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GIVE 'EM A CHANCE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

It is not a pretty picture that Ken Metzler, News-Review newsman, is painting of "Delinquency Row." With an assist from Dan Mindolovich, News-Review artist, Metzler is presenting a very sordid exhibit.

Some readers perhaps will avoid it because they do not like to read anything unpleasant. We frequently have letters from some of these readers contending that newspapers should print nothing but cheery and agreeable items, omitting stories of crime and the seamy side of life. Others will rationalize the whole thing as a reporter's effort to present something sensational. Some will read with interest, then proceed to shrug off the implications. Still others will become unduly excited. The majority, we hope, will give thoughtful consideration to the study and lend every effort for cooperative correction.

Metzler is not writing simply to offer readers something sensational. Nor is he "coloring" his picture. He has gathered factual information from official sources and has piled his information into a startling exhibit. He has collected opinions from persons best qualified to express opinions. He offers no conclusions of his own, only those of individuals intimately concerned with the distressing problem.

County's Position Unenviable

It is shocking to learn that Douglas County's rate of juvenile delinquency is one of the highest in the state. It is possible that this record is due in part to better-than-average law enforcement, thus bringing more cases into the courts of jurisdiction. But it is not surprising that we should have a high rate of delinquency, both juvenile and adult. We have had a long and continuing boom period. A boom condition invariably is accompanied by lowered moral environment. We say this not as an excuse but as an explanation. The problem probably will remain more critical here than in more stabilized communities until we have reached a comparatively static point in growth and expansion. Indications are that we will not reach this condition for many more years. Consequently we must give our juvenile delinquency problem some serious study.

We are not among those who believe that the younger generation is all bad. Nor do we believe it is any worse than generations that have gone before. It is a little better, in many respects, in our opinion.

It is true, however, that today's delinquents, constituting a minor part of the whole of the younger group, are more violent in their acts, partially because they have access to such things as liquor, narcotics, automobiles, etc., conducive to extremes of conduct.

Employment Opportunities Needed

Many explanations are offered for the rising tide of juvenile delinquency. Paramount, of course, is the breakdown of the home, failure of parental responsibility, improper home environment and example, inadequate parental discipline.

We believe there is another important factor seldom mentioned or considered. That is the removal of employment opportunity.

During the years of the late depression labor became frightened and moved to limit employment. Resort was made to pensioning off elderly workers while restricting employment of youngsters through rigid apprenticeship rules, requirements for work permits, age limitations and numerous other regulations. It becomes difficult for a youngster to find odd jobs and part-time work open to him a few years ago. Consequently he has much idle time for mischief when he might otherwise be gainfully employed.

Few employers will bother with social security, work permits, withholding and payroll taxes, and all the other red tape involved in hiring a youngster for odd jobs or part-time labor. So, the youngster must find some other occupation for his time, and too often it is an occupation leading to bad companionship and evil acts.

We do not believe our modern youth needs to be pampered and coddled. He should not be given the idea that the world owes him constant entertainment and pleasure; that he should be supplied with expensive facilities with which to indulge his craving for companionship, pleasure and excitement. Nor do 'teen-age recreational centers reach the individuals who most need help.

Today's self-reliant youngsters, we believe, need the opportunity of prior generations for employment, self-help, personal earned income and the right to become a part of society instead of being catalogued as delinquent untouchables.



"The American home holds the ultimate solution to our crime problem." This challenge is from J. Edgar Hoover, so considering the source, and the experience upon which it is based, we cannot pass over such a challenge lightly, can we? The Ladies Home Journal quote a little more in a small box in the March issue:

"If the younger generation is properly trained and the proper examples set before it, the safety of tomorrow is assured. It is time for America to resurrect that standard of parental discipline and guidance which did so much to create law-abiding, successful and forward-looking citizens in the past. Criminals develop in our homes, through errors of commission or omission. Shirking responsibility seems to be one of the signs of the times.

"Though we live in a modern era, nothing is more important than that we insure for the future. The course is from the high chair up. It is up to the parents to see that the end isn't the electric chair. The American home holds the ultimate solution to our crime problem." (J. Edgar Hoover)

In thinking about this challenge to parents it occurred to me that one of the most difficult problems parents struggle with is the variety of standards in a neighborhood, a closely populated city neighborhood. The pressure brought upon parents who, for instance, do not wish their children to have too much freedom is exceedingly hard to withstand. "Oh, Mom, they let Johnny do it, why can't I?" "Oh, Dad the Y's don't fuss if Sallie does" what-ever-it-is... (Maybe

"Reports of My Death Were Greatly Exaggerated"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — I submit that Representative Clarence Cannon, the Missouri Democrat who is chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, is a leading advocate in Congress of unbridled raids on the public treasury despite his public utterances to the contrary.

Cannon, in a plausibly political speech in New York, recently called for a grass roots economy drive to trim non-essential government spending.

But on the floor of the House of Representatives, it's a different story. During the 1951 session of Congress, for example, Cannon voted against almost every amendment offered to trim the cost of operating President Truman's dollar-happy administration.

He said in New York: "We must face the fact that the menaces of inflation and bankruptcy are second only to Communism and invasion by a foreign enemy. Most people do not realize how rapidly these dangers have advanced in the past several years."

Cannon least of all. He, for instance, voted against trimming \$350,000,000 from the mutual security act funds finally voted by Congress.

In 14 roll call votes recorded, Cannon voted 13 times against spending cuts.

On the 14th vote he was absent, this was the vote to cut government employment by filling only 25 per cent of the normal vacancies.

He voted against trimming \$22,000,000 from the Treasury and Post Office Department appropriation bills. The vote was 138 to 136 in the House. Had Cannon voted no, it probably would have recommitted the measure for further cuts. So goes Cannon's record on non-essential spending. Yet he has the political gall to state publicly that he favors putting into effect "policies of economy and retrenchment in public expenditures."

Where were these noble thoughts when Cannon voted "no" on five roll calls to trim the fat from the Department of Interior appropriation bill?

There are other examples of Cannon's passion for saving. He opposed cuts in the Federal Security Agency fund request. This is the bewildering bailiwick of Oscar Ewing, the poor man's millionaire who wants to supply free wigs and false teeth for de-haired and toothless Americans, via a socialized medical plan patterned after the miserable mess in Great Britain. Cannon's opposite number on the potent appropriations committee of the house is Rep. John Taber, of New York, the ranking Republican member. Taber talks economy and votes it. He is not on Cannon's valentine list. In the 1948 congress-

the X's and the Y's hear the same!

If all the parents in a neighborhood would just put up a united front against things that seem harmful, wouldn't that simplify the problem. Children like to "take a dare"; it makes them feel brave and important. Even a timid child will let himself be goaded into some foolhardy stunt. And the teenager reacts much the same, when it comes to smoking or drinking and other things. Maybe the homes need to emphasize that it often takes more courage to refuse to take a dare.

Teen-agers are having a courage-testing time of it these days. They need our loving, tender support, and at the same time firm discipline, and, above all, an example set for them by us who are older.

Winston Boy Returns To Ala. Army Base

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER

Pfc. Clarence R. (Bud) Walker has left for Camp Rucker, Ala., where he is stationed with Company H of the 164th Inf. Reg., 4th Viking Division, following a furlough in Winston. He was taken by automobile to Portland by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Walker, on Tuesday where he was trained for Alabama via the Great Northern Empire Builder. Upon reaching his destination, young Walker expects to be sent to Texas for maneuvers.

Winston News Briefs
The annual Red Cross campaign is underway in Winston. Collections are being received by Mrs. Homer Rhodes, Mrs. Ted Peterson and Mrs. Marshal Haughn. The drive will continue until March 15, but every effort is being made by the committee to canvass the community before the deadline. As the committee is composed of busy housewives on a volunteer basis, it has been suggested that those wishing to contribute by getting in touch with the nearest Red Cross workers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Walker and daughter, Brenda Carol, returned to their home in Tacoma, Wash., after visiting here with the former's brothers, Clarence and Howard Walker, and their families. The Carl Walkers were enroute to Salem, Mo., to be at the bedside of Mr. Walker's mother who is critically ill in that city. However, a later message revealed her condition to be improved and they returned north.

Sunday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kearby Masters of Winston section were Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Carlin of Coos Bay, Mr. and Mrs. George Bacher and their son, Bryce, have all been ill with colds during the past week.

Mrs. L. J. Fullerton served as substitute teacher in the Dillard School last week, relieving Mrs. H. A. Winston.

EXAMINER SCHEDULED

A drivers license examiner will be in Roseburg Thursday and Friday, Feb. 28-29, at 343 N. Main St. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Persons wishing licenses or permits are urged to contact the examiner early to insure completion of their tests.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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she had left \$1,400 in her old corset at a downtown department store. She said she bought a new corset and left the old one AND FORGOT THE MONEY SHE HAD HIDDEN IN IT.

Why is that shocking? It'll tell you why.

As government gets worse and worse and foolisher and foolisher and screwballer and screwballer, I've been losing confidence progressively in the men as practically sole operators of our governmental machinery and have been coming after all the thing to do is to give the heave-ho to the men and put women into the positions of trust in our government.

But one thing, I've said to myself, they COULDN'T do any worse than the men have done. They MIGHT do better. In the average home, you know, the woman is the balancer of the budget. Maybe, if we had enough women on the job, they could AND WOULD balance the budget of the federal government of the United States.

It is thus that my thinking has been hopefully running.

Then comes his utterly shocking affair in Cleveland where a woman stashes all her loose money away in an old corset (instead of putting it in the bank) and eventually goes down town to buy a new one, and puts the glamorous new one on and tosses the old one into the store waste basket with no thought of the 1400 simoleons and goes on her way.

Why, even a man couldn't do any worse than that!

So, you see, there goes the idea that we might EASILY AND EFFORTLESSLY get rid of all our governmental ills by the simple process of heaving the men out and putting women in their places. Poff! Just like a rubber balloon that has been touched by a lighted cigarette.

I fear there is no easy and effortless way. If we want better government, we'll have to get it the hard way.

What is the hard way?

This is it: If we go about it the hard way, we the people will have to work a lot harder and more intelligently at this business of government than we've done in the past. The way to get good government is to get good leaders. If we're to get the kind of leaders we need, we the people will have to give real and constructive thought to the candidates who come before us seeking our votes. We'll have to dispense with such political luxuries as prejudice and intolerance and petty backbiting gossip and get right down to the brass tacks of getting GOOD men to do our job of governing for us.

WE'LL HAVE TO BE AS PARTICULAR ABOUT THE KIND OF MEN WE'RE WILLING TO VOTE FOR AS WE'D BE ABOUT THE KIND OF MEN WE'D BE WILLING TO HAVE OUR DAUGHTERS MARRY.

Something like that, I'd say, is the hard way. I fear it's about the ONLY way we'll get really good government.

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STATED MEETING

Wednesday, Feb. 27 — 7 P.M.
Deputy Grand Master Visitation
W. M. Durward Owens
Sec. William C. Woods

Halted Construction Gets Nod To Go Ahead

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Secretary of Commerce Sawyer said Monday the government is going to permit builders to complete construction jobs that were halted by the fixing of controls on scarce materials.

In Washington, authorities said the National Production Authority already has set the machinery in motion to carry out the new order.

HAM AND YEGGS

CANTON, O. (AP) — Sheriff's deputies Monday were trying to solve the case of the ham and yeggs.

The yeggs blew a safe in the Brookside Provision Co., piling 15 hams on top of it to hold it down and muffle the blast. They escaped with \$1,725.

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