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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

thing like face value, the two young men involved in the case were from Crescent City—they had California license plates on their car. This may or may not mean anything, but its occurrence points out the lack of police protection in this area, and the lack of centralized government.

For a few dollars taxes on each of the pieces of property in the area, this community (or hamlet as the Journal called it) could have had incorporation—with the privileges of enjoying some sort of protection. This girl—maybe like your own daughter—had no protection.

This incident is not the last of similar kind which this community may experience in the months to come. It is surprising that the community has escaped as long as it has. Certainly if this area were on a highway, comparable to No. 99, the score of crimes would be something staggering. This isn't exactly guesswork, either.

Since this attempted rape incident, and with the vandalism of the Friday evening before, it behooves parents to take stock of their family life, and make corrections. The youth of this

People of the area who have heard about the case, wish to have it "hushed up" but the attempted rape case of last week should be publicized to the fullest—if only the Pilot were permitted to learn all details. Those who know something about the case refuse to talk.

If talk can be taken for any-

area have no guidance—the recently-formed youth center is in no way able to cope with the situation.

It should shame many parents to know that the youth—those who are thinking—formed this group with an idea of elevating youth of the area. So far it has done little short of miraculous—but it does not affect but about half of the youth.

The foregoing incidents are a few—only a few—which will be experienced in this community unless something is done, and that soon to remedy the situation. Many youth have no regard for authority—since there has never been any in this area. They are victims of circumstances.

Some of the youth might be given a profitable hobby if they could be encouraged to take up 4-H club work. An opportunity to learn about this will be afforded people tonight, if they will but take the time to go to the high school gym where a joint meeting of the P.-T. A. and club leaders will be held. Can we count on your being there?

In telling me about his college course while home over the holidays, Gene Gould made this assertion that put me to thinking: "There is to be an expansion program in the journalism school. A complete printing office for the publication of a newspaper will be the lot of those entering journalism shortly.

Students, in the next few years—he said—will be able to completely do all work in the publishing of a newspaper. This will certainly cut down the enrollment in that school, but it will, at the same time, raise the standard of the graduates. Publishers

hiring a graduate will be assured of getting a person fitted for a place in the newspaper—and not just a person seeking experience.

This shows the trend of education today. Gone are the days when industry will assume the responsibility of completing the education which colleges and a number of trade schools fail to do. Industry will expect more for its money than just a novice.

Gene found, after he had gone to college, that his experience at the Pilot office was almost equal to a year of college training, although he could not get that training at college. His experience has enabled him to establish himself with his professors, and the dean of the journalism school to such a point that he is now being asked to stay at the university in the role of instructor.

Once Gene might have thought that he "actually missed a year" when he stayed out and worked at the Pilot office. Today, he admits that he could have not used his time more wisely. His textbooks mean so much more to him for having had the experience. Whether he understands all about newspapers or not, Gene, from his experience, has been able to grasp the subject much more readily.

Gene will graduate from his course in a couple more years and from his experience and the degree, will be sought by many newspapers. His education will have been about ideal, and a goal toward which all communities must strive. Think that over carefully.

Provision must be made in the high schools for each student "to find himself." By this is meant a vocational guidance course of

some kind—regardless how little the course actually teaches. This must sooner or later come. It will or I'll miss my guess.

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