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The article was well written and certainly has many good points. It inspires all the pure motives of man but I humbly submit that his tirade is somewhat offensive to people who think beyond the printed word.

What exactly did Editor Jones say? It made wonderful copy but what did he say?

Well, he's against sin and that is for sure - but is that a new idea? Not at all. In addition, who can "knock" a man who stands squarely against sin. Not I. But let's look again. Jones is against our educational system. True, there is room for further improvement but he seems to prefer the old red school-house. I can only say he has a short and selective memory. Most extreme conservatives do.

Jones is against art. As for me I ignore all art, modern or otherwise, and Mr. Tulsa can do likewise if he so chooses. I am not aware that art in any form is being forced upon our citizenry by the "welfare state."

Mr. Tulsa Editor is against modern literature but unless he is as old as Methuselah, he can't possibly have read even a fraction of the good books available, and may I add that all reading is done by free choice.

Mr. Tulsa Tribune is also against relief per se. Well, I don't relish the thought of supporting illegitimate children, yet even illegitimate families in some cases, but what solution does he advance for the very real problem of people who truly need help for reasons beyond their control? Of course he has no answer. His must be the law of the jungle or the survival of the fittest. If that be his creed, then he can keep it and try to reconcile that idea with the world of 1962.

Mr. Jones is also against Tennessee Williams but we don't need a sermon on that point.

Mr. Jones is also against Hollywood. He is right in saying that many of today's pictures are downright sickening! But what is his solution. Aye, there's the rub! In a masterful piece of rationalizing, Mr. Selrighteous Jones managed the ultimate act of hypocrisy. He deftly rapped the film-makers without letting one of their tainted dollars escape from the advertising revenue fund of his sermon-pure newspaper! He has lots of company but he is the first to attempt a whitewash.

Yes, the good Mr. Jones is even against slum clearance. I can't fathom that thought but I'd appreciate hearing his alternative suggestion for correcting that great problem, both here and all over the world.

So much for that. The extreme conservative line is not new but this is the first time I ever felt like making a written reply even though I have been a student of government politics for many, many years.

It just seems to me that the conservative voice has been more noticeable recently. I've always welcomed intelligent debate, inter-party rivalry, exchange of ideas, etc. That is essential to the two-party system which made our country great and will make us even greater in years to come. The conflicts have always been stormy and they will no doubt get worse, but that is our built-in system of checks and balances which ultimately protects us all.

What bothers me most though, is the recent upsurge of political interest in many people who never really took an interest until 1960. At that time our country was blessed by the election of a good Democratic President, John F. Kennedy, by name.

My feeling is that Kennedy's religion has irritated far too many otherwise decent people. Do you

## Is "The Lord's Prayer" Unlawful

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He went on to say Congress should submit immediately a Constitutional amendment "to establish the right of religious devotion in all governmental agencies—national, state, or local."

Have you read the First Amendment to the Constitution lately? It says very simply and plainly, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

That this amendment was intended to foster true religious faith, rather than stifle it, is apparent in the official history of our nation. The official affirmation of faith in God is woven into the revered documents of our national liberty and unity. The Declaration of Independence is a declaration of faith in a creator: "All men are created equal, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." And the concluding statement of that great document is an appeal to the Almighty: "And for the support of this declaration; with a firm reliance on the protection of Almighty Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Where would this nation be today—this haven of security for the oppressed and the downtrodden—were it not for the prayers of great governmental leaders: George Washington's prayers while upon his knees in the snow at Valley Forge; when the Constitutional Convention was stalled in Philadelphia, and at the point of dissolution after weary weeks and months, recess was had for prayer, and the "Great Compromise" was soon effected or when, in the crisis of civil war, the nation was cutting itself to pieces, Lincoln was "driven to his knees" by the conviction that there was no other place to go!

If religion must be totally divorced from notice, recognition, or sanction, then what shall we do with all the papers, letters, documents, contracts, treaties, etc., that give a sectarian affirmation of faith in the words, "In the year of our Lord . . ."—and whatever the date may be? What shall we do with all our coins, which bear the religious affirmation, "In God we trust"?

What will become of our National Anthem, the fourth stanza of which prays fervently,

"Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's  
desolation;  
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-  
rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and  
preserved us a nation  
Then conquer we must, when our cause  
it is just;  
And this be our motto, 'In God is our Trust.'  
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph  
shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of  
brave!"

What will we do with that patriotic hymn, "America," now so well-known to every school child in America, with its 4th stanza,

"Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of liberty  
To Thee we sing  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King!"

Or "America the Beautiful," the last portion of each stanza with its petition to the Almighty:

"God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law."

"May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine."

"God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood,  
From sea to shining sea."

Or the rousing patriotic hymn of Julia Ward Howe, the whole of which takes its cue from the opening revelation, "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord," and the following four stanzas triumphantly proclaiming, "Our God is marching on!"

The Herrick school district, approximate to the one used as a test case in this prayer ban decision, has announced it will use the last stanza of the National Anthem as a prayer in its schools. Since this has been officially adopted nationally, it will be interesting to see if the Supreme Court will declare the National Anthem unconstitutional because of its indirect coercive pressure upon minority groups to adopt the state religion!

What shall be done with our pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States, with its assertion that we are "one nation, under God . . ."? This pledge, unlike the New York voluntary prayer, has been and is a nation-wide requirement in our schools. What will a judge do now if one comes to trial for refusing to affirm the faith of this pledge?

It is well known that moral character has no foundation apart from the precepts of a holy God. Everyone should read J. Edgar Hoover's article in the July Youth in Action, "Communist Target—Youth." In it he reveals that the schools and colleges are most active and successful in the United States today. Communism "maintains that God does not exist, and it holds that religions are false and harmful and must be ruthlessly destroyed. Thus Communism rejects the moral code embodied in the Ten Commandments, and maintains there is no absolute right and wrong. According to the Communists, anything— theft, murder, falsehood—becomes moral if it serves to advance or maintain the Communist order."

A morally corrupt and a godless society: these will be the easy prey and the suffering slave of Communism, and the disciplined party members who have infiltrated the control points of society and government will liquidate the helpless opposition and fly the hammer and sickle from the mast!

"What can the righteous do if the foundations are destroyed?" asks the Psalmist. Well, let's not wait until they are wholly destroyed; get busy now. First, make use of the power of prayer; second, write your national and state senators and representatives, letting them know that the righteous, praying people of this land are not asleep nor dead. Don't waste time with petitions—get individuals to write personal, if only brief, notes, protesting the misinterpretation of the Court's decision on school prayer, and pledging support for a constitutional amendment which will clarify the right of religious devotions of a non-sectarian nature in all agencies and branches of government—national, state, or local. Third, if your school authorities are afraid to have vocal prayer, press upon them the opportunity for two minutes of meditation, when the agnostic may ponder the imponderable, and the believers can silently pray for the salvation of their country. Finally, don't let your outraged enthusiasm of the moment die into indifference; a constitutional amendment requires up to five years to pass Congressional and State hurdles. That means campaign persistence! "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33:12).

## A. S. Cilvik Celebrates His Seventy-sixth Birthday



A. S. Cilvik, manufacturer of Cilvik Products, was guest of honor at a seventy-sixth birthday party Sunday at this home on Outlet Road, Lake Township.

Born in Bialystok, Poland, Mr. Cilvik came to this country as a child of five and a half years with his parents who settled in the Georgetown section of Wyoming Valley.

After attending the local schools and his marriage, fifty-three years ago on December 26 to Anna Grassavage of Wilkes-Barre Township, Mr. Cilvik was employed in the men's furnishings department of Shepherd's Hat Store and then with Simon Long's. In 1916 he joined Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in a sales capacity.

Some years earlier in 1912 he had begun the manufacture of certain remedies which he distributed among his friends and customers for the treatment of colds. So successful did they become that he began producing them on a larger scale.

Ten years ago this coming July Mr. and Mrs. Cilvik purchased the thirty-acre Dymond Farm in Lake Township and there amid beautiful surroundings established their man-

ufacturing plant in association with sons, Edward and Carl who now represent the firm through Pennsylvania.

Under the trade name Herbauma a variety of remedies for colds, toothache, sprains are manufactured. A devoted couple, Mr. and Mrs. Cilvik, have eleven living children and twenty-one grandchildren with a great-grandchild due in January.

Paying tribute to her husband, Mrs. Cilvik says: "He is a wonderful man. I have never liked drink. He does not smoke, drink or swear. His only vice is fishing."

This week Mr. Cilvik and his son, Edward, will go to Ontario on a fishing trip.

Attending the party on Sunday were: Mrs. Matilda VanDyke, daughter, Mrs. Francis Killian, daughter Barbara, Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Werkman, daughter Barbara, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Avery, sons Jimmy and Michael, Liberty, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cilvik and children, Edward Jr., Caffey, Paul, Willard and Lyshia; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cilvik and children, Ralph, Lynn, Ruth, and Mrs. Clair Cilvik, Pittston.

the past month, and Bunny-Bunny comes to have his ears stroked. Watch it, Aunt Jo. Hunting season is upon us.

Aunt Jo Norton is pampering a wild rabbit on doughnuts. Says she's bought dozens of doughnuts during

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DO WE GET OUR MONEY'S WORTH?

Dear Mr. Risley:

Most of us feel taxes are too high. Most of us worry whether the education our children are getting is good enough. Most of us grumble — and do nothing about it.

On Wednesday, October 10, at 8:00 p.m., in the High School Auditorium, the Citizens Committee for Better Schools will present a panel discussion: A Quality Education — What Does It Cost?

Four qualified leaders of our community, Raymond Carmon, William Clewell, Welton Farrar, and Dr. Robert Mellman will ask and answer questions on this topic to offer all of us an education about education. This will be a definitive discussion rather than a statistical recitation.

We hope to answer questions about comparative costs of education; assessment and re-assessment and what this could mean in terms of income to the district; financial emergencies and how they might be handled; what is being left out to balance the budget; how the numbers of children being enrolled add to our costs; and other questions that our audience may submit to us.

The time spent in preparation for this session indicates the importance our panelists place on these questions.

People become disturbed when taxes are raised. Very few know how they are actually spent. The School Dollar is the largest tax bite in the Back Mountain. What are we buying for this dollar? Those who attend the session of October 10 have a chance to learn.

Sincerely,  
Morris Slater, chairman  
Citizens Committee for Better Schools

LET'S RAISE A LITTLE HELL

Dear Editor:

The conservative voice in America has always played an important part in our society and it will continue to do so. I think that all decent people have certain basic ideas that are conservative but as a long-time Democrat and perhaps a so-called liberal, I have always felt that the present day voice from the right, albeit well phrased, does not answer any questions or solve any problems. Your article some week's ago was properly named by Tulsa Editor Jones as a "jeremiad" and as such becomes a case in point for this discussion.

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believe that is true? As for me, I think it has generated a lot of nearly blind opposition. You don't have to look far from your press room to see many people who learned at their Mothers' knees that Catholics were something to be avoided at all costs. A very sad situation but of course no one would admit to having such an unkind thought.

So much for religion. All religions are good when practiced seven days a week. Religion is a private matter as it should be. I only hope that many recent and very subtle attacks on our country, government and our President are the fruits of unfettered and logical thought. As of now I feel that the Tulsa editor had more than one ax to grind. I would like to pursue the subject with your many readers.

Respectfully,  
George Phillips

### Rev. Frick Loses His Stepmother

The community extends sympathy to Rev. Charles H. Frick, pastor of Huntsville Christian Church, whose stepmother, Mrs. Victoria Frick, of Pikes Creek, died Friday morning at Mercy Hospital, where she had been admitted as a medical patient September 11.

Mrs. Frick, 84, was buried Monday morning, Rev. Frick officiating at services conducted from the Bronson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Frick's husband, Rev. M. C. Frick, died in 1941.

She was a native of Huntsville, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller. Church affiliations were with Huntsville Christian.

In addition to her stepson, she is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

### Boy Scout Executive



Clifford David Mansley, whose story appears in the tabloid section of this current issue of the Dallas Post, a salute to the newly installed executive of Wyoming Valley Boy Scouts who has recently moved to Dallas, is enthusiastic about the opportunities for hiking and camping in this area, with so much usable space so close to the city, and so easily reached. Mountains and woodlands within a stone's throw of population centers.

Boy Scouting, in its essence, says the new executive, is hiking and camping and becoming acquainted with nature as an antidote to the growing trend toward easy living and physical softness.

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### Requiem Mass Friday For Mrs. Farber, 53

A mass of requiem for Mrs. Josephine M. Farber is scheduled for Friday morning at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, with burial in the parish cemetery.

Mrs. Farber, 53, Hunlock Creek R. D. 2, died Tuesday at General Hospital where she had been admitted a day earlier.

A native of Scranton, daughter of the late John and Mary Kizek Penka, she was educated in Scranton schools, moving to this area fifteen years ago. She was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and its societies, organizer and past president of the Third Order of St. Francis.

Survivors are: her husband, Philip; children: Philip, instructor at Georgetown University, Washington; Leonard, Hunlock Creek; James, at home; Sister Jane Elizabeth, Mt. Alverna convent, Reading; Phyllis and Kathleen, at home; brothers: John, Baltimore; Henry, Scranton sisters: Mrs. Irvin Farber, Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Cullen Ellinborough, Camp LeJeune.

### John Flucks, Hosts At Birthday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. John Fluck, Harveys Lake, entertained at a family dinner Sunday honoring their daughter, Katherine, who was eight and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Joan Fluck of Wilkes-Barre who also celebrated her birthday anniversary. Present were Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Derrick, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Zanni and Mrs. Minnie Wirth of Philadelphia, John Fluck, the guests of honor, and the host and hostess.

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