

High School Junior-Senior Proms

Sooner or later the parents, teachers and interested citizens of Durham, are going to have to come face to face with the question of the so-called "Junior-Senior Proms" and graduation night affairs given by our high schools. Within the past ten years or less there have already been chalked up four tragic deaths of high school pupils who just a few hours before were in attendance at one or the other of these affairs. Like it or not it is hard for us to believe that a person is normal who will drive an automobile on a public highway at a speed of 100 miles per hour, and we are of the opinion that a safeguard, or at least an attempt at such in future affairs of our high schools, is in order.

Oh no, we can't truthfully put our finger on anyone, nor are we accusing anyone of being intoxicated who resorts to such a stupid practice. We do say, however, that it appears to us that behind such a wild and foolish act is liquor or something other than water. So at the risk of being called old-fashioned, out-of-date and not wanting to give our young people freedom

and a chance to grow up, we ask in all sincerity is there any possible chance of a youngster ever growing up who ends up on an undertaker's slab as the result of a wreck caused by a high speeding automobile?

It is one thing to talk self-determination for our younger people and another to look into the anguished faces of parents who have had a son or daughter killed in a wreck a few hours before or after graduation. When one has been brought face to face with such a tragedy it is then that he begins to ask in all sincerity, what can be done to put a stop to it?

We think the "Junior-Senior Prom" and other graduation night affairs offer a good opportunity for the PTA to step in and order that all of them be given in the afternoon or dismissed early enough in the evening to have the presence of parents and teachers in sufficient numbers to provide the kind of supervision which it appears is so badly needed to prevent more such tragedies, in connection with "after parties," given at high school graduation time.

Liberal White and Negro Voters of N. C.

The Democratic Primary to be held on May 28 will provide another opportunity for liberal whites and Negro citizens to make a distinct contribution in encouraging better race relations in North Carolina. Especially is such a statement true here in Durham where two well qualified Negro candidates have entered the race, one for district judge and another for the state legislature.

When all things are taken into consideration the election of several Negroes to the legislature in Georgia was achieved, for the most part, in counties or districts in which Negro voters overwhelmingly outnumber white voters. It so happens, however, that the Negro candidates of Durham do not have such a numerical advantage and must depend upon an alliance of liberal white and Negro voters if they hope to emerge winners in the Democratic Primary on May 28.

Because Durham has always had a good example of the benefit that can be derived from having Negro repre-

sentation in such key positions as a member of the City Council and the City Board of Education we would like to take the opportunity of calling the attention of the liberal white and Negro voters of Durham to the necessity of voting in the Primary on May 28. Not only can a distinct contribution be made to Durham but the state as a whole in that it will point the way to better race relations and more goodwill between those of both races.

Likewise, we would like to urge the liberal white and Negro voters in all other cities, counties and districts of the state to let nothing stand in their way of voting on Saturday, May 28. Especially is such united action needed in those cities, counties and districts where Negro candidates are making a bid for public office for the first time. By so doing it is possible for several Negro candidates to be elected thereby providing more lines of communication so badly needed between the races in North Carolina, especially its eastern section.

Durham's Police Department

The arrest and jailing of a sick woman, mistaken by Durham police as being drunk, on a local city bus several weeks ago and the shooting to death last week of a half-demented man while in the act of running away from the police (not attacking or resisting arrest) are recent tragic incidents of Durham's law enforcement agencies that need careful and prayerful consideration of all good people of this city.

We are going to rule out the racial angle of the two above mentioned tragic blunders of Durham's police department and charge them to downright ignorance in the first incident and beastly brutishness in the second one. The least that can be said of either or both incidents is that the time has arrived for those in authority to take definite and positive action to improve the police department of Durham in order to protect innocent citizens from such ignorance and downright disregard for human life.

We have ruled out the racial angle because we know of too many instances in which white citizens, as well as Negroes, have been victims (though not fatal) of unintelligent action on the part of members of Durham's police force. One such recent instance was the almost fatal mistake of a policeman misjudging the illness of a white diabetic as being drunk. Certain death was prevented by the presence of a Negro registered nurse who happened on the scene at the time and detected that the man was ill instead of intoxicated.

Thus it appears that city officials need to look now into the matter of improving the quality of men in Durham's Police Department, even if it means the raising of the salary level. Certainly such an achievement is better by far than the wanton taking of human life on the part of unintelligent or brutish action of members of Durham's Police Department.

We Will Remember This Hero



Medal of Honor
To PFC Milton L. Olive 20

For
Conspicuous Gallantry and
Intrepidity at the risk of
life above and beyond
the call of duty,
in action in Viet Nam.

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the U.S.
April 21, 1966

"COURAGE CONSISTS NOT IN BLINDLY OVERLOOKING DANGER, BUT IN SEEING AND CONQUERING IT."
HERBERT SPENCER

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



The Unique Mission of the Church Is The Salvation of Souls

"An outreach for the sake of my brothers"

Romans 9:3
We, the redeemed, need a passion for the lost, wayward souls in our midst. This loving concern for the healing and the restoration of the souls of men has been one of the dominant characteristics of the ministry of Christ. And the risen Christ issued this call for a concern for the lost in his final message. This message we call the Great Commission. Here we have our marching orders. And the orders come from the commander-in-chief, Christ himself. So ours then is a religion with a mission: the mission is the salvation of lost souls. This is the unique mission of the Church.

Now we need to grasp this mission in its more comprehensive meaning for the church and for us as individuals. Too long have we had a rather narrow concept of this chief business of the Church—Soul saving—we have seen it as a function of the minister. This narrow concept will not do. The Church, in its comprehensive, inclusive meaning must share this redeeming outreach. The laity of the church must get in on this evangelistic ministry of the Church. The new idea of the Laity as the Church in the world must now come into play. Thus the general Church membership must now be trained in the primary responsibility of the Church—the saving of lost souls. Then we must capture a loving concern for the lost.

Every Christian must help spread the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have a story to tell to the nations. And every saved Christian must help to tell this story. Each one must become a witness of what God has done for your soul. You must confront some soul and say I want you to consider Christ as your Savior. Tell some lost soul what Christ the Savior has done for your soul. Tell how Christ set your soul free from the prison cell of sin. Tell some soul suffering from soul-sickness how Jesus healed your soul. Just tell what you have experienced. If you have this soul healing, then tell others about it. We as individual Christians need, in these times, to tell the lost

-WSSC

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business meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28 in the college dining hall. Lafayette A. Cook, national alumni president, will preside. Honor classes this year will be the classes of 1916 and 1941. Fifty members of the class of 1941 and three members of the class of 1916 have indicated that they will attend. The 50-year graduates who will attend are: Dr. Francis L. Atkins, former president of the college; Dr. Marshall Shepard, noted minister and political leader of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Edythe McCain Smith.

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-Accreditation -Graduate

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matic certification in states in which NCATE operates.
The college's graduate programs are already approved by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the Association of Colleges and Schools.

-Demented

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keeping him from harming anyone. After he fell," the officer continued "I saw he had an open knife in his hand."
The officer expressed regret that the victim died but said he felt it was necessary to shoot or he would have done so. "He was terrifying people all along the street with the shotgun, including a woman motorist who said he had pointed the gun at her as she drove past him," Lassiter added.

The victim was about 60 feet from the officer when he was shot, receiving wounds in the back and the side.

-Hammocks

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ing Secretary for NCTA reported a total of \$1,139.14 from the eight districts. Mrs. Beatrice Rhue of the North Harnett School was the recipient of the 19 inch television and stand. A number of other door prizes were given.

-Plumbers

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last Jan. 24 by NAACP Associate Counsel Maria L. Marcus on behalf of the Urban League. An unfair labor practice charge was filed against the local by one of the four minority group workers and by the Urban League following refusal of the unionized plumbers to work with the Negro and Puerto Ricans hired by the contractor in April, 1964. In its ruling of June 2, 1965, the Board held that Local 2 had violated the National Labor Relations Act and invalidated the contractual provisions giving preferences to union members. It also ordered the union to compensate the four discharged workers for loss of pay covering the period of their unemployment resulting from the union's discriminatory actions.

-Grafton -Evers

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he is survived by three brothers, John F., Rowland, Albert and Alfonso Grafton; four sisters, Misses Mary, Bernice, Carolyn and Barbara Grafton, all of the home.
Interment was a Beechwood Cemetery.

White Rock Baptist Church
WHITE ROCK SQUARE
600-606 FAYETTEVILLE STREET
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
LORENZO A. LYNCH, Pastor
YOUTH SUNDAY
Sunday May 29
HOLY BAPTISM
8:45 A.M. CALL TO WORSHIP Electronics
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
"The Fall of Samaria," 2 Kings 17:9-18
Review of lesson by the Philathea Class
Dr. Charles A. Ray, Superintendent
11:00 A.M. SERMON The Pastor
"On Why We Are Baptists"
Senior Choir, John H. Gattis, Director
7:30 P.M. Junior Missionaries in charge
SERMON The Rev. J. H. Cofield.
Gospel Chorus, William Allen, Director
THURSDAY, JUNE 2
7:00 -8:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study Session taught by the Pastor

St. Joseph's A. M. E. Church
"SERVING A WORLD PARISH WITH CHRIST SINCE 1869"
FAYETTEVILLE STREET DURHAM, N. C.
PHILIP R. COUSIN, The Minister
Sunday May 29
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUBJECT:
"The Fall of Samaria," 2 Kings 17:9-18
Miss Marie Faulk, Superintendent
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
SERMON The Minister
Subject: "ON THE EDGE"
MUSIC The Senior Choir
7:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP
SERMON The Minister
MUSIC The Gospel Choir
Fred Mason at the Console
Mrs. Marian Williams, Directing

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