

Credo for the Negro Press

Editor's Note: At least once in the life of every good man there comes the time when he ascends the mountain of spiritual nobility and becomes the vehicle through which God speaks to mankind. So it was, we think, with P. Bernard Young, Jr., several years ago, when he penned a "Credo For The Negro Press," and which we are reprinting below, simply as a reminder to our fellow newspapermen, during these awful times of stress and strain:

I SHALL BE A CRUSADER
I SHALL BE AN ADVOCATE
I SHALL BE A HERALD
I SHALL BE A MIRROR AND A RECORD

I shall CRUSADE for all things that are right and just and I will, with equal fervor, expose and condemn all things that are unjust. I shall be a CRUSADER but I will not permit my fervor nor the rightness of my cause to provoke abandonment of cardinals of journalism, accuracy, fairness and objectivity.

I shall be an ADVOCATE of the full practice of the principles implicit in Life, Liberty, and Justice For All. I shall be an ADVOCATE for these human and civil rights on behalf of those to whom they are denied, and I shall turn the pitiless light of publicity upon all men who would deny these rights to others. I shall ADVOCATE for my country, my state, my city and my race, but I shall ever be on guard that I will not forget the greatest good for the greatest number while seeking deserving benefits for those small disadvantaged by denials of them.

The Case of the Michaux Brothers

The third refusal of the North Carolina Bar Association to approve the applications of the two young Michaux brothers for membership is proof that the organization is minus the kind of men as leaders who have made America a great nation. That the Michaux brothers, both of whom have been licensed as lawyers, have had the humility to twice apply for membership in the State Bar Association, after being at first turned down for no apparent reason other than race, is a tribute to them personally and their race in general.

By refusing to admit two young qualified Negro lawyers, one of whom is presently in the armed service of our country, is a debased and skuldugery act that plays right into the hands of the advocates of the philosophy of "black power" and pulls the rug from under that segment of Negro leaders often referred to as moderates. Thus it can safely be stat-

I shall be a HERALD, a bearer of good news, whenever I may, but of all news whether it be good or bad if its heralding is in the public interest. I shall HERALD these tidings, good and bad, in the faith that the people are free only if the truth is known by them. I shall HERALD those things that others would suppress out of bias or for any and all other reasons.

I shall be a MIRROR AND A RECORD—a MIRROR of our existence as it is and a RECORD of our strivings to better that lot. I cannot deny or overlook my people's vices and shortcomings. Neither will I permit their virtues and good attitudes to be hidden or denied.

I shall have integrity and I will not be bought. I shall be beholden to no man or class, because I am the voice of all my people.

I will knowingly print nothing with malice nor permit the exploitation of my columns by self seekers and narrow special interests.

I shall mold public opinion in the interest of all things constructive. I shall seem impatient at times. I will be abused and misunderstood, but I shall try always to be right and ignore the abuse, knowing that the wages of advocates and prophets ever have been in the beginning, abuse and misunderstanding.

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AND AN ADVOCATE, A
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A HERALD AND A SPOT-
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FALTER.
SO HELP ME GOD.

ed that the action of the Duke University Law School, in withdrawing its membership from the N. C. Bar Association, was indeed timely and probably had much to do in offsetting the effect of its vile and vicious act in refusing membership to the Michaux brothers.

Likewise, the loathsome attempt of the N. C. Bar Association to hide behind the fact that it has admitted three other Negro lawyers to membership with the apparent hope of avoiding the accusation of operating a "for white only" state bar association is so loaded with deceit and blatant hypocrisy it stinks to high heaven. If the three Negro lawyers admitted for such apparent purposes, do not follow the course of the Duke University Law School and sever their newly established membership in the N. C. Bar Association they will miss a great opportunity.

Financial Campaign for Lincoln Hospital

The big kick-off program of the financial campaign to be launched at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, in an all out effort to raise \$103,000 for Lincoln Hospital, presents a challenge to the Negro citizens of Durham and vicinity that must be met.

Let there be no mistake about it there is a subtle, if not an open and determined effort, on the part of the white power structure of Durham to close Lincoln Hospital so that assurance can be had that every last dime made available for hospital facilities for the citizens of Durham and vicinity will be allocated to a hospital operated and controlled entirely by whites.

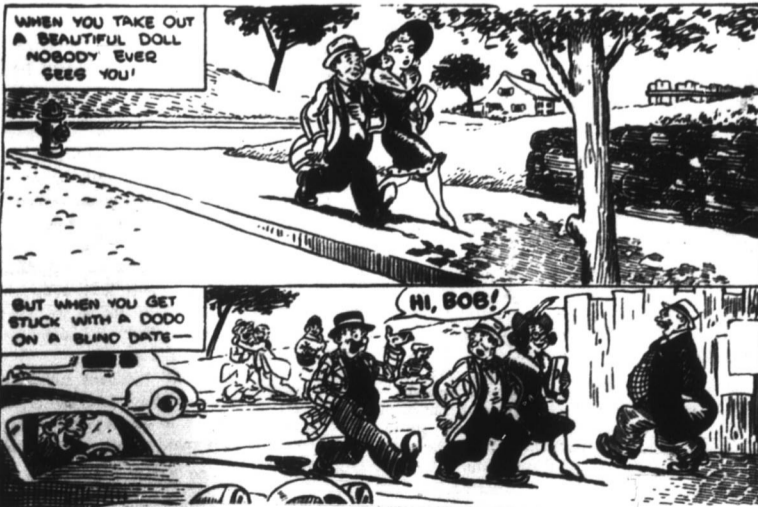
Likewise let not the most stupid Negro citizen be led into the belief that the screaming headlines in the daily press about a hospital board of trustees composed of present mem-

bers of Watts and Lincoln will be in control of the proposed new hospital facility. When and if the hour ever arrives that such an abortive goal is achieved we predict, we warn and we caution that Negro citizens will end up as usual with only token representation, on the Board, token employment on the staff and second class service as patients.

If there is one Negro citizen in Durham stupid enough to believe that equal service will be available to whites and Negroes in a hospital controlled only by whites he needs to have his head examined.

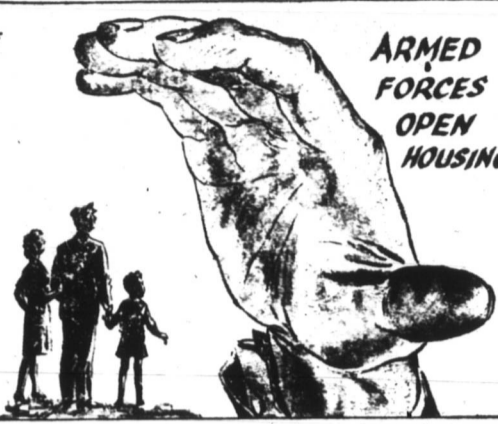
The \$103,000 goal can and must be achieved and we again call on our churches, schools, business institutions and every Negro citizen of Durham and vicinity to put his shoulder to the wheel and help put the campaign over the top. The goal is a must—this is it.

IT NEVER FAILS



And Yet They Ask, 'What Does The Negro Want?'

"LANDLORDS WHO, AS McNAMARA STATES IT, PARADE UNDER THE POSMOSITY OF RACIAL SUPERIORITY AND DENY HOUSING TO MEN THE COLOR OF WHOSE BLOOD, WHEN THEY SHED IT IN THE DEFENSE OF ASIA, IS ALL THE SAME SHADE, BUT WHO, WHEN THEY RETURN HOME, FIND THAT IT'S THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN THAT MATTERS. 'THE NEGRO SERVICEMAN HAS BEEN LOYAL AND RESPONSIBLE TO HIS COUNTRY,' SAID McNAMARA, 'BUT THE PEOPLE IN HIS COUNTRY HAVE FAILED IN THEIR LOYALTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO HIM'."



TELL IT LIKE IT IS

By KENT R. AUTOR

their own vested interests, even if these changes are directly related to the improvement of poverty conditions.

The power structure, that monopolizes in communities and controls the means for bringing about significant change in community structure and operation have won a significant victory. If the Carvie Oldhams were hard to budge before, they will become veritable Rocks of Gibraltar under the new system.

The compromise that places control of community programs in the hand of local public officials will be traced to widespread complacency regarding the explosive situation that exists in our country today; to fear and misunderstanding of anti-poverty efforts; and to the protection of vested interests.

Much of the blame, however, has to be placed on the anti-poverty program itself. There were too many legitimate grounds upon which it could be criticized. Many aspects of the anti-poverty program were poorly conceived, poorly planned, and poorly implemented. There was much wasted money and effort. The first year of the program was especially marked by rampant haste and a shot-gun approach.

The war on poverty was and had to be very much in the nature of an experiment. This requires an amount of tolerance of deficiencies. The important thing is that there be an on-going assessment of what is going on, in order to refine and improve the program. In all fairness, this was done. Today, anti-poverty workers have a much better idea of what goals must be achieved if poverty is to be eliminated, and what must be done to achieve them.

To Be Equal

By WHITNEY M. YOUNG JR.

DO YOU KNOW HOW much an average family of four needs to maintain a moderate living standard? According to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the family must earn or have an annual income of \$9,191 if they live in an urban area.

The figure is higher for some cities like New York (\$10,195), and slightly lower for others. But any way you slice it, it's a lot of money, far beyond the reach of many Americans.

Only about one out of ten Negro families earn that much, and many can do it only because a higher proportion of wives and mothers work. Despite this, Negro families with two or more jobholders still earn less than the average white family with one working member.

These figures don't mean fancy living. A "moderate" living standard doesn't allow much room for luxuries. But it is still a far cry from a survival living standard. This is about \$3,300 for an urban family of four.

Yet even this very low income is beyond the reach of many Negro families. About two out of every five earn less, and live in poverty. The reason for this is that Negro workers tend to be concentrated in the lowest-paying jobs and they are most likely to become unemployed.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

By DAVID W. STITH

WHAT SCHOOL BOND ELECTION?

With the continued thunder storms, and major "Boo Boos" hitting Durham and Durham County, Durham will soon have to be declared a disaster area.

A prime example of the sad state of affairs in the county came last week when County Manager E. S. Swindell, Jr., confessed that he "forgot" to submit the bond issue election request to the Local Government Commission within the required 40-day period.

Needless to say, this columnist, along with a lot of other citizens of Durham County, finds this hard to believe. And to add insult to injury the powers that be simply say let's wait until January 30.

This position is completely inconsistent with the City-County position. Several days ago everybody was in a big hurry, the whole Program was geared toward rushing into a \$9.75 million dollar bond election. To delay would further retard the education of thousands of children, and cripple them for life, so they said.

Do you really believe that if all was going well with this Bond

election Mr. Swindell would have "forgotten" to function in his usual efficient manner?

I suggest that the word got around that the people of Durham County were looking at this Bond election a bit closer than was expected, and that the "pushers" of the Bond issue needed more time to try to sell the Bond issue to John Q. Public.

It also strikes me strange why the County would spend over \$10,000 on each Bond election. Why not practice a bit of consolidation on the county level and save the tax payers some money - have one bond election with all issues coming before the voters at the same time.

I further suggest that the time is rapidly approaching when our elected officials are going to have to stop playing politics with the people who have entrusted the office to them. In this case, we may need to be looking around for a new county manager and a few new county commissioners.

CARVIE OLDHAM ACTS UP AGAIN

Durham Housing Authority head Carvie Oldham is once again at the center of controversy with public housing tenants.

Once again it appears that he has refused to be open and honest and has assumed the role of dictator.

Public housing tenants have the right to know the reasons for such policy decisions as raises in rent since they directly affect their lives and well being.

It is ridiculous for our city officials to continue to support an individual who is unable to establish rapport with the people whom he is supposed to be serving. As an appointed official in city

government, his responsibility is to the citizens. Among these citizens are the tenants he so rudely dismisses and with whom he refuses to honestly discuss policy as it affects their situation. Since it is clear that he is not willing to communicate with these people, he should be replaced by someone who will be concerned enough about their problems to talk honestly with them.

The continued support given Oldham by the other members of the Durham Housing Authority and the City Council, gives him a license to continue to act in this rude and arrogant manner.

Unemployment Figures Rising

The figures for Negro unemployment are rising, and they now stand at 8.8 percent more than twice that for white workers. Some ghetto neighborhoods suffer unemployment to a degree not reflected in the official figures. Up to half the working population in these areas is unemployed.

These figures are disgraceful. No country can tolerate such widespread poverty, least of all the richest nation in the world. Closing the job gap has to be at the top of America's list of priorities.

The job gap is also a racial gap—it exists because of discrimination. Nothing else can explain the terrible gap in the income figures and in the unemployment figures. Negroes have persistently been thrust to the bottom of the economic ladder, and the figures prove it. Government, industry, and labor will have to join in efforts to end this situation. During the Depression, when the whole country suffered from poverty and unemployment, massive public works projects were started to put men to work. We can do no less for today's minorities who suffer economic depression on an even wider scale.

Incentives Could Be Offered

In addition to job-creating projects which put people to work on socially useful programs, government can offer incentives to private industry to relocate in the ghetto. Fantastic subsidies are given to rich farmers not to grow certain crops, and many states and cities offer tax breaks to companies which relocate in their areas. The same inducements could be offered to firms which agree to hire and train the poor and which build in the ghetto.

Industry will have to do a lot more to hire Negroes. They will have to abandon some of the tests they use which are geared for middle-class whites and which work against Negroes, and replace them with more realistic standards which will measure the potential of a man to do the job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor
Carolina Times
It was indeed pleasing to note the possibility that David Stith will contest Representative Nick Galifianakis if he runs for the fourth Congressional Seat.

Just a cursory examination of the last election will show that votes from a few selected precincts represented the margin of victory and defeat for Congressman Galifianakis. A look at his voting record will not indicate that he always voted the position most favorable for those who gave him the margin of victory. His public pronouncements have not shown him to be any different from those who have tried to thwart efforts to rid our country of poverty and prejudice. To my knowledge, our present congressman did not make any promises to get the key votes from Winston-Salem and Durham that sent him to

Washington. Many of us fell for the old argument, "He is the lesser of two evils." I do not know the members of his staff but I do not know one person he hired from the group that supported him all the way through his campaigns. It is also going to be interesting to note who he nominates for Durham Postmaster, and how he will vote on the Green Amendments to the Anti-Poverty Bill.

I believe that Open Primaries are good. It will be good to see Stith and others enter the race next year. I also hope that no one will get several thousand votes without asking for them, and ride in on the lame excuse of being the "lesser of two evils." There is too much at stake to continue supporting candidates who vote to tighten the rope around the necks of the disadvantaged.

RAY THOMPSON

Editor
The Carolina Times
Enclosed is a check for a one-year renewal subscription to The Carolina Times. As I write, I should like to commend you for the newspaper's continuing fight in its editorial columns in behalf of equal rights and its affirmation of the inherent dignity of all people. Too many publications restrain their voice because of a fear of offending those in high places or of losing a few lines of advertising.

The value of a newspaper should not be determined by whether it is first to print an account—which may be little more than trivia—of a certain event, but by the degree to which it wages an effort to secure justice and attain better living conditions for all. On such a scale, your newspaper ranks with the best.

The people of Durham and North Carolina owe The Carolina Times a debt of gratitude. Sincerely yours,
George E. Hardin