

WORDS OF WORSHIP

Jesus knew that without compassion and tender understanding of the causes of human delinquency no teaching and no healing was possible. Many supposed Christians lack almost entirely this spiritual gentleness, and seem to believe that by tirades of condemnation men can be lashed into goodness. Like

the head of an English boys' school who shouted, "Boys, be pure in heart or I'll flog you until you are," they have tried to produce virtue by intimidation. Even worse by threatening eternal punishment, the very essence of Jesus' teaching of a God of love, forgiveness of tenderness, was violated.

Editorial Viewpoint

Community Challenge Highway Wise

Throughout the nation superhighways are rising with great rapidity, but with their construction often comes the isolation of minority citizens who become set apart more and more.

This very fact was noted recently before the Nashville (Tenn.) Chamber of Commerce by Dr. Charles Mitchell, a Meharry Medical School professor, in a breakfast address.

His statements were a broad indictment of both the private and public sector of the local community—Nashville, Tennessee. The address charged the leadership with thoughtless planning, wholesale job discrimination and inferior, segregated housing patterns.

Dr. Mitchell was referring to the 6.8 million project extending the expressway from 48th Avenue to 8th Avenue North, and which also was the cause of many homes being demolished in the Negro sector. The project involves the Fisk University, Meharry Medical College, and Tennessee State A&I University areas.

The Nashville *Banner* in commenting on Mitchell's address said:

"Dr. Mitchell did not address himself to some areas where progress has been made in attacking traditional barriers. Perhaps this was because he thinks the progress has been too little and too late. Perhaps he thinks there is dangerous need for more breakthroughs. And perhaps as in the case of school segregation he thinks—as he said—that progress has been no more than 'tokenism.'"

Many of the Chamber of Commerce members may not have liked what they heard, but some realized that if Nashville is to move ahead in the right direction, it must not keep a substantial portion of the population situated in inferior jobs, trapped in inferior housing or excluded from the fruits of a growing community on the move.

As Dr. Mitchell said there is something wrong when a community like Davidson County attempts to connect three other ad-

jacent counties economically by a superhighway, but leaves its people divided in bold-faced markings by the magnanimous highway project.

Naturally, the highway officials did not agree with the statements made in Mitchell's address. J. V. Graves, director of administration for the State Highway Department of Tennessee, said flatly that Mitchell's charges were not justified, and that "the communities which surround Fisk, Tennessee A&I, and Meharry College will be connected by four crossings."

It seems to us that Mitchell was implying that the new superhighway extension which makes it inviting for whites from adjacent counties to commute to the Nashville metropolitan industrial areas, thereby forcing the Negroes in the Nashville sector to continue to be the last hired and the first fired.

It is easy for the powers-that-be to forget those poor people living below the highway, and who can only reach the main thoroughfare by four crossings. How will that highway benefit the Negro citizens of the metropolitan area? Of course, it will bring more out-of-town shoppers and more non-resident workers, but what will it do for that host of non-skilled Nashville citizens Mitchell was trying to get listeners to observe.

We are not in position to take sides in the Nashville problem, but a description of it and the procedures of planning are the same no matter where—Raleigh, Charlotte, Birmingham, Philadelphia, and so on. Negroes are not considered and brought into the planning sessions. If so, in most instances the blue print has been set and determined before Negroes would have any say in behalf of those being affected.

If the American cities and communities are to plan wisely for the future, they cannot continue to ignore the Negroes' counsel. And may we add that there are hundreds of Negroes whose heads are more than bean nuts. Administrative officials and the power structure will learn this lesson after it is too late.

What About Those Men Of The House?

Mormism and feminism seem to be gradually dominating every facet of our lives, it appears that the nation is fast transforming itself into a matriarchy.

Why is this occurring? Simply, because there are not many patriarchs.

How many men do you know who are heads of their households? Most men are allowing the responsibilities of being a father and a lord of manor to fall smoothly and easily upon the shoulders of their spouses. How many men do you know who regulate the family budget in their families? (And we must admit, were it not the firm business hand of mom some homes would be bankrupt financially.)

Most women pay the bills and make the final decision of whether something can be or cannot be afforded.

How many men do you know who play the major role in the rearing of their children? In order for a boy to become a man, he needs a masculine example to follow, a masculine hand to guide him as well as to hold him when circumstances call for discipline or affection. When the boy recognizes only mama and her feminine touch, what do you expect him to see later?

Women go to church in larger numbers than men it seems. They may worry about what they are going to wear, but at least they go to church and they don't use the excuse of golfing, fishing, hunting or mowing the lawn.

Women are not perfect, but whether we like it or not, they are becoming leaders on the home front. They are not perfect, not even expert cooks, but they are assuming

places of leadership because men who should assume their share of home and community responsibilities are not doing so.

A lot of persons are aware of the declining position of the male who has been sitting down, as it were, on the stool of doing nothing in places where action counts.

If one surveys the course in American history, he will observe that shortly after slavery by and large that it was the Negro woman who kept the family together economically. She cooked in the big house and brought home the bacon when Negro men could find no jobs. This was also true during the days of the depression when President Franklin D. Roosevelt had to give our financial structure a shot in the arm.

Finally, one of the worst factors contributing to the predominance of mormism is our economy itself—private, public, and otherwise. A man can't earn enough now to provide for his family and let his wife stay at home and keep house and provide for the needs of the children. Instead, our industrial and public economy is forcing households to dump their children into nursery schools and kindergartens every day.

In the mad rush for profits, industry has given little concern for the need of the mother to remain at home, and to the need of paying male workers enough in wages to provide adequately for their families.

The working-man-and-wife-team has become a way of life, and with it has come many evils which we cannot eradicate very easily.

Lesson From A 10-Year-Old Boy

Sometime it takes a lad to give us a lesson as was true of the boy from whom Jesus took a few loaves and two fish and transformed them into food for more than 5,000 people.

In Trenton, Mo., recently, a 10-year-old boy walked into the office of the Trenton *Republican Times* and asked if there was a job open for a paper carrier.

"Not right now," he was told, "but I'll take your name in case we do need somebody later."

"You asked my name five years ago," the boy replied, "and I ain't got a job yet."

The case of the boy illustrates how easy it is not to pay attention to persons who have ambition, and who want to find a job

and work. Often the files in many personnel offices are never opened again when once an applicant has indicated he wants to work. Why have the files anyway, if they are not going to be reviewed often and regularly in order to let people know you are sincerely interested in giving them work whenever it opens up or a vacancy occurs?

Applications should be considered on the basis and in the order in which they were registered. Who knows, maybe a dozen paper boys were hired since the lad made his appearance at the age of five.

We hope that the newspaper office didn't take the 10-year-old boy incident only as a joke, or a funny piece to be read in the publication.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

SHIRLEY TEMPLE AND POLITICS

Mrs. Charles Black, otherwise known as Shirley Temple, has announced her candidacy for the House of Representatives. She wants to represent the constituents in San Mateo, Calif.

Naturally she is a Republican. I say naturally because she is already an odds-on favorite to win. The most successful Republicans are always amateurs. Look at Eisenhower. Look at Romney. Several other onetime political amateurs are guiding the destiny of California voters, notably Ronald Reagan, governor and George Murphy Senator.

If my logic seems specious it is no more specious than the reasoning of Republican professionals who manage with alarming regularity to find absolutely untrained candidates to run for important offices. Mrs. Black, or Shirley, is running on a platform pledged to healing our scarred morality. She may well have dispelled the black clouds of the Depression for many, but I for one find it hard to how she will "take care of the moral fiber of the society" as she puts it, in Washington, D.C.

No doubt the moral fiber needs constant repair but one would suspect the PTA or the Junior League, in both of which Mrs. Black boasts membership, are more than equal to the job. At least they say they are.

I always supposed Congress was a place where representatives in convention met to determine domestic and foreign policy, appropriate budget mo-

nies, and in general guide the life of the country. But then I'm forgetting the Mann Act, Prohibition, and all the obscenity laws. Moral fiber is always a concern with all the folks. Most of the folks are as unctuous about moral fiber as

No doubt the sophisticated reader will detect a note of jealousy in these passages. Jealousy it is. Sad but true. When a movie actor gets long in the tooth, he or she goes into government. When a creative writer finds the wellsprings of his inspiration drying up, he joins the academy and becomes a "writer-in-residence."

When a teacher gets bored with the illiteracy of his students, some foundation will coddly and comfort him. Old Generals become corporation presidents. But who takes care of the journalist? Nobody.

Let me assure the folks that journalists are a lot worse off than any movie actor. They get no subsidies, no grants; they are in essence the great capitalistic middle class with all of the tastes and none of the wherewithal.

I do not see why the state and federal apparatus have to protect those who now only populate the Late Show. Not that I am any better qualified for the Senate, the governor's mansion or the House, but I promise to let moral fiber take care of itself. One of the reasons moral fiber keeps shredding I suspect is that thousands of us are always busy at the warp and the woof. Too many cooks spoil character soup.

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

NEAR QUITTING TIME

There is a certain hamburger-café place in Nashville (Tennessee) that makes hamburgers out of this world. But the catch is: one of the waitresses is as "slow as kingdom come."

One Friday evening, I stopped to get one of the burgers and placed my order, and the "soul-brother" lass took her time. After sitting there for thirty minutes, she hadn't even bothered to put the meat patty on to start frying.

This was more than I cared

to take, and immediately I made my departure to another place that can give you a hamburger in just three minutes. (Soul Brothers establishments let this be your lesson. A hint to the wise is sufficient.)

FISH SAUSAGE
What will they think next? Sausage prepared from fish is providing a new item in London. A British research expert, Ian Richardson, said the fish sausage is one result of a governmental program aimed at developing new uses for seafoods.

Other Editors Say . . . Jobs On Basis Of New Definitions

WAR ON HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS

The Governor's Conference on Law and Order, gathered in Raleigh late last week, was an appropriate forum for Gov. Dan Moore in effect to declare war on the speeders and drinking drivers of North Carolina's highways. In announcing that the State Highway Patrol is receiving the latest detection equipment the Governor placed traffic law violators in the same category as looters, rioters, murderers and arsonists.

Perhaps that judgment sounds too severe to motorists most of whom speed occasionally and too many of whom drive after drinking - but the Governor justified it with a shocking account of the state's traffic toll for this year alone.

If the people who have died in traffic accidents in North Carolina were alive today, it would take 25 of those big cross-country buses to bring them to Raleigh for this meeting. Of course, a nursery would have to be provided, for many of our 1,300 fatalities were small children and babies. If it were possible to get together in one place all who have been injured in accidents this year, we could fill Carter Stadium.

Two of the major causes of highway deaths, driving at excessive speeds and driving while under the influence of alcohol, will now come under heavy attack by the State Highway Patrol. The number of "breathalyzers" which measure alcohol in the blood of apprehended drivers will be nearly doubled by adding 33 units to the 36 already in use by the state. But a more dramatic improvement in highway

safety may come from an astonishing new electronic device.

It is called "Vascar" - for "visual average speed computer and recorder" - and it is bad news for speeding drivers. It is about the size of a cigar box, and from a moving patrol car it accurately computes the speed of "target" vehicles traveling in any direction and records the speed on a graph. "In fact," Gov. Moore said, "there are 23 different ways in which the unit can be used to check the speed of suspected law violators." Vascar is being installed in 100 of our State Highway Patrol cars.

Twenty states are now testing the device; it already has been used on a large scale in Indiana, where its effectiveness has been hard to believe. Vascar's inventor told newsmen in Raleigh that it has brought 3,500 arrests in Indiana, that there have been only two "innocent" pleas and that no cases have been appealed.

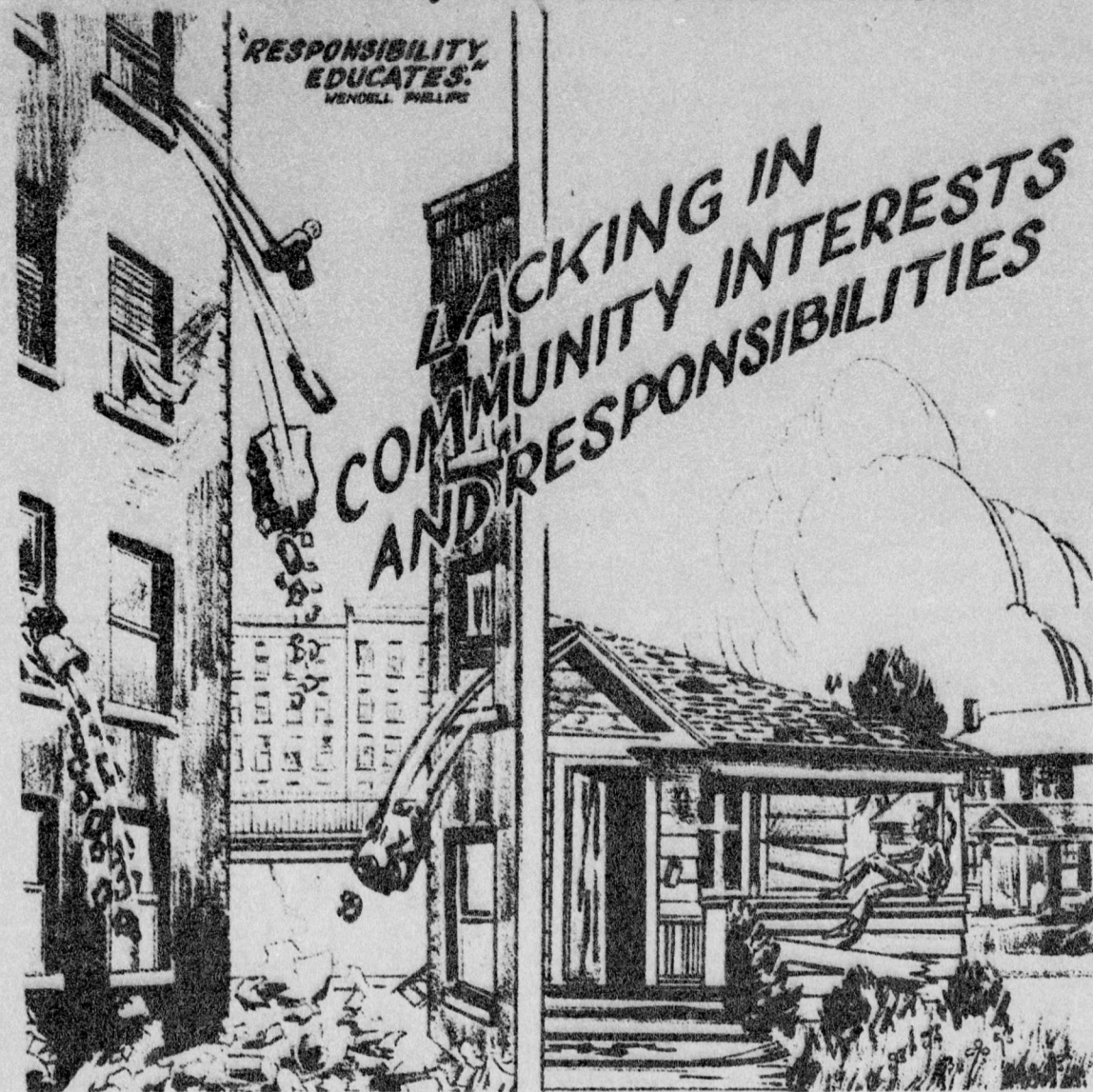
North Carolina has been testing the device for seven months, and before troopers begin using it on routine patrol they will be trained in special courses by community colleges. Gov. Moore said he wanted every driver to be aware of Vascar and its capabilities, so there will be a 30-day grace period before arrests are made with the 100 new devices. The reliability of the machine and the legality of the process will be determined in North Carolina courts.

In his conference speech, Gov. Moore urged all courts in the state to deal "firmly and quickly as well as fairly" with traffic law violators because of the seriousness of driving offenses. He noted that although traffic fines may be sufficient in some cases, "restriction of driving privileges is generally far more effective."

The Governor's ultimate appeal for traffic safety was to the motorists themselves. Startling statistics, elaborate detection machines and tougher sentences all are directed at the people who drive. Many accidents and traffic deaths are unavoidable, but many others are caused by drivers who speed or drink or simply get careless. The deaths of 1,300 North Carolinians in less than a year are as unnecessary as they are intolerable; perhaps the Governor's declaration of war on the problem eventually will make our highways truly safe.

- GREENSBORO DAILY NEWS

A Black Community Doesn't Have To Be A Ghetto!



Economic Highlights

As was expected, the President has asked Congress to impose income tax increases - a 10 per cent surcharge on both corporate and personal income. It seems certain that debate will be heated concerning the size of the increase, the effectiveness of such an increase in alleviating growing budget deficits, inflationary pressures and the impact of this course of action on the economy. On these points, there is sharp division of opinion in Congress, on the part of the general public and among members of the press.

The President has said that spending during the year, beginning July 1, 1967, can run as high as \$143.5 billion. This is some \$8.5 billion more than was expected last January. Federal revenues, it is now thought, will fall at least \$7 billion below January estimates which included the 6 per cent surcharge on personal and corporate income taxes then proposed. As things now stand, it is officially recognized that if no changes are made, the budget deficit could run to \$29 billion between now and the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968. The one thing on which there is general agreement is that such a deficit - the biggest since the end of World War II in 1945 - would be critical to the economic

stability of the United States. The President has said, "If left unattended, this deficit could cause a spiral of ruinous inflation which would rob the poor, the elderly, the millions of fixed incomes... brutally higher interest rates and tight money which would cripple the home builder and home buyer, as well as the businessman." It is estimated that the tax increase would bring in an additional \$7.4 billion. This combined with some minor economies and special financing authorization, the Administration now believes, would cut the budget deficit to "...somewhere in the area of \$14 billion to \$18 billion, depending on the appropriations."

To grasp the significance of these figures, one has to consider what they are likely to mean to the average family. First of all, they mean that there will be more taxes to pay. But, for the family budget, this is not the worst part of the news - inflation is to continue to take its bite out of the dollar's purchasing power. The Wall Street Journal observes, "...there's nagging doubt in the capitol that the tax increase can offset powerful inflationary forces even in part. The combination of huge government deficits, added infusions of credit, and climbing production and distribution costs could send prices up even faster than now, some officials fear."

Teachers Mean Business

Throughout the nation, teachers are protesting for increasing salaries, and rightly so. Being true to the humanitarian cause because of by-product rewards no longer has magnetic appeal, and why should it? Medical doctors take the oath in the interest of serving their fellow men, but they don't take cases just for the fun of it. They charge right down to the nose. It is alleged that in order to balance the budget in the medicare assignments, they have raised their fees. Most of these professionals are not in the game for peanuts. If you don't believe this try to get a doctor to come to your house when you are ill.

Realtors in charge of rental properties mean business, because if you don't pay the rent -- "out you go." It is just as simple as that. If a lawyer takes your divorce case, he wants one-half of his fee now, the remaining half before he hands you signed decree. No amount of "good neighbor policy," and I'll pay you later, persuades the attorney to plead your case in the interest of humanity.

Then, why should teacher be so magnanimous as to work at low salaries simply because the young must be educated. Actually, the salaries of teachers in most instances is so low that a male instructor does not earn enough to let his wife stay at home and rear the kids. If she does, he has to get an extra-part-time job on the side.

In Florida, for example, 35,000 teachers converged upon a designated city last week and held a protest rally. They have threatened to resign en masse; if they do, the schools will have to close.

This same thing could happen in North Carolina and elsewhere. Some citizens may say,

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let them resign; our superintendents will get local and volunteer persons, who are not educators, to fill the classrooms. However, when the educational curtain rings down, the mothers and fathers will protest that they don't want any "backstop" teachers.

The several states might just as well make up their minds to pay their teachers well, or they will go to states that do. For example, a speech correctionists in Mid-Eastern section was earning \$5,600 for nine months plus travel allowance. This same teacher has decided to go to a city in California where he will receive \$8,698 for nine months plus travel allowance paying 3 cents more per mile.

While we are discussing salaries, let us make the point about the differential in pay to white professors at state institutions of higher learning and those teaching in predominantly-Negro colleges. The differential ranges from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for same contracts on the assistant, associate, and professor levels. To give a good example, a white well-trained professor might receive \$18,000 for a ten-month contract, while his counterpart Negro professor might be paid \$12,000. In many cases, both men may have been trained, let us say, at the University of Michigan.

This is bold, willful deception and practice, and some Negro teacher should carry this kind of case to court and have the principle noticed once and for all. It should be observed, however, the one who carries his case to court may be fired. But don't worry, this may be the stepping stone to a better job.

The American people must get a new concept of the teacher of the 1960's. Most of them are well-prepared and they want good pay for it.