

Childrials & Comments

Welcome, "Newspaper About People"

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr. Post editorial Writer

A 151 years ago John Russworm and Samuel E. Cornish pioneered the field of black journalism when they co-founded the Freedom's Jour-

nal newspaper in New York City. In the first edition they wrote, "We plead our cause," that is the cause of reedom and black self-determinaion through education, courage, thrift and hard work.

Emerging from these humble beinnings, and in spite of insurmountble odds against their success, the Black Press in the United States today comprises approximately 385 weekly and five daily newspapers. Eight of these newspapers are loated in North Carolina. As one of his number, The Charlotte post is pleased to "Welcome" the newest aid on the block, The Weekly Jourmal.

The Journal, subtitled "The Newsaper About People," is "just that." aid Alvin Midgett, circulation nanager, "because we focus on news about people-articles, stories announcements about black people in our communities." He added that, "people are our product bot headlines.

True to that statement, the May 11 dition of the Journal features three large close-up pictures and stories about local black personalities. Nearly 30,000 copies of the Journal

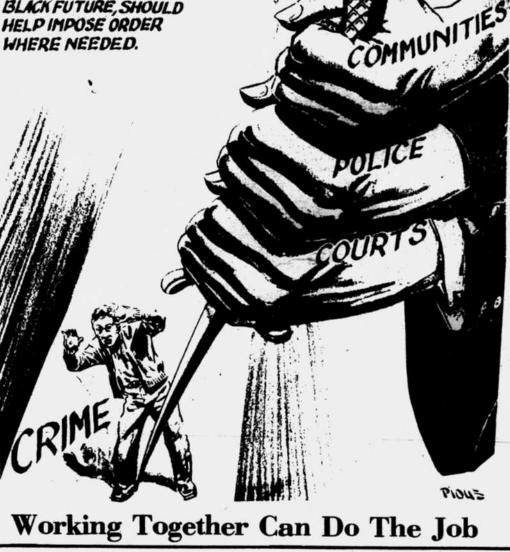
are distributed weekly in seven counties-Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Cabarrus, Rowan, Gaston, and Iredell counties-through retail outlets and commercial banks.

We commend the Journal for its good beginning, its innovative approach and its wide circulation efforts. We wish however, to remind our new friends in the newspaper business that American journalism has historically provided a place for the small newspaper which reports the activities of special interest groups just as their tabloid does.

We wish to note, as we did in this column on the 150th anniversary of the Black Press last year, that a newspaper, like any other business, cannot survive on its past accomplishments; it is what it is doing today, and plans to do tomorrow, that determines its success or failure. Black people, we believe, must do more to insure the continued existence and success of the black press. To do less would be to abandon a vital voice in our neverending struggle for equality of opportunity and human rights.

Support The Weekly Journal and The Charlotte Post too, and the black press will support you.

BLACK COMMUNITIES THAT CARE ABOUT THE BLACK FUTURE, SHOULD HELP IMPOSE ORDER WHERE NEEDED.



Letters To The Editor New Progressive Political Party

Dear Sir

We, the undersigned citizens of North Carolina, do hereby

bolize the state of our oppres-The refusal of the University of North Carolina to fully

We make this call because the imposition of racist competency tests in the schools, the reinstitution of capital punishment, the official state

anti-union campaign, increasing police brutality and many other crucial issue are issues that only an independent political party will address forthrightly. Therefore, we declare our independence from the mani-POST

of the oppressor.

pulation of the Democratic rights. The Wilmington Ten and the Charlotte Three sym-Party and from the Republican Party. We affirm our God-given human right to organize ourselves for our

liberation. We call on you to join us and to help us build the Progressive Independent Party. Signed:

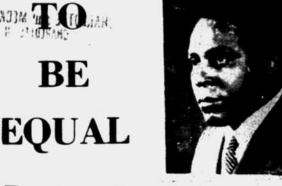
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Robeson County **Height Of Irresponsibility**

The Editor CHARLOTTE EVENING one-half of the attorneys in 2604 West Boulevard Charlotte, North Carolina In our profession there are

this country as being incompetent and for another to indict all of the physicians and attorneys on generalities, with no specific or statistics, is the



By Vernon E. Jordan Jr.

Buying "Merit"

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TO MARKE L. AND

A recent series of stories in the New York Times has focused on what many people knew all along-that coveted places in medical and other professional schools have been won by students receiving preferential treatment based on their

family's contributions to the school. One student mentioned had college grades below the standards set by a medical school and was rejected for admission. His father then donated \$250,000 to the school. He was promptly admitted.

Another instance cited by the Times involved a girl who was admitted to the medical school of the University of California at Davis although "her admissions score was more than 30 points below the level normally required for acceptance." The Times alleges her admission to the school was based on preferential treatment due to her father-in-law's position as chancellor of the university.

This last instance is of particular interest since the medical school at the University of California at Davis is the scene of the crucial Bakke case. Allen Bakke, who was refused admission to that school, sued, charging his rights were violated when 16 of the 100 openings were set aside for disadvantaged minorities.

That case, now before the Supreme Court, has been one of the most widely publicized cases in recent history, with many people backing him and calling affirmative action programs "reverse discrimination."

What the Times stories indicate is that the real discrimination in professional school admissions has nothing to do with special efforts to include blacks and other minorities previously denied entrance to the mainstream of American life.

Supporters of the "merit system" who really believe that our system works on merit alone, are in for a rude awakening. The Times revelations suggest that "merit" can be bought. Family connections, wealthy parents and friends, Fi willing to donate big money to a school, and other short cuts to success are more common than it most people know!

Yes, this is a far harsher world than believers in pure merit can imagine. Even the naive belief in "merit" is open to serious challenge. Test scores don't tell the whole story about candidates for professional schools, nor are they accurate predictors of professional success. Tests most often only measure the ability to take tests-a circular process that has nothing to do with merit.

Individual Or Collective Interest A Charlotte-Mecklenburg Pro-

luctivity Study says "Opportunities or reduction of some \$9,454,960 in annual costs in the City and County overnments have been identified."

In more specific terms, the study ecommends reducing 519 city jobs t an annual savings of \$6.3 million and cutting 301 county jobs at an innual savings of \$3.1 million. It has een assumed further that if the two overnments accept the recom-

mendations without adding new projects or services the city-county tax rate could be lowered by about 16 cents per \$100 valuation.

Undoubtedly, many citizens will applaud the recommendations on the assumption that their evermounting taxes will be lower for a Others, who may loose change. their jobs or their hopes for city or

protest arose when it was suggested recently that the Defense Department might close the Fort Jackson, S.C. military base.

Thomas a Murphy, chairman of General Motors Corporation explained this paradox well when he said in an article in 1976, "we business people are not consistent in what we say. Too often we rail against foreign competition. We oppose government handouts-except those used to bail out particular companies or particular industries. We are dead set against controls on prices-but wage controls might be worth a look."

The point we are trying to emphasize is that as the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Productivity Study unfolds into reality, it behoves each of each

ssue an urgent call for the founding and building of a new progressive independent poli-tical party in North Carolina. desegregate, the increasing victimization of black youth,

we have no other choice or alternative that will lead to the end of the continued cruel oppression of our people.

Year after year, election after election black people and poor people across the state are repeatedly tricked and led to believe that the Democratic and Republican Parties will fairly and equally represent the interests of all citizens. But history and present experience have made it clear that these two, status quo political parties have served only the exploitative interests

It is long past time for the oppressed in North Carolina to unite and to build a new progressive independent

county employment will probably be dimmed. Blacks and women will probably begin to wonder about the impact of the study on affirmative action an equal employment hiring practices.

This reminds us of one of the great paradoxes of American life. That is, the conflict between our needs as individuals and our needs as members of a community, a city, a state and the nation. For example, with all the criticisms of deficit spending by the federal government, a big

others. Thus, it is important that we

view its implications or impact in an objective manner. We make this observation because we believe that only action or no action with regard to the study will hurt some individuals financially while helping

think in terms of our individual as well as our collective needs and attempt to recognize that within the American tradition actions are usually followed that provide benefits for the majority often at the expense of the few. But hopefully, you will be in the majority the next time.

Joe Gari ... (whatever) and

Tony Kubek announce base-

sports announcing is an easy

thing he ever said was,

demo., today. Here goes!

Wow!" to prove that I can do

as A.B.C.

'Hello G.O.

movement at the grass roots level throughout the state.

Yes, we must continue to increase our voter registra-' tion. Yes, we must continue to vote on every election day. But this alone is not enough. If we are to survive, we must begin to organize. If we are to survive, we must provide our people with a viable political alternative.

The arrogant unwillingness of elected state officials to stop the persecution and unjust imprisonment of the Wilmington Ten further exposes the deliberate conspiracy to keep black and poor people

those, thankfully a very small percentage, of whose ethics and practices we are neither proud nor do we approve or condone. So it is with physicians, dentists, ministers, merchants, police officers, realtors, insurance agents. mechanics, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters.. and the list goes on ... ad infinitum. Yet, with little exception; only the medical and legal professions clean their own houses and police their own. Many of their members have their licenses suspended or revoked annually-and we do it ourselves as a rule.

For one top U.S. Judiciary member to recently indict

height of irresponsibility in my own opionion. We all have from 7 to 12 years of post high school education and training and annually take hours of continuing professional education, great distances from home at our own expense-not to mention reading daily from professional publications to keep current on the latest techniques; theories and methods. The indictments bear the sounds of Hitler on the Jews, as well as other ethnic, racial and religious prejudices and persecutions so prevalent in out time.

Sincerely, June O. Yarborough Attorney at Law

story graudated from medical school with high grades, despite the fact that their previous college records and test scores would have prevented their admission. Which only proves all over again that drive and desire to be a doctor or a lawyer counts more than artificial test scores. In fact, there have been instances where people falsified admissions applications and went on to success in professional schools without ever having gone to college.

Some of the people mentioned in the Times

There are several lessons to be drawn from the growing scandal about placement practices of professional schools. The obvious one is that there isno real merit system, and that family wealth, prestige and high position will often override previous college record and test score results.

son the lead in our mup of the game. Of course, the winner of our mup award will have \$1000 scholarship sent to his alma mater.

"Samson told me to tell you

that he didn't go to school so

just have his money for-

You know Ned, Samson

could have used you to slay

Ladies & Gentlemen, Sam-

son has taken the gun from the

official and he is beginning to

shoot the Lions. Karras is

really upset. He is screaming

bloody murder at the officials.

Oh, they called Karras with a

technical. Samson will get one

free shot. He is aiming it at

those Lions without loss of

"I missed that G.O."

I know Ned, I know.

"G.O."

generality.

Yes, Ned.

warded to Delilah."

Christian team. Billy, what was your game plan?'

Well, we felt if we sacrificed two of our boys, we would be in good shape. We noticed from the films that they relax after devouring a couple of people. Our only problem was finding volunteers to sacrifice themselves. for the team. But I've always said where there is a will, there is a way. So, I talked to a couple of the boys' wives, drew up a will on the property and the wives did the rest. Kind of slowed some of the boys up, you know what I



away Ned. "Thanks, O.G. That's G.O. fool! "Who cares?"

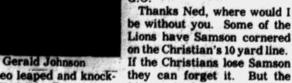
Will you do the interview before you have to have an ye enema to have a microphone of removed.

"I have with me Billy Graham and Samson from the

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can go before the rest of the Lions appear on the scene. He is not going to make it because here comes the rest of the

2. Billy Graham is asking for a time out.

the way you expected? "Yeah

G.O. things are going pretty much like I expected. Are they really paying you,

Ned? Play has resumed and some of the Lions are lying down. They appear to be going to sleep. I don't under-stand it. What do you think, Ned?

"I think some of the Lions are lying down and they appear to be going to sleep, G.O."

Thanks Ned, where would I be without you. Some of the Lions have Samson cornered on the Christian's 10 yard line.

they can forget it. But the Lions are closing in on him. Look at this! Wow! Samson has pulled out a jawbone of an ass and is beating three Lions to death. This unbelievable Samson is creaming three Lions single-Handedly. What a surprise!

Before the game I asked Assistant coach Rev. Ike if Samson would use his ass' jawbone. Here is what Rev. Ike had to say: "I don't think Lions. Boy, they are teaming so, G.O. Samson was out last night and he got lit up. Today, I don't think he would know his

rear from a hole in the ground." Those were the words or Rev. Ike, Assistant coach for the Christians.

That play has to give Sam-



the winning coach and the sames mup, Samson. Take it

mean."

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A Historical Ball Game??? becomming an assistant

coach. After listening to the likes of

Ned, what's your outlook on the game? "Well G.O., I think we are in store for a classic ball, Brett Musburger and battle, here today. The Lions Don Criqui announce basketoutweigh the Christians by ball, and Howard Cosell and about 400 pounds a man, but Don Meredith announce footthe Christians have been ball, I am convinced that known to pull out a few miracles when things are going rough. I look for Leo, Lippy, After all, Oscar Robertson and Snaggle Puss to carry the did it for years and the only Lions while Samson is the key man for the Christians. Moreover, I think

it, I thought I would give you a The Christians are taking the field and the Lions are being let out of their cages, so Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your play we are ready for the start of this big game. by play announcer, G.O. John-

son bringing you today's There is the gun and the action between the Christians game is underway. The Chrisand the Lions. It is going to be tains throw a javelin at the lions but it fails to hit the an exciting game and I know you're going to enjoy it. With target. The Lions seem to be me today is my colored man stalking out a Christian for the 'Ned the Nigger." Hello Ned. kill. What do you think about that, Ned? "The Lions seem to be stalking out a Christian The coach for the Christians is that perenial winner and all for the kill, G.O.

around good guy Billy Gra-Thank you, Ned. I sort of ham. His assistants are Oral wish you were out there on the field Roberts and Rev. Ike. For the

The Lions have a Christian Lions we have Alex Karras as running up the sidelines. Leo the head coach with "Kimba" and Lippy are closing in with the lion and the cowardly lion two other Lions cutting him off assisting him. Kimba used to at the out of bound markers. play with the Lions before Look at that son of David go.

Gerald Johnson Wow! Leo leaped and knocked that Christian down. Now all of the Lions are charging over to the area...ooohhh! The Christians are down by

1 and struggling. Snaggle Puss has a Christian down on the 40. twisting and turning trying to, get some extra yardage, so he

Well, Ned, are things going

The Christian is

up on that Christian and, ooohhh The Christians are down by

