

## Timely Topics

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In addition to the staggering financial cost to the nation the war has levied a heavy toll in juvenile delinquency. Parental neglect aggravated by the temptations of unaccustomed wealth and temporary financial independence has broken many a home. The home life vital to many children in their formative period has been lost through divorce which are now within the means of all who want them. All of this forces the state to assume the solemn duty of caring for these youngsters and of training them in the responsibilities of citizenship, a duty which the Almighty assigned to their parents. The lure of gold is even more mischievous in this generation than in the past.

A chance visit with Coos county's able juvenile officer revealed the truly shocking fact that about seven per cent in number from babyhood to 17 years of age came before the juvenile officer during 1945. The charges fell into three main classes, delinquents, dependents, and neglects. Most of the delinquents were boys from 14 to 16 years. The dependents and neglects were mostly less than 12 years old and were about equally divided between boys and girls. The cases totaled nearly 500 in a school age population of 7,500. And this record is by no means out of line with the rest of the state.

Delinquency cases ran the gamut from merely running away from home to actual burglary. Petty larceny, truancy, and disorderly conduct led the list. All were obviously the result of moral deficiency. It is noteworthy that sex delinquency and other really vicious crimes are not on the list.

A broken home is the cause given in 50 per cent of the cases. A normal home in which parents are either neglectful or indifferent contributes 30 per cent. The presence of a step-parent causes 12 per cent. The balance divides among such lesser causes as father or mother working away from home or father-enlisted in the armed forces.

All wars have left a sordid trail of immorality in their wake. Possibly it is the result of a relaxation of normal inhibitions due to nameless fears and emotional tension. And the downward trend in spiritual stability is not confined to impulsive youth. It also permeates the thinking of many substantial citizens who, though aware of the wide-spread delinquencies, prefer to leave the matter entirely to public officers rather than risk soiling their own hands in an effort to rectify the situation. There is eagerness to detect and report but a vast reluctance to assume the democratic obligation to lend a hand. The tendency to load upon the state as many of the disagreeable duties of life as possible is the fruit of years of regimentation, the path of least resistance.

There is no satisfactory substitute for the home. The vital function of father and mother in character-building can not be successfully synthesized. No matter how genuine the loving, sympathetic care given the state's wards it can never take the place of the home. It can only hope

to inculcate the physical and mental fundamentals of citizenship. It can not give the supremely important spiritual foundation for a full, useful life that only the sacrifice of a mother and the watchful care of a father can inspire. Only the calloused and inhuman would deliberately consign unfortunate youngsters to such a fate and thus deprive them of a precious heritage of soul-warming affection. The state's function should be confined all possible to the care of incorrigibles and psychotics.

The situation seems to demand the arousing of public opinion against irresponsible parents who neglect their children. If parents who place self-interest above the welfare of their off-spring were ostracized and treated with merited contempt there would be less work for the juvenile officer and far less public expense. The problem is not for the state alone but for the neighborhood. Every child is worthy of the solicitude of all with whom it comes in daily contact. But how few of us can boast of perfection in this important civic duty.

## Navy Men Released

Released from active duty with the U. S. navy according to reports from the Personnel Separation Center at Bremerton, Washington, this week were Elmer R. Robison, SCP (A), and Verne M. Cornelius, Coxswain, both of Coquille.

Pure humanity, friendship, home, the interchange of love, bring to earth a foretaste of heaven. They unite terrestrial and celestial joys, and crown them with blessings infinite. Mary Baker Eddy.

## Out-of-Doors Stuff

by LANS LENEVE

This column is strictly an out-of-doors column. It deals only with things pertaining to hunting, fishing, Nature, game and fish protection and propagation, the protection of wildlife habitats and our forests and those things so dear to the heart of the average sportsman. It has been our habit to mark the passing of old friends from the ranks of the sporting fraternity, those who have shouldered their packs for the last, long hike into The Land of Shadows. But today, we pause to pay respect and a parting tribute to the memory of an individual, who in life was not thought of as a sportsman, so far as hunting and fishing are concerned.

Allen Young, former editor of The Sentinel, never so far as we know, ever cast a fly, or shouldered a gun during the many years that we knew him; yet, in our opinion, he was a sportsman—a sportsman not along the lines of a gunner, or an angler, but possessing a keen sense of sportsmanship in the association and dealings with his fellowman, for along these lines he possessed a sense of fair play and honesty, which after all are the two principal characteristics so essential to constitute the make up of a true sportsman, whether he be hunter, angler, or engaged in any business occupation, or in any walk of life.

Though he never fished or hunted,

Allen was evidently a lover of Nature, as was so often demonstrated by his active participation in affairs regarding the protection of our forests, streams and natural campsites. And we recall how upset he was at one time over the loss of a small pet—a dog. That alone, placed him tops in our esteem.

For fourteen years Allen Young published "Out-of-Doors-Stuff" in The Sentinel, as well as other columns and special articles from our pen. While we were not always fully agreed upon various topics, he was always fair to the extent of publishing or discussing our side of the story.

We are going to miss Allen Young, and the man who to our knowledge never cast a fly, nor shouldered a gun, is being recorded in our book as a good sportsman.

It is with a feeling of the deepest sorrow that we mark his passing and we are, indeed, thankful that we are able to set aside the space in this column to chronicle the passing of the man in whose newspaper appeared the first issue of "Out-Of-Doors-Stuff."

Steelhead season just past, has been one of the toughest seasons encountered by anglers of this district for years. The water was seldom at a proper stage in coastal streams, aside from a few days. Each time it would recede from a flood stage to the proper level, another downpour would occur and send the streams over their banks. At one spot on Sixes river a skiff was moored at the front gate all winter. Those people weren't taking any chances.

It is reported that in northern Curry county, that a man said to be a slightly "teched," started constructing an ark. We fail to see anything crazy about that. If the pro-

ject had been given the proper publicity he would probably have had a lot of help.

High water has changed the course of several streams along the coast. Many a good old fishin' hole has been ruined. But where one was ruined another was created somewhere along the course of the streams. At some points, the channels of streams were changed overnight. All in all, some of those old-fashioned streams don't look quite so familiar any more.

Last season there were millions of wildfowl fed at different points. It looks as though another season will see Americans eating dark bread and the poor birds rustling for their own living.

We derived a lot of pleasure from feeding the birds the past winter. The feed racks were popular spots for the little feathered fellows. They were gathering spots for brown-birds, or brush wrens, townees, juncos, several species of sparrows, including a pair

of yellow crowns, a pair of blue-jays, etc. One lone vireo (Alaskan robin), made an occasional visit. In the nearby field hundreds of robins dug for worms, together with six flickers. A hermit thrush also put in an appearance late in the season.

It doesn't cost much to feed birds and when the bright days of spring arrive, the reward of their golden songs is more than ample pay for any trouble and expense involved in feeding them.

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