

# We've Been WONDERING

WHY Negro poet William Stanley Braithwaite's works aren't utilized in CERTAIN Theological Seminaries. His sensitivity to the delicate, beauty of soul, and compassion for mankind are qualities not always found among many unhipped members of the cloth who, seemingly, are interested only in projecting their own image. The thought occurs that very recently, an occasion arose where one of those unhipped servants of the Lord let our MASTER down pretty badly because of his inability to cope. So easily, poet Braithwaite's classic "EXIT" would have been so appropo. Po Henry feels so strongly about it, he quotes it here.

"No, his exit by the gate  
Will not leave the wind ajar;  
He will go when it is late  
With a misty star

One will call, he cannot see;  
One will call, he will not hear;  
He will take no company  
Nor hope or fear

We shall smile who loved him so -  
They who gave him hate will weep;  
But for us the winds will blow  
Pulsing through his sleep"

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WHY of all the insurance agencies (other than "Herberts"), the Austin Agency is a stand-out as one insurance outfit geared to take care of the individual's car needs at the right prices--and not exploiting Bro.

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WHY that "gentleman" showed his total lack of class by showing up at that swank formal ball, escorting his elegantly gowned lady fair, wearing a sports leather jacket.

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WHY since reaching the age of consent that classy lass, obviously over-impatient to taste the joys of life, doesn't stick to her own "class"? Coping with them is her particular cup of tea, but unless she has a built in immunity against a life of broken promises, she'd better forget it when it comes to moving out of the circle she charms.

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WHY instead of complaining to friends and neighbors about those unscrupulous individuals who are past masters in the fine art of exploiting "Soul" folks by way of contract malpractices, the victims don't get in touch with the Better Business Bureau - 318 Charleston Blvd. Phone - 382-7268. (Ed's note -- How 'bout the D.A.'s office, Hank? It is likely that some of these practices are actionable--a.k.)

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WHY the sequences of 4-14-19-20-25-35-39-40 and 67-68-69-70-76-77-78-79, are supposed to be lucky for persons born in February, March and April.

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WHY those companies (which are many) whose "Charlie" representatives service Bronzeville, don't double check those taller than tall tales told about the people who make their living possible? Most everyone appreciates a realistic and honorable association - And NO ONE has the right to tarnish any group's image.

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WHY members of that family (especially the wife) who have suffered many acts of brutality and violence by the beast who would have folks believe the only difference between him and St. Peter is that "Pete's" up there and he's down here, don't stop whining and crying and take positive action? That is unless they are just naturally gluttons for punishment!

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WHY by odd coincidence (or could it be a fad we're not hipped to) two ladies Po Henry knows quite well, who are both sporting eyes that look suspiciously like what is usually termed "shiners", seem happy as larks with nary a dark glass in sight?

## Wallace In Spoiler Role

TULARE, Calif. - (NPI)--Ex-Governor George C. Wallace may not be elected President next year, but he'll have a good chance of throwing the election into the U.S. House of Representatives.

That is the prediction being made as the segregationist candidate picked up considerable support from whites jittery about mounting racial unrest.

The former Alabama governor, whose staff is hard at work in this city, is said to have a good chance of having his name put on the California ballot as a third-party Presidential candidate next year.

He was especially strong in areas near Negro communities. In Bell Gardens, a largely white neighborhood near Watts, the American Independent party, which is supporting Wallace, was claiming that it has become the majority party.

STATEWIDE, he isn't doing quite that well. The California poll predicted that he would get about 11 per cent of the vote in a general election. But even that percentage could produce an election deadlock that could result in no major candidate winning in California.

And if this happens in enough states, no candidate would come up with a majority of the electoral votes. And thus the election would be thrown into the House of Representatives, where each state would have one vote in electing the President.

Wallace's backers openly admitted their "spoiler" role in the Presidential race. They weren't seriously hoping to win, but they were hoping to siphon off just enough support in each of the states to keep the major Republican and Democratic candidates from getting a majority of the electoral votes.

The result would be election chaos--just the thing that would put Wallace in the driver's seat.

Throwing the election into the House of Representatives would give Southerners power they've never had before. To be elected, a President would have to agree to their terms, as Southern Congressmen and their allies would have as many votes as Northern representatives.

BESIDES, THE national confusion over the election would produce just the desired anxiety and perplexity that would turn Americans toward a demagogic candidate like Wallace--or someone of his choosing.

Wallace is an especial threat in the 1968 Presidential elections, in which no major candidates are yet running strongly.

Several national polls have indicated that President Johnson is losing popularity over the Vietnam issue--development that could weaken Democratic chances in 1968, regardless of whom the party nominates.

And the Republicans have yet to come up with a strong contender against Mr. Johnson.

The more Wallace continues to rail against open housing, "rioters, anarchists, and Communists," the more popularity he gains among fearful whites--and the more he becomes a candidate to worry about.

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Gee Baby, ain't I good to you!

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WHY that sick personality who seems to be at war with the world and who creates problems like they're going out of style, doesn't trade his neuroses for a set of new ones that might lead him to zero his hostilities in on a central worthy target--like going out in the desert and throwing rocks and boulders at one specific location, thereby building a lasting stone monument to his 24-hour-a-day dedication to vexation and ire.

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HENRY 'P.' (for 'Puzzled')

## DOINGS AT THE ELKS

Among the festive events planned for the Yuletide season by brothers of Paran Lodge #1508 will be a surprise "Big Happening"--so come on over to the Elks Lodge, 1004 W. Owens Ave. (West Owens Shopping Center) and make the scene which is now open to the public seven days a week from 10 a.m. until the last thirst is sated.

Jimmy Love, Elks House Committee Chairman, announced that the Pool Tournament which kicks off every Saturday night at 9 p.m., is attracting all the "cue experts" and everybody is welcome to participate in the weekly tournament. Pool Champ for the week is Jimmie Whitley. William Andrews and Billy Jo Fraley (in that order) are 1st and 2nd place runners-ups for the week.

## MAKE IT A SAFE XMAS

The Las Vegas Police Department suggests the following general rules for safeguarding your property against loss to thieves.

### SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOME:

1. When you move into a new house, or apartment have the locks re-keyed immediately.
2. Use pin tumbler locks on outside doors. If your door has a glass panel, use a double cylinder lock requiring a key inside.
3. Put a chain lock on your front door. Keep it short so no one can reach in to unfasten it from the outside.
4. Wherever possible have a peephole installed in your front door.

### WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME:

1. Don't leave your door unlocked or ajar even when you are at home.
2. Don't open your door to strangers, keep it chained.
3. DO demand credentials before admitting salesmen or repairmen. If you are suspicious call the police.
4. Be wary of wrong number telephone calls, especially if they are frequent. Often they are made to find out if anyone is at home.

The Las Vegas Police Department wishes you a happy and safe Christmas season.

## Warning Issued On Drinking & Driving

CARSON CITY--More and more we're beginning to realize how often alcohol is involved in traffic accidents. With these words, Nevada Highway Safety Coordinator E. H. (Bud) Miller sounded an especially important warning for the holidays ahead.

"New studies show that drinking is involved in as many as half the fatal traffic accidents," the safety official emphasized. "These estimates involve no special time of year; so during the season of parties and celebrations, the implications are even more frightening."

Miller's forewarning was clear: If the holidays are to be kept from being disastrous for many people and many cars in Nevada, care and common sense adjustments will have to replace the usual holiday carelessness.

"Alcohol dulls our senses and deadens restraints that usually govern our behavior," he continued. "In short, liquor influences us to take chances and do things we normally wouldn't do."

Take such a carefree attitude with you behind the wheel of your car and mix it with holiday pressures, last minute rushes and adverse weather, the stage is set for a personal disaster.

"Be sensible," he urged. "Don't abuse traditional holiday conviviality. Horrible traffic crashes are only one of the tragic consequences that are possible."

"I can't be any more explicit than that; and I can't argue with the research findings of alcohol's adverse effects upon driving behavior. In the final analysis, what our holiday traffic record turns out to be this year will depend upon how well you adjust your actions to the cold, hard facts of reality. The answer's up to you," Miller declared.

