

More Negro Representation on the City Council

This newspaper is becoming greatly concerned at the lethargy now existing in Durham as it regards the lack of adequate Negro representation on the various governing boards, committees, or groups of the county and city governments. From our observation Negro leaders of Durham, as well as Negro citizens, are entirely too satisfied with the token representation they now have on the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Board of Education and a few other governing and influential bodies of the city and county.

When it is considered that the 30,000 or more Negro citizens of Durham have no representation on such important bodies as the Board of County Commissioners, are barred from membership in the Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Exchange Club, the Civitans, Serotoma, the Lions Club and various other influential or governing groups, along with the white churches, the plight of Negro citizens for a line of communication with white citizens of the city is indeed a serious one. It is often in such groups that the thinking of the people is influenced and, therefore, it appears to this

newspaper that Negro leaders here should not drag their feet whenever an opportunity presents itself for them to seek additional representation in such an important body as the City Council.

As diligent as the lone Negro member of the City Council of Durham has been during his terms of office, we do not feel it is a compliment to him, Negro leaders or Negro voters here to boast that he represents the largest constituency of any member of the City Council. It is our opinion that the Negro citizens of Durham are entitled to and should have more than one of their race on the City Council. If it takes eleven white persons as members of the City Council to adequately represent about 50,000 white citizens of Durham, we are doubtful that one lone Negro on that body can adequately represent the entire Negro citizenry, which amounts to approximately 30,000.

We think the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs ought to busy itself now and come up with a qualified Negro candidate, at large, for the City Council if not one from some other section of the city than the Sixth Ward from which the present Negro member was elected.

Select A President for N. C. College

Apparently the Alumni Association of N. C. College is dragging its feet in its efforts to help find a successor to Dr. Alfonso Elder who is soon to retire as the college's president. Upon investigation or inquiries made this week of several members of the special committee named by the Association to find a person capable of becoming the next president of N.C.C. it was revealed that it has not yet officially come up with a single name. Individual members, when questioned about the matter, would mention the name or names of persons they would or would not like to see president of N.C.C. but seemingly no definite agreement has been reached among members of the Committee on any one or two persons.

It appears to this newspaper that members of the Committee ought to busy themselves and reach a final decision about whom they intend to suggest to the Board of Trustees before it is too late. As we understand it another committee composed of members of N.C.C.'s Trustee Board has also been named to find a successor to Dr. Elder. We are

satisfied that the latter will leave no stone unturned to find the best qualified person for the position.

It is our opinion though that since the Alumni Association has been requested by the Board to assist in the matter, that it ought to be about the task immediately and come up with the names of one or two persons as its choice. After all, the alumni of an educational institution are better acquainted with its traditions, its work and its purpose than it is possible for outsiders, however sincere they may be. They should be deeply concerned about their school's future and should want to see a person as its president of which they can feel proud and respect.

Because of the importance of the matter and our deep interest in N.C.C. we urge its Alumni Association to get busy now and come up with the name of a person or persons of stature who are capable of filling the position with honor and distinction. Unless this is done soon, the alumni and friends of N. C. College may awaken one morning to discover that their school has a tail at the top instead of a head.

Worthy of Recognition

We think White Rock Baptist Church will do a great honor to itself Sunday evening, February 17, when it stops to honor Mrs. Essie Trice, one of Durham's most noble women and a missionary to any and all of Durham's distressed.

For a long number of years it has been Mrs. Trice's pleasure to seek out those in need, the sick, the despondent or the discouraged and minister to them. There are many persons in Durham who could testify of this good woman's service to them in the time of trouble.

We are happy to join with the members of White Rock, all Durham citizens and

friends of Mrs. Trice and her family in saluting her, one of the city's finest citizens. It is our hope that Mrs. Trice will live many, many more years and continue her great work as a missionary.

We would also like to commend the pastor, Dr. Miles Mark Fisher, and the officers of the church for finding and singling out and honoring from time to time fine people of the city and county who in their own quiet way are serving their fellowmen. They are the unsung heroes and heroines among us, and we think when they are discovered no finer contribution could be made the community than to give them recognition.

Lincoln Hospital's Plight the Result of Discrimination

It is our hope that efforts on the part of interested citizens here to secure more financial support from the county for Lincoln Hospital will meet with favor. When it is considered that Lincoln's entire patient load consists of Negroes, a large percentage of whom are victims of employment discrimination, and, as a result, are often unable to pay for hospitalization, it is no wonder that it continues to run a deficit. Add to this the discrimination Lincoln suffers at the hands of the county in the matter of the pay it receives for indigent patients and you have further reasons why it continues to operate in the red.

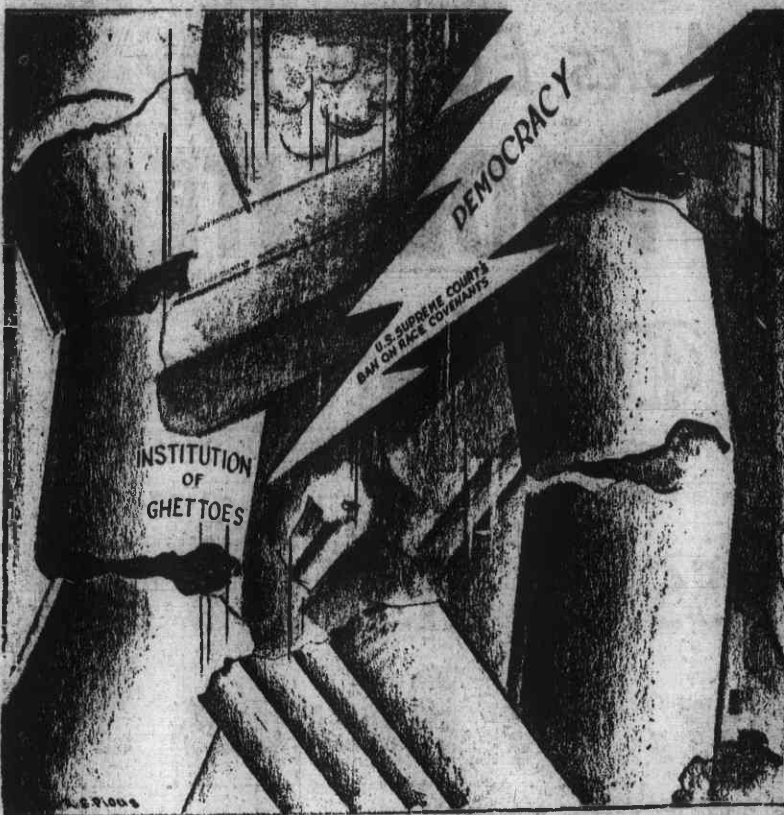
Said Commissioner Chairman George F. Kirkland: "I don't believe there's a financial wizard in the country today who could get

Lincoln Hospital in the black under existing conditions." What we interpreted Christian Kirkland to mean by such a statement is that no "financial wizard" in the country could get Lincoln in the black so long as the county maintains its policy of discrimination by paying Lincoln a per diem of only \$22.13 for the 39 per cent charity load it is carrying while at the same time it pays Watts Hospital \$27.74 and Duke Hospital \$26.74 per diem for a charity patient load that is much lower.

There we think are some of the reasons for the deficit Lincoln Hospital continues to register. Certainly it reflects no discredit to its management which, when the truth is known, would probably qualify as "financial wizards" in being able to keep the deficit as low as it is.

Lincoln Hospital has served Negro citizens of Durham too long to allow it to suffer financial embarrassment because of discrimination. It is our feeling that the County Commissioners should see to it that the present manner of paying Lincoln less for indigent patients should be abolished. At least this will aid the institution in decreasing the deficit from what it now is.

We think the whole matter is another case of the South becoming a victim of its policy of discrimination against Negroes and that if it is going to enjoy the luxury of such it should be willing to pay for it.



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

REV. HAROLD ROLAND

Complete Surrender is Necessary To Become True Believer of Christ



It will not take much to make a Christian of me." Acts 26:28.

King Agrippa stood on the verge of a kind of spiritual brinkmanship in that he is almost persuaded to be a Christian. He is poised to take the step of giving himself to Jesus Christ as Savior of his lost soul. The word almost carries tragic connotations when it comes to the eternal destiny of a human soul. Almost is not enough. We must take that final step to receive Christ as our personal Savior. Almost does not tap the gracious fountain of God's redeeming love as revealed in Christ Jesus.

Too many unsaved souls stand indecisively in the no-man's land of "ALMOST A CHRISTIAN" with King Agrippa. Such souls become the unfortunate victims of delay or procrastination. Almost still leaves a man sick. Almost still leaves a man being nursed by his or her hatreds and resentments. Almost leaves the undecided soul out in the terri-

fy darkness of human sinfulness. Almost will not give you the matchless joys of complete surrender to a regenerated child of God. That one step will lead you to Christ and His redeeming love but you and you alone can take it. Each unsaved soul must take that final step which leads from the land of ALMOST A CHRISTIAN to the blessed relationship of salvation in Christ Jesus.

You remember the rich young ruler who came to Jesus. He was almost a Christian but the records tell us that he never took the final step. The tragic young man wrapped the draperies of fading worldly goods about his greedy personality and walked away from Jesus the Savior of the world. He wanted to be saved but he refused to pay the price.

He lived in his house of clay, as we all do, so he had to lay down and die and leave all those worldly goods he loved so dearly. Almost is not enough. "ALMOST A CHRISTIAN" just won't

do. There is only a step to Jesus and His blessings of salvation. Then why do you delay, my brother? If I were you, I would take that step to Jesus now. "Jesus is tenderly calling, O sinner come."

You say with many unsaved souls I will wait until tomorrow. Well, may I remind you there is no tomorrow. What man does he must do today. You must act now about your soul's salvation. If you would leave that state of almost being a Christian, you must do it now. Time is swiftly passing, act now. Your next move or breath may move you from this realm of time and space. Human beings of all ages are being swept into eternity daily to have a guarantee on that automobile but you have no guarantee on that life of yours. This is it most urgent that you move now into a saving relationship with Christ who in love is ready to save your soul from sin.

Almost adds up to exclusion from Christ and His promise of abundant and eternal life.

Now that South Carolina Has Quietly Integrated Perhaps Dixie Can Get on With Job of Education

Thank goodness the desegregation barrier in public education has now been cracked in the last of the 50 states of this union of "free and equal" people. A Negro student has entered a state university in South Carolina, and the peace and purpose of that school and institute have not been disrupted.

Now that this basic point has been made, educators and racists - conservatives and liberals alike - can gradually start turning their attention to the basic issue of learning.

For 100 years the Negro race has had the fact of legalized racial discrimination to right

fully protest. Many overcame these handicaps and were greater because of them. But that still does not justify discrimination based solely on race.

Past apogee of curve

With the entrance of the first Negro into a tax-supported and previously all-white public institution in South Carolina, the apex of a curve in many decades of evolving human relations is passed. Now the general objective will have to be education and accomplishment rather than removal of the barriers to education and accomplishment. It will be many years before

legalized racial discrimination in the use of public facilities is completely eliminated, both in token and full practice.

But it will be good, at some time in the distant future, to be done with "the white man's burden." It will be good to be able to judge all people for what they are - rather than to have to bear the guilt of hindering them from being what they want, and thus also relieving them of shouldering themselves the responsibility for what they are.

-News of Orange County

New Author Comments on Role of Negro Writers

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the text of an interview with John Williams, author of the newly published novel, "Sissie." Mr. Williams answers questions on the subject of Negro novels and novelist in the interview.

Q: Do you think the public expects something particular from a Negro novelist?

A: Yes, there is a danger in the public expecting a writer to write only about certain things - say Negroes or jazz and in a certain way. Because of this many writers have been writing the same book over and over again for their entire lifetime. As for me, I want to expand.

Q: Who, then, are your readers?

A: Although the Negro reading audience is growing, Negro writers in America owe their success to white readers. However, I do not write with my audience in mind.

Q: What, do you think, is the appeal of novels by Negroes?

A: Not for the reasons that apply to most novels. Curiosity, perhaps. White readers do not read about Negro life because they identify with it. No one wants to identify with an ugly situation, but at this time there is a great curiosity about what makes Negroes tick.

Q: Do you think the satisfaction of this curiosity accomplishes anything?

A: The people who bought books by Negroes twenty years

ago may have been influential in bringing about the social changes we are now living through. And twenty years from now, the current Negro writers may have the same effect.

Q: Do you think there is such a thing as Negro literature?

A: I think it about time the public stops excluding Negro and Jewish and other minority group novels from the main stream of American literature. The writer has his experiences in America. They are American experiences, not specialized categories. I don't think because a Negro writer about Negroes he does not write on a larger scale. First you are a human being, then a writer.

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Honorable Terry Sanford
Governor of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

My dear Mr. Governor:

I wish to take this medium of expressing to you my extreme delight in reading the account of your historical utterance before the North Carolina Newspaper Institute, "calling for State agencies to hire qualified persons regardless of race."

This forthright pronouncement and statesmanship has projected you into the vanguard among great statesmen.

If you will implement these observations and convictions by using your good office to appoint qualified Negro citizens to positions of honor and responsibility such as would be associated

with the State Highway Patrol, the National Guard, Secretaries and Clerks in the various offices of the State Departments of N. C., such action would lend dignity to your office; and, would serve as a powerful thrust in placing you in the forefront as a national leader that would command the respect of all American citizens who are vitally interested in freedom and democratic ideals.

As a native of the State of North Carolina, and one who is justly proud of all of the progressive achievements of my home state, it is my sincere wish that the Eternal will give to you the strength, courage, and faith to make your observation a living reality.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely yours,
Wendell C. Somerville

Congratulates CONA on Action

I would like to congratulate the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs for going on record supporting the NAACP Boycott on down town stores at its Annual Meeting. I do hope that the committee will give more active support in the drive this time than in the previous boycott.

Speaking as a former student leader in Durham, I know that our last selected buying campaign would not have been successful without the cooperation of the committee, especially their financial support and some of their members serving on the negotiation teams. But this time I hope the committee members and all of the citizens of Durham will join in and take an

accurate part in the campaign. If it becomes necessary to picket, I hope that you will see Students, Domestic Workers, Farmers, Lawyers, Doctors, Bankers and Ministers on the picket line. Because so many times in the past the adults think that all they have to do is to put a dollar in the collection pan and the fight for freedom is won.

As a worker for the NAACP I know we need financial support and especially in Durham, I also see the need for more active participation for the fight for freedom from the adult community of our city.

Sincerely yours,
John Edwards
NAACP Field Worker
Muhroe, Louisiana

Yes, We All Talk

By MARCUS H. BOULWARE

PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION

Like public speaking, there are purposes for carrying on public or group discussion. They are: (1) to give or gather information; (2) to exchange ideas and opinions; and (3) to offer a solution to some problem; or (4) to reach a decision.

Suppose that a panel is carrying on a discussion on the racial problem with the purpose: to consider causes for this problem. If a member of the panel states an opinion about the solution of

the racial problem, the moderator would rule the statement out of order on the grounds that it is irrelevant to the purpose of the discussion.

It is the responsibility of the chairman to see to it that the panel members confine their remarks to ideas in keeping with the purpose of the topic.

REMARKS: For the pamphlet on public speaking, send two stamps and a self-addressed, long envelope to Dr. Marcus H. Boulware, Box 310-A, Florida A. and M. University, Tallahassee, Fla.

Answers to Veterans Questions

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

Q-My father, a veteran of World War II, died of a service connected disability. My mother has remarried. Am I still eligible for educational and training benefits?

A-Yes, you are still considered a war orphan and are eligible provided you are within the age limits. See your nearest VA office.

Q-I am a Korean Conflict veteran and eventually I plan to buy a home through a GI loan. What is the final deadline for applying?

A-You have 10 years after your discharge, plus one year for every three months of active wartime service. The final deadlines are: For World War II veterans, July 25, 1967, and for Korean Conflict veterans, January 31, 1975.

Q-I named my mother the beneficiary of my GI insurance. She is now dead. Will the VA pay the insurance to my wife in the event of my death?

A-You had better notify the VA to make your wife the beneficiary. With no named beneficiary, the VA may have to divide the insurance among your nearest heirs when you die.

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Baptist Head Appeals for Shaw U.

From the office of the President of the General Baptist State Convention, of North Carolina.

Mr. Editor: May I say to the Baptist of N. C. it is time that we were up and doing.

I sent out 150 letters a few days ago but I am sure I did not reach all of the Baptist. And through this paper, I hope to reach many more. And this is my message; and plan:

The time has come when Shaw University, must have money. I mean this is a must. As president of our State Convention, I am greatly concerned. If it were not for the Grace of God, I would be as all men who are not saved. But since I am a sinner saved by Grace, Grace makes the difference.

On March 14th, We will have our General Board Meeting in Raleigh. At this meeting I hope to raise some much needed money for Shaw. And the only way we can do it is for all of us to work together.

This is the plan. I will give \$100.00 for that meeting. I want as many of you to do the same as well. You who cannot give \$100.00 give \$50. If not

\$50, give \$25. If not \$25, give \$10. If not \$10, give \$5.00. Then for those who cannot or will not give as suggested above, I am setting up a \$1.00 Club. And I am asking that every Man, Woman, Boy, or Girl, to please send me \$1.00 by March 10th, so that I can carry it down to the board meeting March 14th, 1963. Help-Me-Somebody!

I am asking the members of the Executive Committee, to aid me in getting this program over to the people in their respective Communities. And if possible, collect this \$1.00 and get it to me, by March the 10th. Brethren; together we stand, divided, the cause fails. Humbly Yours,

R. Mack Pitts, President, General Baptist Convention of N. C.

A race horse is an animal that can take several thousand people for a ride at the same time.

You can't tell-maybe a fish goes home and lies about the size of the bait it stole.

A modern home is where a switch regulates everything but the children.

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