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Claude Caradine, 75, of 3761 Faxon, retired manager of shoe department of Oak Hall downtown.

Mrs. Tina M. Davies, 67, of Brighton, Tenn., wife of Harold J. Davies.

Hilary F. Linder, 88, of 4829 Kaye, a retired lumberman.

Joe Mike Morris, 53, of Huntington, assistant parts manager of Road Builders Equipment Co.

Mrs. Annie Lee Rowe, 84, of Rossville, Ga., retired teacher at South Side High School.

David Sternberger, 66, of 198 Belhaven, owner of Sternberger & Co.

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By THOMAS BeVIER

A gloomy future in the face of great opportunity was forecast for Southern cities yesterday by a speaker at the L. Q. C. Lamar Society.

He was Dr. Joel L. Fleishman of North Carolina, who is now associate provost for urban studies at Yale University. He supported his opinion with quantities of statistics and closed with a bare-knuckled swipe at President Nixon.

For most of the nation, choice of city style is no longer possible; for them it is too late," he said. "For the South, there is still time, but it is running out. The main cause for a man to look about Southern cities is that we may fail to enable them to become that which at present they still have the potential of becoming."

He said the cities of the South are still small enough and still young enough to "become the qualitative benchmarks of urban civilization."

His gloomy conclusion was tied primarily to what he sees as the inability and unwillingness of Southern cities to handle racial problems.

He accused the South of being "blind to the despair of Northeastern and North Central cities which lack our freedom to choose." He said statistics show the Southern cities have been becoming more racially segregated residentially than the rest of the country. In Memphis, he said, racial segregation in housing increased from 79.9 percent in 1940 to 92 percent in 1960.

"Unless we can integrate existing suburbs or build new suburbs where blacks can in fact live, blacks are going increasingly to be cut off from jobs," he said.

He said segregation of schools fosters racism for both blacks and whites and accused President Nixon of reversing a trend toward "gut acceptance" of integration.

"Does the President seriously believe that he can play politics with the education of black and white children without bringing to the fore another generation of Southern politicians who hope to be elected to office by turning whites against blacks?" he asked.

Dr. Fleishman was one of a dozen speakers yesterday who went on to speak on the topic "The Emerging South" in the Lamar Society's meeting at the Holiday Inn-Riverfront. The society is composed of persons who describe themselves as being "committed to bringing constructive change to the South."

Maynard Jackson, Atlanta's Negro vice mayor, said that the solution to problems must be found in politics. And he said the main problem is one of bringing people out of poverty. He minimized the possibility of this being done by economic means.

A professor of economics at the University of Texas, Dr. Ray Marshall, said the South must concentrate on people's needs of an integrated society.

"Those who think that by sending blacks out of the region they can correct their educational and welfare problems are wrong," he said. Those familiar with the Mississippi Delta know that you wind up exporting the most productive and are left with the real welfare problem - the aged and disabled."

In varying degrees, all the speakers emphasized the racial problem as being the paramount issue in the South's future.

In addressing himself the educational problems of the South, Dr. Alexander Heard, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, said the most important feature was the manner in which the Supreme Court decision of 1954 "was accepted and was not accepted."

"The way the South responded as a whole contributed crucially to the loss of confidence by black citizens and others in the efficacy of the legal system."

He said that "nothing I read or see anywhere suggests to me that black students will receive the educational resources they need and want in segregated schools or that black and white students will receive their educational experiences of an integrated society they both need for the larger Southern future."
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