

Bible Thought Of The Week

"Only true security is found in God," said the Apostle Paul in one letter to Timothy. And he added, "I know whom I have believed." So many of us haven't learned this fact as of now, or maybe we have forgotten. Most of us place our security in bank bonds, savings deposits, and the acquisition of wealth.

To make us secure during times of illness, we pay premiums to some hospital and medical insurance plan. But before we buy, we want to know what benefits it has in store for us. Security is available to each one of us, if only we believe all things are possible with God.

Editorial Viewpoint

We Can Reduce Instances Of Drunken Driving

It is our belief that the trend toward the reduction of instances of cases of drunken driving can be effected, especially if we utilize the apropos know-how.

England appears to have reversed the rising trend of holiday traffic accidents by applying a stiff new law designed to keep drinking drivers off the streets and highways. The Ministry of Transport gave a preliminary estimate of 86 killed on the roads one week end period, compared to 136 for the first four days of same week last year. There were 2,730 accidents reported, compared to 3,699 last year.

The Royal Automobile Club said this past Christmas that traffic volume was down, indicating that drivers were staying off the streets and road to avoid being stopped by police who might require the apprehended drivers to take a mechanical test measure their blood-alcohol content.

Britain's drunk-driving test, which has been in effect since last October, has already brought noticeable

decline in highway death statistics in England. The results of the strict enforcement of the drunk-driving test seems to be paying off by reduction in traffic accidents and deaths.

Of course drunken-driving is not the only cause of traffic accident and fatalities. Hazardous highways and roads and speed driving has made its contribution to traffic tolls.

These and some other causes resulted in killing 44,600 persons and injuring 3,868,000 during 1966:

1. Driving on wrong side of road.
2. Exceeding speed limit.
3. Drove off roadway.
4. Did not have right of way.
5. Reckless driving.
6. Passing on wrong side.
7. Passing on curve or hill.
8. Failure to signal and improper signaling.
9. Cutting in.
10. Car ran away - no driver.

But of these ten causal factors, alcohol is a contributing factor in more than half of the fatal traffic accidents.

Need we say more?

Heart Transplant Is A Godly Miracle

In all seriousness, Dr. Christian N. Barnard, who has just performed the only two successful heart transplants in history, has been inspired by God to effect a most modern miracle for patients with certain symptoms of heart disease. For this reason, he has been described recently as a man "impatient of overcaution" and "filled with the spirit of adventure" (in a God-life manner).

Apparently, the Almighty has provided him with the qualities of "an artist, a perceptive novelist who, aware of all factors, has put them together when others would not." He has demonstrated that miracles can happen in the twentieth century.

Dr. Barnard's first patient survived slightly more than 18 days, but the operation proved a success in spite of the fact that case died from pneumonia. As in most things, chances are better the second time around. Therefore, prospects are bright for the 58-year-old South African dentist who received a new living heart from a young stroke patient who died recently. The dentist is beginning his period of adjustment and recovery.

A Mississippi First In Congress

On Tuesday of last week, Rep. Robert G. Clark walked into the Mississippi house of representatives to become the first Negro since the Reconstruction Period to serve in that body. The new member termed his reception by other lawmakers as "very warm."

One could say that a political miracle is happening in Mississippi, and that a new day is dawning in that state because of the recent election of Robert Clark as a representative.

This occurrence is indeed world-shaking when history reveals that not only has a Negro not served in the Mississippi House since the turn of the century, but Veteran capitol observers say no Negro visitor has been permitted to walk on the floor of the House in the memory of anyone now alive. While this may be historical, the fact should make every Mississippi citizen bow his head in shame.

Rep. Clark won by a narrow margin last November over veteran J. P. Love of Tchula in the race for the seat from Holmes County, a predominantly Negro County in the Mississippi delta.

The defeated Mr. Love did not take his defeat gracefully, but filed a challenge against Clark's seating earlier on the grounds he had not technically qualified as an independent can-

When the surgeon placed the young heart in the chest of the dentist, it began beating on its own without the electric shock used in the first human heart transplant. The patient regained consciousness soon after the surgery and his condition is described as "good."

That the dentist lived until the operation could be performed was indeed a miracle, for he was desperately ill with a damaged heart. He had to wait three weeks for a transplant.

Dr. Barnard may have set a new world record in the medical area of cardiac diseases. Twenty years from now the transplant of organs like the heart and liver, etc., may be routine surgical procedure. For this advance, we must thank imaginative surgeons who have received wisdom which came from God.

Since the attitude of the patient is important in any kind of illness recovery, doctors must forever rely upon the dynamics of the spiritual. The patient who believes that he can be healed is the one who profits most from his medical treatment.

didate for the November general election. However, the challenge was withdrawn.

From the files of history, Clark apparently became the first Negro to sit in the once all-white legislative halls in Mississippi since the 1890's when Isaiah Montgomery, once the slave of Jefferson Davis, help draft and sign the 1890 constitution, which remains in effect today.

If one wants a thumb-nail sketch of the new representative, Clark is a bachelor who wears horn-rimmed glasses and lives with his nephew on a 70-acre farm at Ebenezer, 14 miles south of Lexington. He is a member of both the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and the NAACP.

From what we learn Rep. Clark plans to enter into the routine of things. He said that he looked forward to the coming weeks of deliberation upon such matters as reapportionment. Clark acknowledges that being the only Negro in the House of Representatives might hamper his effectiveness, but added that it would not prevent his introducing bills.

With a positive approach to the work that lays ahead, we predict that Rep. Clark in God's own time will serve the State of Mississippi with loyalty and distinction. May Almighty God bless his initial efforts.

Only In America

BY HARRY GOLDEN

Some years ago I described my New Year's resolution to my readers as a solemn pact never to reveal my resolutions to the discriminating newspaper public. I have no intention today of breaching that solemn pact. As a matter of fact I have no resolutions.

But I can pass out some beads to the others. I think the airline companies should make a joint resolution to take the money out of advertising and invest it in the food. I fly frequently and far and in the last decade while the advertising has become glossier and more appealing, the food has become more and more like a gigantic leftover.

Serving food, snacks, champagnes, and peanuts to the passengers is part of the airline business. It takes the passengers' minds off the sense of impending disaster. I am all for it. But that rubbery omelet I've eaten countless times on the morning flight to New York is a disaster of sorts, too. An air plane has one virtue: it gets you there fast. The advertising agencies' ought to come down heavily on that with significant safety statistics to comfort me, not those caetera-a steaks.

All the book publishers ought to band together and pledge unstinting advertising efforts on behalf of all authors. A literate section of the country takes to "underground" books, those novels or studies which slipped into the stores either last month or years ago without fanfare or promotion but with such excellence that

they survive through the generations. But who with a family to support wants to be an "underground" writer? All of us want to be the number one best-sellers.

Last but not least are my neighbors all of whom I dearly love. There is one little resolve of community action they have yet to take. They have neglected to leash their dogs which roam through the neighborhood like a pack of marauding vandals. None of them do my young magnolia tree any good. I do not know what there is about that magnolia tree that so attracts them but attract them it does.

During the Charlotte election last Spring, one of the candidates visited me, soliciting my support. I told him that support was his for the asking if he would include in his platform a plank urging a leash-your-dog ordinance.

He simple gulped. He stared hard at me for several minutes. Deliberately he answered: "Harry, I seek your support because I am a liberal. The folks can stomach our stand on integration. They don't like it but they can put up with it. They're not too happy about the way we feel about unions. Nobody but you and I want to unionize all the 55-cent-an-hour laundry workers. We also annoyed the constituency plumping for Medicare and all the federal social legislation. But they will run us out of town if we promise we will make them leash their dog. Everybody has a dog."

Just For Fun

BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE

SO TRUE

The American way of life is the same of civilization as we view it today. Thus we can say that civilization is a system under which a man pays a quarter to park his car so he won't be fined a dollar while spending a dime for a nickel cup of coffee. (May we add that exclusive eating places have the nerve to charge fifteen and twenty cents for a cup of coffee. Where is civilization leading to anyway?) ATTA BOY, POP

When viewing his son's six-week report card, one father penned this stanza:

Report card time is here; My son thinks his is fine. It is, when it's compared With one he found of mine. It takes a broad-minded Dad to admit this fact.

RUN THROUGH FORTUNE Nothing shows up poor judgment of a person like inheriting a lot of money. (Remember two young men who inherited \$10,000 each upon reaching 21 years. Within three months, they had squandered every dime). This is both humor and tragedy.

JCSU SEMINARY CLOSED BY TRUSTEES

We heard the rumor, but now it is official that the century old Theological Seminary at Johnson C. Smith University will close at the end of the current academic year.

Naturally, there is opposition to the closing of the seminary by many friends and alumni. However, the voice of economic practicality stands firm on the issue and decision.

In a statement to the public recently, President R. P. Perry gave as one of the reasons for the Trustees' decision a \$10,000 deficit in the operation of the seminary last year. Any practical business man knows that such continued losses is sheer economic folly.

Then there is the matter of seminary enrollment. In all of 100 years of operation, the enrollment never exceeded at one time more than 35 students. Presently 24 students are on the register, and eight teachers give instruction to the few students. The teach-

er-student ratio is far from normal in this respect.

Although the Seminary is being closed, Johnson C. Smith University is going through a period of reorganization at the end of which it will open a unique center for continuing education to focus specifically on the social and economic problems of the Southeast.

In addition to the proposed Center for Continuing Education, the institution will establish a new department of business administration. The organization of this department comes in response to the need by business community for graduates who have training in this field. The department will provide majors in economics, marketing business management, and secretarial science.

The Theological Seminary will bow out after making an illustrious record. The first class to graduate from Biddle University consisted of three theologians in 1876. Since the founding 637 persons have received the bachelor degree in theology. During its 91 years of the ministers in four synods of the Presbyterian Church, USA before its merger with the United Presbyterian Church.

The demise of the Theological Seminary will mark the end of an educational tradition at JCSU. This is not to be scoffed at, especially when we remember that the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt answered the critics of his racial economic program with words something to this effect: "I hate traditions like the Devil Hates Holy Water."

The work of the Theological School can never be supplemented for its place and time in the affairs of men. As long as we have history, as long as we have alumni of the Seminary, one can never forget what those trainers of ministers did for more than four score years.

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The Thought Exchange

BY GORDON HANCOCK

"Away With Him! Crucify Him!"

Thus cried the blood-thirsty mob bent on the crucifixion of Jesus! In many ways it resembles a sentiment abroad in our land to crucify President Johnson which sentiment is incubated in the anti-Negro South and is sweeping the nation. It has spread like an evil contagion and not only is it still spreading, but intensifying as it spreads! Touched and alarmed by the spread of such sentiment, Inez Robb, one of the nation's most renowned syndicated columnists was moved to write an article pleading for amnesty for our great President as follows: "Would it be possible in the interest of national decency to declare a Christmas amnesty—say 48 to 72 hours on the obscene, continuous and scurrilous vilification of the President of the United States? The country no less than the President deserves a respite from the shrill charges that he is a murderer and worse, and a holiday from the sight of many pickets, seen in the communications media carrying placards reading 'Bastard Johnson, Your end is near' and similar sentiments not only vulgar but plainly threatening." The vocal and unbridled hatred for our President seems so closely akin to that which culminated in the death of the late President Kennedy, whose brains splattered the inside of a parading limousine by the bullets from an assassin's well-aimed, deadly weapon, which dastardly deed caused applause in the Texas school-room by the pupils of tender years. And the applause is that school room was nothing as compared with the silent applause in millions of human hearts "deep in the heart of Texas" and the Negro-hating South. Such vitriolic hatred quickens in the human heart the question put by Pilate to the mob that cried for the blood of Jesus "What evil hath he done?" The evil that President Kennedy had done was to array the powers of these United States against further segregation and subjugation of the Negroes of this country. The current bitter hatred of President Johnson likewise quickens the question "What evil hath our great President Johnson done that he is currently bitterly hated?" The answer is the same that

explains the untimely slaying of great John F. Kennedy, who died a martyr to the cause of Negro freedom. President Johnson's unpardonable sin has been his open declaration that the Negro's full citizenship is a part of the program of his proposed Great Society! And it is for this proposal that the prejudiced mob of this nation is crying with raucous voices "Away with him!" "Crucify him!" It is all about the Negro! It becomes all the more amazing to see some Negroes join with the mob and in its wicked cry!

In the long ago Isaiah wrote as a prophet of the coming Jesus and said of Jesus as a suffering servant: "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were, our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken and smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." In this graphic and dramatic description of the coming Jesus, Isaiah describes the lot of all those who suffer for others even President Johnson. Let us read the prophecy thus: "HE hath borne OUR griefs, and carried OUR sorrows; yet we did esteem HIM stricken and smitten of God and afflicted. But HE was wounded for OUR transgression, HE was bruised for OUR iniquities; the chastisement of OUR freedom was upon HIM and with HIS stripes WE are healed." The point here is what President Johnson is suffering is in large measure the price he is paying for proposing to include the Negro in his Great Society. And just as the Negro hating SOUTH hated Kennedy it hates nobly inclined Johnson. "Away with him!" "Crucify him!" Negroes, that cry is about you!

WE ARE VERY ANXIOUS TOO

(GUEST EDITORIAL)

Welcome Vice President Humphrey, and welcome to Mrs. Humphrey too. Mr. Humphrey is the Vice President of the United States and quite naturally the enthusiasm we show in our welcome is well to be expected for America has shown friendliness and a profound interest in the endeavors of our country.

We would however, like to give a special welcome to Mrs. Humphrey who is a symbol of perhaps the most dynamic human force in the United States -- American womanhood. The keen interest shown in the daily affairs of the state by the American woman and the tremendous support the men at the helm of affairs generally get from their women (who have the absolute freedom in choosing to remain unconcerned) is one of the most impressive aspects of American civilization -- something virtually unknown in several parts of the civilized world.

In his brief speech in reply to that of welcome by the Vice-Chairman of our National Liberation Council, Mr. Humphrey said among other things: "We have come to listen, to learn, and to help. We are anxious to begin."

Mr. Humphrey may assure the government and people of America, that we are more anxious to give them the opportunity than they can ever imagine. In his exercise of democracy, there is no easy, straight-forward approach if the liberty of the individual is to be

the supreme tenet of the society. Attaining the goal is really a "life-long" struggle. This we here are beginning. We hope what we experience in this exercise, will not be as painful as the experiences of other "well-established" nations. At the moment, however, this remains only a cherished hope.

Much will depend on the support those who are farther up the road will give us; not only in the matter of advice and material help, but more so by the good moral influence they are able to wield in the world through the conduct of their own national and international affairs.

If they fail in so doing, what hopes have we, the toddlers, in this journey towards peace, freedom and justice?

We are sincerely grateful for all the help from the USA both in the past and after our February Revolution in the last two years. The fact that the USA gave us help even during the past era when our government appeared to be hostile to her government, shows us that, America believes that we are capable and will achieve our national aspiration which are similar to theirs, even on our own.

The journey may be long and tedious, but like the people of that great country of America, we are also determined to get there, by hook or by crook.

Welcome to sunny Ghana! - GHANA DAILY GRAPHIC.

MARCH OF DIMES MONTH

Monthly bill-paying time is past. We hope you paid them all, but isn't something wrong? Could it be that somewhere under the clutter on your writing table or desk drawer is the March of Dimes mail appeal to help a child with birth defects.

Your March of Dimes is waiting for that envelope filled with your contribution. Your money will be channeled toward research, treatment and education in the field of birth defects.

The great majority of birth defects can be treated and completely corrected, if given are detected early and if given the best care known to modern medicine.

Medical care of this high quality is supported by The National Foundation-March of Dimes, now celebrating its 30th Anniversary. The organization has nearly 100 Birth Defects Centers at leading medical institutions throughout the nation.

Birth defects are a problem which has burdened man-

kind for so long, with so little attention, that many feel nothing can be done about it. As a result, thousands are needlessly deprived of a chance to lead useful lives. Too many children and adults are needlessly limited by severe mental or physical handicaps or are doomed to isolation in institutions.

Every year 250,000 American babies are born with birth defects. They urgently require help. Do your part by giving to the March of Dimes.

