

Letters

Wisdom And Good Faith

"The Need For Both Wisdom And Good Faith" is the title of an article written some months ago by Dr. Frank P. Graham in regard to segregation. In 1954 two volumes were published by the University of North Carolina Press as a result of a thorough study of the subject of segregation by a group of forty-five scholars. These books are entitled: "The Negro And The Schools", and "Schools In Transition". They accomplish their purpose "to provide the data for a factual, up-to-date analysis of bi-racial education in the South and the Nation".

The proposed constitutional amendment put before the people of North Carolina under the so-called Pearsall Plan shows no evidence that the Pearsall committee or the Governor or the Legislature has seriously studied this material, or seriously tried to discover or devise ways of wisely carrying out the decision of the Supreme Court. The studies should convince anyone that with honest effort and wise leadership this decision can be carried out without harm to our educational system or to our population. Our leaders have started out mentally and spiritually defeated. They have told themselves that it can't be done.

And now that our leaders have proved to themselves that premise, they are asking us, the people, to back them up in that conclusion.

Dr. Graham has pointed out the need for both wisdom and good faith. This proposed amendment shows clearly the lack of both. And more basic than that: it lacks fairness, justice, and sense of Christian brotherhood.

Faithfully yours,

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found a cool resort, however, and are very comfortably lodged here in 'Horse Cove'. This is apparently North Carolina's jumping off place, being in her westernmost corner where she seems to be intruding herself upon her neighbors, Tenn., and Georgia, such as Virginia thrusts her 'panhandle' upon her neighbors to the North.

Rooms Full
"A Mr. Thompson (whose name by the way, is Jno R.) has built here some very convenient frame houses, which comfortably accommodate some thirty odd boarders. His rooms are all full now; our fellow-boarders are for the most part families from New Orleans and Charleston who have left the low countries of the coasts in anticipation of the yellow fever, which is already doing such terrible work in Memphis. They are most of them quiet, pleasant, refined people, who make very nice boarding-house companions. We have horses to ride and picturesque mountain roads to explore. We have been kept indoors for the past four or five days by persistent wet weather. The clouds have crowded down close upon us, almost on our very roofs, here in the cove, hiding almost completely from us the neighboring mountain sides, and soaking us with their continued rains.

"Except for its discomfort, the wet weather is not altogether disagreeable to me, however, for, by keeping me in my room, it forces on me many opportunities for work on my article on France, at which I am still pegging with more or less satisfactory success. My article on Cabinet Government, by the way, is advertised to appear in the August International.

Other Friends
"I have heard twice from Pete Godwin and once from El. Roessle, from the rest not a word. Pete says that he has 'written to Bob Bridges again and presumes that he will before long be journalizing in N. Y.' What exactly does he mean? Any thing more than you have already told me. Do write me at once and fully concerning your prospects and purposes. You yourself cannot be more interested in them than I am.

"Of my own prospects I have nothing new to tell. I have secured a room at the University of Virginia and am due there on the first of October. I still have some respite before I filter my enthusiasm for my profession through the dry dust of Law."

Mrs. Russell, Native Of Swain, Dies On 27th
Mrs. Rosa Lee Kirkland Russell, 35, a native of Swain County, died August 27 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkland, near Franklin.

Mrs. Russell, who had lived here several years, had been ill for some time. Funeral services were conducted on the 29th at 2 p. m. at the Kirklands Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. Arvil Swafford and the Rev. William Shields. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was a member of the Cowee Baptist Church. Surviving are her husband, James Russell; two sons, Earl and Eugene, both of the home; three brothers, Floyd and Wiley, of Flint, Mich., and Leroy, of Franklin, Route 4; seven sisters, Mrs. Cordelia Jenkins, Mrs. Ethel Walker, Miss Annabelle Kirkland, and Mrs. Louise Hovis, all of Franklin Route 4, and Mrs. Nancy Russell, Miss Dorothy Kirkland, and Miss Wila Kirkland, all of Stuart, Fla.; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jenkins, of Canton.

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WHERE WILSON WAS A 'SUMMER BOARDER'—Above is a view of Horse Cove, near Highlands, where, it was recently learned, President Woodrow Wilson spent a vacation when he was a young man. The inset of the 28th President, who

ushered in "the New Freedom" and became the chief architect of the League of Nations, is probably the best known photograph of the President of World War I days. The view of Horse Cove is from Sunrise Rocks, Highlands.

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A PRESIDENT OF U. S. ONCE VISITED HERE

he spent at least a fortnight in Horse Cove; for the Bridges letter bore the date of July 30.

Where did the Wilson family stay in Horse Cove? With his usual attention to detail, Wilson himself answered the question:

"A Mr. Thompson (whose name, by the way, is Jno. R.) has built here some very convenient frame houses, which comfortably accommodate some thirty odd boarders." (John R. Thompson was one of the first postmasters at Horse Cove.)

"His rooms are all full now; our fellow-boarders are for the most part families from New Orleans and Charleston who have left the low countries of the coasts in anticipation of the yellow fever . . ."

What Was Route?

About that fifteen-hour trip on the stage coach, though, the letter sheds no light. Was it broken by an overnight stop? And if so, where? Nor is there anything definite about where the party took the stage. Two things suggest they left the train at Walhalla, or perhaps Seneca, S. C. First of all, the mail came that way; and presumably the easiest, quickest route for mail would likewise be the easiest, quickest route for passengers. Then there is the hint the letter gives when it says it took fifteen hours. In view of the fact that as recently as thirty years ago it might have taken almost that long to

travel from Walhalla to Horse Cove, and in view of the further fact that in 1879, just 14 years after the close of the Civil War, the roads in this mountain country must have been bad indeed, it is probably a good guess that the slow, tortuous route the Wilson party took was from some point in South Carolina and through Highlands to Horse Cove.

Efforts to find someone who remembers Woodrow Wilson's only visit to Macon County, or someone who remembers hearing an older person refer to it, have proved fruitless. That, perhaps, is to be expected; because at 22, Wilson was unknown outside his circle of family and friends. In Horse Cove, he must have been just another of Mr. Thompson's "summer boarders".

Strong Impression

The nearest approach to anything of the kind is in a letter

from Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, who was reared in neighboring Whiteside Cove:

"I cannot give you a positive or definite answer to your inquiry, but I can give you a rather strong impression . . . Stanhope Hill's (Mr. Hill lived in Horse Cove) oldest son (F. G. Hill) married my oldest sister . . . Some years ago I visited the Soldiers Reunion in Washington City. I found this old brother-in-law of mine was there . . . He was about ninety years old . . . Wilson addressed this joint reunion of the 'Blue' and the 'Gray' . . . We stood within fifteen feet of Wilson throughout his speech. My brother-in-law appeared to be carried away with that speech, and here is where my impression enters the discussion: As I read your letter, the impression instantly came to my mind that my brother-in-law stated (after the speech) that he had seen

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