

# The Carolina Times EDITORIALS

## Worst Time Possible

Much has been said of late concerning a constitutional amendment that would substitute the direct election of a President of the United States for the present electoral college method of selecting a man to fill the highest office in the land. Many concerned citizens are opposed to the idea of direct elections, and their ranks are growing.

In a news release, the American Farm Bureau Federation expresses deep concern about proposed elimination of the electoral college system noting that, "The establishment of the direct election of the President would be the first step in a process which eventually would abolish state representation in Congress and let population determine the apportionment of members in both Houses. The duality of our government, state and

federal, has made it unique in the history of popular governments. It is the single greatest strength that sets us apart from the rest of the world." Another opponent of the direct election, Mr. Richard N. Goodwin, writing in the Washington, D. C., Post observes, "Direct election might well bring us a farmers' party, a senior citizens' party, a black party and other groups coalescing around common interest and belief... If this is so, then direct election could not come at a worse time — when the tendency to political fragmentation and ideological division is reaching new heights."

Direct election of a President could be the beginning of a catastrophic alteration in the U. S. constitutional system under which our people have enjoyed a greater measure of liberty than any other people in history.

## Playing Games With Calories

Makers of dry breakfast cereals have been subjected to a kind of consumer protectors' numbers game. It seems that most of the dry cereals measured by an ambiguous rating system are found wanting in nutrition. It is claimed they contain "empty calories." However, as a spokesman for a large food processing concern points out, the rating of the cereals was done in a way that would make a lot of food fall into the empty calorie category — including eggs and bacon.

If, as the investigators infer, every cereal should be fortified to the maximum with nutrients, it is doubtful people would eat them. Noted the food concern spokesman, "Obviously, to load up the breakfast meal with all nutrients for the day without regard

to those that will be consumed at other meals would be illogical... Our view is that we should fortify only to the level that is consistent with the mean occasion and not attempt to solve the whole day's diet problem with one dish at one meal. Our point of view is supported by many nutritionists."

The investigators of breakfast cereals, like the investigators of most products, can never quite come to grips with the real world. They overlook what should be a primary consideration. Consumers purchase dry cereals because they like them. In doing so, they exercise their right of free choice. If they wish, they can turn to other food products. It is just that simple.

## FACTS ABOUT THE NEGRO

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### Maudelle

A LEADING EXPONENT OF THE DANCES AND MUSIC OF COLORED PEOPLES... AFRICAN, EGYPTIAN, AFRO-BRAZILIAN, AFRO-CUBAN AND OTHERS, HAS RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE FROM THE CRITICS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF MEXICO, WHERE SHE SPENT FIVE YEARS, WAS ALSO A MODEL FOR DIEGO RIVERA, MEXICO'S LEADING PAINTER, FOR TWO YEARS. IN THIS SKETCH SHE IS SHOWN IN THE COSTUME OF ONE OF HER ANCIENT EGYPTIAN DANCES.



DURING THE LAST CENTURY NEGRO JOCKEYS WERE THE MOST POPULAR. THE THREE MOST FAMOUS WERE ISAAC MURPHY, WINNER OF THREE KENTUCKY DERBIES; ANDY WINKFIELD, TWO; AND WILLIE SIMMS WHO WON ALL SIX RACES IN ONE MEET AT CHURCHILL DOWNS. TODAY THESE BRIGHTLY COLORED HITCHING POSTS MADE IN RECOGNITION OF THESE JOCKEYS HAVE BECOME MUSEUM PIECES.

TUT-ANKH-AMEN, EGYPTIAN RULER OF 1350 B.C. DISCOVERY OF HIS TOMBS IN 1922 WAS A WORLD SENSATION. THE VAST AMOUNT OF RICHES FOUND IN IT GAVE THE WORLD THE GREATEST EVIDENCE OF THE IMMENSE WEALTH AND GREAT ARTISTIC GENIUS OF THE EGYPTIANS. HE BELONGED TO THE 18TH DYNASTY, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH WERE VERY NEGROID.



### WHAT LOVE WILL DO

Scripture: Genesis 44:18-34; Devotional Reading: John 10:7-18 Memory Selection: Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13.

18. Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my Lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my Lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19. My Lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother?

20. And we said unto my Lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him.

21. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22. And we said unto my Lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die.

23. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24. And it came to pass, when we came up unto thy servants, my father, we told him the words of my Lord.

25. And our father said, Go again, and buy us a little food.

26. And we said, We cannot go down: if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother be with us.

27. And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife bare me two sons:

28. And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since:

29. And if ye take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

30. Now, therefore, when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life;

31. It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave.

32. For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever.

33. Now, therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad, a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren.

34. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

FOREWORD: It was an amazing piece of artifice that came out of the mind of Joseph. After such graciousness shown to his brethren; in that he not only had their sacks filled with corn, but he also put back their money in the containers — every man had in his bag, the exact amount he had paid. But the stratagem of the Prime Minister of Egypt was paradoxical, in that, it was gracious and helpful, on the one hand, and ugly and mean, on the other.

Joseph had the steward to put in the sack, the silver goblet from which he filled his wine-

It's Up To You!!

"BLACKS MUST BE THEIR OWN GUARDIANS OF THEIR FREEDOM."



# REGISTER AND VOTE!

## Weekly Sunday School Lesson

For September 27, 1970

YOUR BIBLE IS YOUR MAJOR TEXTBOOK: STUDY IT

The object of the plot was to pursue them later, find the goblet, and accuse them to theft. The cup was put in the sack of Benjamin, Joseph's full brother. He could ask and receive the detention of his brother as a servant; also to see whether or not any change had come over his brothers, since they had sold him (Joseph) as a bondman into Egypt. He found out their callous hearts had been changed. Even Judah's heart and outlook had undergone a transformation. It was he who made the eloquent plea, and such sacrificing gesture of Love... "a man who gives up his freedom for his brother."

LESSON OUTLINED: I. Benjamin's Sentence. Vs. 17. II. Judah's Pleading. Vss. 18-29. III. Heroic Self-Sacrifice. Vss. 30-34. CENTRAL THOUGHT: God by his providence tries the spirit that is in us. COMMENTS ON LESSON: The silver cup was put into the sack of Benjamin, as the plot called for. The men were allowed to depart, unconscious of what had been devised against them. They were not too far when the steward caught up with them, and accused them of theft. They professed their innocence, and vouched that they did not know anything as to how the goblet got there. Just as the steward expected, the cup was found in Benjamin's sack — he had put it there. Joseph did not want the life of any one, he wanted Benjamin. He modified the sentence that the brothers had proposed, and took the younger brother as a servant. They rent their clothes to give expression to the anguish of their souls. Benjamin became a bondman. This was to the utter dislike of the brothers. To every living creature, slavery is sad and degrading, even when it is most mitigated. They instantly retraced their steps back to the city. Made adject acknowledgement of their offense: "What shall we say unto my Lord? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants." "Behold, we are my Lord's servants, both we, and he also with whom the cup is found." The plan was wisely designed. It revealed the characters of all the brethren. II. Judah's Pleading: It is difficult to imagine language more respectful and deferential than that of Judah. Almost every word is so framed as to convey a sense of Joseph's lofty station, superior dignity, and just cause of indignation against the speaker. Infinitely more powerful than either voluble rhetoric, or closely-compacted argument, is the plain and unsophisticated logic of truth. Without the most distant approach to sophistry, or even an attempt at persuasion, Judah confines himself to a bare recital of the facts of the case which

were already well known to Joseph. He sets forth his father's love for Benjamin, for his dead mother's and his lost brother's sakes, he tells how he himself had become surety for the lad to his aged father, and that if he should fail to take him back again in safety, he would very likely hasten him to the grave. In behalf of one whom he knew was preferred to a higher place in his father's affection than himself, he was willing to renounce his liberty rather than see his aged parent die of a broken heart. This is the high peak in this domestic drama. III. Heroic Self-Sacrifice: The self-forgetful magnanimity of such an action has never been eclipsed, and seldom rivaled. After words so exquisitely beautiful and profoundly pathetic, it was impossible for Joseph to doubt that a complete change had passed upon his brethren, and in particular upon Judah, since the day when he had eloquently urged, and they had wickedly consented, to sell their brother Joseph into Egypt. We cannot but rejoice over the noble sacrifice he proposes to make for Benjamin. "Let thy servant abide instead of the lad, a bondman to my Lord." Rather than that Benjamin should not go home again to Hebron, he would himself remain a bondman to my Lord the governor for ever. "Noble Judah! thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise." Let us pray that the love of Christ may constrain the direction of our life.

FOR MEDITATION Sidelights On Lesson: Love In Action In all the volumes of fiction ever written there is nothing to surpass the tenderness and pathos of this pleading of Judah. We may learn from this position and pleading of Judah as to how we should approach God. We have sinned and can only throw ourselves on his mercy. We also see Christ, in his office of intercessor, how he pleads for us. His pleading is real and earnest. He prayed on earth for his disciples. The present is a dispensation of meditation. Hence Christ still pleads, as our surety in heaven. He makes intercession for our sins. Judah is ready to be bound for Benjamin. It is one thing to talk, another to act. He had promised his father to bring Benjamin again (Chapter 43:9), and he wishes to keep his word. He became surety, a guarantee, as one who is bound by signing a paper. He was answerable to his father. He is ready to give his service for Benjamin, his life for his brother. His faithfulness was definitely proved. Christ is our surety. He makes himself one with us (Hebrew 2:11). He sprang from Judah (Hebrews 7:14). He became one

with us in nature and in temptation, and was accepted as our substitute, was bound, abused, and crucified. He bore the curse for us (Galatian 3:13). He sacrificed himself for us. We may see in the success of Judah's pleading an indication of the success of Jesus' work. Joseph needed no entreaty to be merciful to Benjamin. He was nearer of kin to Benjamin than Judah was. So God is our Father. Joseph only wished to see the brethren in a fit state to be forgiven. They were entirely forgiven (verses 5-15). He forgave freely, and wished them to forgive themselves. He knew very well that if they began to blame themselves too much, or to upbraid each other, they would never be happy. Forgiveness should produce peace. Let us see ourselves in those suppliant

brothers of Joseph. Forgiveness showeth forth love. (Baptiste)

To Be EQUAL



Wrong Count, Again

WHAT COMES ONCE every ten years and counts? The United States Census. The last census—in 1960—managed to "miss" two million black citizens, a fact that wasn't officially admitted until a few years ago. Now it looks like the 1970 Census will have an even greater undercount of blacks.

This means that cities and counties with significant black and minority populations will get less federal aid and state aid than they are entitled to, since funds for many government programs are tied to population. The results of the census miscalculation, then, could be disastrous for already hard-pressed cities. Congressional representation will be cut, and federal funds curtailed. Those of us familiar with the workings of the Census Bureau aren't surprised. We saw it coming. That's why the Urban League helped to organize and fund the Coalition for a Black Count's national "Make Black Count" campaign to educate people to the importance of being counted. The Coalition set up assistance centers and recruited interviewers and tried to get the Bureau to fulfill its responsibility to count everybody.

Duty Was To Count Everyone Our campaign was a success, in that the undercount would have been much higher without the Coalition's efforts, but it couldn't counter the failures of the government officials whose duty it was to count everyone.

Now there is a tremendous outcry against the census from Southern governors and ghetto blacks alike. All are united in condemning a count whose preliminary figures bear little relationship to reality. In city after city, mayors are being informed that their towns lost population, while the evidence of school enrollments and sanitation pickups shows that those figures can't be true.

The Census Bureau's failures are far too many to list here, but just a few of them will give you some idea of why we believe that the census is structurally designed NOT to count minorities.

All the census forms were in English. The huge Mexican-American and Puerto Rican populations in large northern cities and in the Southwest were ignored. Many people didn't return their census forms simply because they couldn't read them.

Many Were Never Counted

The Bureau used mailing lists that were sadly outdated and took no account of the mail facilities in many slum tenements, so many people never even received the forms. A Coalition survey of 7,000 Bedford-Stuyvesant residents found that nearly one of every five people didn't get census forms.

There was a high turnover among the interviewers. Their paychecks were late; they were paid on a piece-work basis so they weren't paid for their time if no one was home when they called, and morale was generally low.

Part of the low morale was caused by the patronage system of hiring, especially on the supervisory levels. There was a consistent under-representation of blacks in these positions, as preference went to those with political connections.

Assistance centers were lacking. These places where people could go for help in filling out the forms. There were none in the South, and far fewer than needed in the northern cities. Anti-poverty groups with roots in the neighborhoods weren't used to reach people, and only a massive effort by the Coalition enabled many to fill out their forms.

The Census Bureau has already admitted that more people were missed in the 1970 census than in the 1960 census. This means that the figures the Bureau will give the President on December 1 will be wrong and that will severely understate the minority population. And these false figures will be used to allocate funds, programs, and electoral seats for the next ten years.

Since a recount won't be of any real use as the Bureau would just use unmodified procedures all over again, the President should immediately order the Bureau to estimate the extent of the under count and to increase its figures for minority population by that amount.

Disastrous social conditions and the tragic plight of the cities make it clear that there's more at stake here than just numbers.

with us in nature and in temptation, and was accepted as our substitute, was bound, abused, and crucified. He bore the curse for us (Galatian 3:13). He sacrificed himself for us.

Words Of Wisdom The Greatest Man The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution; who resists the sorest temptations from within and without; who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully; who is calmest in storms, and most fearless under menace and frowns; and whose reliance on truth, on virtue, and on God, is most unflinching. Channing. 4000 years ago the Egyptians found that candy made life sweeter. They had a well-established confectionery art, using honey, flavors, spices and herbs... in their corner candy store in history.

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