

Plain Talk By Dan Gardner

MORE ABOUT THE WENDELL WILKIE AWARDS AND HOW ONE EDITOR VIEWS THE IDEA

A west coast paper took this columnist to task the other week on a piece we did on the recently established Wendell Wilkie Award for the annual best of Negro journalism. The columnist in question declared: "After reading through what Mr. Gardner might easily have said in half the space he used, we are of the opinion that he is annoyed at a leaf in the wind."

"We believe there are far too many sizeable profits and satisfactions... economic and intellectual in journalism, white or black, for those who ply the trade to turn their noses to exclusive pursuit of so modest a prize. But Mr. Gardner is heartily convinced that the white communitarian, particularly the southern ones, constitute a league for false altars by which Negro journalism will be turned downstream to its degradation, all because the awards depend on their judgments. That he takes for granted the white communitarian will use their position for such purpose is a mean prejudice in the first place; secondly, it is an obvious fact that when and if Negro journalism lights out for hell, it will be under orders from the owners of Negro publications and not in headlong chase for Mr. Wilkie's award. And we are sure that Mr. Gardner would be insulted at the suggestion that either his viewpoint or principles could be altered for the consideration of \$500. "If editorialial candor is confined to any deep feelings, he would be on sounder ground directing his emotions to the support of a clean-up campaign for Negro journalism rather than expatiating on his misgivings about the judges of it.

"Journalism is a craft and, like all other crafts, it has ethical, precept and mechanical standards for guide-posts to excellence which will prevail despite the lure of its insatiable. The sudden downfall of Mr. Wilkie's bequest apparently has distracted Mr. Garner beyond the point of considering whether Negro journalism has any excellence to judge, no matter who sits in judgment.

"Admittedly, the Negro Press has in late years served well, particularly in these war years has it been in the forward part of the battle for democracy but whatever success has been achieved by it, whether aided or by boilerousness and emphatically not by its quality of workmanship. And now that there is a Wilkie Award, the custodians of it are going to be hard pressed to make dispensations of it which criticism is to be craftsmanship. Come award time, the judges are going to have to wade through a mass of excellently written pieces, oozing with bad taste and bulging with weeping ignorance, and the white judges involved wouldn't accept from their cup reporters. Ill at ease, they'll arrive at some nominations after thumbing their way through pages and pages of exploitative advertisement leading the special potency of "Come Back Oil," "John the Conqueror Love Potions,"

SOUTHERN PINES

By Mrs. Alice V. Grady

Pte. James L. Harrington of Eglon Field, Fla., visited his mother, Mrs. Loretta Harrington over the week end.

Lynwood Sterling Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Willis, celebrated his fifth birthday Sunday, February 11, 1945, at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Emma P. Brown.

These attended were Misses Georgia Mac Minns, Ornica Davis, Elizabeth Alford, Gertrude Caldwell and Master Junior Carpenter, Ernest Peterson and Bobby Digs.

Lynwood's father is now serving with the Navy in the South West Pacific. He sent his son a cablegram, wishing him a happy birthday.

His mother teaches at Short Junior School in Smithfield.

Jesse Graham, Petty Officer, S-1, U. S. Navy, was on duty here for a short while Graham Petty Officer here, returned to Port Hueneme, California, Naval Training Base, where he is stationed. Mrs. Graham and son is expected to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Nora Bowman, before joining her husband again.

Mrs. Bertha Paterwine of Southern Pines, died February 11, 1945 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma P. Brown, after five weeks of illness.

Mrs. Paterwine was born near Fayetteville, in the days of slavery. She was one of the oldest and respected residents of this town. She was the mother of the Missionary Baptist Church for many years, and the widow of Henry Paterwine, deacon of the same church.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, February 12, 1945. Rev. A. J. Williams conducted the funeral services. Her neighbors and friends were well represented.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Emma P. Brown of Southern Pines; Mrs. Dora P. Griffin of Hamlet; and Mrs. Gertrude F. Fletcher of Summit, N. J. Eight grand children, one great grandchild and one son-in-law.

JOHNSTON COUNTY NEWS

SMITHFIELD —
By Miss Raynor

Mr. Jim Morgan died at his home on North 5th Street Sunday at 3 a. m. after a lingering illness.

Master Enoch Elbe of Dunn, spent the week end with Mr. Frank Barber.

Miss Ella M. Blackman celebrated her 15th birthday Sunday, Feb. 12. The hostess served ice cream, cake and cold drinks.

Friends of Mrs. Annie Murphy regret very much to learn that she is very sick in St. Agnes Hospital, Raleigh. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Little Butch and Barbara Raynor have been ill in their home for several days. Hurry and get well little folks!

Mrs. Mildred Griffin of New York City, formerly of Smithfield, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Dealia Griffin, in Belmont for a few days.

Friend of Mrs. Annie Murphy to Washington, D. C., recently to see by the bedside of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. J. White, Jr., who continues very sick.

Mr. Ernest Nelson has returned to his home here after spending three weeks in the Veterans Hospital in South Carolina.

SELMA —
By Catherine Lassiter

At the first Baptist Church, Sunday, February 11, Rev. A. B. Johnson, pastor, observed his 18th anniversary by delivering a splendid sermon taken from Revelations 22nd chapter, 14th verse. His subject was "The Almsgivers of Doors of His Commandments."

Rev. Johnson stressed the fact that "Doors" are distinctive, different and on a higher plane than those who are not doors. He said, one is not drafted into God's army, but one is born into it — he volunteers. Greatness, he said, comes from doing the will of Jesus.

For 18 years Rev. Johnson has labored with us in this vineyard and we love and respect him highly.

COURT NEWS

Probable cause was found in the case of David S. Washington, 16, of 501 Hoke Street, charged with assaulting with the use of a knife. He was bound over to Superior Court under \$200 bond.

The youth is accused of cutting and lacerating Sam Harris, 312 W. North Street, of 320.

The indictment resulted in the fact that Harris had engaged in an assault on a public point and when officers arrived, Harris indicated no robbery story.

Audrey Powers of 206 Smithfield Street drew a term of 30 days on the roads after pleading guilty to obscenity conduct.

Allen Hickey of 205 Haywood Street entered a plea of guilty to having without a state driver's license, and was ordered to pay costs.

A reading guilty to a charge of public intoxication, sentence of 30 days on the roads.

Several other defendants were convicted of public intoxication, and were ordered to pay \$10 and costs or serve six days.

Southeastern District, J. C. Smith U. General Alumni Association Organized

FAYETTEVILLE — On Sunday, February 11, at the office of Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of Fayetteville State Teachers College, a chapter known as the Southeastern District of the General Alumni Association was organized.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. David M. L. of Lumberton, class of '26, who called the meeting.

The following officers were elected: Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president; Prof. E. A. Armstrong, former vice president of the General Alumni Association, was elected corresponding secretary; Miss Jesse Coop, recording secretary; Rowland and Dr. J. W. Seabrook, a graduate of the University and member of the Trustee Board, was elected treasurer.

Among those attending the meeting were Professor J. E. Bryan and H. E. Williams of Lumberton and James O. Sigmon of Rowland; Mr. P. N. Robinson of this city.

The association voted to participate in the 5 year expansion program, now being sponsored by the General Alumni Association, to raise annually \$125,000.

Each member pledged a minimum of \$50 towards the drive with at least \$100.00 of the amount being due to be sent to Dr. Seabrook on or before March 15, 1945. An annual dues of \$2.00 to care for the operating expenses of the newly formed organization was approved.

The Day Is Comin'

By ERIC HASS
For Calvin's News Service

Before the House passed the May-Bailey work-or-jail bill, it made short shift of the proposed anti-discrimination amendment. And well it did! The amendment would have stopped one prejudiced-ridden draft board or any other administrator from discriminating against Negro workers. It was hypocritical eye-wash. As Abraham Lincoln once said: "denouncing religious, racial and nationalistic bigotry: 'When it comes to this I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty; where despotism can be taken pure, and without the alloy of hypocrisy.'

"Without the base alloy of anti-discrimination hypocrisy, we can wear easily see this bill for what it is — a Nazi-pioneered device to reduce the American workers to industrial serfdom, and one, moreover, which brazenly violates the Constitution's ban on slavery and involuntary servitude.

If these words of mine could leap from the printed page they would shake you by the arm. They would shake you. They would say, "Wake up, friend! This is it! This is the same labor system they have in Nazi Germany! If this bill is passed, we're on the totalitarian toboggan with no brake to hold us back. This is ultra-modern, streamlined slavery. It would turn the clock of civilization back a century. Wake up! Shake up! your apathy! Fight it!"

You think I exaggerate? You say: Why get excited? It's just a temporary measure.

Temporary, is it? Cite one time in all the history of the world when men have exchanged their liberty for chains TEMPORARILY! Freedom is one thing men cannot restore once it is pawned. History proves this, experience teaches it, and logic confirms it!

I do not say the employing class of this country are designing men who deliberately set out to hold

apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 25th day of January, 1945.
W. S. MORDECAI, Clerk of the Superior Court
F. J. CARNAGE, Attorney
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY
PATTIE L. HIGGS VS. EFFIE C. HIGGS or EFFIE C. KELLY Minor
NOTICE

The defendant Effie C. Higgs or Effie C. Kelly, minor will take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina, for the purpose of making a division of certain lands of which the plaintiff and defendant are seized and possessed as devisees under the will of the late James M. Higgs, of Wake County, and said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wake County, in the Courthouse in Raleigh, North Carolina within 10 days after the 14th day of March, 1945 and answer or demur to the complaint filed in said proceeding, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 10th day of February, 1945.
W. S. MORDECAI, Clerk of the Superior Court
F. J. CARNAGE, Atty.
Feb. 17, 24-March 3, 10.

OBSERVATIONS

BY A HOME TOWNER
W. D. DRAKE, Petty Officer First Class, U. S. N.

FAYETTEVILLE — I consider it a privilege to have the pleasure of penning my leave here in my hometown, an opportunity too few sailors can enjoy often enough.

I have just come from the Pacific Theatre of war and have enjoyed every minute of my leave here. But my time is up now and I must shortly shove off to sea again. I was fortunate enough to celebrate my sixth year in the Navy here at home.

I have seen a bit of action during the past year in the Pacific. There at sea, I served in every battle and major operation from truck to the Philippines. We operate with the famed tank force "58", and trouble snipers might well be another name for us in this vineyard.

"We clinch with the Jap fleet ever before March 15, 1945. An annual dues of \$200 to care for the operating expenses of the newly formed organization was approved.

There is a meeting of this organization Sunday, March 18th, at the Fayetteville State Teachers College, in the president's office.

All alumni who desire to affiliate with this alumni chapter, which embraces several adjacent counties to Cumberland, will please notify Prof. E. A. Armstrong, corresponding secretary, P. O. Box 429, Fayetteville and send pledges and dues to Dr. J. W. Seabrook, the chapter treasurer at Fayetteville State Teachers College.

WITH TAR HEELS IN SERVICE

According to the Public Relations Office, Private Glenn H. Johnson, of 413 South Georgia Avenue, Goldsboro, has been promoted to Private First Class.

His wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Johnson, resides in Goldsboro.

Pte. Johnson is serving as Litter bearer with the Medical Sanitary Company, stationed at a south coast port, England.

after thumbing their way through pages and pages of exploitative advertisement leading the special potency of "Come Back Oil," "John the Conqueror Love Potions," "Knecks Klunk Hair Preparation," "Makes You White Overnight," "Face Cream," "All Ails" Spiritual Incantations," lucky incense, sexual rejuvenation powders, and "Sister Susie's Dream Book."

"If there is any plugging to be done or any crusading or blessing, it certainly shouldn't be misapplied on pointless argumentation over who rightfully deserves the \$500-awards of the Wilkie Award. The energy would be better spent on making better journalism out of Negro journalism."

There it is, Mr. J. W. Lomax, Jr.'s entire column, "The Color of the News" in the Los Angeles Tribune, and I would like to say that there are points of agreement in some of the things he said and point of violent disagreement at some of the many false ones.

One needs only to search down the No. 2 editorial of Brother Lomax's highly regarded journal and get a revelation of what Mr. Lomax calls making "Better Journalism out of Negro journalism." In one small paragraph, without benefit of quotes or without any attempt made to soften the word with by-phrases or similar devices one would use in the case of this unusual word to see in print, I quote: "No doubt we're lacking in gratitude which comes of being uppity Northern niggers. But there's something slightly morose to us in the South's satisfaction with itself and its slow-

edness, he said, comes from using the will of Jesus.

For 18 years Rev. Johnson has labored with us in this vineyard and we love and respect him highly.

Mr. Matthew Sherred and Mrs. Taylor were received into the church.

MUSIC was under the direction of Mrs. Auguster Bradshaw, pianist. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Harrison Club under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Haskins gave a recital at the local white Methodist Church.

Miss Wilma Jones celebrated her eighth birthday Friday night, Feb. 9th, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Novel Jones on East Preston Street.

The party was formal and the guests were: Misses Rosetta Narron, Thelma Reid, Thelma Woodberry, Thomas Reid, Peggy Reid, Barbara O'Neal, Earned Taylor, Mrs. Alphonso Lassiter, Robert Stokes, Helen Rayford, Edith Rayford, Trumilla Smith and Earnestine Taylor.

Wilmia's aunt, Mrs. Odelle Everette, made the cake which bore 3 games.

Pte. Henry Burden of Fort Bragg was the week end guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lassiter.

Miss Vivian Powell spent the week end in Clayton with friend, Miss Rhoda Morgan.

In observance of Negro History week the following program is planned: Monday, The Negro In Education; Tuesday, Open House Exhibit; Wednesday, The Negro Soldiers; Thursday, Liberty Tour; and Friday, Negro In Business.

JACK DAVIS

HERE'S THE PRICE YOU'VE BEEN PAYING FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS!

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TED WATSON

JIM STEELE

AS THE PRIEST OF LIFE STOOD MENACING THEM WITH A GUN, LT. JIM STEELE SUDDENLY LEAPED FORWARD AND SWANG A HARD RIGHT. THE PRIEST FELL BACKWARD ON THE GRAVE-DIGGING TOOLS!

THE PRIEST OF LIFE IS DEAD! LIKE SICKENING PAIN IN A FROG— STARKY WEE GETTER SEARCH SHAMAND—

DON'T LOOK AT ME, BUT I'VE GOT COMPANY!

By MELVIN TAPLEY

the workers in slavery. What I do say is this. They are determined to preserve their system and privileges. And to do this they will utilize every control over labor that the war has thrust into their hands. For, make no mistake about it, it is the easiest thing in the world to prolong slavery once the principle of slavery is accepted by the people.

And forced labor it is dignified as "national service," IS slavery and involuntary servitude! There are no other words to describe a labor system under which some employment officer can say to John Jones, "You work where we tell you for the wages that are offered. If you refuse, we'll send you to jail; if you quit, we'll drag you back as though you were a run-away slave!"

You ask what a little man can do to fight this thing. One little man can jar two Senators with his protest. A hundred little men can shake the Senate. One little man is as mighty as he principle he stands upon. And there is no mightier principle known to man than personal freedom, and the right to dispose of himself and his labors as he pleases.

The May-Bailey bill to draft labor must be defeated. It can be defeated if each of us who perceives its sinister object demands of their Senator that they observe their oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States and vote down his fascist measure!

No charges were preferred against Chavis.

MAIL NO POSTAL NOTES
OVERTSEAS, PLEASE CHARLOTTE, S. C. — According to a directive from the public relations office of the Sixth Naval District at Charleston, S. C., civilians are asked not to mail postal notes (the new money order form) to men and women overseas.

Navy post offices abroad and at overseas bases are not authorized to cash these notes, and they are good for only two months from date of issue.

Wake 4-H Clubs Plan Projects for 1945

RALEIGH — During a recent series of 4-H club meetings in Wake County, projects were selected for the 1945 club year.

Club members signed up for a number of projects, including corn, hogs, garden, baby beef, poultry production, clothing, cooking, and home management.

Wake County has 16 Negro 4-H clubs, with a total membership of 529 or an average of 33 members per club. The farm boys and girls are stressing farm and home pro-

duction, under the supervision of W. C. Davenport, farm agent, and Mrs. Bertha Edwards, home demonstration agent.

Rural schools represented with organized 4-H clubs are Juniper Level, Springfield, Shotwell, Eagle Rock, Wendell, Riley Hill, Lockhart, Rolesville, Sandy Fork, Lovey Hill, Fletcher's Grove, Jeffries Grove, Shiloh, Apex, Holly Springs, and New Hill.

School principals and teachers are showing a keen interest and are exhibiting a high degree of cooperation in club activities, Davenport said.

TOT INJURED WHEN HIT BY CAR

Three-year-old William Holmes of 622 East Cabarrus Street received a painful leg injury when he was struck by a car Sunday night, about eight o'clock at the intersection of Haywood and Cabarrus Streets.

The driver of the vehicle, Arthur Chavis, 1502 Pender Street, told the investigating officers that he was traveling at a rate of 15 miles per hour when the child ran into a front fender of the car while playing in the street. It was impossible for him to stop in time to avoid striking the child, Chavis said.

He took William to Saint Agnes Hospital where his condition is considered "fair."

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