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Should Stop Kidding

The esteemed News and Courier of Charleston avers over and again that "separation of the races is not white supremacy."

Under the "separate but equal" custom it has been possible to allocate 95 per cent of educational money available to the State to whites, to divert 99.95 per cent of a \$4,300,000 federal aid fund to white people, to place in public jobs, as well as public offices, a personnel which is 100 per cent white, establish courts and juries which obey the whims and wishes of the white people in dispensing "justice," and even circumvent the U. S. Constitution where the "rights" of Negroes are involved.

The News and Courier should stop trying to kid. The old, recorded facts cannot be reconciled with any other story than that in South Carolina "separation" and "white supremacy" are one and the same.

Playing Both Ends To The Middle

Richland County Sheriff Alex T. Heise, by record and of those who know him, is about as fine an officer, as ethical and "defendant of law and order" as there is to be found.

However, his double position in the "Edgewood rape" allows for speculation. To the State NAACP conference, and to a group of ministers with whom he conferred Wednesday, Mr. Heise condemned bitterly members of Edgewood posse, estimated at one time to number about 50 white men, among them teenage boys and at least one year-old, who are credited with a number of improper acts against Negroes.

Subsequently, and for the benefit of the other side, Mr. Heise is reported to have praised the posse and pledged intention to call upon it in emergencies. Further, he said for same benefit, authorized police officers had charge of the posse group. Evidently, he meant each "authorized posse group."

It is unthinkable that enforcement officers would enrage, or stand idly by, while persons under color of law would conduct unlawful searching, beat, rob and terrorize innocent citizens. It is unthinkable that enforcement officers would lead groups to ignite a flaming cross emblem of hoodlums and cowards, for the benefit of Negroes, would pitch flaming tar on a Negro home under shadows of the Governor's mansion or would touch off "smoke bombs" in the Waverley section.

Rumors are that some quarters plan to use the "Edgewood force" against Mr. Heise in next year's election, and for all we know now, may have originated the tale for that singular purpose. (Mr. Heise has two well known enemies in that section, not above having committed the attempt the woman claims.) But it appears that the honest sheriff must now play both ends and the middle.

An Example For Officers

For a night and day last week Columbia's police officers and detectives worked themselves to death hunting a suspect a white married woman claimed had attempted to assault her criminally at Pickens and Taylor streets.

At the end of 48 hours, after concentrating on the woman's account, they obtained her signed admission that the entire affair was the product of "imagination or too much to drink."

Full credit, in the form of appreciative letters, ought to be sent to Police Chief J. J. Campbell and Chief of Detectives Rawlinson. Just as they ought to be informed of incidents not considered healthy for the community, aided or initiated by men under them, they are due "thanks" for work well done.

Luckily, in this case the woman was unable to give the kind of "description" that would have landed some hapless, innocent and unsuspecting man in jail and, perhaps in the electric chair. She was not as thorough as some white women contending "attempted" rape. But in this "breaking of the case by officers is a moral other officers might note. Not all the women hollering "rape," especially the "attempted" cases, tell the truth. Many a Negro has landed in jail on a rape charge because of "imagination or too much drink" and not from the Negro side of the equation.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his bene-fits toward me?" Ps. 116:12

"It is the province of the church not only to offer salvation in the future, but to teach men how they ought to live in the present life." F. C. Monfort

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THE NEED FOR CHANGING

By JOHN H. McCRAY

"WE TOLERATE TOO MUCH" Sunday afternoon, in an informal chat, Dr. C. C. Spaulding president of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, whom I ran into at Atlantic Beach on the South Carolina coast, gave me some thoughts that just about clinch those we've always heard from Negroes about Negroes.

Mr. Spaulding, whose name will go down in history as the pioneer of big Negro business in this country, wasn't talking for newspapers. He was talking to me as one member of our race to another member.

And I confessed frankly that I was stunned more than once by his unclothed frankness and similarity in ideas and methods of solutions and those of the confirmed "radical."

First, he tickled me into biting at two questions: "When will America resolve its minority problems?" and "When will the Negro resolve his problems?" I had a quick ready answer for the first one, but found myself stuck suddenly for an answer to the second.

This amused the Dur-ham sage. "That's a tough one, isn't it?" he laughed. "Wonder if there's anybody who knows the correct answer?"

Then, I listened as he talked. Two special groups among Negroes got a good going-over. The first is that street corner bloc common to every community, which makes a fool out of itself and the entire race out of itself and the entire race out of itself. The second group is that of so-called "leaders," especially a certain element among the preachers who "uncle-tom" their way through services and advice on Sundays and vacation the other six days.

The soundest group of Negroes Dr. Spaulding notes in his better than 60 years' around is the middle-class group which observes the rules of public conduct, maintain firm maintenance of all rights due to the citizens and never forget that one of the "best ways to win liberty is being less tolerated or satisfied."

Reporter's Beat

By YE OLDE SCRIBE

VISITING Mr. Luther P. Jackson, columnist for the Journal and Guide of Norfolk, Va., was a Columbia visitor early this week, guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Simkins. While here he conferred with editor John H. McCray of The Lighthouse and Editor George B. Record and other community leaders.

ON TRIP HERE Charles Fitzgerald of Myrtle Beach was in town Tuesday to locate some equipment he had difficulty locating down state. He is the gentleman who has built a \$63,000 motor court for his race.

TO SCHOOL Rollin P. Greene, of the Allen University faculty, left the city this week to complete work on his Master's degree at the University of Michigan.

BIRTHDAY It was a brand new fine and excellent birthday for Miss Jennie E. Young, Anti-Tuberculosis

U. S. Prosecution

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officials in Washington remarked that discussions which are continuing have included mention of the Greenville case.

VIOLATIONS OF CODE The Justice Department is also looking for possible violation of Section 51 and 52 of the United States Code.

Section 51, Article 18, provides: "If two or more conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right secured to him by the Constitution or because of his having so exercised same, or if two or more persons go in disguise on the highway or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured they shall be fined not more than \$5,000 and imprisoned not more than 10 years."

Section 52 reads: "Whoever, under color of law, willfully subject or cause to be subjected, and inhabitants of any State to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States, or shall subject any such inhabitants to different punishments, pains or penalties, on account of such inhabitants being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for punishment of citizens, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years or both."

The Justice officials explained that "civil rights" is the only angle on which they can be basis for further consideration of the lynching case.

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Much About Much

By W. EUGENE SIMMONS

THEY TALK TOO MUCH On buses, trolleys, trains they give out with the boisterous gumbeat just as though there were none other than themselves as passengers.

They spew their personal affairs, and they rake "the m-a-d-a-m" and "the boss" over the coals in voices pitched high enough for everybody to hear; and they are most adept at throwing around inane and pointless sarcasms if pale faces are present. They are instant in their weeping in pity as she looks down upon them; because they talk too much!

THEY TALK TOO MUCH They pitch their parties, and justify their having "a good time" by loud talk, loud singing and "loud" actions. Not infrequently is the switch blade pressed into service to "further" "loudness" their parties—and there is a painted and painted expression on the face of Frederick Douglass looking down upon them; he asks himself "Is THIS what I fought so hard for?" because they talk too much!

THEY TALK TOO MUCH They "lounge" on street corners and let with language that's loud, loose and lewd. With their morose minds "inspired" by the pseudo god of Sex, every female passerby comes in for a comment "pass" that is badly uncouth, or direct suggestive and filthy. A deep sorrow overcomes the graphic features of their mouths; because they talk too much!

THEY TALK TOO MUCH Toward the end of his address Mr. Wallace urged the abolition of the poll tax and "other hindrances to free franchise," the establishment of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission with power putting the power of the federal government behind law enforcement officers who want to thwart those who take the law into their own hands, and aid to the practice of Congressmen of using their immunity from libel to sneer any American who suggest we practice democratic and Christian principles.

Two More Lynchers (Continued from page one) The Lynch group \$100 or 30 days for firing a pistol in the city limits. Welford Arthur and three other Negroes testified that Hendrix was which were affected by the war and transportation difficulties. Although the report opens officially July 1, it was difficult to find housing accommodations last Sunday, two weeks before the usual pilgrimage to the pilgrimage.

Also noticed by me was the expansion of concerns on the highway (U. S. 17) and on a second mile-long street, which is now in the process of development.

Of this, however, there is certainty you can have a fine vacation, week end or overnight escape from the hot city or town heat at the beach. You can dip on the ocean, rolling on a splendid strand or you can back fairly good meals and good sleeping accommodations, in well managed places.

Practice Democracy (Continued From Page One) of peace, Mr. Wallace said, adding: "I am primarily concerned with influencing the policies I can help to change."

"I am primarily concerned with conforming our own American practice conforming to American principles. I can share with millions of my fellow Americans a conscience. I can get as indignant as any man at the suppression of civil liberties anywhere in the world."

"But I admit to a certain shame when I hear some of our official statements of protest about election methods in Eastern Europe and look at the same time at certain election methods in South Carolina and Kansas City."

He added that the "Discrepancy

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Gilbert was shot by the Hamilton police chief who entered his jail cell to get a confession as a David-son crime confederate and claimed that he was attacked by the colored man.

BEATEN BODY Undertakers who embalmed the body of Gilbert said it appeared that the victim had been beaten and crushed before being shot. His ribs appeared to have been washed in the skull fractured and his broken, giving evidence of a terrific encounter with more than one person.

The arrest of Mrs. Gilbert came as a surprise in the chain of events of terrorism that have occurred in the Union Springs community following the slaying of the white man. At the funeral of her lynched husband, Mrs. Gilbert told relatives and friends that "Peg" had nothing at all to do with Davidson's escape. He presumably was at the church the night of the slaying, but like the rest of the members fled home following the shooting.

Troup county officials, trying to lay the blame on somebody after the alleged slayer fled, seized members of the family of the accused man as well as others in the community including Gilbert, one of the few independent farmers.

STILL MISSING Exact whereabouts and the condition of the father, a brother and a sister of Gus Davidson, the accused slayer, has not been revealed since their arrest and incarceration in the Columbus jail. At last reports, Willie Davidson, a brother of the accused, was in such poor condition, from beating that he could not turn over in his jail cell.

Even friends of the families of those directly or indirectly involved in the churchyard slaying apparently have been afraid to approach their dwelling places or to associate with them it has been revealed.

The Citizens Defense Committee, the Rev. W. H. Borders, chairman, has entered the case in an effort to protect families from further terrorism and to allay the general fears of the community and state.

Governor M. E. Thompson has been apprised of the seriousness of the situation in Troup county. The Governor has promised to put the forces at his command into an investigation of the lynching and the state of terrorism.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been notified and given facts in the case. The FBI stated it would not be able to give police protection in the terrorized community, but would turn the facts over to Washington.

Mrs. Gilbert was arrested at her farm home early Sunday morning as she and her daughters were preparing to go to Sunday School, and was denied bond until Monday morning. A hearing set for 10 a. m. Friday morning at LaGrange. A citizens committee, headed by Dr. W. H. Borders of Atlanta has obtained a counsel for Mrs. Gilbert.

Action Of (Continued from page one) He cited the many so-called benevolences rendered by the order and denied that the Klan was a profit organization. The attacks and accusations hurled by officials and the press against the Klan following its reorganization were "much to do about nothing," said Mr. Belser.

The press was "unaware of the Klan's purposes and jumped to conclusions," said the attorney. The vilification and hate for the Klan revealed by the press were acts which created such organizations as the

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