

EDITORIAL FEATURE

NAACP Prexy Bypassed

According to Mrs. Millie Veasey, president of the Raleigh Branch of the NAACP, the story published in last Thursday's News and Observer of a suit filed against Wake Memorial Hospital for discriminatory practices was not authorized by her office at that time. Mrs. Veasey said the suit was discussed, plans made to file same and Attorney Mitchell was to be advised when to file the suit. Nonetheless, she says the suit was filed by Atty. Mitchell without her knowledge or authority, at the time.

For some years, Raleigh Negroes have been represented in public affairs by a few people who have been loyal to each other. This has had its advantages and its disadvantages. No doubt, being accustomed to operating within such a framework things were done; and possibly discussed later, and accepted. Now, under the leadership of Mrs. Veasey, NAACP Branch here will, according to her, experience some discipline as she intends to function according to the rules and not individuals. This new concept here is like a fresh spring breeze blowing in healthful breaths of pure air to winter-weary lungs after a long hard freezing season.

The *Carolinian*, like Mrs. Veasey, sees a new day for Raleigh when its civic and political organizations begin to function with freedom and without self-styled leaders who use organizations for their advancement and then let them decay. Through the years, Raleigh has had to continually re-activate its Citizens Association and NAACP.

Apparently, the public has not been aware of what its responsibility is now, and to posterity, or it just does not give a rap. To remain silent or refuse to challenge different points of view which require taking a stand, only says to those who are volatile in their persuasiveness, go ahead you have my support and vote. This is well and good when it represents an organization's purpose and is done within the ethics of its framework. However, it is thoughtless, to say the least, to disregard an office because of whom the office holder may be or, on the other hand, cater to the person and not the office.

Unless Raleigh citizens are willing to support Mrs. Veasey in her duly elected office as president of the local branch of the NAACP it need not look to much in the future. There will be no leadership in behalf of the people should individuals be catered to, but instead there will be only a herding of humans by remote direction under the guise of Negro representation.

In order for Raleigh to present its truest and most wholesome image, its people must show the courage of their convictions by speaking out and not waiting for someone to speak for them. Too long has the Race been afraid to individually say its piece. Too long, have we been economic victims with the price of a muzzled mouth and brainwashed mind. Too long have we lived under the shadow of conceit and meanness. Too long have we looked down on things Negro representation.

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Who Is Next?

Mrs. Julia Brown's one-hour speech over WRNC last Thursday evening raised the eyebrows of many local citizens.

Mrs. Brown and the sponsors certainly believe in free speech for themselves. That is their constitutional and God-given right. It is also the right of every other American citizen. From her own experience, she admitted when she realized she had been duped by the Communist Party she quit after 9 months. There is no doubt that there are others who quit after finding the course of the Fellow Traveler unwanted and un-American. This is also true with Americans who have denounced the Ku Klux Klan publicly, in recent hearings in Washington, as unlike what they expected. In fact, there are many differing views about the complex American society by individuals and organizations. This would hardly be a democracy if this circumstance did not exist.

There are those who may have been too small in the past and are still narrowed in their views about their fellowman. However, America is growing in its world concept, different ideologies are becoming more understood; cultures

studied and people of all hues and colors, representing them are becoming more knowledgeable about each other. In time, results from such extensive world affiliation and contact by many more people, below the level of diplomats, will swing the pendulum towards understanding, compassion, brotherly love and a hoped-for world calmness.

It may be more healthy than many may believe, to listen to those who take the rostrum and the air. Many times they make the listener more certain that he believes in free speech. Because he will find, through it, if you let a person talk enough, that you will have a better opportunity to determine whether that person is the proverbial empty wagon with a loud rattle.

It would be difficult to imagine Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. saying to his people: "Stay in the slums, be slovenly, don't go to school, rob and kill those who would suppress you, etc." And it would be equally laborious to understand a speaker delivering a speech to friends with the viewpoint of the enemy as a theme.

Politics And You

We have studied the Negro's political approach throughout the state and throughout the nation and we have reached the conclusion that everywhere one party has had the unwavering support of the Negro, that party has lost respect for the political savvy of the Negro.

The Frederick Douglas theory of "The Republican Party is the ship and all else is the sea" militated to the extent that many states, controlled by the Democrats, disfranchised the Negro. The Democratic politicians in many of the northern states used this as a weapon and lured Negroes into the fold, to the extent they took over the counties, state houses and even the presidency with the Negro vote. The Negro gave the Democratic Party his vote and the party leaders gave him high rent, in rat infested slums, inferior jobs and second-class education in many instances.

A Negro ward healer in Durham, when asked by a Negro Republican candidate, in the presence of a Democratic political leader, if he were going to support him, had the following to say: "If a Democrat dog was running against you, I would vote for the dog." This proves conclusively that Negroes must seek values from elected officials and not doles. Another Democratic leader is known to have said that he had to feed his grandchildren and the money was

coming from the Democrats in North Carolina.

We have no quarrel with anyone about the selection of a mate, a church, or a political party. We do say that the time has come when the Negro must decide his own political future and certainly it is not safe if all of them swear their allegiance to one party. It is our opinion that God planned the world on the assumption that there must be at least two of every productive agency in the world. He divided the earth into land and water. He divided the day into day and night. He contrasted the beauty of the sky with the sun in the day and the moon in the night.

There is another element of the Negro's participation in politics in North Carolina that has militated against his getting into the full stream of politics. He feels that he has won a victory if he gets one Negro on the election ticket. There is an old saying that if you put an avowed Methodist in a room with 10 Baptists he has to come out dripping wet. One Negro anywhere is just a pawn in the hands of his contemporaries. To reverse the thinking, we call your attention to the fact that the recent verdict of a Georgia jury, composed of 11 Negroes and one white, found a Negro guilty of killing a white man. It did not matter what the white man thought, he was

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Did You Know

Did you know that, according to regulations of the Federal Housing Authority, whenever there is a vacancy at either Chavis Heights, Halifax Courts or Walnut Terrace, the administrator is required to place same on the bulletin board? When vacancy is posted, anyone without regard to color, may apply for housing in any of the public housing facilities here and anywhere in America.

Did you know that the Raleigh Citizens Association has been more or less inactive for two years? Presently there is machinery in motion to re-activate this vital organization here.

Did you know that two Negroes who were thought to be white upon entry at Wake Memorial Hospital were later removed to the "Negro wings"? One was discovered to be a Negro when he was visited by a tan friend. The other was removed when he was visited by his own wife. She was brown-skinned.

Did you know that the Civil Liberties

Department, State Association, Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World, headed by Alexander Barnes, invited Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon Robert Jones to participate on a panel with representatives of the NAACP and CORE, at its annual meeting to be held here in May?

Did you know that E. M. Butler, State Secretary, is leading the opposition to bring Jones to Raleigh for the meeting and even suggested, (in a letter to Barnes) that the meeting take on a pacifist attitude and discuss the recently passed voting laws, N. C.'s redistricting plan, instead of having Jones explain the Klan to the Elks and then answering some questions about it?

Did you know that Durham County Republicans are going to be asked to support a Negro for sheriff of Durham County, who has an enviable record as a graduate of Hillside High School, a veteran of World War II, and a very successful beer salesman?

GUN BLAST RIPS THRU CHEST OF RALEIGH MAN

Local Zetas
Name 'Woman Of Yr.'

Says Man
Wanted To
Fight Him

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"Suits Long Overdue"-Mrs. Veasey

Kiwanians Hear St. Aug. Dean
'No Negro Leaders'-
Robinson

Dr. P. R. Robinson, executive dean and professor of sociology at St. Augustine's College, spoke to the Capital City Kiwanis Club at Ballentine's Restaurant, Monday afternoon, Feb. 21, in the observance of Brotherhood Week.

"The word brotherhood is an all encompassing term which means many and different things to different people," according to Dr. Robinson. He indicated that brotherhood should represent an individual moral commitment to respect human personality and judge people as individuals--not by race, creed or color. He stated that we need (See KIWANIAN HEAR, P. 2)

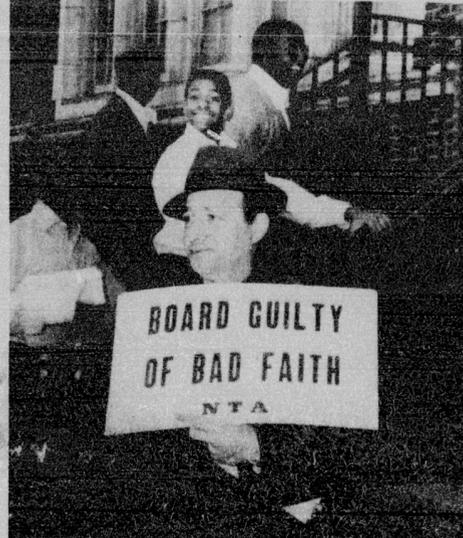


Teen-Dems To Canvass For Voters

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Capital City Teen-Dems completed their plans for the coming election of officers for 1965-66. Chairman Thomas Williams and co-chairman Skip Quick completed their plans for the "Seeding and Weeding" project in precinct 35.

The Teen-Dems will meet at their headquarters at 11 a. m. on March 19 and will group in teams and begin doorbell ring-

(See TEEN-DEMS, P. 2)



TEACHERS STRIKE, STUDENTS DON'T - Newark: Despite the picket sign carried by a striking school teacher, students at Central High School in Newark enter the building for classes last week. The Teachers Union of the city defied a court order by staging a strike that could disrupt the largest school system in New Jersey. (UPI PHOTO).

Mom Hides Suspicious Powder In Baby Diaper

CHICAGO (UPI) - It has been said there's nothing really new under the sun, but a 55-year-old mother came up with a unique hiding place for what was suspected to be narcotics.

Charged with the sale and possession of narcotics, the woman was said to have been caught stashing a white substance in the plastic bag in a baby's diaper. The white substance was believed to be heroin.

When vice detectives raided the woman's apartment, they also

NC Teachers Set Workshop

A Joint State Workshop on "Professional Rights and Responsibilities" and "Professional Practices Act," sponsored by the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Commission and the Legislative Committee of the North Carolina Teacher Association, will be held Saturday, Feb. 26, from



A "FIRST" FOR GEORGIA - Ellaville, Ga.: The first almost completely Negro trial jury, 11 Negroes and one white man, leave court during recess here last Thursday. This jury, the first of its kind since Reconstruction, was chosen on Wednesday to try a 14-year-old youth, charged with killing a white policeman, who was allegedly beating his brother. The youth received six years in prison after being found guilty. (UPI PHOTO).

Head Of NAACP Comments

BY STAFF WRITER
Mrs. Millie Dunn Veasey, president of the Raleigh branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told a CAROLINIAN newsman early Wednesday, "These hospital suits are long overdue and we intend to follow through."

She also stated, "Mr. (William F.) Andrews, the administrator, has never denied the fact that the hospital is segregated. We have read the notes in the newspaper which he made, and we are not satisfied with anything less than complete equality and find segregated facilities, as currently existing at Wake Memorial Hospital, unacceptable and offensive."

The militant civil rights leader had no comment on a suit (See HOSPITAL SUITS, P. 2)

'Choice Plans Not Working' - Commission

WASHINGTON, D. C. - Freedom of choice plans have resulted in very limited integration of public schools in the Southern States, the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights said in a report released last Wednesday.

Acknowledging that implementation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has resulted in "significant progress in securing the agreement of school districts to desegregate their schools," the Commission report pointed out that highest estimates indicate that "not more than one Negro child

WEATHER

Temperatures for the next five days, Thursday through Monday, will average 2 to 7 degrees below normal. Normal high and low temperatures for the period will be 53 and 32 degrees. Some moderation in temperatures is expected over the weekend, otherwise rather cold weather is expected to prevail throughout the period. Precipitation will total one-half to three-fourths of an inch or more, occurring early in the period and again early next week.

From Raleigh's Official Police Files

THE CRIME BEAT

Breaks Thru Door To Get Clothes?

Miss Ann Howard, of 313 E. Cabarrus St., Apt. 7, told "the law" at 1:59 p. m. Saturday, she received a call from a neighbor who lives in the apartment next to her's, that her front door had been broken down.

Miss Howard then went to police headquarters and was accompanied to her house by two officers. She admitted that her boyfriend, Herbert Miles, 27, had been staying there, adding, "I ran him away about four days ago."

Miles had some clothes at the apartment, but they were gone when officers and Miss Howard arrived. Damage to the door was set at \$25.

Miles is reported to be a part-time employee of Acme Cab Company.

'Drink' Buddies Beaten By His

Robert Junior Haywood, of Route 7, Raleigh (Neuse), told "the law" at 9 a. m. Saturday, he had been drinking with a group of boys in the 200 block of W. South Street and left going to the bus station, when two of the boys jumped him and asked for money.

Haywood said he was knocked to the sidewalk and "out cold" for a few minutes. He was taken to the hospital and treated for an abrasion of the right cheek. He later identified Harold Bailey, 19, of Rt. 6, Raleigh, as being one of his attackers, but couldn't identify the other. Bailey was arrested and held under a \$100 bond. The incident took place in front of 516 Fayetteville Street. (See CRIME BEAT, P. 3)

Mrs. Debnam Honored By Sorority

Mrs. Marjorie Boyd Debnam was selected as the 1965 Raleigh "Woman of the Year" from nominees submitted to a non-partisan committee chosen by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, sponsor of the Woman of the Year Project here Monday night.

Mrs. Debnam will be honored (See MRS. DEBNAM, P. 2)



Witnesses Ready For 3-Day Meet

About 100 delegates from the south unit congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses here in Raleigh will attend the three-day circuit convention in Tarboro, March 4-6, according to a statement made here this week by Joseph Taylor, local presiding minister.

The meeting will be held at the Patillo High School in Tarboro, where an estimated 600 delegates from 15 other congregations are expected. (See WITNESSES, P. 2)