



# STROM THURMOND TO THE PEOPLE

## AMENDMENT OF DUBIOUS ORIGIN

The proponents of the so-called civil rights proposals before the Senate talk mostly about voting rights which are covered by the 15th Amendment. In actuality, the majority of the proposals are centered around the 14th Amendment. For instance, of the seven sections in the basic amendment which has been before the Senate, only two deal with voting. Of the 22 pages in the amendment, only 5 1/2 deal with voting rights. Thus, the amendment of dubious origin—the 14th—is the true fountain of difficulty.

In 1867, the former States of the Confederacy had re-established their State governments in pre-war form and elected Senators and Representatives to Congress. The Congress, dominated by the hate-inspired Thaddeus Stevens, refused to seat these newly-elected representatives in flagrant violation of the constitutional provisions that "no State, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate" and "each State shall have at least one representative." By illegally refusing to seat these Senators and Representatives, the neces-

sary two-thirds majority in both Houses was obtained to propose the 14th Amendment. Even this was possible only after unseating one Senator from New Jersey to reduce the membership and thereby, the required two-thirds, by one vote. This step in itself was in violation of the Constitution.

Ten Southern States and four others promptly rejected the amendment. This constituted a rejection by more than one-fourth of the 37 States then in the Union. The Congress passed the Reconstruction Act, which was vetoed by President Johnson because it was patently unconstitutional. Congress over-rode the veto.

The Reconstruction Act put the Southern States under martial law, and, by its terms, ratification of the 14th Amendment was made a condition of reinstatement to the States of statehood and representation in Congress. The Act inconsistently denied recognition to the States for the purpose of exercising any of their constitutional prerogatives, while presupposing their capacity to ratify a constitutional amendment as a State.

The rape of the South which followed under military rule accomplished the desired farce. Puppet or quisling State governments, estab-

## U. S. 221 Improvement Contract Is Awarded

A contract for the widening and paving of over four miles on U. S. Route 221 above Laurens has been awarded by the State Highway Department to Hunter Brothers Construction Co., of Gray Court.

The contract was made public in a letter of award February 26 from Chief Highway Commissioner Claud R. McMillan and was based on the firm's low bid of \$282,993, submitted when bids were publicly opened in Columbia November 17.

Included in the contract is the grading, macadam base course and asphaltic concrete surfacing of 4.583 miles on U. S. 221, from South Carolina Route 49 at Watts Mills to Road 343 above Ora.

lished by the military, went through the form of ratifying the Amendment. In Louisiana, the federal military commander had the audacity to preside over the Legislature to assure ratification.

California has still never ratified the 14th Amendment. Ohio and New Jersey, who ratified the Amendment, withdrew their ratification by formal legislative act prior to the declaration of adoption by the Secretary of State. The Secretary refused to acknowledge the withdrawal.

The Supreme Court has refused to decide on its validity on the ground that the question is political rather than judicial. The highest court of almost every state has decided that such a question is not political but legal.

Such is the sordid history of the "amendment" which has spawned most of the so-called civil rights proposals.



## Read John 3:31-36 Our Father who art in heaven. (Matthew 6:9)

An elderly woman wished to join the church. She had never learned to read or write. As a part of her training, the pastor sought to have her learn the Lord's Prayer. "It starts this way," he said. "Our Father who art in heaven." "Does that mean that God is my Father?" the woman asked. "Yes," the minister said, "that's what Jesus teaches us about God."

"Then, pastor," the woman replied, with tears upon her cheeks, "I don't need to learn any more. Since God is my Father, that's all I need to know."

What a glorious blessing it is to know and believe that God is our loving Father! How wonderful to know that every moment of our lives He loves us and cares for us! He seeks us when we go astray, even as we do our children.

We need not fear! In moments of doubt and discouragement, His eternal presence is ever near to give strength and faith. Never can we say that we face life alone, for God our Father is always with us. He will strengthen us when we open our hearts to Him.

### PRAYER

We thank Thee, our Father, for the wonderful knowledge of Thy eternal presence. Help us always to know that Thou art not far from us at any time. Help us to trust in Thee; through Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God our Father loves us and will care for us every day of our lives. John Ambler (Michigan)

World-wide Bible Reading—Deuteronomy 31:16-28

## Public Records

The following public records were filed the past week at the office of the Clerk of Court of Laurens County:

A. E. Holton to G. O. Wood and Nell Wood, lot in Greenwood on Lake Greenwood for \$250.00.

W. E. Dunlap, Clerk of Court, to Harold Witt, 113.5 acres and 5 acres in Waterloo Township for \$3,700.00. James O. Abercrombie to James H. Nelson, 3 acres in the Shiloh community for \$150.00.

Mrs. Cora V. Peden to James B. Taylor, lot in Dials Township near Greenpond Methodist Church for \$10.00, love and affection.

F. B. Hellams and Belle S. Hellams to Donald G. Nelson, lot on South Carolina Highway No. 24 for \$5.00, love and affection.

Gray Court Lumber and Supply, Inc., to James A. Crisp, Jr., and Kathleen C. Crisp, quit claim deed to lot in Dagnall Circle, Laurens, for \$3.00.

William J. O'Bryant, Jr., and Sara Janelle O'Bryant to James A. Crisp, Jr., and Kathleen C. Crisp, quit claim deed to lot in Dagnall Circle, Laurens, for \$3.00.

M. H. Burns to Myra Young 2 acres in Hunter Township for \$1.00. Carl S. McSwain to Joseph M. Parsons, 2 acres in Youngs Township for \$300.00. Wilbur B. Culbertson to Ruby B.

### CREDITORS' NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Larry B. Dillard, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, duly verified, with the undersigned, and those indebted to said estate will please make payment likewise.

WREN HAFNER DILLARD, EMILY LEWIS DILLARD, Executors  
March 4, 1960 3c-M-24

### FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 12th day of April, 1960, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of Lyde T. Hipp in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a. m. and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Executor.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

HENRY M. HUNTER, Executor, Clinton, S. C.  
March 8, 1960 4c-M-31

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ma Irby, Enoree.  
C. L. Braswell to Shell Homes, Inc., 2 acres about 8 miles north of the City of Clinton, for \$3,030.00.

Mildred T. Rice to L. E. Jenkins and Clara Farmer Jenkins, lot on Blalock Drive, Joanna, for \$10.00 and other valuable considerations.

Modern Homes Construction Co., to Carolina Milling Co., lot in Scuffletown Township for \$1,400.00.

Frances Hazle to Clyde Baker, lot in Cross Hill Township for \$50.00.

W. Frank Smith to Leroy Hurley and Margaret Hurley, 4 1/2 acres about 2 miles east of Gray Court, for \$450.00.

Richard Owings to Lillie Mae Thompson Owings, 3 acres in Waterloo Township for \$1.00, love and affection.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED**  
Wilbur Benet Culbertson, Laurens, and Wilma Madden Spearman, Laurens.

Jason Allen Waldrop, Fountain Inn, and Vicky Lily Ann Spoon, Fountain Inn.

Ulysses Sprouse, Woodruff, and Kathleen Esther Roberts, Greenville.

Thomas Sanders, Enoree, and Al-

Charles Alexander Gotshaw, Fountain Inn, and Lela Mae Shipman, Fountain Inn.

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HAVE A TEENAGE TALKATHON at your house? From what I've noticed, busy, vivacious teenagers just love to telephone buddies, classmates, dates. And why shouldn't they? But wouldn't it be a joy to the whole household if Sis had her own extension, in the bedroom perhaps. And wouldn't she be tickled with a phone in one of the pretty colors available. Why not surprise her, and while you're at it, perhaps an extra phone in your kitchen or family room would add convenience and pleasure to your living! Why not give us a ring?

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