

## An Inspirational Tribute

Last week's issue of the CAROLINA TIMES carried an account of the awarding of the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Morehouse College to John Hervey Wheeler, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. Because of the fine and beautiful tribute paid the honoree by Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse, we felt it most appropriate here and now to publish in full the words spoken by Dr. Mays in conferring the degree on Wheeler.

It is our sincere hope and purpose that they will furnish inspiration to thousands of young men and women in our schools and colleges who are now pursuing their education.

Said Dr. Mays:

"John Hervey Wheeler, it seems as if it were yesterday when you entered my class in high school algebra, a mere lad in knee pants. The mental picture of you at that time still is vivid in my mind. Instantly, you elicited my respect not only because all human beings deserve respect, but because you had an extraordinary mind and began early to develop it. You possessed a sense of purpose and you had begun to pursue it diligently. You elicited admiration again because you inherited a maturity beyond your years.

It often happens that the behavior of the boy is prophetic of what the man will be and what he will do. As an inexperienced teacher on my job, I was not wise enough to forecast with precision what you would eventually turn out to be. But I did predict that you would do well in life and that you would make a worthwhile contribution to mankind. You, sir, have more than fulfilled that prophecy.

You had many talents. You could have easily developed into a successful teacher or a professional violinist. But you preferred banking and earned a law degree to further add to your knowledge and enhance your service to the national community. You have built in Durham a bank which solicits the respect of the bankers of the nation.

Most bankers seem to be conservative and stick mainly to their finances, but your passion for social justice, and your concern for those who suffer discriminations and indignities have led you to argue successfully cases in Federal Court against segregation in the public schools. Way back in 1949, you spearheaded a movement culminating in court action. A U.S. District Judge ordered the Durham School Board to provide equal educational opportunities for Negro pupils. After 1954 you represented a statewide group of distinguished citizens before the State Legislature in opposition to the proposed pupil assignment plan. In 1955 you appeared before the Legislature in opposition to the Pearsall Plan. You were one of the attorneys in the litigation which abolished the color bar in the undergraduate school of the University of North Carolina.

As Secretary of the Morehouse Board of Trustees, you have rendered invaluable service. Your membership on many local boards, your service on Government Commissions appointed by two Presidents, your service to the Southern Regional Council, and your trips to South Africa as a member of the South African Leaders Exchange Program — all these attest to the stature of the man. You are a living example of the fact that a man can rise above his environment and be free in a society that circumscribes the mind and stifles the soul. A sum cum laude graduate of Morehouse, recipient of several honorary degrees, you have earned the right to be honored by your Alma Mater.

Upon the recommendation of the faculty and by the authority vested in me by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees, I, your former teacher, am happy to confer upon you, my former student, the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities appertaining thereto."

## U. S. Treasury Points the Way

The announcement released last week by the U.S. Treasury Department to the effect that 14,000 banks have been advised that all such institution holding deposits of federal funds are prohibited from discriminating in hiring, promoting, training and other personnel will be hailed by all good citizens as a step in the right direction. Certainly the federal government would fall short of its duty if it failed to pursue any other course.

Now that the federal government has pointed the way we trust our state, county and city governments will follow the lead and adopt a policy of equal job opportunities for all citizens. At the moment, one only has to visit the average state offices in Raleigh and public offices in cities and towns, in a majority of southern states, to discover that there is a total absence of fairness in the employment of Negroes beyond that of men-

al capacity.

Along with lack of employment in state offices there is that of southern state highway patrols that do not at the present employ one Negro in the capacity of an officer. It should dawn upon state officials that all state officers and state departments are sustained out of the pockets of all the taxpayers and, therefore, any discrimination in their employment policies is totally unfair and unchristian.

We think the time has arrived for Negro leaders to take a stand against the employment policies now in existence in North Carolina state offices. It would be a fine thing for some of them to visit such places in Raleigh and observe the thousands of persons employed as clerks, stenographers and otherwise without one Negro face being among them. The time to attack this unfair condition is now.

## The "Unmentionable" Diseases

The diseases that nobody wants to talk about are among the very ones that can blind, cripple, or even kill.

The American Medical Association says venereal diseases are this nation's most urgent communicable disease problem. There's little wonder: VD is infecting 1,100,000 Americans a year — about 3,000 a day, or almost two a minute.

And yet, despite the penicillin cure that has been known for more than 20 years, VD continues as a problem, continues to bring tragedy to countless families.

Venereal disease is passed by intimate personal contact. That, of course, is why it is so reluctantly mentioned.

If VD is to be conquered, however, it must be by a straight-forward approach. The AMA and medical societies throughout the country are encouraging people to (1) avoid exposure to VD, (2) seek prompt examination and necessary treatment, and (3) report to their doctor, sincerely, their possible contacts with the disease.

Only by this lawful method can VD

be eliminated. And only then can conscientious people stop talking about it.

### GRASSROOTS OPINION

HOWARD, S.D., PIONEER: "The constitutional right of a free press belongs to the people of the United States — those who subscribe to and buy newspapers and those who advertise in them. Without these free and independent readers and advertisers, there could be no free press as we know it. There would be no freedom to seek and report the news; no freedom to express opinions and even criticize when necessary. . . It is not easy for newspapers to collect, report and comment on fast-breaking events. Nor is it easy for readers to always understand what is reported and why. . . But it is very important that both newspapers and readers understand clearly the role of each other as 'partners in freedom.'"

JEFFERSON, OHIO, GAZETTE: "There are the 'free' lunches for schools, the 'free' milk — not that some of the indigent children do not need them (of course they do) but when they start learning that they must pay for all this free loading, and pay dearly? . . . Everywhere you turn, the people of this once proud, once free country, are looking for a handout from the federal establishment."

## Job Squeeze Must Be Broken



### SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

By REV. HAROLD ROLAND



## There is No Ultimate Security For Man Except in Jesus Christ

"And now hear without someone to spread the news"

—Rom. 10:15

The world's greatest news story was the coming of the Christ, Son of God, to redeem man in his lostness from his sinfulness. A great need for centuries has been for persons, redeemed and called, to tell the gracious news of Salvation in Christ. In these times we need some spiritual newsmen. A little over a year ago a group leading churchmen met up in the mountains of North Carolina to discuss the spiritual shortage of people to tell the glad tidings of Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is a growing crucial shortage of ministers of the Gospel. How will the lost sinner be saved "without some to spread the news of salvation?"

There is a crucial shortage of new recruits for the gospel ministry. What is the reason of this? Has God stopped calling men? Has God stopped laying on the hearts and souls that inner impulse or compulsion to enter the Gospel Ministry. Or has it come to pass that in a materialistic, afflu-

ent society young men are seeking the way of easy and comfort rather than the ministry with its inner essence of self-denial and loving sacrifice? It could be that we are too much affected by this security conscious age in which we live. You listen to people in these times and you discern a feverish search for security. You hear the refrain "I must find security." Well, there is no ultimate security for man except in God. Young men, in the gospel ministry, you can really find ultimate security. Young men, we need men to spread the good news of the gospel of God's redeeming love. A spreader of this good news will find the most satisfying, enriching fulfillment there is to be had in this life. Young men think on this. Young men, if there is this inner urging in the soul respond and really let your life count for something. Let it be spent in the loving service of God. We are not saying that it is an easy life, we are saying that it is a life that will be lived on the highest level and will offer the richest satisfactions. In giving your life to spread the good

news your life will count for the most. Young men I cannot call you, I can suggest that you hear and answer God's call. One of my most satisfying experiences recently has been in seeing a young man respond to this call to tell the good news. This fall he begins his preparation for the ministry.

The harvest is great with a heart-rending scarcity of laborers. A world in turmoil and sin needs saving. God has given His Son to be our Savior. But now we need persons to spread the saving word. And only this good news of salvation can save mankind from a suicidal plunge into darkness and desolation. Christ can save men. He, and he alone, can snatch men back from the plunge into the dark abyss. So the urgent need of men to spread the news of salvation among men. Young men, the harvest is great. Will you heed God's call and become a laborer in the great harvest of souls.

Good news, God has come in His Son to save us. The salvation must come through those redeemed and sanctified to tell the Good News of Salvation.

cotton while he campaigned for their votes last year. Amerson defeated three candidates in the primary, went on to win a primary run-off, and finally triumphed in November against a write-in candidate who announced his campaign five days before the election but had conducted a secret campaign for months.

## --Murphy

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He held memberships in numerous civic, educational, fraternal, and publishers' organizations.

He is credited with being the chief architect of the expansion program at Morgan State College and the Fine Arts Building and auditorium near the entrance to the campus bears his name.

The Carl Murphy Scholarship Fund which enables African students to study at Morgan was created in 1963 in his honor.

Dr. Murphy revived the Baltimore Chapter of the NAACP in 1935 and had been a member of the organization's national board of directors since 1931. In 1955 he was awarded by the NAACP the coveted Spingarn Medal for distinguished leadership. He was also a member of the President's Post Office Advisory Board and a Presidential Elector for the State of Maryland in 1960.

A 33rd degree Mason, Commander, Order of the Star of Africa, Monrovia, Liberia, Dr. Murphy received the Outstanding Scottish Rite Master Man of the Year Award in 1954.

He was also recipient of the Omega Psi Fraternity Achievement Awards in 1939 and 1954.

Honors also included the Social Action Achievement Award of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, National Urban League American Teamwork Award;

Also honorary degrees from Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio and Lincoln University, Lincoln, Pa. Survivors include his wife Mrs. Lillian Parrot Murphy; six daughters: Mesdames A. Paul Moss, S. Edward Smith, Leeland N. Jones, Jr., Bufalo N. Y., Robert W. Matthews, 3rd, Clarence Henderson, and

## Marvin Davis.

Two brothers, D. Arnett and John H. Murphy, Jr.; 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Requiem mass will be held 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 1st at St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, Lafayette and Arlington Aves., Baltimore, Md.

## --Sheriff

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they are forced to live with rats and roaches."

Dr. Abernathy spoke as acting national president of SCLC in the absence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and as pastor of the host West Hunter Street Baptist Church. Rev. Howard W. Creecy, new president of the Atlanta SCLC affiliate and pastor of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, urged the mass meeting to "go all the way with SCLC in fighting for equality and justice in Atlanta."

Other new offices introduced at the meeting were Rev. Juliette Williams, vice-president, who is pastor of Flipper Temple A.M.E. church; Dr. Otis Smith, treasurer; Rev. W.J. Stafford, finance chairman, who is pastor of the Free For All Baptist Church; Mrs. Lottie Watkins, secretary; and Mrs. E. H. Dorsey, assistant secretary.

Sheriff Amerson criticized those who say that "the time is not ripe" for Negroes to seek office in the South. He said elections can be won by hard work, round-the-clock campaigning, and organization. He said he sought votes by constant travel in Macon County, and even joined field workers in chopping

## --Fireman

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would be "put down with guns if we have to."

The anti-discrimination clause written in the volunteer fire department contracts states that: "The fire company represents that it has not and agrees that it will not discriminate against the administration of prospective volunteer members to its organization because of race, creed, color or national origin."

The Nassau County Commission on Human Rights had investigated charges of discrimination and reported that it found no specific evidence of such practice. The report also stated, however, that of the 71 Nassau volunteer fire departments which have more than 10,000 members only two members were Negroes.

## --Slayer

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from national as well as local Negro leaders. As a result, protest meetings have been held in the city and a nationwide boycott of the Amstromp company has been suggested by Charles Evers, Mississippi NAACP field worker.

The international unit of measure is the meter, which is defined as 1,650,763.73 wave lengths of the orange red line of krypton 86, in a vacuum under specified conditions.

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## To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

## The Nation Mourns

I WRITE THIS WEEK with profound sadness. Two of the most remarkable and valuable young people in our history, are dead. Stephen and Audrey Currier, both in their early 30's, were lost in a plane over the Caribbean. They leave all who knew them shocked and saddened, but they leave us with a legacy, which if we could but understand and learn from it, could save our society from further pain, guilt, and human suffering.

Stephen and Audrey Currier defied the usual generalizations and stereotypes. They had great wealth, but felt their richest moments were in sharing that wealth with individuals who had the least and with the causes that represent them. They moved comfortably with heads of states and the world's most influential people, but were most relaxed and happy when they talked and worked with those who were society's greatest victims. They appreciated Beauty—that which nature has produced as well as that created by our great artists—but could always see and work toward the potential beauty present in people living in the worst slum.

They were white in complexion, but saw this as an accident of birth—not as a symbol of advantage, privilege or superiority over other human beings of different color.

### Constant Search For Truth

They were Protestant in religion, but chose to express their faith, not in creedal affirmation, but in the confirmation of their daily deeds. Above all, they were never condescending in their relations to others; rather they possessed humility, constantly searching for truth, right, and beauty. Stephen and Audrey Currier expressed in many informal ways which the world will never know, their concern, their generosity, and their decency toward their fellow human beings. The institution which more formally reflected their desire to help people was the Taconic Foundation. But here again Stephen and Audrey Currier refused to fit into a pattern. Because of them this foundation dared to accept new challenges. Instead of investing the bulk of their foundation resources in traditional health and educational programs and institutions they chose otherwise. They gave these resources to the unpopular, even those not yet fully-respectable causes. They chose not bricks and mortar—but programs and people.

The Taconic Foundation was different also in that the Curriers were most active in its day-to-day administration and decisions. They knew intimately the organizations and individuals who were the beneficiaries of both their funds and their sympathetic understanding and counsel. Unlike some foundations, they often gave "with no strings attached" because they trusted and respected the organizations and people to which they gave. Their creative imagination and great dedication led to such significant developments as the Council for United Civil Rights Leadership, which brought unity, communication, stability and financial resources to the civil rights movement when they were most desperately needed.

### Quietly Effective Organizations

Those same qualities gave birth to the quietly effective Potomac Institute in Washington, and to Urban America, a merger of two groups concerned with urban planning that in its brief tenure had begun to make a major impact on this crucial American problem.

These accomplishments are known—though not well enough. But there were many others. For example, only a very few people know of the part Stephen played in the life of the brilliant Negro youth who had to take leave of his Peace Corps duties in Africa because an eye infection threatened loss of his sight. Because of his sympathetic concern, this young man was taken to one of the nation's best specialists, who worked night and day to save his sight and to return him to the world to realize his great potential. Although they never knew the young man, the Curriers paid the bills.

Because they passed this way, this world is a far better place—and many of the human beings who inhabit it will enjoy a happier and much more productive life. As their closest friend, Attorney Lloyd Garrison said, at the memorial service "No one is vast enough to submerge the spirit of Stephen and Audrey. No death can dim the light of their love for all mankind."

## WASHINGTON — Rep.

Otto E. Passman, D-La., criticizing the Nationalist Chinese government for using U. S. aid funds to finance its own foreign aid program in Africa

## NAACP Leader Appointed Judge

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — The appointment of Willard Brown to a special judgeship in Kanawha County Intermediate Court may well be a history-making event as Mr. Brown is believed to be the first Negro to sit here as judge in a court of record. Mr. Brown, who served as president of Charleston's NAACP Branch for 10 years, and who is chairman of the statewide NAACP legal redress committee, says: "I know I'm one of a very few Negroes appointed, if not the first."

## --Community

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Music will be furnished by the Male Chorus of the church, under the direction of Owen Marsh, Jr. and W.L. Thompson, soloist. The speaker will be L.E. Austin, publisher of the Carolina Times.

At 3:00 p.m. the pastor and congregation of the Mt. Level Baptist Church, Rev. A.L. Daye, pastor, will be guests.

## Rights Service To Net \$1,000 As Scholarship

CHICAGO — \$1,000 scholarship is awaiting some qualified young person who has made an "outstanding contribution" in the cause of civil rights.

The award is given annually by the United Packinghouse, Food and Allied Workers (AFL-CIO). The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. is a member of the board of judges. The award is given under specified conditions.

## --Allen

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head. There must be sacrifice." The president of Livingstone College since July 1958, Dr. Duncan has enjoyed a wealth of professional experience prior to his appointment as president of Livingstone. Among these are high school teacher and athletic coach, high school principal, visiting instructor at two North Carolina colleges and State Supervisor of Negro Schools.

His formal training was done at Livingstone College, Columbia University and Cornell University where he received the Master of Arts and Ph.D. degrees.