

The Durham Housing Authority Chairman

This editorial is being written Tuesday evening, January 11, a few hours after Durham's Mayor R. Wense Grubarek disclosed that H. Edward Gwin, chairman of the Durham Housing Authority had resigned his post with the authority because of "conflict of interest." Thus, for the third time there is thrown into the lap of the authority the responsibility of naming a successor to the retiring chairman from among its remaining members. Thus for the third time members of the authority are called on to appoint the senior member and vice chairman of their group, a Negro, to the chairmanship position or again break faith with their conscience by by-passing him to name a white person instead.

Let there be no mistake about it, there is more at stake in the Housing Authority resignation matter than the mere naming of a successor to the retiring chairman. We think there is being weighed in the balances the confidence in and the respect for the Housing Authority of a third of this city's population that must not be allowed to be found wanting if Durham hopes to retain its position of interracial goodwill in the eyes of the people of this nation.

Rightly so, justly so and in fairness to all concerned, the Durham Housing Authority chairmanship should go to J. J. Henderson. Not because he is a Negro but because of his qualifica-

tions which include his seniority as a member of the authority, his training and experience as a businessman and his position as vice-chairman. For it is certain that Durham's 30,000 or more Negro citizens will not easily understand why the treasurer of the largest Negro business in the world and a man of such high integrity and character, is continuously by-passed by his associates on the Durham Housing Authority for no other reason than he is a Negro.

We think the Durham Housing Authority chairman appointments on the past two occasions are typical of southern morals and indicative of the weakness of southern integrity. That there is a lack of forthright leadership in the organization itself is probably due to the fact that, like most such positions in Durham, they are handed out with the understanding that the recipient is to become a puppet with the string being pulled from the usual hidden source.

In spite of it all we trust by the time this editorial is read that the Durham Housing Authority will have done the forthright thing by elevating its vice-chairman to its chairmanship. By so doing it will sound the alarm for a new day in Durham, a day that will be entirely different from that exhibited by the former mayor of this city who openly opposed such an appointment several years ago.

The January 19 Meeting NCC Trustees

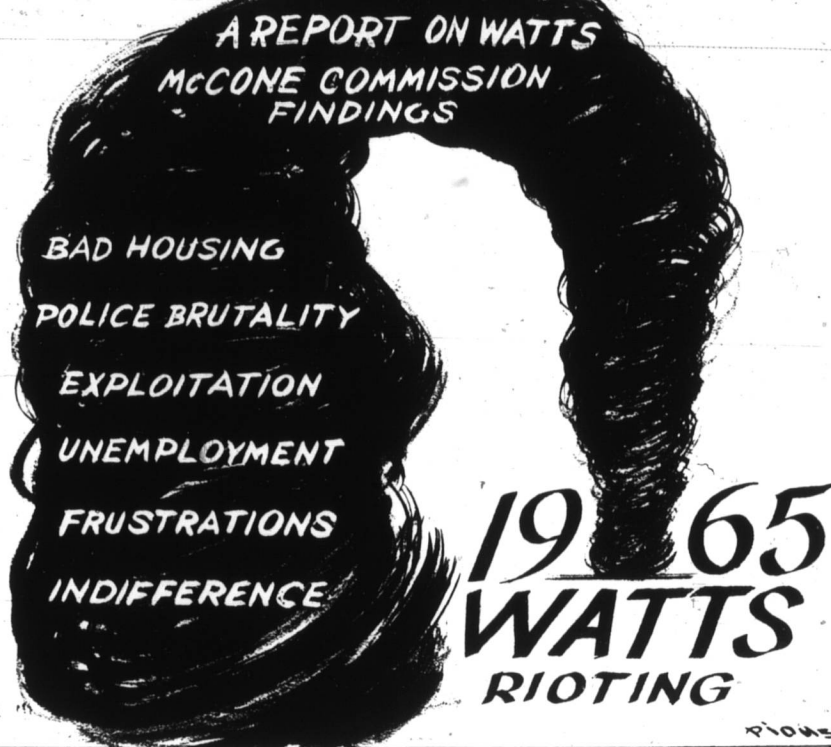
According to latest reports the trustee board of N. C. College will again go in labor at a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 19. Whether the occasion will remain in a miscarriage, a new birth or a downright abortion remains yet to be seen. One thing is certain, no family has ever awaited the outcome of a blessed event with moer interest than that of the NCC Alumni Association. As a result of the keen interest that has developed over the outcome of the NCC Trustee Board meeting on January 19, its action is being awaited with abated breath by alumni from one side of the nation to the other.

Never before in the history of NCC has so much in behalf of so many been placed in the hands of so few.

Truly the NCC trustees can be said to have a date with destiny. They and they alone have the opportunity to turn N. C. College's blackest moment into its finest hour.

In the meantime, conditions at NCC are reported to be growing from bad to worse, with no apparent end in sight, unless the trustees decide on January 19 in favor of a new birth instead of an abortion or a miscarriage. Truly next Wednesday should be a day of prayer for all alumni and friends of NCC. On that date, fate will take a walk with destiny, its twin brother, at NCC, to keep an appointment with truth, courage and wisdom. The hour is 10:00 A.M. "My Lord What A Morning?"

"NO ONE WILL DARE MAINTAIN THAT IT IS BETTER TO DO INJUSTICE THAN TO BEAR IT." ARISTOTLE



SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



Weakness is the Key Word in Man's Nature and Existence

"The spirit comes to the aid of our weakness". Rom. 8:26
Weakness is the key word in man's nature and existence. The very essence of our creatureliness is weakness. And man's universal search for God is a recognition of his weakness. In our weakness we cry out for help. With Job in his weakness we all cry out at times. "Oh that I knew where I might find him." Under the crushing burdens of our acknowledged weakness we cry out for help. Man in his utter weakness has been in search of God's Omnipotence. Weak we would lay hold of an appropriate the source of unlimited power as found in God. Thus God has promised and sent the spirit to help us human beings in our weakness.

The spirit has come to man in his weakness to be his helper. Every human being ought to realize his or her need of a help. Everybody needs some helper above the human scene. Thus God promised man in his dire weakness a helper. The Holy Spirit, the helper has come. And this God-promised helper gives us to know that we are not in this battle and struggle alone. And what a

consolation to know that you are not alone. And thank God that we do not have to be alone. God has given man a helper in his weakness. Do you have your helper in this precarious, uncertain journey? Why would you stand alone then? Why would you go on in this difficult struggle alone in these crucial times. God Almighty has given you a helper. The Spirit has come to aid us in our weakness. God gives Divine power to supplement your human weakness.

Thank God this power helps us to overcome in our weakness. Man energized by the power of this Divine Helper can overcome. Now we can truly say in spite of our great weakness We Shall Overcome.

Man the weak vessel has been filled with Divine power. Man in his weakness has been connected with the dynamo of heaven. Now, thank God, we do not have to live in weakness. God in the wonder of His Mighty Power has come to aid us in our weakness. And this helper will make weak creatures strong, to endure and overcome. Paul called this power the whole armour of God. Then let us put

on the "Whole Armour" and become winners for Jesus. Without this power we are weak victims but this power makes us victors for God.

This power gives us to know that he that is in us is greater than he that is against us. So we go forth as daring and courageous souls with the backing of the Spirit's power. The odds, looking at it from the human point of view, seem overpowering but we know that the battle is our. With this helper we know that if God be for us who can be against us.

Isaiah talks about this power in connection with the Suffering Servant as being like roots growing out of dry ground. Men look at this power in wonder and amazement and they ask how can it be. It seems to be the very essence of weakness but in the final fruits it is the greatest power in all the world. Oh what a mighty power we have as helpers in our human weakness.

Truly in our weakness the Divine Helper makes us witnesses for our God and His Christ. God does not leave us in weakness. He gives the spirit as our helper.

-Kaplan

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When Kaplan was appointed to head the life membership drive, the NAACP had only 221 life members. Largely as a result of Kaplan's efforts the number of \$500 NAACP members including subscribing as well as fully-paid members, had increased to more than 18,000 by the end of 1965.

The new NAACP president is also the donor of the annual Kivie Kaplan Life Membership awards which are presented to Association units doing the most outstanding job in soliciting life memberships during the year. The first awards were presented in 1958.

mer member of the State Board of Education and served on the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina for 16 years.

Hunt, a native of Massachusetts, is a member of the Raleigh Mayor's Community Relations Committee. He received the B.S.M.E. degree from Worcester Tech and also attended George Washington University. He is chairman of the board of Signetics Corporation.

Baynes has served on the North Carolina College Board of Trustees for 16 years, is a past president of both the Greensboro and Durham Chambers of Commerce and is a past president of the Durham Rotary Club.

portant because it reflects the continually greater role of service our Association plays in the economy of our community.

Despite vigorous competition for savings among all financial institutions, during 1965 the net savings funds taken in by Mutual Savings amounted to \$272,241.00. This inflow brought our total savings balance to \$5,282,867.00, up over 5 per cent from last year."

It was further revealed by President Stewart that "Mutual Savings paid its savers \$208,765 in dividends during 1965." In addition to this service the Association "made a total of \$1,109,858 in home loans during 1965 which represents an increase of approximately 7 per cent," said Mr. Stewart.

The president also reported that work on renovation of the new home office site purchased by the Association is progressing nicely and is expected to be ready for occupancy in April.

Before ending his report he paid a glowing tribute to the founding fathers who organized the Association for the purpose of promoting thrift.

Resolutions of acts and proceedings were read by Wm. J. Walker, Jr., with a report of the nominating committee being made by W. J. Kennedy, Jr. The name of N. B. White, president of the Service Printing Company was presented and approved by the stockholders to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors. White is a graduate of Hampton Institute. Since coming to Durham several years ago, he has succeeded with his associates, Day Reid and his brother, the late George Daniel White in building one of the largest and most successful job printing companies in the state.

-Warns

Continued from front page it clear that much work remains to be done and that he fully intended to enforce the law. He said: "The message of the Act and the heart of our policy under the Act is simple: If the local registrar will not register qualified Negroes fully, freely and conveniently—as is his responsibility—the law calls on me to send in federal examiners who will. Or, to put it another way, any qualified Negro citizen who wants to register and to vote will be registered."

-N. C. C.

Continued from front page Inc., publishers of The Carolina Times at Durham, and in 1964 received the Distinguished Service Award of the High Point Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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-Rites

Continued from front page S. C. She is educated at Barber Scotia College, Concord; Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Columbia U.

Survivals include: her husband: two sons, Henry George, U.S. Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., and Dr. Bryant George, associate chairman of the division of church strategy, Board of National Missions, United Presbyterian Church, USA; three sisters, Mrs. Eunice Orr, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Charlotte Cooper, Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Phyllis Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; three brothers, Robert J. Jones, Philadelphia, Rev. Warren C. Jones, Vienna, Ga., and Rev. J. T. Jones, Charlotte.

-Good Year

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To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

Year Of Opportunity

SINCE inevitably a bit of the past is always found in the present, and to some degree influences the future, it is well to reflect on some of the significant events of 1965 in civil rights — now well-established as America's most serious domestic problem.

On the negative side, there was the unfortunate need for continued demonstrations throughout the South, to dramatize the still-entrenched resistance to a new national morality and consensus expressed in the 1964 Civil Rights Law. These demonstrations pointed up not only the continuing reluctance to grant the Negro equal opportunity in voting, but called attention to the series of wanton murders of both white and Negro civil rights workers — murders that revealed a congenial cruelty and an animal-like behavior on the part of a few white citizens. The entrenched resistance was evident also in the tragic lack of courage and conscience on the part of many persons who for the most part remained silent.



Still on the negative side, we witnessed a growing tendency in the North to ignore or to rationalize overcrowded, unspeakable segregated housing conditions, which inevitably give rise to segregated and inferior schools and inferior community services. Far too many people use the riots of '64 and "Watts '65" as excuses not to become seriously involved in the struggle, but rather to withdraw from it and to indict 10-million Negro citizens for the desperate actions of a few.

Accent On The Positive

But—serious as these negatives are—the positive developments of 1965 are still the more significant and justify beyond question the optimism we should feel for the future. The passing of the Voting Rights Bill, I predict, will mark the most telling blow against intolerance and bigotry. Since public officials conceive it their first duty to be elected, the greatly increased Negro vote will go a long way toward discovering decent and moral qualities among present and prospective officeholders.

The affirmative actions of the Administration, supported by the unprecedented words and deeds of President Johnson, have given a new respectability and urgency to the issue of civil rights. The various poverty programs—public as well as private—however unjustly maligned and however inadequate (quantitatively and qualitatively) have been meaningful. These programs are ample evidence of what can be achieved with more experience and more resources. If the victims of poverty and oppression are given the voice they deserve in the control and administration of such programs, how much more we could achieve!

The increased concern and positive action on the part of a great many of the country's leading businessmen, even though still far from adequate, does reflect a turn in the road, not only in employment and training policies, but in the important influence, this sector has on community attitudes and institutions.

A Role In His Destiny

Most encouraging in 1965 was the desire shown by the Negro citizen to play a constructive role in his own destiny. Evidence was provided to indicate that ghetto youth, given the opportunity, would rather build than burn — would rather work than loaf. Negro adults demonstrated their ability and their capacity to participate intelligently in the policy-making and in the administration of remedial, corrective, self-help programs.

In 1965, unfortunately, we heard too much of the tragedies and the cruelties; of the hopeless and the angry. We heard too little of the cooperation and the successes; of the barriers that had been removed and the doors that had been opened.

Nineteen hundred and sixty-five had its negatives and its positives—which simply means the year had some bad people and some good people. As we look to 1966 we have expectant hopes that the few who do bad, and the few who do nothing, will be outweighed in numbers by the great many who do something. This is an opportunity for individuals, and for the entire nation.

This Week In Negro History

One hundred and ninety-eight years ago (1788) on Monday of this week the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was born. He was James Varick who was the first bishop of the church.

Other events of historical interest to be remembered this week are as follows:

JANUARY 11—Alexander Hamilton (1757-1828), friend of freedom, was born.

Haiti gained its independence from American occupation in 1946.

JANUARY 12 — An important conference was called by General Sherman at Savannah, Ga., in 1865 with free Negro leaders to ascertain their status and

their objectives for more complete freedom.

JANUARY 13 — Shiloh Presbyterian Church, the first Negro Presbyterian congregation, was formally recognized and taken over by the New York Presbytery in 1822.

JANUARY 14 — Ethel Waters' great dramatic triumph was acclaimed by critics in 1939 for her role in "Mama's Daughter."

JANUARY 15 — William Pickens (1881-1954), orator, author and fighter for equal rights, was born. He served a number of years on the staff of the NAACP.

JANUARY 1 — Jefferson Franklin Long took his oath in 1871 as the only Negro congressman from Georgia.

From Day to Day

Slices of raw peaches, apple or banana won't brown if dipped in orange or lemon juice.

One medium-sized tomato will give nearly one-half of a day's requirement of vitamin C and generous amounts of vitamin A.

Seamstresses should take a few minutes off each half hour for the sake of their eyes. Close work over a long period of time can put a strain on eyes and one way to lessen the fatigue is to glance off into the distance for a moment every now and then.

Things You Should Know

Charles Sydney GILPIN,

... ACTOR AND WINNER OF THE SPINGARN MEDAL, HE WAS WORLD-FAMOUS FOR HIS PORTRAYAL OF THE TITLE ROLE IN EUGENE O'NEILL'S **EMPEROR JONES** CLASSIC! HE DIED IN ELDREDGE PARK, N.J., ON MAY 6, 1930, AT AGE 51!

Continental Feat

Dr. Charles Spurgeon JOHNSON

... CELEBRATED SOCIOLOGIST AND SCHOLAR, HE DIED IN OCT., 1956, AT THE AGE OF 63, IN LOUISVILLE, KY. --- HE HAD BEEN FAMOUS AS FISK UNIV.'S FIRST NEGRO PRESIDENT!