

EDITORIAL FEATURE

Three Milestones

This week marks three important milestones in the history of the Negro in North Carolina—the dedication of the new North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Building; the meeting of the North Carolina Teachers Association; the salute to the graduates of some of the high schools in the state by *The Carolinian*.

It is apparent that the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company has arrived as a giant in the business world, the North Carolina Teachers Association could be meeting in its last annual session, but the graduates will be facing a crucial situation in their lives.

We hasten to laud the North Carolina Mutual in erecting such a monument to the founding fathers. Too many people are prone to forget the depths from which they came. It is a long jump from the time that North Carolina Mutual paid its first death claim and was so happy that it brought out a brass band to celebrate, to having the Vice-President of the United States dedicate a multi-million-dollar building.

We cannot forget that this building was made possible by the ingenuity of its officers and the premiums paid by its policyholders. It proves that God helps those who help themselves. We firmly believe that had the man of biblical mention, who stayed at the pool seven years and complained that no one would help him in, could have picked up enough momentum to roll in the pool in that length of time had he just twisted his shoulders. The building proves that men, no matter what happens to be the color of their skin, can rise to the highest level in any phase of their endeavor if they apply themselves. Certainly, we congratulate North Mutual and bid it greater success.

We must pay homage to the policyholders who made it possible and commend them for the faith they had in the founders and those who have operated the company since its beginning. We say if you would but read the epitaph of the policyholders: "Look at the Building". We only hope that more people will catch the vision and buy more insurance.

The North Carolina Teachers Association has made a great contribution to our educational life. Its officers and members have striven to raise teaching standards and thereby give our children a fuller vision of the life ahead. There is much talk about merging with the other state organization and surely we will not attempt to point up the advantages, nor the disadvantages that might arise.

Guest Editorial

"AMERICA'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN TALENT"

By JACK SILVER, Denver, Colorado
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity National High School Essay Contest 1st Place Winner
America! My America! Land of the free, home of the brave—where thought flows as free as milk and where culture is as sweet as honey. A country where my opportunity is the tune and individual development the dance. Where my liberty is not a political factor alone, but an economic and social right so meaningful and so clearly defined in our fluid society, that to question its existence is to question the sun itself.

America! Their America! Land of the bonded, home of the oppressed. Where the flow of thought stops with their child in the sixth grade, and where culture is as sweet as the words scribbled on their slum fences. A country where their opportunity, so unobtainable, would be bartered for a pair of shoes, and individual development for bread. Where liberty, not only political but economic and social, is truly American as long as it remains in the confines of their race, their color, or their nationality. Where freedom in the stagnant class system we call a society is the freedom to live in the system, and the freedom to die for the system; and only those.

I am one of the fortunate—I am one of the privileged. My American heritage,

A Dirty Story

It was the lunch hour. Five of us guys, in fact, all except Tom, were in a huddle, telling some of the funniest dirty stories. We had some great times—boy, did we laugh—the dirtiest story, the more we laughed. Well, on this day I am telling you about, we ran out of stories just as Tom walked by.

"Hey, Tom," I says, "know a good story—'a good dirty one?"

At that everybody laughs, for they know Tom is a Christian. He says these stories make him feel bad. He never will listen. Great guy though, for he's no hypocrite.

Say, you can imagine my surprise when Tom stops and says, "Sure, Bill, I'll tell you a story; but it's so dirty I don't think you fellows will like it. What do you say?"

Honestly, I wished Tom hadn't said that, for I had always secretly looked up to him; the other guys didn't say a word, so I comes out quick-like with, "Shoot the filth, Tom."

"Well," says Tom, "there was a guy who worked at this store who was a

We do say, "Be not the first to try the new, nor the last to turn aloose the old."

The proponents, on both sides, should not forget that there has been plenty of blood, sweat, money and tears put into the organization and certainly the ideals, nurtured, fostered and promoted should not be lost. This newspaper has worked with the Association for many years and will continue to work with whatever comes out of the crucible to make education what it thinks it can and should be in North Carolina.

We join with the merchants of Raleigh in welcoming the 85th session and are grateful that it chose Raleigh. The meeting not only brings a large number of delegates, but gives the Raleigh community an opportunity to keep abreast of the broader phases of education. The meeting is no deterrent to the economic life of Raleigh and the merchants are always sorry to see them leave. We are happy to have seen the relationship improve with the times. The delegates can move freely from one place to another and enjoy many of the facilities once denied them. Whether there is a merger, a combining or changeover, we say, "Come back to Raleigh. A rose by any other name can smell just as sweet."

For a number of years, we have saluted the graduates of many of the high schools through our columns. The merchants have cooperated with us in making this possible. We again salute those who have come thus far in their quest for a better way to serve. It is our belief that an education is designed to make one more useful to one's self and in that way one becomes more useful to the community.

We would like for those who have come thus far to remember that a man is measured from his head up. The time is now that a high school education is the beginning. The four years spent in high school are merely the second step of the ladder of preparedness. We sincerely hope that the 1966 class will have no dropouts. We hope that every member of the class will remember that there is no place in the future scheme of things for high school graduates. If there seems to be an obstacle to surmount to go further, everyone should leave the stage on commencement night, vowing that he or she is just commencing.

We commend the youngsters and parents again, but hasten to say "All is beyond". Parents must rededicate themselves to their obligations and the graduates must hitch their wagons to a star.

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SNCC TO NCFOR VOTERS, MORE SCHOOL "MIXING"

2 Counties In State Affected

LAURINBURG - The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee organization campaigns in North Carolina's Scotland and Craven Counties.

Presently, a SNCC-related student group at St. Andrews Presbyterian College is concentrating on ending token integration in local schools. They plan to file complaints with the United States Office of Education challenging a local "freedom of choice" plan which has resulted in the enrollment of only 75 Negro youngsters in formerly all-white schools.

Other students are attempting to document intimidation of Negro families, in Wagram, a few miles from here. They have charged Negroes were told by their employers and landlords not to send their children to all-white schools.

The Negro community here has demanded that Negroes be named to the election board; that Negro poll judges and registrars be named; that precincts should be organized in predominately Negro neighborhoods; and that registration books remain open twelve months a year.

SNCC worker Larry Fox said registration offices in Weldon are open only six days a year. Only a few of the 100 North Carolina Counties have five-day a week registration, including most of the large counties.

Over 100 complaints charging discrimination on hiring and promotion were filed here during 1965. The local movement charges that the worst offender is the Bell Telephone Company.

SNCC maintains staffed projects in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Georgia.

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GIVING UP ADOPTED NEGRO SON - Fullerton, Calif.: The Rev. Albert Cohen, 38, plays with his adopted two-year old son, Davis, last week after announcing that he and his wife will be returning the child to the Los Angeles Adoption Agency this week. Rev. Cohen, a protestant minister, said he and his wife "are not strong enough to withstand the social pressures of rearing a Negro child in a white family." (UPI PHOTO).

RALEIGH COP Nabs Two In Forgery

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NEGRO BABY IS BORN AT REX

NAACP's Public Forum Sun.

First At All-White Hospital?

BY CHARLES R. JONES

Thursday, March 24, marked a history-making milestone in the maternity ward at Raleigh's all-white Rex Hospital, when Mrs. Samuel E. NeSmith, of 1021 Oberlin Road, gave birth to a baby son. He is believed to be the first Negro child ever born at this hospital.

Most information regarding circumstances surrounding the admittance of Mrs. NeSmith to the hospital were not readily available, but it is a fact that she and her husband, the Rev. S. E. NeSmith, minister of Wilson Temple Methodist Church, were parties to a suit against Rex in February of this year. Hospital director Joseph Barnes, in an interview with this writer Tuesday afternoon, confirmed the fact that Mrs. NeSmith had given birth at the hospital last Thursday, but declined further comment saying, "the hospital's attorney has instructed me not to comment on this."

After ascertaining the name of the attorney from Mr. Barnes, we then telephoned Attorney Archie Allen, who informed us that, "We are preparing an answer which will be filed in Federal (U. S. Eastern District) Court Wednesday. This answer will be accompanied by an affidavit of Mr. Barnes, who is the director of the hospital."

Both the hospital chief and the attorney refused to comment on whether this was the first colored child ever born there.

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Ligon High Debaters To State Finals

The J. W. Ligon High School Debating Society has successfully met all competition and earned the right to compete in the State finals which will be held at A&T College in Greensboro, Tuesday, March 29. The debate topic for the North Carolina debating organization for

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LIGON HIGH DEBATERS TO STATE FINALS TUESDAY - Shown are seven of the eight members of the Debating Society of J. W. Ligon High School, who will travel to A&T College, Greensboro, Tuesday, to participate in the State finals. Front row, left to right, are: Misses Dorothea McNeil and Gloria Hodge. Second row, Misses Genese Wilder, Gwendolyn Clarke, and Ethel Johnson. Third row, Misses Vivian Logan and Barbara Johnson. Bernard Davis, the only male member of the Society, was absent when this photo was taken. (See story).

NCTA Prexy Says Negro And White Must Combine Now

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statement was prepared for delivery Thursday, March 31, before the delegates to the NCTA convention: Remarks before the North Carolina Teachers Association in Its 85th Annual Session By S. E. DUNCAN, PRESIDENT

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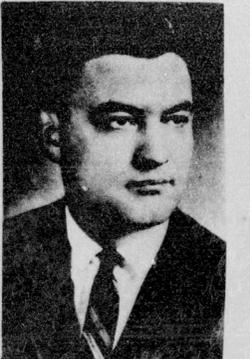
Davie St. Church To Host Meet

The Raleigh Branch of the NAACP in its continuing efforts to serve and meet the needs of the people will hold its first Public Forum on Sunday, April 3, at the Davie Street United Presbyterian Church at 4 p. m.

E. L. Rayford, executive secretary of the Bloodworth Street YMCA, will serve as moderator for the six-member panel of citizens from the following areas of the city: Oberlin, Fourth Ward, South Park, Rochester-Biltmore Hills, East Raleigh, and Lincoln Park.

The chapter believes that this approach to the overall problem of cooperation and concern for the citizenry will have its effect on the progress of the total community. The panelists are to cite problems and observations peculiar to the given community. For example, among others, a primary concern for the Fourth Ward area is the relocation of the families living there as the redevelopment program takes effect.

Members of the membership, education and political action committees are to meet with the respective chairmen at 3:30 p. m. The Forum meeting will begin promptly at 4 p. m. The public is invited.



NCTA KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Attorney Jack Greenberg, director-counsel NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, will speak to the Administrators and Supervisors on Friday, April 1, at 11 a. m. in the Southern Room of the Memorial Auditorium. He will also deliver the main address at the second General Assembly of the 85th Annual Convention of NCTA on Friday evening at 8:15.

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