

Give Extra Service To Others

We have read during the early years that there was a law which gave a traveler who had lost his way the right to compel the first person he met to go with him one mile and put him on the right path to reach his destination. If that person went with the traveler more than one mile, he did so voluntarily and out of the spirit of helpfulness.

We, of course, don't have any such law today, but the spirit which lies back of the law is as applicable now as it was in the days gone by. If a person does only what he is

Concerning our work, whatever it may be, we should realize it is the person who keeps his eyes and ears open for opportunities to give extra service who is soon promoted to a higher position. If, in our work, we do nothing beyond what ministers to our own selfish ends, we make no contributions to the enterprise as a whole.

In the issues that confront us all, the call is for men and women of righteousness, of courage, of patience and of loyalty. We can best serve right now by doing our best in the positions of trust and responsibility we fill. Everytime the second mile is taken to help others, that second mile is helping us. No one can do better work without at the same time bettering himself.

If you are an employee, it should be realized the more you have to be supervised, the more your employer has to pay for that supervision; also, you have to pay more. The less supervision required, the less you have to pay for supervision.

The person who knows that he can work with the minimum of supervision is the one whose pay goes up and who is given added responsibilities. At the same time, the second mile is being taken, and each time a second mile is taken, we are climbing upward; we are taking the higher step on the ladder which helps us to understand better the meaning of life.

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compelled to do and then retreats within himself, he is bound to become selfish and completely frustrated. Clock-watchers and time-servers are numbered among those who go just the first mile. They do not realize they shut their eyes to a thousand opportunities to go the second mile -- to give extra service, to help others who need help.

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workmen. There were only 4,706 black physicians and 2,180 black lawyers in the U.S. in 1960. Most black businesses consisted of "mom and pop" grocery stores, barbershops and funeral parlors. With the passage of federal legislation promoting affirmative action and civil rights, opportunities for racial development were created in both the public and private sector.

By 1977, 21 percent of all black families had incomes between \$15,000 and \$24,999, and another 9 percent earned \$25,000 or more. Twenty-four black-owned banks were started between 1970 and 1975. The gross receipts of black-owned and operated businesses exceeded \$145 billion in 1982.

The essential problem with this "Horatio Alger" saga of black success is that these isolated examples do not make the general rule. Of the quarter million black-owned business in the U.S., for instance, only 1,060 have a work force of 20 or more employees. Four-fifths of all black businesses do not have a single paid employee. Affirmative action has supposedly created a new, dynamic black middle class -- but recent census data do not validate its existence. About 9.4 million white family heads earn at least \$35,000 annually, while only 375,000 black families earn that figure out of a black population of 28 million. Only three-fourths of one percent of all

black households earn over \$50,000 annually. As of three years ago, 548,000 white males reported personal incomes in excess of \$75,000. Only 4,000 black men and fewer than 500 black women earned this figure -- mostly professional athletes, celebrities, physicians and a few token administrators.

The number of blacks who are being currently trained in the professions is still pitifully small. A profile of the 1981-82 recipients of doctorates in the U.S. illustrates the problem. Only 1,133 of the 31,048 Americans receiving doctorates in the U.S. illustrates the problem. Only 1,133 of the 31,048 Americans receiving doctorates were black, about 3.6 percent of the total. The vast majority of them, 850, or 75 percent, were concentrated in two fields, education and social sciences. Only 29 of the 3,348 doctorates in the physical sciences were Afro-Americans. In advanced mathematics, six out of 720; engineering, 20 of 2,644; and in the growing field of computer sciences, only one out of 220 doctorates. Thus, despite blacks' advances, there is still no viable black middle class -- only an elite of individuals with illusions about their wealth and the nature of the larger society.

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The intrusion of self-righteous, self-appointed arbiters of morality into national decision-making is not new. Just as they were opposed in the past, so too must they be opposed today. If such groups abandon their extremists slurs on their opponents, public debate would take place on a higher plane, with ideas contending in the democratic marketplace instead of intolerant slanders.

Again, as Sen. Kennedy put it: "I hope for an America where we can all contend freely and vigorously -- but where we will treasure and guard those standards of civility which alone make this nation safe for both democracy and diversity."

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1983 have brought on can be put to rest with some pleasant holiday memories. Let's plan for a natural high to take us into 1984, so that we may look back on it as having been far better for black people than 1983.

What a celebration that will be.

Fire Prevention From Page A2

Deaths:

Many families use traditional Christmas lighting that has been in the family for years, is used each season and put away without a second thought. Inspect light strings and electrical decorations carefully for loose cords, cracked sockets and other hazards before use.

Have a merry -- and fire-safe -- holiday.

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to various conventions, a tireless worker for various Democratic candidates, a civic- and community-minded individual, a dedicated church worker, and many other contributions too numerous to mention here.

Mrs. Parmon is a well-respected, dedicated and interested human being and deserves to be the chairman of our local party. I am confident that she will do the job extremely well, and I will support her in this quest. I urge and encourage all Democrats in the city and county to do likewise.

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Southeast Ward Alderman

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