

The Robert J. Brown Appointment

President-elect Richard M. Nixon's appointment of Robert J. Brown of High Point as a special assistant to the president may yet prove to be one of the most significant as well as one of the most strategic moves ever made by a president of these United States. There is evidence aplenty that Nixon is aware of the rapid strides southern Negroes have already made both politically and economically and the even greater strides they are destined to make in the above mentioned areas in the immediate years ahead.

Robert J. Brown is well-known nationally, as well as in North Carolina, as one of the most astute and progressive young businessmen irrespective of race or color. The respect accorded him as a business leader is, therefore, not confined to those of the South and his own people, but any and all citizens of intelligence in the nation.

From a political standpoint, the ap-

pointment of a southern Negro of Brown's calibre by President-elect Nixon to such a position of importance, strikes a most terrific blow at the existing Democratic Negro fortress of North Carolina, from which little or no patronage or recognition has ever been forthcoming in recognition of the practically canine loyalty of a majority of North Carolina and other southern Negro voters to the Democratic Party.

Here in North Carolina, where Negro leaders have continuously insisted on supporting the Democratic Party, they have not one major recognition or sizeable piece of patronage they can point to. We, think, therefore, Brown's appointment presents a most bristling challenge to the leaders of the Democratic Party of this state, especially the new administration that will take over on January 3, and we ask in all seriousness, What will the answer be?

Solution to the Oak Grove Upheaval

The upheaval now going on at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, involving its pastor, officers and certain members, is a most unfortunate situation to overtake any church or organized religious group. The situation as it now stands demands prayerful, swift and positive action, on the part of the governing officials of all concerned, lest a worse catastrophe overtake the church than the one now existing.

Because interfering with or sticking one's nose into a church wrangle is so similar to that of interfering with a family muddle or upheaval, we are somewhat hesitant to interfere with the Oak Grove situation at all. On the other hand we think that it should be the concern of all good people, especially those who consider them-

selves Christians, to hope and work for peace and harmony to prevail in all churches of the Christian faith.

Certainly there is little hope for institutions and individuals outside of the church, to operate in a loving and peaceful manner, if those within the House of God must continuously resort to bickering, rows and even the courts of the world to settle their affairs.

It might be that the pastor, officers and members of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church will be able to find the solution and the answer to all of their problems, differences and troubles in that admonition given by Jesus to mankind 2,000 years ago when he declared that, "Whatsoever ye would that men do to you do ye even so to them."

The Solution to the Negro Problem

In the December issue of "THE SOUTHERN PATRIOT," a monthly periodical published by the Southern Conference Educational Fund, an article entitled: "How Repression Works, N. C. Dentist Found Guilty of Negligence," a good piece is done on the case of Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Negro dentist of Charlotte, who in his dental practice has furnished a remarkable example of leadership for his race in North Carolina.

The article calls attention to the fact that Dr. Hawkins polled 130,000 votes in the Primary. In referring to the determined effort to get Reginald Hawkins the article quotes him in part as saying:

"What they fear most about me is political power," Dr. Hawkins says. "They counted 130,000 votes for me in the primary — and we believe they lost at least 80,000 more. That

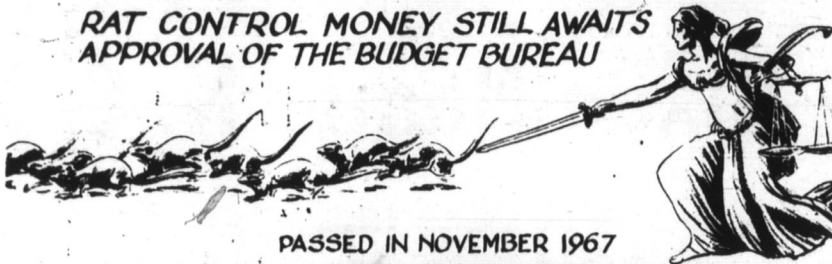
vote is there, it's the balance of power, and from now on it will have to be reckoned with."

Here, we think, is the key that unlocks the door to a great future for Negroes in North Carolina and the South. Thus, it may be that out of the efforts to perpetrate a legal lynching of a good man and active leader of the race, Negroes of the state and throughout the nation may awaken to the fact that the ultimate solution to their problem is the acquiring of more voting power.

With this in mind we urge old and young to begin preparing now for the General Election of 1972, by organizing registration and voting drives to be activated in any and all elections, whether local, state or national, that will take place between now and the election of 1972.

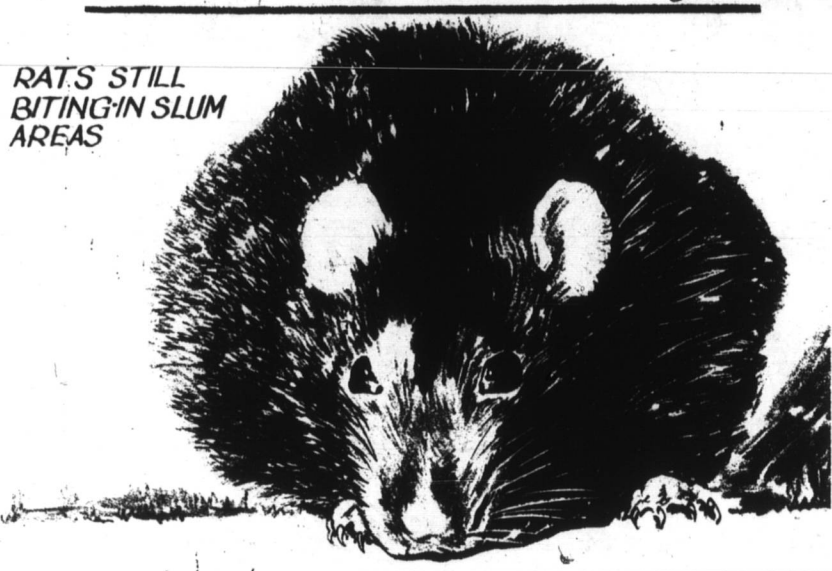
DO THEY 'GIVE A DAMN'?

RAT CONTROL MONEY STILL AWAITS APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET BUREAU



PASSED IN NOVEMBER 1967

RATS STILL BITING IN SLUM AREAS



--Solidarity

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Campaign, and each time he charged his audience again, "Keep it black!"

The minister compared Durham's Boycott to Joshua's battle against Jericho in the Old Testament of the Bible.

"The walls of Jericho didn't fall the first time, or the second time," he pointed out. "It took seven times. Let's don't get impatient with the Boycott..."

"Keep Christmas black. It can be done; it must be done."

Rev. Brown declared that the Black Solidarity Committee "is one of the best organizations that has ever been in Durham." He drew applause from his audience when he included the name of Ben Ruffin, director of the United Organizations for Community Improvement (UOCI) and a leader of the Boycott, in a list of great black Americans that also included George Washington Carver and W. E. B. DuBois.

Before Rev. Brown's talk, the weekly progress report on the Boycott had quoted "one of our black city councilmen" as saying, "I have lived in Durham since 1935, and I have never seen the black community more united on anything."

The report also declared that mere proposals from the Chamber of Commerce and the Durham Merchants Association will not be enough to stop the Boycott.

"We expect the same to be translated into firm and positive action; and action to be converted into meaningful results; and those results to be converted into reality."

"Only then can we cease our protest activity, as symbolized by the Selective Buying Campaign."

The next mass meeting of the Black Solidarity Movement will be held this Sunday night (Dec. 15) at Emanuel AME Church, 708 Kent St.

--Court

(Continued from front page) points out, all five persons executed for robbery have been Negro.

The attorneys also argue against "the unfettered discretion of a jury," which was empowered by Alabama law to choose between the penalties of death and imprisonment "arbitrarily, capriciously, for any reason, or no reason" and

without instruction by a trial judge, thereby violating due process of law.

Three days after the first appointment of a lawyer by the court, Boykin, an indigent, was arraigned on five separate capital charges.

He pleaded guilty to all charges.

--Brown

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while the Wednesday night broadcast was being awaited with abated breath by thousands of both races.

If and when Nixon does name a Negro to a cabinet post it will be the second in the history of the nation and is certain to be looked on by political observers as the answer to the precedent established by President Johnson.

--Honor

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the U. S. Army from 1964 to 1967, stationed in Germany and Viet Nam, and was separated from the service in May, 1967. He completed a course of training at the Durham Technical Institute and is now a specialist in laboratory research at Venable Hall in Chapel Hill, headquarters of the UNC Chemistry Department where his title is "electronics technician." He maintains electronic equipment useful in teaching at Chapel Hill.

--President

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eral Dan McLeod, State Senators John Drummond, D-Greenwood and Nick Zeigler, D-Florence, and Orangeburg Mayor E. O. Pendarvis who was on the program.

--Police

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"Operation Badge" began picking up steam after WKAT, a Miami radio station, fed the story to the CBS network, which then carried it on 270 stations across the country.

"Operation Badge" is a two-pronged effort. One centers on a vast publicity program and the second focuses on recruitment among Negro servicemen at military bases throughout Florida.

The publicity campaign is concentrating on advertising and public service announce-

ment on radio and television, as well as stories in both local and state newspapers.

The Great Miami Urban League and The Miami Times, a highly respected newspaper in the Negro community, have joined forces with the City to promote "Operation Badge."

Garth Reeves, managing editor of The Times, is regularly publishing stories, in which Negro Miami police officers point out the advantages of a law enforcement career.

One of the better advantages is the pay. Beginning Dec. 25, a rookie Miami officer will earn a starting salary of \$7,230 per year.

An applicant must be between 20-33 years old, have graduated high school and pass a physical examination and character investigation.

--Salesman

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establishment of that branch. He retired from the service in 1964 as a major.

After holding several responsible positions with other companies as an accountant, a life insurance salesman, finally the opportunity with MIND occurred which he immediately seized and where he has had phenomenal success as a salesman.

--Harris

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whereas he has failed to uphold and comply with the laws of the U.A.F.W.B. Denomination and the principles set forth therein, recommend that Rev. Z. D. Harris be expelled from all rights, privileges, and dismissed of membership in the U.A.F.W.B. Church Denomination for a period of not

less than 12 months.

Your Committee: Rev. J. H. Shaw, Rev. Austin Barnes, Rev. J. O. Williams

It also has been revealed that the officers and members of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church at a meeting held December 3 voted to sever its connection with "the Cape Fear 'B' Division Conference but not from the United American Free Will Baptist Denomination as such." The action of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church was signed by Rev. Z. D. Harris, pastor and Deacons, Preston Quick, Clifford McDonald, Richard Leon Thomas, Theodore Overby and Wilbert Fuquay. Trustees signing the document were: J. E. Williams, Doss Massenburg, Howard Barnett, Otto Allen and William A. Reaves.

The full text of the withdrawal resolutions is as follows:

"We the elected and undersigned officers and members of the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church do hereby adopt and resolve the following resolutions:

Whereas the Cape Fear Conference "B" Division has failed to respect the rights and to maintain peaceful fellowship with the Pastor and the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church Family—

Whereas the Cape Fear Conference "B" Division in error, with no power "silenced" our Pastor a one man operation without the consent vote of the Conference—

Whereas the act of jealousy and strife always is the action of the ministers in Cape Fear Conference "B" Division toward Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church and its Pastor—

Whereas this is the same type of friction that split our church in 1964 and certainly this time the Conference and its officers ought to realize and use some degree of intelligence that they do not constitute the authority to tell the church to use as Pastor unless the Church and the Majority Members of a church vote to involve the Conference for any type of action—

Whereas the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church sent G. F. Bruton, Sr., as delegate to support the church and its majority and not a majority group. We as a church have not delegated any charges nor have we given any authority as such to any person of persons to carry any charges to the Conference.

A female house fly lays from 500 to 2,000 eggs.

I'M DREAMING OF A...CHRISTMAS

By Samuel L. Briggs

When will the boycott end? This is the question that is being asked by many Durham residents as the yuletide season bears down upon this fair city.

For 21 weeks now the selective buying campaign, effectively organized and conducted by the Black Solidarity Committee for Community Improvement, has been in motion. The blacks of this community have, in the majority of cases, refused to make purchases at the stores designated by the committee as "off limits." This refusal to spend the almighty dollar with the white entrepreneur has caused untold concern among the white merchants and members of the city council.

Sales have been reported to be off as much as 50% in many businesses. Pressure from executives of chain stores affected by the campaign is being brought to bear upon the Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce, City Council and mayor to resolve the issues and get the black people back to spending money. Influential persons at the top of the power structure are also urging the city's elected and appointed leadership to take action and halt the campaign.

I have talked personally with a vice president of a large chain who visited Durham to investigate first-hand what could be done to get the city to act. It is reported that another well-known store is willing to go 50-50 with blacks and whites in its employment policy if this will help. Another chain store has threatened to

move its several stores from the Durham area if the boycott is not ended.

To say that businesses of Durham are not suffering from the boycott would be untrue. No business can continue to show a profit with a drop of 50% in sales week after week. And when practically every downtown store is caught in this buying campaign squeeze, the economic structure of all Durham is affected.

It would appear that due to the financial losses and other pressures the mayor and city officials will be forced to negotiate and reach an agreement with the Black Solidarity Committee that will win the approval of this group.

The Committee began with 19 demands. It is unlikely that all 19 demands will be fully met in the few shopping days left before Christmas. It is also unlikely that the Committee will roll over and play dead simply because some Durhamites are of the opinion that a boycott cannot be effectively continued through the Christmas holidays.

It would not surprise this columnist if a master stroke of conciliation between the black and white factions is not achieved before Christmas. Admittedly, someone is gambling dangerously with the city's economy in waiting until the midnight hour to act but this is the way bigotry has always reacted to just demands and consequently bigots have gambled dangerously for years with the very lives of black people.

IT'S AMAZING!

WHEN A MAN BUYS A SUIT IN CHINA, IT IS NOT PAID FOR UNTIL NEW YEAR'S DAY.

IF HE FAILS TO PAY ON THAT DATE HE IS COMPELLED TO CARRY A LANTERN SO THE WORLD WILL KNOW OF HIS SHAME AND LOSS OF CREDIT!

IN NEW ZEALAND, BATHING POOLS ARE OFTEN CONSTRUCTED OUT IN THE SEA... WITH SHARK-PROOF WOODEN FENCES AROUND THEM... TO PROTECT THE BATHERS.

AMONG THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS THE DRINKING OF ORDINARY WATER FROM THE SKULL OF A HARBINGER WAS CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT REMEDY FOR INSANITY!!

IN ANSON, TEXAS, THERE IS A CALF THAT GAVE MILK AT THE AGE OF 3 MONTHS!!

A BIRD OF PREY FOUND IN 1958 WHOSE RECENTLY FOUND ON AN OLD CHAIR, WERE SHYLLERIA. THE CONTENTS WERE STILL THEY ARE IN GOOD CONDITION.

PETER SALEM...

THE EX-SLAVE HERO OF THE BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL, OF WHOM DANIEL WEBSTER SAID: "THE SHOT OF SALEM FLASHED ACROSS THE SUN OF VICTORY!"

DURING THE WHOLE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, A TOTAL OF NEARLY 5,000 NEGROES SERVED VALIANTLY AND MANY WERE REWARDED WITH RELEASE FROM SLAVERY!

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