

A SALUTE TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

We salute this week the *Wilmington Journal* and its dynamic publisher and editor, Tom Jervay, on the 10th anniversary of the *Journal's* founding and the 55th of the Jervay's Printers, founded in 1901 by his father, the late R. S. Jervay. From the latter firm has come two of the state's leading newspapers, the other being the *Carolinian* of Raleigh, published by P. N. Jervay, brother of the *Wilmington* newspaper man.

You have got to visit *Wilmington* to understand and know what the *Journal* means to the Negroes of this city by the sea. Floored in 1898 by a race riot from which its white and Negro citizens have not yet fully regained mutual confidence and the amount of interracial goodwill necessary for a city its size, the *Wilmington Journal* more than any other influence in the city, has for the past ten years preached, pleaded and persuaded until the better thinking white and Negro citizens are beginning to extend the hand of fellowship to each other.

How Tom Jervay and his newspaper, neither of which is the cringing and scraping type, have slowly but surely

built self-respect and courage among members of his own race while at the same time building interracial goodwill among white and Negro citizens is possibly one of the most phenomenal journalistic achievements in North Carolina history. The task was a most difficult and gigantic one and would only be undertaken by a man of unusual courage and daring.

Give Tom Jervay and the *Wilmington Journal* another ten years and we predict that *Wilmington* will emerge one of the most progressive cities in eastern North Carolina. Already there has been organized with Tom Jervay as the founder and president, the Business and Professional Men's Club which is doing a herculean job of furnishing true leadership for the Negro citizens of *Wilmington* and Cumberland County. Many civic improvements have been the result of the club's efforts and the time may not be far away when through its influence *Wilmington* Negroes may become, (a suggestion), the organizers and operators of a building and loan association which in turn would make the city the largest in Negro home ownership in eastern North Caro-

lina.

No Negro community in the South or elsewhere can have self expression, corral and unite its forces, expose its enemies, hold at bay its traitors and "Uncle Toms," and encourage progressive leadership without a newspaper to furnish a medium of expression and mold opinion.

Show us a community in which there exists a Negro newspaper whose policy is unafraid and uncompromising about the wrongs inflicted upon the race. Show us a community in which Negroes are divided into selfish little cliques, each pulling its own way with no united force or effort for any cause or program and we will show you a community in which there exists no Negro newspaper with moral courage or stamina.

Tom Jervay and the *Wilmington Journal* are furnishing a new type of Negro leadership for *Wilmington*, the type that the city has so long and so much needed. It is our sincere hope that other cities in eastern North Carolina will catch the spirit and organize newspapers under such dynamic leadership as that of the *Wilmington Journal*.

plus some 190,000 independent concerns in the business of operating about 200,000 service stations, all in competition for the public's business.

Another question the public asks is whether atomic energy will put oil out of business. In reply, the oil man quoted an Atomic Energy Commission official who recently expressed the belief that "coal, petroleum, natural gas, and atomic energy will maintain or carve out suitable roles for themselves in supplying the future needs of this power-hungry planet..." How will these power industries divide the load among them? By competition, of course.

Finally, the OIIC representative said there was a rumor the oil industry had bought up and suppressed

a "100-mile-per-gallon carburetor." He said it wasn't so, and that if such a device were practical, some auto maker would have bought it at any price to sweep the field over his competition.

Competition is the check-and-balance system that keeps a nation's economy working for the best interests of the public, just as free elections furnish the check and balance to keep governments serving the best interests of the governed. The consumer casts his cash-register vote when he picks the brand he wants and buys it.

Let's hope that word, competition, keeps right on cropping up when American industries describe the factors that control and guide their operations.

"STILL THE HOPED FOR RELIEF"



Life Is Like That

By H. ALBERT SMITH

Experience And Moral Law—No. II

In the discussion of last week on Experience and Moral Law, I stated that the dogged persistence with which men ignore the voice of experience, coupled with the seeming inability to learn the lessons experience constantly holds before them is one of the most mysterious and baffling facts of life. Of course, I did not mean to give the impression that the warning voice of experience has always fallen upon deaf ears or has been rejected with or without consideration. But I did intend to leave the impression that in the main, mankind has strangely persisted in venturing into territory experience has marked "Off Limits" as well as by passing established routes that lead to life and happiness.

We Contended

It was our contention that this foolishly stubborn persistence does not always represent an irreverent and contemptuous defiance of the Divine Being who created our morally centered universe and embedded moral law in the very structure of life. Sometimes we held, it is due to the failure clearly to visualize that law and its inexorable exaction of penalty for offense. We further held that the feeling on the part of many that the tragedies representing penalty for violation of moral law will not overtake them is also a cause for failure to conform to its demands.

not only covet another dog's bone, but would contemplate appropriation by force. He would run head-on into a law which forbade each. And so finding an ingrained habit in conflict with moral law and not willing to accept the discipline of self denial, he might say: "I want to rise above the dog in me to live in the splendor of a higher life, but I can't give up the biological satisfactions of my lower nature to accept essential moral discipline."

In Humans Too

That hypothetical pattern of behavior is real in humans. A child without discipline is a proponent and practitioner of "might makes right." It often takes considerable "coaxing" and "coaching" with precept, strap, switch, confinement, denial of privilege and example to change his attitude; at least, to modify his behavior. Sometimes, however, in spite of all that is done his behavior never changes. And that decidedly anti-social and unbrotherly attitude, in the absence of parental discipline and the inculcation of ideals, becomes very pronounced in another child and the basis of a pattern of conduct which society has difficulty in curbing.

Still Practicing It

In fact, the "might makes right" doctrine is still a part of our social practice camouflage it as we will with talk about the democratic process, justice and fair play. Within nations, we get an economic exploitation (in some places it is peonage, or close to it; and, as carried on by nations beyond their borders, it is called imperialism. But whatever name we use, we still see in practice the doctrine of might makes right."

Lack Of Faith

The second cause of this persistent rebellion against moral law and its disciplines is the lack of faith. Here, we get something in many varied forms. Heading the list is total, outright disbelief which moves out on the premise that the universe is totally materialistic. It has no moral or spiritual center, no God or anything else in it that is spiritual. Obviously, those of this mood reject or put themselves in the position to challenge moral law.

Not Practical

Equally as bad is disbelief in the practicability and practicality of many forms of moral law. People of this temper will abruptly tell you that the matter of self-denial, serving others, altruism, etc. is beyond the power of human nature to practice. Besides they contend we get behavior that doesn't pay off. All human conduct, they claim is selfish being engaged in because of the hope of self gain. Furthermore, the urges drives and tendencies of human nature should be expressed. What is important is to be careful.

Not Completely Sold

And, finally, we have those who, while accepting the reality of the moral order and its demands upon their lives, are not completely "sold" on that which they profess. They are often torn between faith and doubt, confidence and fear. They are like the character in "Old Man River" who was "tired of living and afraid of dying." Even while asserting the reality of moral law, they wonder if its real or if their efforts to live by it will actually pay off. Such a mood does not serve as the spawning ground of strong incentives.

Can't Win

But over and against all this: the fact that moral law runs counter to human nature and the lack of faith in that law, there are hundreds of thousands of tragic spectacles of the fate that has overtaken those who

ple as it is for white people to discriminate against Negroes.

For the AME Church to close its doors against any minister because of race or color is just as repulsive to this newspaper as a white church that closes its doors to Negroes. In this hour of transition from a segregated social order to an integrated one, the church above all other institutions should point the way to universal brotherhood.

Two other reasons occur to me to which I would invite your consideration.

The first of these lies in the fact that moral law runs counter to human nature. By that, I do not mean to give the impression that it is inconsistent with human well being, but only to impress that human desire and moral law are at cross purposes. This has always been, is and will be. The reason is this: Man is a biological creature as well as a spiritual being. He is an animal with a spirit, a creature of the earth with an affinity for the spiritual, faced with the challenge of a moral universe to achieve character and personality.

Might Makes Right

Take for instance the matter as it is seen in the doctrine, "Might Makes Right." Human nature in the raw, unredeemed for the theologian, unconditioned for the psychologist, and undisciplined for all, operates on just that basis. Here, both man and animal are alike.

Took Bone By Force

A few days ago, I tossed a bone to a beagle hound. Another dog twice as large jumped on the smaller dog attacking him savagely to take possession of the bone. Feeling sorry for the disposed animal, I supplied him with another bone whereupon the big dog with the bone in his mouth he had taken by force again went for the smaller animal. He surrendered his possession without a struggle or semblance thereof.

If Morally Endowed

Suppose that large dog, or the smaller one for that matter were suddenly endowed with a spiritual nature that brought him face to face with the demands of a moral universe and an ideal of being infinitely above that which he had formerly known. He would find himself confronting moral law obedience to which would be essential to attain that higher status of being and the joy and peace that go therewith. He would find himself wanting certain canine satisfactions which he could not have without disobedience to a higher law. And that would mean to continue to live a dog's life which he did not want, or even to sink below it.

Point Of Conflict

You see the point of conflict. The dog nature in him would



Spiritual Insight

By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND

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"HELPS FOR YOUR MARRIAGE"

Be kind to each other, be understanding. Be ready to forgive others... as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you" Eph. 4:32.

Here we have given the essentials for building a happy marital and home life. These are indeed the foundation principles of a stable and a happy marriage life. Many do not realize that marriage is a growing relationship. Too many have the romantic concept of falling in love. Marriage is not built in one day or in one grand act. It is a growing relationship. We do not fall in love but we grow in love. Yes, we grow into this most vital of all human relationships through little acts of kindness, understanding and forgiveness. And he or she who is lacking in these things is unfit for the responsibility of the marriage relationship. I know two clearcut cases where people were lacking in these and therefore they failed in the marriage relationship.

These, indeed, constitute the solid rock on which we can build a strong and beautiful relationship. Build on these and you build solidly. Build without these and you build on the

shifting sand. Kindness—understanding and forgiveness alone can insure strength, beauty and power. These spiritual virtues interwoven into the very fabric of your marriage will safeguard against the ravages of possible trouble.

A little kindness can work wonders in building a happy home and a strong marriage. Little acts of kindness could save us so much trouble in the home. So let no opportunity pass to show an act of kindness. Every act of kindness adds stability to the relationship. Beware of carelessness at this point in your marriage. Kindness nourishes and enriches the soul. You want a happy marriage? Then build into its fabric little acts of kindness. Kindness will build your marriage life. Omit acts of kindness and you will rob your marriage of much of sweetness, joy and beauty.

Understanding may be the delicate dividing line between peace and warfare in the home. Understanding is the very life blood of marriage. Misunderstanding has been the wedge to split asunder many a marriage. Do you have a misunderstanding? Stop now and clear up that

Misunderstanding. Understanding feeds love and fellowship. Misunderstanding strangles love. Guard against misunderstanding for it will rob you of your right to peace, happiness and joy in your marriage life.

The forgiving spirit is insurance against the weak and unhappy marriage. Pride with its unforgiving spirit has wrecked too many homes to mention. You have seen the stubborn and piteous soul with its unforgiving spirit. Yes, many homes have broken on the hard rock of pride. But forgiveness will add beauty and strength to the home and your marriage. Forgiveness will see you through the conflict. Forgiveness will save you from many painful and agony-filled hours and days. "BE READY TO FORGIVE OTHERS..."

Let us kindly remember that kindness, understanding and forgiveness are the essentials of a strong, durable and a happy marriage life. Put these in and you will succeed. Leave them out and you are courting failure. You can succeed. How? "Be kind... be understanding... ready to forgive..."

THE CHURCH SHOULD POINT THE WAY

A white minister in Columbia, South Carolina has applied for license to preach in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. If granted the right the minister says he will consider pastoring a church. Dynamic Bishop Frank Madison Reid, presiding prelate of the Seventh Episcopal District of the AME Church, in which all of South Carolina is located says that the application of Dr. Edward R. Huffman, a naturopath, has

been received and will come up for final consideration in October.

We hope the AME Church will admit Dr. Huffman and if he is qualified it should give him the same right to preach and pastor as any other applicant, no more and no less. The AME Church was born and rocked in the cradle of protest against segregation. We think it is just as sinful for Negroes to discriminate against white peo-

ple as it is for white people to discriminate against Negroes.

For the AME Church to close its doors against any minister because of race or color is just as repulsive to this newspaper as a white church that closes its doors to Negroes. In this hour of transition from a segregated social order to an integrated one, the church above all other institutions should point the way to universal brotherhood.

COMMENCEMENT IN NEGRO SCHOOLS

For over three-quarters of a century, Negro schools and colleges have consistently called on prominent white persons to deliver commencement sermons and addresses to their graduates. Here at North Carolina, as far back as this newspaper can remember, a Negro has never delivered the commencement address, although many of them have delivered the baccalaureate sermon. Just why North Carolina College can always be sure to have a white person deliver its commencement address is probably a question which only its late founder and president, Dr. James E. Shepard, and its present president, Dr. Alfonso Elder, can answer.

One thing is certain: the outmoded custom is becoming more and more embarrassing to the alumni of North Carolina College as the years come and go and more Negroes gain prominence in the professions, education and business. Likewise, friends of the school are beginning to wonder just why no Negro is ever invited to deliver the commencement address at North Carolina College.

In the old days, commencement addresses served a two-

fold purpose for Negro schools and colleges. They served to furnish inspiration for the graduates and quite often those delivering them also served as sources of finance, either directly or indirectly, for the struggling Negro educational institution. For Negro private schools, it was most always some wealthy or influential person who could tip the Negro college president off as to just whom, when or where to tap for money. In the state schools, it was usually the governor or some other high state official whose goodwill or influence was needed in persuading the legislature that the Negro school needed a few thousand more for buildings, grounds, maintenance, etc.

In this day and time when the U. S. Supreme Court has made it possible for Negro state schools to get all the money they need, and to some extent more than many of them know what to do with, we wonder just why it is necessary for an institution like North Carolina College to continue never to invite a Negro to deliver the commencement address. Certain-

ly the very nature of the case, can give far more inspiration to Negro graduates than it is possible for most white persons to give.

This newspaper is not opposed to the use of white commencement speakers for Negro schools. It does feel, however, that in the course of 44 years that North Carolina College has existed it should have been able at least once in that time to find one Negro who is capable of delivering the commencement address.

While we are on the subject we might suggest that some of our white colleges in the South invite some of the well-qualified Negroes of this country to deliver their commencement addresses. We believe a Negro of prominence could give just as much inspiration to white graduates as a white speaker can give to Negro graduates. The time has come when there ought to be at least some semblance of reciprocity if the greatest good is to be obtained for all concerned. To sit around and wait until integration is well upon us appears to us to be the result of a lack of forethought on the part of educators and leaders of both races.

OIL COMPANIES SPEND \$100 MILLION A YEAR IN RESEARCH

The American petroleum industry recently conducted a survey that said, in effect, "Come on, ask us an embarrassing question."

The survey disclosed that the public did indeed have some rather impolite questions to ask about gasoline and the oil industry. But far from trying to conceal or ignore this fact, a representative of the North Carolina Oil Industry Information Committee has called upon this newspaper to lay some

of the most frequently asked questions before us, and to volunteer the facts the public wants to know.

It seems the public often asks how gasoline prices are determined. He explained how they stabilize at a point where each dealer's profit margin and volume of sales strike the most favorable balance. Local gasoline prices balance on the sensitive fulcrum of competition.

Many people ask if all brands of gasoline aren't real-

ly the same. There are many formulas, it appears, each adapted to certain engines, climates, and special consumer needs. Oil companies, he said, spend about \$100 million a year in research to improve on rival formulas, because "competition is a tough taskmaster."

Some people still think the oil industry is some sort of a monopoly run by a few big companies. We are informed that there are some 42,000 companies in this country,

Capital Close-Up

By CONSTANCE DANIEL

Publisher Young Honored, Haitian Ambassador Presents Art Award

Publisher P. Bernard Young of the *Norfolk Journal and Guide*, recipient of the Wilkie and other awards for the excellence of his publication, was one of three persons honored by Inspiration House, last week, for distinguished contributions to cultural progress. The award was presented by Agriculture Press Officer Sherman Briscoe, who paid tribute to the publisher's work, which he said, had inspired him since his childhood on the Mississippi Delta.

Ambassador Jacques Leger, of Haiti, who presented the award to Artist Lois Pierre Noel, Howard University artist and teacher of art, praised her interpretations of Haitian life. An exhibition of work by Mrs. Pierre Noel and fellow artists was on display, and will be open to the public until June 10. Robert Daniel of Washington and Tallahassee was guest artist.

Dr. A. Powell Davies, English-born Unitarian Minister and author, of Washington, who has been in the forefront of anti-segregation effort for many years, received the third award from Dr. John Lovell, Professor of English Literature and Director of New Classes, at Howard, and Dean George M. Johnson, of Howard Law School. Dr. Davies, responding to acceptance segregation as the way of Christian living, or of life in the Capital of the Republic.

All three were acclaimed by President Mordecai Johnson, of Howard, which Dr. Young has

served for many years as member and chairman of the Trustee Board

Many guests from the many-faceted life of the Capital greeted the honorees and filled the spacious rooms, enjoying the exhibit. Ambassador Leger, Mrs. P. Bernard Young, Dean George Johnson, a 1954 honoree, with Mrs. Johnson, Vergnaud Pierre Noel, husband of the artist-honoree, and members John Lovell, Sherman Briscoe and Mrs. Constance Daniel of the center's Committee for Cultural Development, received with Mrs. Geneva Kent Valentine, President of Inspiration House, and the guests of honor.

Jones Named Ambassador

As forecast in "Close-Up" two weeks ago, President Eisenhower has named Richard Jones, of Chicago, Ambassador to Liberia, filling the vacancy created by the death of the late Ambassador Jesse D. Locker, of Cincinnati.

New National Park in Virgin Islands, Powell in Caribbean

Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (D.N.Y.), member of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, was one of the new airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and crossed over to the Virgin Islands to meet with the legislature and the Virgin Islands Corporation, and look over the Island of St. John—smallest of the three principal islands in the V.I. group where Lawrence Rockefeller has offered to acquire most of the available land (occupied land excepted) and present it to the United States Government as a new national park.

The proposal was made official in H-R 5299, introduced in the House, March 29, by Interior Committee Chairman Clark Engle (D. Calif.), at the request of the Interior Department. If the bill is approved, about two-thirds of the island will become a national park similar to that in the Great Smokies in North Carolina, with facilities scaled in cost to enable visitors of large and small means to enjoy the area.

No hearings were held during the visit. Other committee members who made the trip were Craig Hosmer and James B. Utt, California Republicans. The delegation was accompanied by Dr. James L. Taylor, committee consultant, Congressman Charles Diggs, Jr. (D. Mich.), who did not make the trip. It is also a member of the Interior Committee.

Supreme Court Decision Day

There is a general air of optimism, around, but no one is venturing a prediction as to what manner of spelling out the Supreme Court will do, when it hands down its decree on implementing school desegregation. Tuesday, this week, is the last day on the High Court's calendar, which could be probably will not be extended. The newest Justice, John Harlan, has been tagged as a Conservative and a dissenter.

Campbell Johnson on National "Y" Board

A new and important honor for Cpl. Campbell C. Johnson of Selective Service, the D. C. Parole Board, Washington Housing Ass'n and many other interests, was his election, last week to the National Board of the National Council of the YMCA, where his years of "Y" directing on a broad scale of community interest will be (Continued on Page Nine)

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