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**A VIABLE, VALID REQUIREMENT
RESPONDING TO
BLACK NORTH CAROLINA**

The 1976 Editions of THE TRIBUNAL AID will be dedicated to America's bicentennial Celebration, with emphasis on contributions our Race has made in the making of America, from birth to the present.
In 1976 there should not be a need to lift these contributions from isolated sources. Our past

should be interwoven into the fabric of our civilization, because we are, except for the Indian, America's oldest ethnic minority.
We have helped make America what it was, and what it is, since the founding of Virginia. We have been a factor in many major issues in our history. There have been many misdeeds

against us, yet we have been able to live through them and fight back. This is living proof of our history.
Our role in the making of America is neither well known or correctly known. Many positive contributions have escaped historians and have not found their way into the pages of many history books.

We will strive to give readers, Black and white, many little-known facts about our past and it is hoped that a proper perspective of our history will be of value to persons who may believe that as Black people we have an unworthy past; and hence, no strong claims to all rights of other Americans.

Faye Ashe, Black History Editor

FORMER HIGH POINT RESIDENT

RHYMES FROM THE DELTA

PART FOUR

February 18, 1946

A few years ago I found a book entitled *RHYMES FROM THE DELTA*. The cover of the book was worn and I had no idea at the moment the author of the book. When I turned to the title page I discovered that the author was a High Pointer and a member of my church.

RHYMES FROM THE DELTA is a collection of Narratives and Poems by Mr. George W. McCorkle. In the words of Mr. McCorkle, I would like to share with you some of his recollections about the schools he attended, his first compositions written and first poem published.

I am sure some of the recollections given here and names mentioned will bring back memories to many people in the City of High Point and other states and cities visited by Mr. McCorkle.

Many of his poems are dedicated to people of this city, many of whom we have known.

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**LETTERS OF COMMENT ON RHYMES
FROM THE DELTA AND OTHER POEMS**

COMMUNITY RADIO COUNCIL
HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

October 15, 1946

Mr. George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, N. C.

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

I have greatly enjoyed reading your "Rhymes from the Delta." Your poetry reveals great understanding and knowledge of human interest and problems.

Sincerely yours,
(MISS) BETSY SAUNDERS
Executive Secretary

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE COLLEGE
Institute, West Virginia

April 11, 1946

Mr. George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

My dear friend George:

Several months ago you sent me a book of poems entitled "Rhymes from the Delta." Among the mass and accumulation of material which is mine to have eternally, it seems, the book got lost. Yesterday while carrying on a vigorous search for some other material, I came upon the book. So I am writing this letter to you, my old friend.

First of all, let me congratulate you on your creative contribution to literature. Although I have not read but a very few of the poems, I can see even now that they are vibrant and beautiful.

Many things have I done since our boyhood. One of these has been passionate research writing. I have written over a dozen small books and a very large number of articles in journals and magazines, white and colored. I am expecting from the press at anytime now my book on Doctrines Among Negroes, which is representative of my best effort in research writing. It is being published by the Meador Press in Boston, Massachusetts.

I shall be happy to get a word from you again. I am delighted with your success.

Friendly,
HARRY W. GREEN

HWG/tmc

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Mr. G. W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

Let me thank you for the copy of "Rhymes from the Delta." Your poems reflect all the practical wisdom and spiritual depth of our people. I hope you will continue your writing and growing in the power to reveal our better selves.

With gratitude and best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,
HARRY V. RICHARDSON

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NORTH CAROLINA
MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Durham, North Carolina

August 11, 1948

Mr. George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

I am glad to hear from you again and appreciate the poem you wrote on the occasion of my seventy-four birthday. It is very fine and pleases me greatly.

With your permission, we should like to publish it in the next issue of the WHETSTONE.

Enclosed is a small check. This is not an effort to compensate you, but I simply want to show my appreciation in some way.

Thank a million!

Sincerely yours,
C. C. SPAULDING
PRESIDENT

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Enclosure

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
Raleigh

September 29, 1945

Mr. George Washington McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgement is made of the receipt through the mail of the booklet entitled "Rhymes from the Delta". I appreciate your kindness in sending me a copy of the publication. I have examined it in some detail and congratulate you upon the quality of the poetry it contains.

Yours very truly,
R. GREGG CHERRY,
Governor

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HAMPTON INSTITUTE
Hampton, Virginia

Collis P. Huntington Library
September 12, 1945

Mr. G. W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

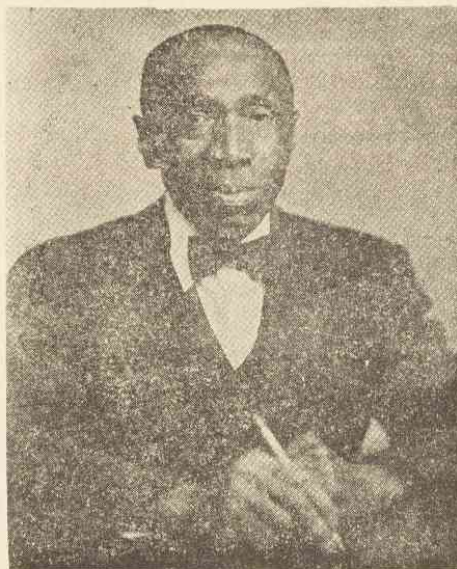
Dear Mr. McCorkle:

We have received the copy of your book of poems, "Rhymes from the Delta," which you were so kind as to send us. We are most grateful to you and shall add it to our permanent collection. It will be of interest to our students and faculty, we feel sure.

We shall appreciate it if you will let us know

where we can obtain copies of your earlier books, "Poems of Thought and Cheer", and "Poems of Perpetual Memory".

Very sincerely yours,
(MRS.) MARIÓN G. THURSTON
Acting Librarian



George W. McCorkle

WAKE FOREST COLLEGE LIBRARY
Mrs. Ethel Taylor Crittenden, Librarian
Wake Forest, North Carolina

October 20, 1945

George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point
North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

Thank you most heartily for the copy of "Rhymes from the Delta", which we presume you sent as a gift to our library.

Very sincerely yours,
E. T. CRITTENDEN
Librarian

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ROCKY MOUNT GRADED SCHOOLS
Rocky Mount, North Carolina
December 15, 1945

Mr. G. W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

Some time ago you were kind enough to send me a copy of "Rhymes from the Delta." I have read the book with interest and appreciation. I make no pretense to be a literary critic, but if one criteria for good poetry is the emotional response it produces in the reader, then as far as I am concerned it is a most excellent literary production.

Yours very truly,
O. R. POPE
Principal

ORP:mc

SHAW UNIVERSITY
Raleigh, N. C.

October 19, 1945

Mr. G. W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, N. C.

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

I wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the book of poems which you recently sent to our library I have read through many of them and feel that they shall receive wide reading from the

students of our library.

The volume is being processed and shall be put on our shelves immediately for circulation.

Again we thank you.

Sincerely yours,
THELMA C. NELSON
Librarian

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NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AT DURHAM
Durham, North Carolina
November 16, 1947

Mr. George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

It was thoughtful of you to send me the poem which you have written as a tribute to the memory of the late President Shepard. I am having two copies made--one for the publicity department and the other for the family of Dr. Shepard.

Very truly yours,
A. E. MANLEY, Chairman
Interim Committee

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HIGH POINT COLLEGE
High Point, N. C.

June 28, 1945

Mr. George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, N. C.

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

I thank you for your book of poems which was received yesterday. I couldn't refrain delving into the book immediately, and reading a number of your poems. I am looking forward to reading the entire selection soon.

Very truly yours,
N. M. HARRISON
Vice-President

NHM:ps
Encl.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
Raleigh, North Carolina
September 21, 1945

Mr. George W. McCorkle
Box 761
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

Your book of poetry, "Rhymes from the Delta" arrived this morning. I wish to express my appreciation for this very fine gift. I shall place it in the library in order that it may be an inspiration to the faculty, the students, and to me.

Very truly yours,
M. H. AKINS
Principal

STATE OF GEORGIA
Executive Department
Atlanta
September 21, 1945

Prof. George W. McCorkle:
Box 761
High Point, N. C.

Dear Prof. McCorkle:

I have read with interest and pleasure the book of verse, "Rhymes from the Delta", which you so kindly sent to me.

With best wishes for its continuing success, I am,

Sincerely yours,
ELLIS ARNALL
Governor

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