Saturday an Important Day For Durham

For every Negro in Durham who is qualified to vote in a Democratic Primary Saturday, June 23 is a day when he or she MUST vote. As it now stands, the 30,000 or more Negro citizens living in Durham have absolutely no representation whatsoever on the Board of County Commissioners. Such a deplorable state of affairs is not a healthy situation for any community the size of Durham, having the varied business, educational and other types of institutions owned and controlled by Negroes. Certainly, any fair-minded citizen would have to admit that the Negro segment of the population is entitled to at least a minimum representation on not only the Board of County Commissioners but all important policy-making bodies of both the county and the city.

For more than a quater of a century the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs has endeavored to guide the political efforts of Negro citizens of this county and city. In the presentation of Dr. C. E. Boulware as a candidate for the Board of County Commissioners it has followed its usual pattern of offering the very best qualified person available for the office or post under consideration. We think Dr. Boulware's qualifications for the post he is seeking will stand up with those of any member now serving on the Board or any proposed for the position.

According to his biographical sketch Dr. Boulware was born in Fairfield County, S. C., attended church-related high school in Chester, S. C., was graduated with honors from John[illegible] Smith University, Charlotte, received [illegible] S. degree from University of Michigan, [illegible] Doctorate from Columbia University. Since 1943 has been Professor of Mathematics and Superintendent of the College Sunday School at North Carolina College at Durham; an elder and Clerk of Session of the Covenant United Presbyterian Church; formerly president of the Durham City-County PTA Council, chairman of the Durham Youth Board, member of Board of Directors of the United Fund, member of the Executive Committee of Durham Planning Council, member of Executive Committee of the Durham Chapter of N. C. Symphony Society; in 1961 appointed by Governor Sanford to the Advisory Committee of Atomic Energy. He is married to the former Miss Ariana Hampfield, and they have one daughter, a teacher in the public schools of Philadelphia, Pa.

We urge the voters of both races in Durham to weigh and consider all sides of the question before them in Saturday's run-off primary, and go to the polls and vote for Dr. Boulware, not merely because he is a Negro but because he is so well qualified for the post and his election to the Board will give him a bigger opportunity to better serve the community and the time in which he lives.

Another Show Window Dressing Stunt

Governor Terry Sanford put on another show window dressing stunt Tuesday when he appealed to the North Carolina Methodist Conference in session at Kinston to do something to aid the migrant laborers and Negroes of North Carolina. The governor went on to ask in his address to the Conference, "Who is going to stand up and say that these people are not going to be held down in terms of opportunity? The Methodist Church has the missionary zeal to say so. The Methodist Church has the outreach to do something about it."

Instead of looking at the show window dressing of the governor's utterance to the Methodist Conference, it might not be a bad idea to take a peek into the backroom and some of the closets of the state capital set-up in Raleigh. In spite of the crocodile tears and the frequent utterances of North Carolina's chief executive concerning the sad plight of the thousands of young, well-qualified Negroes being turned out of the colleges in this state, year after year, we repeat, there is still not a single Negro employed in a state capital building in Raleigh as stenographer, bookkeeper, clerk or any other position above that of porter or maid.

It may be good public relations for the governor to call on the "missionary zeal" of the Methodist Church to right this terrible wrong and to furnish the "outreach to do something about it." We think, however that the solution is more of a political than a religious responsibility. Under such circumstances, and in order that the pattern may be rightly continued of keeping church and state separate, the governor as the head of the party in power in this state ought to furnish the leadership and the statesmanship to correct the wrong.

Negro citizens of North Carolina may awaken some day to the folly of eternally being "in the bag" for any political party that cannot furnish, beyond empty words, the leadership to share with them the millions of dollars the state is paying out annually in salaries to clerical employees, highway patrolmen, the National Guard and other positions in which "natty" a Negro has ever been employed.

Negroes of this state now constitute a sleeping giant who has been overcome by an overdose of loyalty pills from a party that continues to toss only the bones of honorary appointments out the window to them along with the crumbs that fall from the "for whites only" democratic banquet table. That they have been blinded by the glitter of a few honors in the form of appointments to trustee boards of Negro colleges and other equally worthless appointments only goes to show how gullible some of us are to a gubernatorial pat on the back.

Safeguarding the Future of America

Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, whether intentionally or unintentionally, is an unpredictable character. In one breath in his speech in Romania Tuesday, June 19 he declared that he sees no reason to go to war over Berlin. In the very next breath he says the Red Flag will fly over the United States. The only qualification or reservation the Soviet Premier made is that the American people will hoist the flag.

Whether Krushchev is right or wrong in his prediction only time will tell. In the meantime, however, we would not like to see the American people influenced one way or the other by anything the Soviet premier has to say. If America is to remain safe from being overcome by communism or any other foreign doctrine, this country must forever be on guard against enemies from within as well as from without. The latter we think are far more dangerous than the former.

This newspaper is not too sure that there does not exist many persons in this country who would prefer seeing the red flag flying over America than to extend democracy alike to all its citizens. Herein lies the extreme danger. That boring from within which for one reason or another was the down fall of Babylonia, Greece, Rome and other civilizations of the past.

We think Americans in all walks of life should alert themselves to such dangers, and whether they consider Khrushchev a real threat or not they should take no chances. The extension to all Americans alike, without regard to race, creed or color, a full measure of human dignity is this country's surest way of perpetuating democracy. Any other course is risking the future of America and the possibility that the Red flag may some day fly over it.

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TOKEN INTEGRATION

Of the State's 332,962 Negro pupils, only 203 are in formerly white schools. These are distributed as follows: Charlotte 27; Greensboro 17; Winston-Salem 15; Durham 11; Yancey County 10; Raleigh 9; High Point 9; Asheville 5; and Chapel Hill 40. Cherry Point Marine Base has 35 Negro children in Craven County "white" schools; and there are 25 Negro children from Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in "white" schools in Goldsboro.

By contrast, Virginia, the state of "massive resistance," has 536 Negro pupils in formerly all-white schools. Florida has 648 and Tennessee 1,167.

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The Spoils System-Democratic Party Style

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

To Make False Accusations Is To Sin Against Jesus Christ

"Neither can they prove the whereof they accuse me . ." Acts 24:13.

It is a shameful thing to make accusations without due proof. But the morally blind and depraved will attempt such things. But simply decency demands that we face the facts to back-up hurtful accsations. The truth should be established by indisputable facts. You know they played this morally depraved trick on the noblest soul to gace this earth, Jesus Christ the savior. They brought false witnesses against Jesus. And as you recall the evil witnesses got their lies mixed up.

Decency demnds that if we would accuse then we must have the indisputable facts to back up our accusations. He who accuses without facts is guilty of bearing false witness. An this a very serious moral breach. The one who bears false witness is guilty of sin against God and man. Here is one person who bears false witness and causes one to lose his job. Then another bears false witness and causes a home to be broken. Other bear false witness and disturb the peace of the neighborhood. He who bears false witness may be counted the lowest among the low. It is a despicable thing to do.

The bearer of false witness is a peace-breaker. So a world wearily striving for peace can ill afford to have peacebreakers. The word says the Christian is to be a peacemaker. Jeus called the peacemaker. Jesus called the pacemakers blessed. Thus a Christian should refrain from bearing false witness and add to the peace of the world. Let us speak the truth and become peacemakers in the home, on the job and in all interpersonal relations.

A lie enslaves but the truth means freedom. All Christians should be the messengers of truth rather than falsehood. Who wants to become the enslaved victim of a lie? Many are enslaved because they refuse to face the truth. Let us speak truth and spread the blessed fruits of peace and freedom. The truth, and truth alone, can make us free.

Who but the morally depraved would take delight in making a practice of accusing their fellowmen without facts to back up the accusation?

Pupil Assignment Plans Don't Provide for Integration

The U. S. Sixth Circuit Court ruled on March 23 that the Tennessee Pupil Assignment Law (similar to North Carolina's) cannot serve as a plan to desegregate the schools. "The Pupil Assignment Law," declared the Court, "might serve some purpose in the administration of a school system, but it will not serve as a plan to convert a biracial system to a non-racial one."

Regarding the transfer provisions of the law, the Court said: "Negro children cannot be required to aply for that to which they are entitled as a matter of rights. If they are deprived of their constitutional rights, they are not required to seek redress from an administrative body before applying to the courts."

The Memphis school board argued that they were not operating a compulsory segregated school system. Said the Court: "The real question is, do they maintain separate schools? . . . The inescapable conclusion is that at the time of the judgment in this case the schools for Memphis were operated on a basis of 'white schools' for white children and Negro schools' for Negro children.'

MISTAKEN BELIEF ABOUT COMPLIANCE

"We are impressed," continued the Court, "that the defendants honestly and sincerely desire to comply with the law, but they have pursued the belief that 'full compliance' as required by the Supreme Court can be had under the Pupil Assignment Law. The practice over a long period of time of separate schools in certain geographical areas of our nation has become a way of life in these areas, and we realize that a change is not easy to accomplish. But as this court must follow the supreme law of the land, as interpreted by the Supreme Court, so must the boards of education follow it.

"We urge the defendants herein to adopt and submit to the District Court some realistic plan for the organization of their schools on a non-racial basis, in 'full compliance' with the mandate of the Supreme Court, and to do so 'with all deliberate speed.'"

ORDERED TO SPEED DESEGREGATION

In a decision handed down in Cincinnati on April 3, the U. S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Knoxville's grade a year desegregation plan and ordered the city to submit a new plan to speed desegregation.

Under a plan patterend on the Nashville plan and approved by U. S. District Judge Robert L. Taylor, Knoxville in the fall of 1960 admitted Negro students to the first grade of formerly all-white schools. During the current school year, 51 Negro children are attending first and second grade classes with white children in nine schools.

The Circuit Court decision did not require "immediate total desegregation." The Court said, however, "We do believe that more grades than contemplated by the board's plan should now be desegregated. In the light of the board's experience with the present plan, it should be able to submit an amended plan that will accelerate desegregation and more nearly comply with the mandate of the Supreme Court for "good faith compliance at the earliest practicable date."

Veterans Questions and Answers

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—When can I except my GI insurance dividend during 1962?

A—The GI insurance dividends are being paid as near the anniversary date of the policy the date it was first issued as possible.

Q—Can anyone enter the VA Hospitalized Veterans Writing Contest?

A—No, the contest is limited to war veterans who are actually hospitalized at the time their entry is written.

Q—Are all veterans with wartime service entitled to domiciliary care?

A—Not necessarily. Veterans with wartime service must have disabilities that incapacitate them from earning a living; be in need of domiciliary care; and be unable to defray the expense of necessary domiciliary care. War veterans whose disability is nonservice-connected must execut an affidavit of inability to pay for their care. Peacetime veterans must have been discharged or retired for a disability incurred in line of duty or be receiving disability compensation.

YES, WE ALL TALK

By Marcus H. Boulware

The practice of voting for one's opponent in running for office is called "courtesy vote." However, the more logical thing to do would be to vote for oneself.

Not only can a member vote for himself, but he can also nominate himself to any office he feels duly qualified to fill. It can be done this way: "Mr. Chairman, I nominate myself William Smith for the office of treasurer." Most people are too modest to do this, but it is good parliamentary procedure.

Never say that you want to elect someone by unanimous choice of the house, because he could be defeated by one vote. Yet he could easily be by majority vote.

For my parliamentary law chart of motions, send five cents to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware, Box 310-A, Florida A. and M. University, Tallahassee, to cover the cost of handling.

SCIENCE TOPICS

TINY SNAILS living in a New Mexico hot-water spring may teach astronauts how to withstand the extreme heat of outer space. Dr. Austin Phelps, University of Texas zoologist, gathered the snails less than an eight-inch in diameter from thermal streams as hot as 144 degrees F. If the biochemical balance that provides the snails and their invertebrate neighbors with their resistance to high temperatures can be discovered, Dr. Phelps says, the information may help man sustain long space flights in comfort . . . JET AIRCRAFT load as much as 18,000 gallons of fuel for a flight to Europe from O'Hare International Airport, Chicago. The jets consume about 2,300 gallons an hour, compared to 98 gallons for a large piston-engined craft.

A 'BUY GHANIAN' drive has opened in the West African country which gained its independence from Britain in 1957. The government is attempting to discourage the commonly held opinion that imported goods are automatically superior to those made in Ghana, calling this a "colonial mentality" . . . A BOOST in citrus consumption reminiscent of the 1920's when canned juices were new is expected from a process that removes 90 per cent of the water from orange juice without affecting the flavor. Votator vacuum-drying experts says the juice of 40 average oranges can be concentrated down to a pound of crystals and later reconstituted to a gallon of delicious juice.

LICHENS, one of the hardiest forms of plant life on earth, have been used since antiquity for their curative values. In the Middle Ages, a bite from a rabid dog was usually treated with a serving of lichen mixed in warm milk with black pepper. A handbook recently issued by the Smithsonian Institution reports that extracts of some lichens acts as powerful antibiotics. A lichen salve is used in England to treat external burns and cuts. The big problem remaining, according to the report, is to produce a water-soluble lichen extract so that its antibiotic effect can be properly controlled.

RENTERS outnumber home owners in only three states: New York (2,898,445 rented to 2,350,265 owner-occupied dwellings); Alaska (29,571 to 27,697), and Hawaii (90,127 to 62,937). In the country as a whole, the Census Bureau reports, owners exceed renters by a wide margin 32,796,720 to 20,227,155 DUTCH NEW GUINEA head-hunters wear the skulls of their deceased parents around their necks to ward off evil spirits. Human vertebrae are worn as necklaces.

Shifts In Lincoln's Attitude Toward Negro Traced In Book

In "Lincoln and the Negro" by Benjamin Quarles, published by Oxford University Press on May 3, a leading scholar of American Negro history traces, for the first time in detail, the important changes in Lincoln's attitude toward the Negro that culminated in the Emancipation Proclamation. He also tells the equally important story of the change in the Negro's attitude toward Lincoln that helped give him his unique place in American history.

Starting with Lincoln's childhood attitudes, Benjamin Quarles traces the development of Lincoln's thought in relation to the Negro and shows how he changed his views during his presidency. Concerned at first with methods by which Negroes could be deported to a "colony" somewhere, Lincoln came later to advocate not only emancipation of the slaves but also equal political rights for them. In addition, he was the first president to invite Negroes to the White House.

The Negro's attitude toward Lincoln evolved almost as much as Lincoln's own attitude. When Lincoln was elected, intelligent Negroes expected very little from him and were disappointed in how little they got in the first months of war. Slowly but surely Lincoln gained respect by recognition of individual Negroes, by placing the Negro in the Union Army, and, of course ultimately by the Emancipation Proclamation. His tragic assassination served to enshrine him as a great hero of the Negro. As Professor Quarles remarks, "Lincoln became Lincoln because of the Negro, and it was the latter who first reflected the image of Lincoln that was to live."

"Lincoln and the Negro" is an important contribution to a greater understanding of Abraham Lincoln and of American democracy itself. In the light of the Negro's present-day advancement toward fuller participation in American life, it represents an eloquent commentary on the unique perception and faith of Abraham Lincoln.

Benjamin Quarles, Professor of History at Morgan State College in Baltimore, is one of the leading scholars in the field of American history. He has written a biography of Frederick Douglass and books on the role of the Negro in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.

Burlington Minister Gets Degree

BURLINGTON — The honorary doctor of divinity degree was conferred upon Rev. Harold J. Cobb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Burlington, during commencement exercises on June 5, at Friendship College in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

A graduate of William Penn High School in High Point, Dr. Cobb attended Shaw University at Raleigh, where he received the A. B. and B. D. degrees He has done graduate work in the fields of philosophy and psychology toward a master's degree at North Carolina College in Durham. Last summer he attended Union University in Richmond, Virginia, on a special scholarship given by the Lily Foundation and did further graduate work in the field of pastoral counciling and theology.

In 1948, Dr. Cobb went to Mebane while still a student at Shaw University and established the first full-time church for colored people in Alamance County, the First Baptist Church of Mebane. While he was pastor at Mebane, a parsonage was purchased and paid for and more than 100 members were added to the church.

Dr. Cobb was called as pastor of the local First Baptist Church on Apple Street in 1953. Services were begun every Sunday at the local church for the first time after he became pastor. Plans are now underway to build a new church here and more than 150 people have been added to the church membership since he became pastor.

Dr. Cobb is secretary-treasurer of the interracial Federated Ministerial Association of Alamance County; a member of the Burlington Chapter of the NAACP, the Burlington Ministerial Alliance, the Alamance County Committee on Civic Affairs, the Board of Missions of the N. C. State Baptist Convention, the executive board of the Lott Cary Convention; corresponding secretary of the Rowan Association, a master Mason, and a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He is married to the former Miss Armadia Goodson of Wendell, a teacher at J. F. Gunn Elementary School. They have one son.