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Editorial

We don't know who wrote this. We believe Dr. Clarence Poe did. It is an editorial that appeared in the September issue of which Dr. Poe is editor. We think he has summed up the racial angle in the South about as well as one could. It is worth reading and re-reading by both the Whites and the Negroes. The Duplin Times has always had a friendly feeling toward the Negro Race. Most of our whites were half-way raised by a "negro mammy" and they are responsible to a large extent for what we are amounting to.

A Time for Racial Understanding and Restraint
White people and colored people have long worked together on Southern farms in peace and friendship. They must continue to do so. The next few months promise to test the bonds of friendship between the races in the South as they have never been tested before.

Our Negroes, for example, should remember that our Southern white people did not invent slavery. It was a custom brought down from Bible times and beyond. And while much cruelty was inevitable under such a system, the folk songs of the South and our family traditions

show how often master and slave lived in a friendship such as finds beautiful expression in "Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground" and "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny." But slavery was wrong. And the nearly all the writer's ante-bellum kin were slaveholders, not even in our boyhood did we ever hear a Southerner express a wish that slavery could have been continued. And if the average Southern Negro's lot has been hard since emancipation, so has the lot of most Southern white small farmers, sharecroppers and tenants. Both races have suffered from an unbalanced one-crop agriculture, time prices usury, inadequate schools, and other evils. But both groups have made progress.

Never has any race made greater progress in 80 years than the Negro has made since emancipation," someone has said. If so, this is a tribute both to the ability of Southern Negroes and the cooperation they have had from the great majority of our Southern white people. We grant that this cooperation has not been all it might have been. But when one contrasts the average Southerner's friendly treatment of Negroes of American Indians, the difference is astounding.

It has been the proud boast of white Southerners that "the Negro's best friends are in the South." But if we are to continue to justify that boast, we must make faster progress in giving our Negroes better homes, better schools, better health conditions, greater economic opportunity, greater equality before the law. As to social intermingling, a great Negro educator, Booker T. Washington, 50 years ago said of the two races: "We can be separate as the fingers socially, but as united as the hand in working to help each other and the South."

In this time of peculiar stress and turmoil we beg each race to try to understand the other. That each race refuse to follow its viol-



Scripture: Psalms 119:97-105; Luke 1:1-4; John 8:30-31; II Timothy 3:14-17. Devotional Reading: Psalms 119:137-144.

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Lesson for October 3, 1948

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Dr. Foreman

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Many Authors
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A Christian will try seriously to appreciate the whole Bible and not merely one or two parts of it. Yet there is such variety in it that invariably some persons are attracted by one feature of it while another feature makes stronger appeal to others.

Our studies these next three months will be in "The Literature of the Bible" and each week we shall be noticing a different feature. This week we give a thought to the tremendous variety of the Bible, along with its underlying unity.

Many Types
Looking through the Bible you find all varieties of literary types; you find poetry and prose; stories, essays, sermons, biographies, dramas; rhapsodies, love songs, funeral dirges and battle hymns.

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The Bible is not like a piece of music played on one single instrument, like a tune on a piccolo; it is more like an immense symphony—the more often we listen to it, the more we hear in it.

Many Times
No one knows exactly how long it took for the Bible to be written. Let us suppose that the earliest parts came from the pen (or stylus) of Moses, and the latest part from about 100 years after Christ (John and the Revelation). If Moses flourished around 1200 B. C., that would mean that the Bible was completed 13 centuries after it was begun.

In 13 centuries much can happen, and much did. There is hardly any circumstance or crisis, there is scarcely any time, however hum-drum or thrilling, which does not have its match in the Bible. Its writers were inspired men; they knew God. But they also knew the times in which they lived, and thus can speak to ours.

One Theme
For all the vast variety of the Bible, there is in it a deep and lofty unity. It is bound together by its mighty purpose, which throbbled in the heart's blood of every man who wrote a line of it. That purpose is to make God real to man, and to bring man to God. The writers of the Bible may have had their lighter moments, but they did not write these pages then.

They wrote under the irresistible impulse, born of the Holy Spirit, to make plain to other men what God had revealed to them. So as you come to the Bible, remember its purpose is not to make you admire or revere it as a book; its great purpose is to be transparent, a window through which you shall see God.

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ent and extreme leadership... and that each of us try to do a little more than usual to show our friends side for all appearing persons of

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By J. E. Grady
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Joe Houston, deceased, before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Duplin County on the 11th day of August 1948, this is to notify all persons who have claims against said estate to present their claims to the undersigned Administrator on or before the 11th day of August 1949 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement with the undersigned. This the 11th day of August 1948. Carl Smith, Administrator of the estate of Joe Houston, deceased. 10-8-48. C.S.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the estate of the late D. L. Lee of Faison, Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before one year from date of last publication of this notice or pleadings will be made in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 21st day of October, 1947. Mrs. Julia Faircloth Lee, Administratrix C. D. Lee. H. T. Ray, Atty. 10-1-47.

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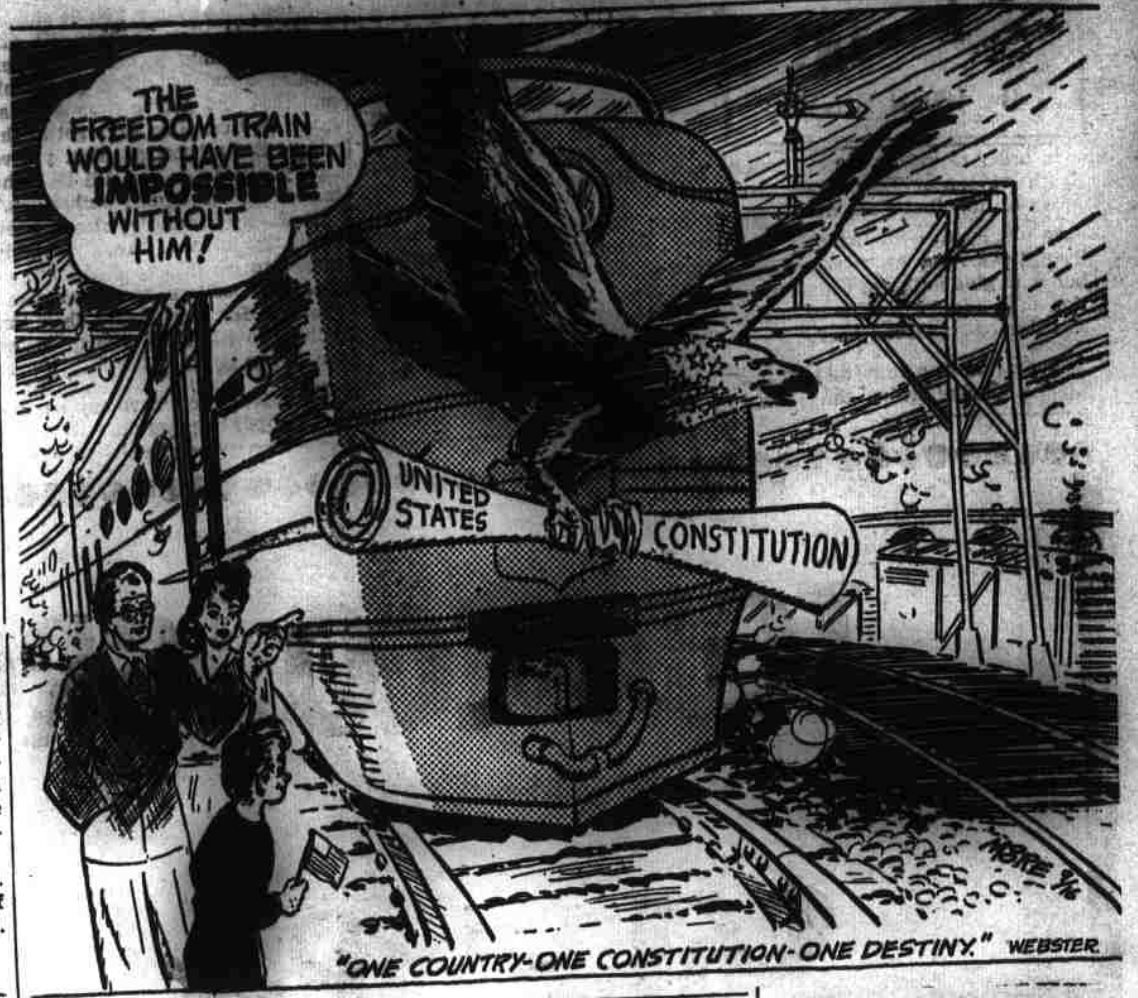
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NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Duplin County, made in a civil action pending entitled "David Hill vs Heirs of Daphne Haywood et als", and signed by his Honor, Henry L. Stephens, Jr., Judge Presiding at the September Term of said Court, the undersigned who was by said Judgment appointed a Commissioner to sell said lands described in the petition therein filed, will on the 18th day of October 1948, at or about the hour of 12 o'clock noon, on said date at the Courthouse door in Kenansville, North Carolina County of Duplin, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land lying and being in Faison Township, Duplin County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Being the property owned by Daphne Haywood, deceased and bounded as follows:

BEGINNING at the right-of way of the Wilmington and Weldon railroad on the west side of said railroad and running to and with the said line of Adam William's estate to the line of Aman or William Howell; thence north with the line, known as the Simpson line and land to the northwest corner; thence east with the line of the Simpson land to the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company, thence south with the W. and W. Railroad to the beginning, containing 9 1/2 acres and known as the Bryant Faison Land.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at a stake on the W. and W. Railroad Company bounds and runs south 20 1/2 west 47 poles to a stake; thence north 74 1/2 east 28 1/2 poles to a stake in the land of W. and W. Railroad Company bounds thence with said bounds; thence north 15 1/2 west 37 poles to the beginning, containing 3 acres more or less and being the same lands as conveyed to the said Daphne Haywood by a deed from Isaac Hill and wife to Daphne Haywood, which deed is registered in the Register of Deeds Office of Duplin County, in Book 60 at page 62, reference to which is hereby made.

Said lands adjoining the lands of Isaac Hill, Daphne Haywood and the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company property. This the 13th day of September, 1948. Latham A. Wilson, Commissioner of Court. 10-8-48. LAW

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