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Letters To The Editor

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Mr. Editor,

I hope you see fit to write this in Letters to the Editor of your newspaper. It's time for me to speak out concerning my sickness of epilepsy. I myself and many other whites having this sickness have seen fit to organize an epilepsy association here. In the hope that the public would learn in helping such ones that are handicapped with epilepsy can lead normal lives, understanding there are ways to handle these individuals when they have these attacks.

In many meetings with blacks especially where school teachers, college educators, some including so-called preachers, and doctors I have been carried out of the meetings. Last Thursday there was a meeting held at East Winston Branch Library, I was carried out by Doctor Allen. He said that he thought I was sick. I wish you could see the notes that I have taken concerning the meeting. It was like that once in the courtroom, after the judge had seen some of the notes I had written, he seen fit to beg my pardon saying he didn't know that I had epilepsy attacks.

If our blacks would start attending our meetings, they would learn it is best to light a candle of understanding than curse the darkness. Many shun our sickness like they are afraid of us. But in closing I read a mental write-up in one of your paper some time ago speaking against Black patients don't seem to get the right medical care for them in helping their recovery. We have two black teachers that keep fooling the public, saying they are on the Mental Health board. If so, they haven't seen fit yet to attend one of our meetings and speak in behalf of health services for blacks. Qualification is like Faith, if it hath not work it is dead.

I thank God for being elected as a delegate to-the white house conference for the handicapped. Our State Director of the North Carolina Conference is Robert Urie, a doctor confined to a wheel chair.

The blind, deaf, and dumb individuals of epilepsy and many thousands of others, you individuals who live up on the mountain tops stay up there because there is going to be peace in the valley including all the handicaps that you are ashamed of and are putting everyone in an inferior group, closing the doors to society. Thanks to God when we return from Washington, D.C. if it's his will, it's going to be a change, that the handicapped can be welcome, the way he welcomes all to his kingdom.

I don't want anyone to think that I don't appreciate their services when needed. I really do thank anyone in helping by wearing my medical alert



bracelet. Many people don't take the time to look for it. Dr. Allen didn't have but one thing to do and that was to look on my arm for my emergency alert bracelet tokeep calm himself.

I am sick and tired of being embarrassed in public meetings by blacks. I served on the jury and the white members took time to handle a light attack one day and the other days passed by successfully for me to carry out my duty as juror, because of plain understanding with the members of the court. The blacks need to learn how to play it cool, keep calm themselves and best of all understanding when it comes to an individual that is having an epilepsy attack.

Thanks, Mrs. Mary Sloan Jones [Member of the Northwest Epilepsy Association of N.C.]

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