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Negro Boy Has \$65,000

in the Newark, N. J., National State Bank. The money which is invested in stocks and bonds, yields about \$300 monthly. But he cannot use it. The funds are tied up (until he reaches 21) under the administration of the court. And as the accounts grow, Cleveland "rots away spiritually and mentally" in the Virginia pen. Friends say he may never enjoy the fruits of his legacy.

Formerly lionized by citizens of all ages and colors, Cleveland finds his friends have dwindled to a faithful two: his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Arnold, who now lives in Alexandria, Va., and the family lawyer, Howard University-trained Hugh Watkins. His mother regularly sends him letters and an occasional box to "keep his courage" and she has visited him at the farm located 72 miles south of Richmond. Lawyer Watkins is trying desperately to interest some family or institution to accept the 16-year-old boy when he is eligible for parole (September, 1960) so that a rehabilitation may be started. So far, he has been unsuccessful.

What happened to the once-ambitious Negro youngster?

The reasoning is simple. He was "lost" before the accident and his injuries (despite or because of the money) compounded his problems, according to one social worker. Said she: "Perhaps, race subtly entered into his situation, too. Resources to help Negro children are very limited in the South and few people really care."

The disturbing fact still remains—Here's a youngster able to afford the best psychiatric care who hasn't been given treatment in his long downward fall. Behind him is a wretched path of petty crime, a history of a broken home, an inferiority complex because of his physical condition, and a lack of confidence.

Said another social work-

er: "Despite the bleakness of the case, the kid still possesses the comeback qualities. Some one can reach him. It's not a hopeless case."

After the accident, his right leg resembles a "rag quilt" because of skin grafting operations. Eventually Cleveland developed a deep feeling of inferiority regarding his appearance. He also limped. At school, he began to feel that other children were "better" than he and that they always "snickered and laughed" at him. His attendance record was poor. He finally was recommended for a psychiatric examination. Unfortunately, his mother didn't receive the letter and the boy was eventually asked to leave school.

Returning with his mother to his birthplace in Alexandria, Va., Cleveland found it difficult to adjust to segregated schools.

Declares Catholics Duck Responsibility

UNION CITY, N.J. — Catholic parents have "ducked their responsibility" toward the racial problem, according to Dr. John J. O'Connor, first national chairman of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, profiled in the August issue of The Sign, national Catholic magazine, published here.

Dr. O'Connor, winner of the Edith Stein Award for outstanding contributions to Jewish-Christian relations, asserts "the desegregation pace is far too slow and languid."

His views will be formally presented in St. Louis, Mo., when the forty councils of N.C.C.I.J. hold their annual convention from August 25-28.

Prominent at the convention will be Ellsworth J. Evans, a negro school principal, who is president of the St. Louis Catholic Interracial Council, host group for the conclave.

Mr. Evans maintains that "no student will change his attitude toward Negroes, Jews or Catholics simply because a textbook says he must accept them as friends. Education must probe deeper, concentrating attention on the character development of the whole child."

Also the subject of a Sign profile in the August issue, Mr. Evans is a graduate of Howard and Northwestern Universities with degrees in chemistry and education. He is past-president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council

and a member for five years of the Mayor's Council on Human Relations in St. Louis.

The aim of the N.C.C.I.J., as reported in The Sign, is "to alert the entire Catholic body to the gravity of the racial crisis."

"Yessir," said the old man, "I'll be 90 tomorrow, and I haven't an enemy in the world."

"What a beautiful thought," said his pastor.

"Yessir," the oldster chorled, "I've outlived them all."

Miss Ann Mollot from Hamilton, Ont., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hill over the week-end.

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