom decided to work a year to save money for returning to school the following term.

Aid to dependent children is a money payment for needy dependent children who have been deprived of parental care and support because of the death, physical or mental incapacity or continued absence from the home of one or both parents, whether natural, step or adoptive.

Public Facilities Opened in Alabama
BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A federal judge this week ordered integration of Birmingham's park and recreation facilities.

U. S. District Judge H. Hobart Grooms Tuesday declared unconstitutional a section of the city code requiring segregation in "any room, hall, theater, picture house, auditorium, yard, court, ball park, public park, or other indoor or outdoor places to which both white and Negro persons are admitted."

The jurist's decision brought immediate promises of closure of the facilities. Judge Grooms added in his ruling that under higher court rulings he had no option in the matter but to order the integration.

Veterans Questions and Answers

Q—As an orphan of a deceased serviceman, is it necessary that I be 18 and have finished high school to become eligible for schooling under the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act?

A—Specialized vocational training in a below-college-level school may be taken if you have quit school, are above the compulsory school age, and the VA finds it would be to your advantage to begin your vocational education before reaching age 18.

Q—What is the patient turnover in all VA hospitals in one year?

A—During fiscal year 1961, which ended June 30, 1961, a total of 537,022 veterans were admitted to VA's 170 hospitals, and 540,068 were discharged during the same period.

Q—I would like to sell my GI loan house. How do I get clear of liability for the loan?

A—If the purchaser takes over your loan, ask the VA regional office that has your loan records for a release from liability. If the purchaser refinances the loan and pays you, you would have to pay off the loan to be clear of liability.

Q—As a war veteran's widow I have been told that I may be eligible for a pension but not all widows are. How is eligibility determined?

A—For eligibility for a VA pension, a widow must have lived continuously with the veteran from the time of marriage until the veteran's death, except where there was a separation due to the misconduct of, or procured by, the veteran without fault on the part of his wife.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"The Southern Way of Life"

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One of the most persistent fixations in this part of the nation is centered around what is frequently referred to as the Southern Way of Life. The assumption seems to be that there is something peculiar, and by implication superior, about the provincial patterns of the South, especially in regard to the enforced inferior status of Negroes.

The argument usually runs thus. Southerners have developed great, historically rooted traditions. There is a culture here which is truly American, grounded in the ideals of liberty and undersirded by Constitutional principals laid down by the Founding Fathers. The cornerstone of this way is states' rights and freedom of local government. The crisis of our time consists of the violation of these fundamentals by the Federal Government with its temptation to abandon the non-interference principle by embarking upon a reckless program of destruction both of "sound" government and of a genuinely democratic American order of life. And so on.

But this apology for the Southern Heritage is revealed not so much in what the defender says as in what he does not say. What he does not say is that the South still grieves over the loss of the Civil War, resurrecting a would-be glory by colorful symbols and ceremonies, especially by silly Confederate

flag-waving. He does not say that multitudes of Southern harbor a nostalgic longing to restore the color-caste system of slavery or a reasonable facsimile to maintain a rigidly segregated school system; to keep Negroes out of responsible positions in the South whether in business or government; to maintain the white man's sense of superiority by diverse public arrangements and display signs; to reserve all that is best for the whites and grudgingly give what is left to the Negroes.

Democracy is what the exponent of the Southern Way says he wants, but continued subjection of the Negro is what he really wants, and he wants this so badly that he often is willing to fight for it, come hell or high water. He will engage in scolding criticism of the Supreme Court. He will nag his Congressional representatives so that they will promise to filibuster till doomsday to defeat civil rights legislation. He will go out of his way to preserve Jim Crow signs in places where these signs have lost all effectual meaning. He will champion massive resistance to school integration wherever possible; and wherever not possible he will fight like a demon to slow down the process by supporting pupil assignment laws and school board shenanigans. He will bedevil any Federal government program, like aid to education or non-discriminatory awarding

of business contracts, in order to preserve this "way of life." On occasion he will wink at mob violence or even support dictatorial, irresponsible public officials if they indicate a willingness to hold back the threatening flood of racial equality. He will not attack Negroes directly, as a rule. But he has an uncanny perception of an instinctive endorsement of those policies and programs which tend to keep them "in their place."

The irony is that these militant champions of the Southern Way never tell you just what this way is. In this they are quite right, because apart from the preservation of traditions which are a heritage of slavery, the Southern Way has relatively little significance. Fortunately by degrees these traditions are disintegrating. Despite the disgrace of Little Rock, New Orleans, Birmingham, Montgomery, and Jackson, Mississippi, the older change. Democracy in America and around the globe is on the march. And if the so-called Southern Way of Life cannot make room for the democratic advance, then there is no doubt as to which one must be destroyed. Hence, our only conclusion can be that for these champions of the Southern Way the real headaches are just beginning.

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Yes, We All Talk

By MARCUS H. BOUTWELL
MOTION CHART—One beneficial chairman's aid is a parliamentary law chart of motions—arranged according to classes.

The classes of motions include:
1) main motions, 2) subsidiary motions, 3) privileged motions, 4) incidental motions, and 5) unclassified motions or special main motions.

A good chart will also show answers to the following questions:

- 1) Can the motion interrupt the speaker?
- 2) Can the motion be renewed? (That is, if lost, can the motion be proposed a second time?)
- 3) Does the motion require a second?
- 4) Is the motion debatable?
- 5) What vote is required to carry the motion?
- 6) What motions can be applied to the main motion? (That is, what can be done with the main motion?)

A new chairman does not have to hurry and consult his motions chart at will. He might say: "The chair is in doubt and wishes to refer to his chart, or the chair wishes to refer the questions to the parliamentarian."

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