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THE SHOPLIFTING "FAD"

By Charles V. Stanton

A SHOCKING revelation was made in the Portland press recently when a report was given concerning a wave of shoplifting by juveniles. But it is more shocking to know that this condition is not confined to Portland alone, but exists on a far more general scale. Merchants in Roseburg stores tell of identical experiences with those cited by Portland business men. Recent increases in the number of thefts are generally reported.

The puzzling factor is the psychological reason for this particular form of juvenile delinquency. Merchants say the articles stolen are seldom expensive. Frequently they are items for which the pilferer has no particular use. In nearly every case in which the culprit has been apprehended, the boy or girl has had more than enough money on his or her person to pay for the stolen article and could have purchased it in a regular and honest manner.

Furthermore, some of the boys and girls apprehended in acts of shoplifting are from the best of homes—homes in which honesty and forthrightness are considered a virtue and where parental training should be at its best. Also, these youthful offenders have, for the most part, been supplied at home with everything they need and are able to secure funds for the asking with which to indulge whims for novelties or special articles.

The modern style of self-service merchandising is contributory to juvenile larceny, because it becomes so easy for youngsters to pick up and secrete one or more small items while, perhaps, actually shopping for some other piece of merchandise.

Perfumes, cosmetics, costume jewelry, small tools, friction tape, bicycle pumps, stockings, toys, sweaters, etc., are among the items most frequently taken. Shoplifting is most prevalent in the 14-18 year age group, merchants report. Thievery by older persons usually is for profit, while the juveniles apparently have no profit motive in mind.

When apprehended, youngsters seldom have any reason or excuse to offer for their act. Usually they are frank to admit they had no particular or immediate use for the item they attempted to steal.

Therein, we believe, lies the secret behind the existing condition. The psychological reason doubtless is to be found in a state of emotional derring-do.

Living in exciting times when acts of courage and heroism are extolled and when deeds of daring gain prominence in his reading, in what he hears through the radio or sees upon the screen, the imaginative youngster, a commando at heart and in his dreams, forms an insatiable craving for excitement. This emotional condition finds outlet in outsmarting storekeepers and the police.

An inferiority complex is at the bottom of any case of juvenile delinquency. Every child, particularly in the teen age, feels the need to be equal to or not superior to his companions. Failing to prove superiority in the field of athletics or in scholastic standing, many emotional youngsters turn to acts of petty and, occasionally, violent crime as a means of impressing their importance upon their fellows.

Braggadocio leads to rivalry and soon an epidemic develops, not through any particular criminal motive, but rather through a love of emotional excitement and competitive spirit.

But with each successful crime or defiance of convention, the spirit is emboldened and, if tendencies are not checked, the child becomes criminally inclined, delinquent, or incorrigible.

Merchants report they seldom have had "repeaters" among youths detected of shoplifting. The few who have been apprehended in later offenses are usually those who had escaped detection over a long period and had reached the incorrigible stage.

Heart-to-heart talks by parents with their children concerning property rights and the ultimate effects of petty crime, would perhaps be most effective in greatly reducing the current shoplifting fad, for "fad" is, perhaps, the best description.

is the first story we have had about the Superforts fighting off attacking Japs.

The Japs claim to have shot down 14 of the big planes surely and 11 more probables. We have no report of our losses from our own leaders.

NIMITZ confirms our week-end carrier plane raid on Manila, and adds that we set three enemy cargo ships afire and destroyed 118 Jap planes—100 on the ground and 18 in the air.

His pilots counted A HUNDRED bomb-wrecked Jap ships littering Manila harbor.

WEATHER has brought the fighting at Ormoc to a temporary standstill.

From China we get the usually discouraging news this time that the Japs have JOINED THEIR FORCES to split China definitely in two.

ON the strength of dispatches from Washington, it appears

GRAY HAIR?

Gray-Vita Vitamins WORK—Restores Color Naturally

Yes, people the nation over have reported GRAY-VITA Vitamins WORK, and that their gray hair is returning to its natural color.

GRAY-VITA Vitamins contain the same amount of "anti-gray hair vitamin" (Pantoic Acid) as is contained by a leading housekeeping product.

Of these tested, 65% had return of base color. GRAY-VITA Vitamins are non-toxic, can't harm your "permanent" 20 day supply, \$1.00, 100 tablets, \$4.00.

200—Chapman's Pharmacy, Roseburg.

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KRNR Mutual Broadcasting System, 1490 Kilocycles

BEST BETS FOR TODAY

FRIDAY
6:30—Double or Nothing.
7:15—Lowell Thomas.
8:00—Pete De Ruza vs Jimmy Doyle.

9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
SATURDAY

8:30—Give-Away Jamboree.
9:00—Hello Mom.
9:15—Ohio State vs. Michigan.

2:15—UCLA vs. USC.
5:15—Music for Remembrance.
6:00—Results Inc.

6:30—Mysterious Traveler.
7:30—Red Ryder.
8:00—Shady Valley Jamboree.

9:15—Service Salute.
SUNDAY

10:30—Hokey Hall, Chooz.
12:30—Nick Carter.
1:00—Your America.

2:00—Let's Face the Issue.
2:30—The Shadow.
3:00—Quick as a Flash.

3:45—Dick Brown, Formit.
4:00—Cleveland Symphony.
4:30—Dr. Floyd Johnson (ABC-KOOS).

5:00—Mediation Board.
5:45—Gabriel Heatter, Barbasol.
6:00—Steel Horizons.

6:30—Edgie Foster, Employers.
7:00—Carol Gilbert and Her Swingshifters.

7:00—Boys Town.
7:30—Musical Scrapbook.
7:45—Columbus Boy Choir.

8:00—Music Depreciation.
8:30—Hoagy Carmichael's Orchestra.
9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Starlight Serenade.
9:30—Human Adventure.
10:00—Old Fashioned Revival Hour (Feed KOOS).

11:00—Sign off.

REMAINING HOURS TODAY
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough Chemical Co.

4:15—Tune Tabloid.
4:30—Music and Lyrics.
4:45—Music off the Record.

5:00—Bible Adventures, Presbyterian Church.
5:15—Superman.

5:30—Tom Mix, Ralston's Purina.
5:45—Night News Wire, Studebaker.

6:00—Gabriel Heatter, Kremi.
6:15—Screen Test, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

6:30—Double or Nothing, Feenamint.
7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.

7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:15—Lowell Thomas, Standard Oil Co.

7:30—Lone Ranger.
8:00—Boxing Bout, Gillette with Pete DeRuza and Jimmy Doyle.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.
9:15—Hi Neighbor, Carstens Furniture Store.

9:30—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Kampfer's Sav-Mor.
9:45—Music for the Night.

10:00—Sign off.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25
6:45—Yawn Patrol.

6:55—Schrieker Auction.
7:00—News, White King Soap.
7:15—Rise and Shine, Barbasol.

7:30—State and Local News, Boring Optical.
7:35—The Beehive.

7:40—Rhapsody in Wax.
8:00—Haven of Rest, Crew of Good Ship Grace (ABC-KOOS).

8:30—Give-Away Jamboree, Fisher Flouring Mills.
8:45—Musical Varieties.

9:00—Hello Mom.
9:30—Easy Listenin'.
9:45—Melody Mart.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.
10:15—Al Williams.
10:30—Concert Gems.

11:00—Morning Melodies.
11:15—Patter's Scrapbook, Presbyterian Church.

11:30—George Starkey's Orchestra.
11:45—Bob Crosby's Orchestra.

12:00—Musical Interlude.
12:10—Sports Review, Dunham Transfer.

12:15—Rhythm at Random.
12:40—State News, Hansen Motors.

12:45—News-Review of the Air.
12:55—Terminal Market Reports, Sig Fatt.

1:00—Miniature Concerts.
1:15—Ohio State vs. Michigan, Football.

2:15—UCLA vs. USC, Associated Oil Co.

3:00—Music for Remembrance.

3:30—Musical Cocktail.

3:45—Rainbow Trio.

6:00—Results, Inc.

6:30—Mysterious Traveler.

7:00—State and Local News, Keel Motor Co.

7:05—Musical Interlude.

7:15—Dinner Music.

7:30—Red Ryder.

8:00—Shady Valley Jamboree.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Service Salute, E. G. High.

9:30—Joe Reichman's Orchestra.

10:00—Sign off.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00—Wesley Radio League.

8:30—Voice of Prophecy.

9:00—Pilgrim Hour.

9:30—Lutheran Hour.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.

10:15—Commander Scott, Greyhound.

10:30—Hokey Hall, Chooz.
11:00—Baptist Church Services.
12:00—Canary Pet Shop.
12:15—Voice of the Yankee Farmer, American Dairy Assn.

12:30—Nick Carter.

1:00—Your America, Union Pacific Railroad Co.

1:30—Name That Song.
2:00—Let's Face the Issue, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

2:30—The Shadow.
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DIAL-LOG

By SUSAN

Still being pleasantly stuffed on Friday night, we'll take a turkey sandwich and stretch out in an easy chair by the radio and listen to Double or Nothing at 6:30. Tonight's edition of the granddaddy of the quiz shows salutes the Spirit of Thanksgiving. To listen in for a half-hour of fun. Later in the evening you can get a good brisk workout by proxy, when you listen to the Pete DeRuza—Jimmy Doyle boxing bout, That's 8 o'clock, and at 9 it's Newspaper of the Air. Saturday a.m. brings you the Give Away Jamboree at 8:30 and Hello Mom at 9 with a top-dressing of good, tuneful music sprinkled here and there. We give you a touch of the Ohio State-Michigan football game from 1:00 until 2:15, when we switch back to the coast for the big U. C. L. A.—Southern California game. Then there's Music for Remembrance at 5:15. Results Inc. at 6. Mysterious Traveler at 6:30 and our favorite Shady Valley Jamboree at 8:00—all lined up for a swell evening's listening. Just one more note—a new forum type program is starting on Sunday at 2 o'clock. It's title, "Let's Face the Issue", but more about it tomorrow.

Examinations Set by Merit System Council

The Merit System council announces examinations on a continuous basis for applicants for positions as caseworkers, stenographers, typists and clerks. The council, which serves state and county commissions, boards and departments, will hold examinations as often as enough applications are received. The first examination date in the new series has been tentatively set for Dec. 16 and all applications received by Dec. 6 will be included. Application forms and detailed information may be obtained from Miss Helen Falbe at the Douglas county public welfare office in the courthouse, Roseburg.

Lice Killing White Firs in Willamette Valley

COVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 24.—(AP)—The fir bark louse, type of woolly aphid, is killing white firs in the Willamette valley, a federal entomologist said here. Dr. R. L. Furness, Portland, said that the pest was common from Corvallis to Portland. Only application of insecticide from airplane would be practical to fight the louse on a large scale, he said.

Major C. E. Jump of Roseburg Is Promoted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The temporary promotion of Clarence Elbert Jump, MC, 1301 Riverside Dr., Roseburg, Oregon, from major to lieutenant colonel was announced Wednesday by the War department.

Trailer Skipper Drains

ABEDEN, Wash., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Paul Luketa, 25, of Seattle, master of the 70-foot beam trawler Sunbeam, was washed overboard when the boat was swept by a breaker on the Grays Harbor bar while out bond Wednesday afternoon.

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FOOTBALL SPORTCAST

Saturday

U. C. L. A.

vs.

U. S. C.