

What Makes Good Boys Bad? Bad Boys!

By EUGENE GILBERT

Bad companions — not rock 'n' roll — are adjudged by the teen-agers themselves to be the worst single influence on the lives of American youth.

Replying to one of our nationwide surveys, they concentrated their fire on the companions, and gave the music a clean bill of health.

Boys apparently have even more trouble resisting poor examples set by their friends than do girls.

The boys voted 76 per cent that bad companions are the worst influence, as compared with 64 per cent of the girls.

"Most teen-agers of today are not leaders, but followers," explained 17-year-old George Thomas of St. Louis.

"Very few teen-agers will stand up for what they think is right if they're called 'chicken,'" said 17-year-old Nancy Bernheim of Denver.

"The teen-ager will do anything to win acceptance from his group," agreed Paul Federson of San Francisco.

Boys Mind Elders

Oddly enough, less than half of the youngsters listed good companions as the best influence in their lives.

Apparently boys pay more attention to their elders than girls do.

The boys voted 22 per cent that examples set by adults are the worst influence. Then they turned around and gave adults a 41 per cent vote of confidence.

As the best influence, a quarter listed parents as their best guide.

The girls took a less enthusiastic view — 39 per cent of them listed adult examples as their best influence and only 15 per cent felt their parents were the top influence for good.

Boys seem especially affected by tales of violence on television and news of crime and violence in the newspapers. Girls seem more disturbed by uneasy world affairs and the threat of atomic warfare.

The Atom Factor

In the survey, 48 per cent of the young people said that crime news in newspapers does have an effect on teen-ager behavior, and 49 per cent said that TV sketches affect youngsters. The question was whether the news and sketches had any effect at all, not

"WORST" INFLUENCES

	AS VOTED BY...	
	BOYS	GIRLS
BAD COMPANIONS	76 %	64 %
ADULTS' EXAMPLE	22 %	20 %
TV AND MOVIES	2 %	8 %
OTHER	7 %	7 %

BEST INFLUENCES

	AS VOTED BY...	
	BOYS	GIRLS
GOOD COMPANIONS	42 %	40 %
ADULT EXAMPLE	41 %	39 %
PARENTAL INFLUENCE	25 %	15 %
CHURCH	13 %	17 %
OTHER	13 %	13 %

(MANY RESPONDENTS INDICATED SEVERAL INFLUENCES)

whether the effect was good or bad. In the previous question on "worst influences," TV rated only 3 per cent.

Just half of the girls listed the threat of atomic warfare as influencing teen-ager behavior while 40 per cent of the boys felt it had an effect. Thirty per cent of the girls felt uneasy world affairs affected teen-agers and 28 per cent of the boys thought so.

Half the teen-agers questioned took the gloom view that nothing can be done about these situations. Through their answers ran a thread of bitterness.

"We live in the world, yet we have no say as to what should or shouldn't happen," said Jean Bayles of San Francisco.

"After all," signed Marcia Wilson of Bayshore, N.Y., "the kids feel they have nothing to lose. We'll all be blown to bits anyway."

Churches Lag

Judging from the answers on

this poll, churches are not reaching young people too effectively. Only 13 per cent of the teen-agers — a few more girls than boys — felt the church was the best influence for good in their lives.

The teen-agers stood sturdily in defense of their beloved rock and roll and comics. No teen-ager listed the music as a bad influence and a few said it was good. Only a handful of girls scowled at comics. Movies and progressive education also got off practically scot free.

The teen-agers took a fairly placid view of corruption in government — only 12 per cent felt it had any effect on teen-ager behavior.

Many of the youngsters indicated a what-you-don't-know-won't-hurt-you attitude on crime news. This group felt newspapers should cut down on crime news apparently on the theory that if violence were ignored, it might go away.

"Cut out the headlines and wipe out juvenile delinquency," suggested 15-year-old Sandra Cohen of Brooklyn.

This viewpoint fits with an earlier survey which found that a third of the teen-agers then questioned believed that censorship was a good idea.

It would seem that an alarming number of teen-agers are ready to surrender their parents' hard-won freedom of press and information to keep things pleasant.

Questions Asked

What do you consider the single worst influence on the lives of teen-agers today? Why is that the single worst influence?

Do you think the behavior of teen-agers is affected by: TV sketches? News of violence and crime reported in newspapers? Corruption in government? Unhappy world affairs? Threat of atomic warfare? Please describe how you think it might affect the behavior of teen-agers.

Do you believe anything can be done about these situations? If yes, what?

Republicans See Revival, But Differ On Next Steps

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican state chairmen are unanimously their party will revive from the shattering impact of last week's election losses and make a strong comeback in 1960.

But their ideas vary widely on how to rebuild the GOP ranks decimated by severe setbacks in Senate and House contests.

An Associated Press canvass of 38 GOP state chairmen disclosed that some of them, mostly in the South, want their party to turn back to the conservative policies of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio.

Others want to revitalize the Republican organization, and its candidates, to modernize the party's appeal to the average voter.

Still others are confident that the Democrats, with their oversized congressional margins, will trip over their own feet and more or less leave the Republicans back in by default.

Vice President Nixon, who is expected to command efforts to reform the party, was picked by 29 chairmen in varying degrees of firmness as the leading candidate now for the 1960 GOP presidential nomination. The chairmen will have a large voice in the selection of delegates to the national convention two years away.

The canvass showed Nixon with a strong backing of strength in the South and Middle West.

Deaf Mute Uses Hand Signals To Direct Rescue

HANOVER, Mass. (AP) — Richard R. Lourey, 21, of Pembroke, a deaf mute, used hand signals to day to direct rescuers freeing him from the wreckage of his automobile in which he lay with a fractured thigh, cuts and bruises.

When police arrived a few minutes after the crash, Daniel Sheehan, 17, who was riding in the car driven by Lourey, had managed to free himself.

Reading the lips of his rescuers, Lourey conveyed directions with gestures to assist the crowbar-wielding crew in prying him out.



BETTER WATCH OUT—Lynn Dean is the girl behind the badge at Miami Beach, Fla. She was hostess to the International Association of Police Chiefs in the resort city.

Leona Gage Plans Third Wedding

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Leona Gage, who lost her Miss U.S.A. title when officials found she was married, plans to wed for the third time.

Miss Gage, 22, now a show girl at the Moulin Rouge night club here, said she will marry Nick Covacevich, 22, next Monday in Las Vegas. Covacevich also dances at the club.

The statuesque brunette won the Miss U.S.A. title as Miss Maryland in the 1957 Miss Universe contest. She was dropped when she said she was married to Air Force Sgt. Gene Morris Ennis and was the mother of two sons. Later, she said she had married another man when she was 14, but that marriage was annulled.

Miss Gage divorced Ennis last February in Las Vegas.

Workmen Putting Finishing Touches To Latest Result Of Ball-Arnaz Open Pledge

By BOB THOMAS

AP Motion Picture Writer

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Two years ago Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz agreed: "We've had the best of it; now we've got to help others."

Today workmen are putting the finishing touches on the latest result of that resolve, the Desilu Workshop.

Once they both worked for RKO Studios. Now they own it. And they have spent a large sum to make over a storage building into a handsome new theater seating 200. Here, the Arnazes will give a helping hand to struggling young talent.

"We both were in on the planning stages, but Desi is so darned busy that I've had to take over and work out the details," said Lucy.

"And what a job it has been! One day I auditioned 70 young actors and actresses. I never heard so much Chekhov in all my life. I made a 10-minute speech of encouragement after each audi-

tion. I'll never do that again. The most I should see in one day is five or six."

But the results have been good, she said, and she is greatly enthused over the project despite a couple of harrowing experiences with would-be actors.

By the end of the year, she hopes to have the program in full swing. There will be one play in preparation, one in rehearsal, and one on the boards each night before a paid audience.

The hopefuls will have the benefit of expert direction and actual audiences. They'll be under salary and will have first crack at acting jobs in Desilu's 19 TV series. This is the same kind of training Lucille got in her early days as an RKO starlet. Ginger Rogers' mother, Lella, ran a little theater on the lot.

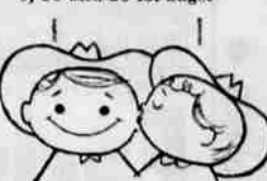
"It was terrific experience to have real audiences to play to," Lucille recalled. "Otherwise, you'd spend most of your time waiting around for one line in a picture."

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SCHOOL DYNAMITED—A West Virginia state trooper picks up the American flag from the floor of a wrecked classroom in the junior high school at Osage, West Virginia. The high school, an integrated one, was completely

wrecked by heavy charges of dynamite, set off at 2:15 in the morning. Every window in the building was shattered, and it is believed that structural damage is so severe that the entire building may have to be razed.

More People Are Visiting National Parks, Monuments

By FRANK W. VAILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) — More people are visiting national parks and monuments in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest this year than in 1957.

Countrywide, the trend is in the other direction. Officials expect a drop in attendance this year from 1957 totals at National Park Service recreation areas.

But in Oregon, Washington and Alaska, the number of visitors shot up more than 25 per cent in the first 10 months of 1958 to a total of 3,062,123. This contrasted with 2,340,892 for the comparable 1957 period. In three other Alaska areas for which October reports were not available visits through September also were running ahead of last year.

Idaho Exception

Idaho was the exception to increased attendance, with its craters of the moon national monument falling off from 143,333 through October, 1957 to 115,056 for the first 10 months of 1958.

The decline in visits at craters of the moon was in line with similar declines at other Rocky Mountain park areas such as Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks.

Olympic and Mt. Rainier National Parks, both in Washington, continue as the park service's major Northwest attractions, with Olympic reversing last year's October reversal to take over No. 1 place.

Public visitors climbed from 80,000 for the first 10 months of 1957 to 1,149,994 for the January-October 1958 period. The number of visitors at Mt. Rainier also increased, but less spectacularly from 894,787 to 1,074,864.

The sharpest percentage increase, however, occurred at Mt. McKinley National Park in Alaska where the number of visitors increased from 10,647 to 25,863.

Park service officials said the big reason was the opening of the Denali highway route into the park area in June.

Church Activities

Roseburg Residents To Attend Assembly

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Johnson are among the Roseburg residents who are delegates to the three-day circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Coquille, Friday through Saturday.

Approximately 65 persons from Roseburg will assemble with representatives from 19 other congregations throughout Southwestern Oregon. A total of 900 is expected.

The three-day Bible training program will start Friday evening when Eugene D. Rosam Jr., district supervisor for the group, delivers the address, "Expanding Our Ministry." The program includes a baptismal service Saturday and a speech entitled, "The Watch Tower Society in God's Purpose," to be delivered by Rosam Sunday.

WORMY CROOKS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Joseph Troop had to close up shop when he obtained a new stock of merchandise. Somebody broke in and stole his entire supply of 2,800 worms.

Attendance figures for the first 10 months of 1958 at other Northwest parks and monuments (comparable 1957 figures in parentheses) include:

Oregon: Crater Lake National Park 331,190 (327,610); Oregon Caves National Monument 9,288 (70,623).

Washington: Coulee Dam National Recreation Area 356,202 (261,757); Ft. Vancouver National Monument 11,624 (8,286); Whitman National Monument 33,158 (30,874).

Alaska (through September): Sitka National Monument 10,816 (9,293); Glacier Bay National Monument 5,014 (3,375); Katmai National Monument 727 (566).

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