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## PARENTS MUST WATCH CHILDREN

Youth, whom one would least suspect, have been aplice, caught in a couple of "gangs" which have been doing considerable pilfering about the town, especially in homes and cars. Due to their age, no names will be mentioned through these columns, but parents are urged to watch movements of their children at all times—if there might be any question about the children's actions.

Why did these children get involved in this work? That question must be answered by the parents of those who were apprehended. It puzzles officers why such intelligent youngsters cannot distinguish right from wrong—why they chose to steal and become criminally inclined.

The entire nation has been confronted, especially in the past decade, with this problem of juvenile delinquency. Brookings, until the incorporation, was never made conscious of its presence here.

The Pilot does not seek news which may hamper the future of any youth who has made a mistake, and is willing to change his mode of conduct. For this reason no mention was made of the youth at the time of their apprehension. However, the Pilot wishes to warn parents.

## Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

Tuesday many states observed the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, enigma of the world today as much as he was during his own time. However, Lincoln was the man of the hour, and this nation today might have been quite different had he never been our president. It is impossible to suppose what, without his reforms, the union would be in this age. Biographers have been many and quite in disagreement about his life.

His life, today, has become a legend in the history of these United States. Yet, during his own term as president he was more despised than any modern-day president. I recall hearing many old Civil War veterans discuss Lincoln. I also heard three old Confederate veterans discuss the virtues of Lincoln, and strange as it may seem, the Southerners held him in higher regard. Know that is difficult to believe.

Sandy, in Kentucky, told me as a youth that he knew what it meant to have a family torn by belief. He had two brothers in the Confederate army, and two in the Union army. Those in the "gray" never returned home—killed, he said, in the battle of Bowling Green, Ky.

Even after the Emancipation Proclamation, the south did not despise Lincoln as one might believe. Many southerners stood to lose many hundreds of dollars by the liberations of the slaves. It was Lincoln's plan, had he lived, to have re-imbursed the south in some manner for the loss. However, his early death kept that plan a secret.

As much as we revere Lincoln today, we must not lose sight of the fact that he was continuously at odds with his cabinet. He was not friendly to his congress. He was actually the most lonesome man in the national capital. He was "too modern" for the people of his time.

Colleges like Oregon State, or any other land-grant college, has Lincoln to thank for their existence. Deprived of any chance to obtain a formal education for himself, Lincoln was determined that future generations would be given the opportunity to learn a trade, profession or become educated in his own peculiar way.

Passage of that bill was predicted by many of his contemporaries as radical—useless, and of course, wasteful. Lincoln went over the army's head to save men who were sentenced to death for some infraction of military law. Army heads were his enemies. He visited the troops—down to the rank of private—another thorn in the side of the brass.

Hated as he was back in the days of the Civil War, Lincoln is a myth today in the minds of

the people of this nation. I do remember what these old Confederates said, "Lincoln was a century beyond his time." Child as I was at the time, I recall distinctly hearing a man by the name of Bob Williamson, one of these Confederates, say, "Lincoln was censured because he was a friend to mankind. He did not hate the south because of secession—he tried to stop it. He knew as the south knew, that slavery was wrong, but he also knew that the opposition to slavery originated in the Yankee east, where traders lived that kept up the slave traffic."

During the time I spent in Illinois, and while attending the University of Illinois, I became intrigued by the legend of Lincoln, so visited, at every opportunity, those places which had once been his residences, such as Alton, Springfield and others. I even followed the circuit traveled when he debated Stephen A. Douglas. Strange as it may seem I ran across several old men or women, who as youths, had heard one or more of these debates.

This nation needs a Lincoln in these times—but I do hope that the people of these United States will give him a little better cooperation than that old rugged Kentuckian was afforded. Lincoln as you must remember, was a failure at everything he attempted, prior to becoming the president of his country—and ours.

## 'National Scout' Week Is Observed

On February 8, 1910, just 42 years ago, Scouting was introduced in America from England where it originated. Since that time the movement has gained each year until it is today one of the greatest organizations of the nation.

Annually, on the week in which February 8 falls, "National Scout Week" is observed, by various methods over the country. In a number of places scouts attend religious services in a body, are asked to wear their uniforms to school, and to make public appearances.

Scouting program is recognized the world over as about the best plan for character building for boys—and girls.

## ON BUSINESS

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