

DEAR MR. PUBLISHER,
BY **PARSON JONES**

Dear Mr. Publisher:

Your newspaper is a mighty fine place to keep informed. I hope you won't get mad when I say I read some other magazines once in awhile - just to round out my education. The other day I was reading a medical journal and ran across a real important find. It said that rock and roll music is dangerous for old folks. According to doctors the loud beat makes the blood pressure shoot way up. Course it makes young people's pressure go up too, but it don't stay up as long after the music stops, and besides, their systems are tougher. But with old folks this music is real dangerous.

Mr. Publisher, I knew there was something about rock music that upset me. My younguns play it all the time. When I come in the house I have to turn it down, otherwise you couldn't hear a dynamite go off on the premises. If you listen to it too long going full blast, it makes you feel like you swallowed a bag of cement and it set-up in your stomach. Maybe they should make record companies put this warning on such records: "This music may be a health hazard for folks over 40".

But, while I'm at it Sir, I'd like to venture another opinion. I ain't no doctor, but my grandpa was a horse doctor, so I know a little about diseases and treatment. I believe rock and roll music also harms young people. First off, the music really speeds up the blood pressure and gets 'em all excited. Then some of 'em smoke pot which slows their system down. Now, if you're speeding up and slowing down at the same time it stands to reason that something in the body is gonna run into something else. Course I realize that most young folks don't smoke pot, so this don't apply to them. But there's another real problem. One kid told me he liked loud music, cause you couldn't think while it was playing. Well, if you don't think, pretty soon you won't talk. Now you add that to deafness and you got a real problem.

I expect I better quit. I've probably said too much already. I don't want a moritorium on me.

Parson Jones

A Case Of Discrimination?

In at least one area of American life, the Negro's battle for a place in the sun has been notably successful.

Advertising agencies claim "dramatic progress" in integrating magazine and television commercials, reports the Wall Street Journal. One Chicago agency now uses Negroes in over 20% of its television commercials that require models. A year ago, none at all were used.

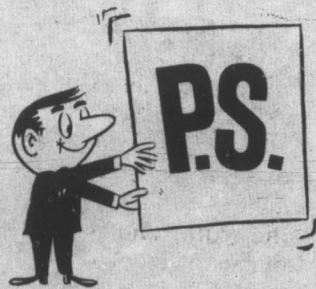
Progress giveth and progress

taketh away, however.

The president of an agency in New York that handles black talent says that sponsors tend to discriminate against light-skinned Negroes in favor of more typical ones.

Evidently, the current Mad Ave. motto is: White is right and black is beautiful, but if you are brown--don't call us, we'll call you.

Pampa (Texas) Daily News



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Hard Times Will Show True Friends

An editorial worthy of mention was recently printed in a small Georgia newspaper. It recalled the depression days of the thirties and how hard times brought people together.

The incident concerned a family in Iowa, a farm family which couldn't make its mortgage payment because of the awful slump in commodity prices.

As is the legally accepted procedure, all possessions of the farm were to be sold by the sheriff at auction. And when auction day arrived, 15 or more neighboring farmers were on hand. The first item to be auctioned was the bankrupt farmer's 6 prize mules.

A farmer bid two dollars, there were no other bids. The sheriff hesitated, but his glance met steely eyes from every farmer at the sale. He proceeded with the auction. Machinery brought a dollar or two, or fifty cents; other possessions brought similar amounts. Finally, the sale was ended and every buyer

had a legal bill of sale, with the sheriff's stamp attached.

Then they gathered together and went to the bankrupt farmer, their neighbor, and gave him the bills of sale. He was back in business again, free of debt.

The philosophy in this true story includes a truism that hard times sometimes bring people closer together. Conversely, prosperous times often produce jealousy, envy and undesirable traits and trends.

-Brewton (Ala.) Standard

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

I would appreciate an opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the North Carolina Highway Department for the stupendous job they did for us during the recent snow and ice storms.

We, the public, are prone to take the services of these men for granted, and to gripe when our particular road hasn't yet been cleared, however, we

seldom express our appreciation for the long hours spent out working in the cold for our benefit.

I would especially like to say thank you to the local men. Our roads, both the primary and secondary, were cleared more rapidly and more thoroughly than the roads in some of our neighboring counties.

Sincerely,
Lawrence King



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