

# What Price Hush Mouth Appointments

Unless there is a more liberal distribution of both appointive and elective public offices of state, county and city governments among Negroes the time may soon come, if it is not already here, when members of the race, in the South, may find it advisable to limit, circumscribe or even refuse appointment or election to certain boards, committees, commissions and other bodies of public interest where they are required to sit with whites as the lone representative of their people. The Carolina Times has observed with a degree of growing concern here of late the dire consequences that have followed the appointment or selection of Negroes of influence to certain commissions, committees, boards and such in this and other southern states. In a majority of cases, the selection has meant a silencing of the appointee to the extent that his influence or leadership has become diminished rather than increased.

The privilege of a Negro leader to speak out on important issues concerning his race should not be sold for any public office of state, county or municipal government. Whether intentionally or unintentionally certain appointments are beginning to take on the cloak of "hush mouth" pay for keeping silent. Thus, instead of becoming more outspoken in controversial matters affecting the race, the Negro appointee, as a matter of keeping faith with his white colleagues, is more inclined to keep his mouth shut.

The Carolina Times recalls several years ago how articulate the president of one of the state's religious educational institutions was on racial matters prior to his appointment as president of a nearby state college. After the appointment at a much higher salary, and one he does not have to help raise as heretofore, he has been as silent as a mouse. In other words, it appears that for

security he is paying off with silence, especially on controversial racial issues. Thus, there has been taken out of circulation and from off the firing line where he is sorely needed, one of our best minds and best advocates.

In the matter of recent gubernatorial appointments of several Negro leaders, one a lawyer who has in the past participated as attorney in a civil rights action against a of Negro state educational institutions the question arises in our minds as to whether all of such appointments are for the best interest of the race. Certainly, out of mere gratitude to the governor from whence came the appointment, if for no other reason, such appointees must resort to a procedure of caution if not entire silence. It is hard to visualize a lawyer member of the trustee board of a state educational institution becoming an attorney in an action against a board on which he is serving as a member.

In fact, one of the known techniques of colonialism is to single out the most energetic and smartest among a subject group and silence him by conferring upon him some empty honor whereby he becomes neither fish nor fowl, neither bond nor free, and neither for nor against anything that tends to oppose the status quo. We think that time has come when Negro leaders should no longer look with unquestioned favor on being the only member of his race on boards, committees or commissions. Too long have they become satisfied with token representation, token integration and token employment. Either they should demand a more equitable representation in all phases of the state's affairs or they should refuse to be a token goat, shouldered with the full responsibility of representing the entire Negro population.

# The Greatest Loss In The Run-off Primary

The greatest loss sustained in Saturday's Democratic run-off primary was not that of the Negro candidate or his constituency, but that of the confidence and respect which the Negro Democratic voters had in leaders of the party in the county and city of Durham. That the leadership of the party would not go along with the desire of Negro leaders here to place a lone member of their race on the Board of County Commissioners leaves no defense for it when Negroes are called upon to deliver in future elections, especially when the margin of victory is close.

The record of the Negro Democratic leaders in Durham is one of unquestioned devotion and loyalty to the party that is beyond measure. For such they have asked but little in the way of memberships on policy making bodies of the state, county and city governments. Saturday's organized en masse voting against the Negro candidate by white Democrats in both the city and county is therefore positive proof that Negro citizens are not wanted in policy-making posts by the leaders of the Democratic Party of Durham County.

In the Democratic Primary of May 26 out of pure loyalty to the party and in keeping with good citizenship, Negro leaders here advised against "single shot" voting although the results which followed plainly showed that had they resorted to it the Negro candidate

would have been nominated by a safe margin. When he faced a run-off Negro leaders here were so sure that Democratic leaders would support them in their rightful efforts to give the unrepresented third of the population just one representative on the Board of County Commissioners they did not even raise the question.

Instead, last Saturday's run-off primary saw the ugly spectre of race enter the picture. No longer was it a matter of fairness to an unrepresented segment of the party's faithful but that of a Negro candidate against a white candidate. No longer was it a matter of qualifications but one of defeating a Negro for public office, in spite of his good character and other qualifications.

It is the bounden duty of a newspaper to point the way to new frontiers and new horizons for its readers. It is our honest belief that so long as Negro voters are "in the bag" for any party so long will they be dealt such a blow as that of last Saturday's run-off primary. We think the time has come when Negro leaders here and elsewhere should re-think the political affiliation of Negro voters and advise against their loyalty to a party in this state that after nearly a hundred years has never elected or appointed one Negro to an important post.

# Safeguarding Freedom of Worship

The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court handed down Monday in which it declared that the Constitution is violated when a teacher in a public school is required to lead children in prayer does not come as a surprise to this newspaper. However much we may believe in prayer and other religious ceremonies as a necessity for the growth and development of our young people toward a well rounded life, one has to admit that when such is forced upon an individual, whether by insidious methods, routine activity or police power it becomes an instrument of the

state and therefore poses a threat, however vague, to our cherished right to freedom of worship.

Concerned parents, guardians, relatives and others, interested in the proper upbringing of their children, will see to it that what the school is not allowed to provide in the public classroom will be provided in the home, church and other places where the right of the state ends at the threshold. Being mindful of the fact that no religious environment is permitted in the public schools should give greater impetus to its provision in the homes of those who realize the value of a spiritual foundation.

We think the Supreme Court has ruled wisely in safeguarding the right of an individual to worship or not to worship, even though that individual be a child. Such a right is so invaluable that it must be at all times guarded with eternal vigilance. For the highest court in the land to pursue any other course is to embark upon a road that leads to enslavement and tyranny.

IN THE LONG RUN, so we are told, what we spend for taxes today will save us money tomorrow, but in this instance the morrow never seems to come, at least in one man's lifetime.



"You pressure groups are all alike. Why don't you let your people vote the way they please."

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

# Giving In Right Spirit Is A Form of Worshipping the Master

"I came to bring offerings . . ." Acts 24:17. Our gifts represent an essential part of the act of worship. Your offering speaks volumes about your nature and spirit. The gift is not all but it is an important spiritual indicator. Through our gifts we share in the ministry of the Church. How can the great Commission be carried out without our gifts? It is through our offerings that the world is to be evangelized. Thus we as Christians ought to be very generous with gifts and offerings.

Too many causes of the Churches are suffering on account of the miserly penny-pinchers who inhabit our churches. What kind of giver are you? Are you, too a penny pincher, duty dodger? Do you bring with you to Church the meager left overs, place it on the altar and call it your offering? How can you act this way and claim to be a follower of him who gave his all in the supreme sacrifice of the

Cross? A Cross the symbol of sacrifice stands at the very heart of our Religion. Good Christian stewards are generous givers. All Churches need more gracious, sacrificial givers. With the right kind of givers there will be resources for education, missions, benevolence, evangelism and the general ministry of the Church. If you are a miserly giver you are holding up the work of the Church? How long will you block the advance of the Church? A recent report showed that Methodists and Baptists gave an average yearly offering of around fifty dollars. Let us wake up and become sacrificial givers. There is no substitute for duty done. The cheerful, sacrificial giver will find a deep and abiding satisfaction. Let us all resolve to really become generous givers that the work of Christ may go on.

# Article Describes What Happens In All-White Suburban Neighborhood When Negroes Move In

NEW YORK — "What Happens When a Negro Family Moves Next Door?" A national magazine ask this question on the front cover and in an 11-page feature story. The editors of Pageant, on newsstands now have explored what they call "White Suburbia's Hidden Question." Admittedly, says the magazine throughout suburbia this subject is discussed, yet rarely brought into the open. The article features the Logan Carters, the first Negro family to live in Springhaven Pennsylvania, a Philadelphia suburb. The Carters purchased their home through the real estate office of Friends Suburban Housing, Inc. (FSH) in Ardmore, Pa. FSH has one distinction, being one of the only commercial firms in the United States seeking good homes in choice suburban areas for "open occupancy." To date, the agency has sold homes to 52 Negroes, 19 whites and 2 oriental families. The firm, Pageant points out, works closely with the Race Relations Committee of the Society of Friends who maintain an extensive card file of families who have started they would be glad to have

as a neighbor respectable people regardless of race, creed and color. FSH has hundreds of these cards from all over Philadelphia's exclusive Main Line and other suburbs. Pageant magazine traces what has happened since the Logan Carters moved to Springhaven. During the initial stages of community adjustment, when people first saw us, Carter stated, "I suppose they were sure we were going to throw beer cans on the lawn and let the house run down. We merely started to landscape, tidy up and mow the lawn," he recalls. "Before you knew it half a dozen people had their mowers out too. Keeping up with the Carters, I guess," he jests. There was plenty of excitement during the first year, the current Pageant magazine article recounts. Meetings, gossip and a tense atmosphere. But today, it's a dead issue. The Carters come and go like everybody else. "So many Negroes feel they don't want to pioneer," Logan Carter said after moving in. "But all we were interested in, really was a good house, good schools and the hope that people would leave us alone."

If Logan Carter was not a pioneer before coming to Springhaven, he has since become one. Today, working as a real estate salesman for FSH himself, he has sold eight homes to Negro couples in exclusive white communities.

# Yes, We All Talk

The By-Laws  
By Marcus H. Boulware  
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QUESTION: What do the by-laws of a club contain?  
M. L. V.  
ANSWER: In general, the by-laws describe in detail the articles of the constitution. They include:  
1. Detailed requirements for membership.  
2. Methods of admitting members.  
3. Dues.  
4. Detailed duties of officers.  
5. Detailed duties of committees.  
6. Election of officers and committee.  
7. Provisions for calling and conducting meetings.  
8. Parliamentary authority.  
9. Number of a quorum.  
10. Methods of amending the by-laws.  
READERS: For my free public speaking pamphlet, send two stamps and a self-addressed business envelope to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware, Box 310-A, Florida A. and M. University, Tallahassee, Fla.

# SCIENCE TOPICS

# Science Topic... Jet Wake Can Down Smaller Airplanes

TURBULENCE in the air caused by huge jet aircraft can be fatal to smaller planes, warns the Federal Aviation Agency. The big planes create the greatest amount of twisting air when, paradoxically they are moving the slowest particularly near takeoff or landing. Light planes caught in this turbulence can be thrown completely out of control, the FAA reports. Its recommendation: Keep your distance. NO PASSENGERS ride a special car put on the Chicago rapid transit system each year during the summer months. The car is a weed-killer special spraving along tracks and yard facilities.

OXYGEN THERAPY for sick horses has been made easy as putting on the feedbag. Horses suffering from respiratory difficulties often caused by a change of climate or racing in damp evening air are given oxygen by means of an NCG plastic mask fitted over their noses. A COLORFUL SMILE can be had for the equivalent of \$1.20 in Tokyo. For that amount, Dr. Sukeji Iino will color teeth pearl, blue or pink with a "harmless" coating that lasts a week. For \$5.80 he'll make it last three months.

'PROJECT WINKLE' (after Washington Irving's Rip Van Winkle) is the name suggested by American Rocket Society scientist Solomon Golomb for

an effort in distant space communications. If we are going to establish contact with other solar systems, he says we had better start now because replies may take 1,000 years to return. ALL THE GOLD in the world is worth about \$35 billion. LADYBUGS, the gardener's good friends' eat hordes of harmful insects.

LAYERS OF COMPACTED DIRT just below tillage depth restrict plant growth by interfering with root penetration, as previously thought, by cutting air or moisture supply, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Soil is compacted by passage of machinery across cultivated fields or by repeated tillage at the same depth. In compacted untillied plots where soil strength measurements were 400 pounds per square inch or higher, the study showed root growth was severely restricted. SHAKESPEARE was really an Ash, claims Dr. Safa Al-Khulusi, an Iraqi literary scholar. He supports the long-held (in Iraq) theory that an Arab sailor named "Sheikh Zuhair" went to England where he became known as "Sheekesmeare." Dr. Khulusi points to similarities between the Bard's plays and "The Thousand and One Nights, the Arabian Nights Entertainment," whose authorship has long been in dispute.

# Veterans Questions and Answers

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

- Q—May Spanish-American War veterans receive outpatient treatment at a VA clinic?  
A—All disabilities of veterans of the Spanish-American War (including the Philippine Insurrection and the Boxer Rebellion) are considered service connected for purposes of VA outpatient medical treatment.
- Q—What is the deadline for entitlement for GI loans for veterans of the Korean Conflict?  
A—Entitlement for each

Korean Conflict veteran extends for ten years after the date of his discharge, from active duty plus one year additional for each 90 days of active service. In no case may a Korean veteran's GI loan entitlement expire before January 31, 1965, nor continue beyond January 31, 1975.  
Q—Has the so-called Long insurance bill been passed by this session of Congress?  
A—A new version of the Long bill, as well as several other bills which would renege GI insurance for World War II veterans, have been submitted to Congress but neither the House nor the Senate has yet acted upon them.

# African Civilization of Middle Ages Pictured In New Publication

African Kingdoms of the Middle Ages by Charles H. Wesley, Published by the Bulletin of African History, 1762 North Clark St., Chicago 14, Ill., 19 pages illustrated 50 cents.

Reviewed by Eugene Feldman  
When many think of Africa, including many scholars, they think of it as a "Dark Continent" and the home of wild animals, wild jungles and wild men. However the truth is that Africa is the home of mankind's earliest civilization and there were early nations established there by the Black men with large buildings, well organized, commerce world-important universities and fine houses of worship. Prejudice that claims the Black man so inferior has blinded the eye of the scholar and even today a book on Africa for children shows old ruins from Africa's interior says that no one knows who built them.

about the universities at Goa, Walta, Timbuktu and Jenne. In his description of Timbuktu he quotes from Leo Africanus, an historian who traveled into this area in 1550. Leo Africanus says that at Timbuktu there were " . . . numerous judges, doctors and clerics, all appointed by the king. He greatly honors men of learning. More profit is made from the book trade than from all other branches of commerce." Wesley is he President of the Central State College at Wilberforce, Ohio. He is also President of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. His work, "African Kingdoms of the Middle Ages", is well documented and at the end of the booklet an entire bibliography is printed for the reader's continued reading on the subject. Wesley is author of numerous works in the field of Negro life and African and African history. He is a careful scholar and the reader will be rewarded in reading any of his works because they are understanding and scholarly.

The booklet is illustrated by Jerome Walker, a well known Chicago artist. Walker resides at 339 Concord Pl., Chicago, Ill. His drawings illustrate the historical contents with accuracy and sympathy. An illustration of early Ghana was done by Fred Wright. Wright is famous for his art in the fields of Negro and labor union history.

Teen-Agers as well as adults will find this booklet easy to read and most interesting. It is time indeed that Americans and all the world took a new

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