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Open Forum

Practicing And Preaching

Editor The News-Herald:

I am a Negro mother with seven school - age children, born in Burke County. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Dell Wilson for her Christian stand and the ability to be flexible enough to change when the situation merits change.

It is surprising to me, in this day and time when the world is changing so fast, that members of the Recreation Foundation would be so stubborn and dictatorial that they would refuse to listen and discuss this serious problem confronting all of the citizens of Burke County.

There are many questions that worry me about the Foundation's action, but two haunt me most. (1) Why does the Foundation refuse to talk? (2) Why did they refuse to try

the gradual approach to the problem? Are they afraid our Burke County Christians believe in brotherhood?

In regards to the Negroes being patient, we have waited one hundred years for freedom. Unless you have felt this real thing called second-class citizenship (I have) you can't possibly understand how demoralizing and degrading it is.

There are churches in Morganton and Burke County sending missionaries to foreign countries teaching their people about the Bible, the love of Jesus Christ, and to "love thy neighbor as thyself." But I say practice what you preach.

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