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Parental Delinquency

Ashland has been relatively free from juvenile delinquency, the crimes of youth caused by the misbehavior of the parents, however, members of the staff of the Ashland public school system are interested in holding the number of delinquent juveniles to a low number.

There are many ways of curbing delinquent juveniles. The proper method is to have all parents non-delinquent in their duties to their sons and daughters. Proper parental discipline is the number one factor in keeping children out of courts.

The treatment suggested by Roland Parks in the guest editorial which we are reprinting is fine for the student. We'd also like to see some type of treatment recommended for the erring parent.

(From Ashland Junior High Paper By Roland L. Parks, Principal)

You can hardly pick up a paper that does not have some articles dealing with cases of both adult and juvenile lawbreaking. Here in junior high we are particularly interested in juvenile delinquency because our students are classed as juveniles.

Delinquency, like a disease, does not as a rule come on out of a clear sky. There are certain preliminary signs, that to the experts on both medicine and delinquency, are apt to develop into the finished product.

Tuberculosis is a disease that is rather slow in developing but, when it reaches its full strength, is in most cases a killer. Symptoms of this disease are: lack of pep, no appetite, frequent colds, headaches and loss of weight. If a person finds these symptoms coming on and seeks to overcome them with proper behavior such as lots of sleep and rest, fresh air and sunshine, proper foods, no use of tobacco or liquor and not too strenuous exercise, that person may nip tuberculosis in the bud and lead a cheerful, healthful life.

Juvenile Delinquency or criminality among youth is worse than a disease in that it often ruins a young person's life and gives him or her a police record that cannot easily be lived down. When a person applies for a job it is often necessary to prove that you have no police or criminal record. If the records show that you have been hailed into court for stealing, vandalism, or law breaking few employers will risk having you around, if the job is a position requiring trust.

Here are some of the signs of approaching juvenile delinquency with its serious consequences. Like listing the symptoms for disease the symptoms of juvenile delinquency can be listed. They are: 1. Truancy from school, 2. Low school marks despite high ability, 3. Acts of vandalism such as writing on walls, or destruction of school property, 4. Frequent run ins with teachers, administrators and officials, 5. Failure to assume responsibility for getting needed things done, 6. Too much reckless spending of money, 7. Unusual complexes, such as "nobody likes me", "everyone picks on me" and other self pity complexes.

If you find you have any of the above symptoms be quick to give yourself some self treatments so the germs will not spread. No one can afford the heartaches, loss of friends, social and parental disapproval, sleepless nights and the other painful conditions that go with delinquency.

Community Center

There has been much talk during the past few months about a community center, the need for one, the fact that the children need one, the fact that the students need one, the fact the business men need one to help curb their falling waistlines, the fact that the older folks need one as a place to meet.

The facts are: that Ashland is very well equipped with community centers; far better than most cities of its size. The Womans civic club, the Armory, the Junior high gymnasium, the college gymnasium, the American Legion hall, the Masonic hall, the IOOF hall, SOC auditorium, are all community centers, as are the recreation and meeting rooms of the various churches.

A community center type recreational program is being offered each Monday night at SOC gymnasium. A YMCA basketball league is reaching the children of several churches. A city bowling league offers opportunity for recreation and exercise to businessmen. Skating at the armory helps keep the children off the streets. And physical education instruction is available to two different groups of boys. The Camp fire girls have just been given a camp site, which can be their community center, and the YMCA is taking over the Pioneer hall as their community center.

Seems to us that the thing which is needed is a strong coordinating factor to prevent duplication of projects and complete utilization of existing facilities rather than the construction of another white elephant building which will be used once each two weeks and will sit idle for 13 days and nights.

Just Wondering

The new street signs which are being erected by the city are fine. They may help determine just what the proper spelling is for several of the city's streets.

For example the old street signs spell "Meade" without an "e" while the new signs use the "e" at the end of the name, "Meade", the same as the telephone directory and Polk's directory.

And then there's "Kearny". Some authorities claim it's spelled with an "ey" and others claim that the "y" only ending is correct. The only people, however, who live on "Kearny" are Harvey the Rabbit and Kilroy, and they have made no indication as to just how they prefer the street spelling.

Is it "Schofield", or is it "Shofield?" "Guthrie" is spelled "rie" in the Polk directory, the telephone directory, and the 1944 city map. The new street sign, however, spells it "Guthery".

And before the new signs were emplaced it was either "Weightman", or "Wightman", depending on which end of the street one happened to enter. Polk's directory and the telephone directory spell it "Weightman," a 1944 map of the city, however, spells it "Wightman," and the new signs call it "Wightman," at each end. Then there's "Hargadine". Is it Hargadine? The 1944 map shows it that way. And though the telephone book says its "Blaine," and is backed up in this spelling by the Polk directory, there's a large school of thought that claims it is "Blane". The new signs straighten out this confusion by calling the two streets, "Hargadine", and "Blaine".

"Alida," seems to have been settled by the fact that all the authorities now indicate the street as being spelled with one "l," making it thus "Alida".

Bowmer Reveals "Ah, Wildernes" Cast

The tentative cast for the second presentation of the Southern Oregon College drama department, "Ah, Wilderness", by Eugene O'Neil, has been announced as follows:

Nat Miller, Jerry McDougall; Essie, Nanete Cuddie; Arthur, Don Davis; Richard, Ralph Burgess; Mildred, Eugenia Moore or Francis Sarver; Tommy, Leon McDougall; Sid Davis, Joe Tobin; Lily Miller, Dorothy Bunker; David McComber, Del Yantis; Muriel McComber, Peggy Brandon; Wint Selby, John Harbison; Belle, Gloria Fair; Nora, Helen Ferris; Bartender, Roland Piper; Salesman, Hollis Hill.

The play, a "comedy of recollection", takes place in a Connecticut town some forty years ago. An average American family, with the average problems to solve, is concerned with the youthful fervor of Richard, a high-school senior. A rebel, he reads Swinburne, Wilde, Shaw and Omar Khayyan, and his mother frets. His father becomes disturbed because son Richard is an incipient anarchist who hates capital. Worries do not end in the family because the lad is passionately in love with a neighbor's daughter, and he intends to marry her. When the scraps of verse which Richard sends his one and only begin to alarm the girl's father, the romance is ended by parental discipline. His only reason for living taken from him, Richard runs amok to spite her; he gets intoxicated in the presence of a strange lady. His parents feel certain that the world has crashed down upon them, but a moonlight rendezvous turns Richard back to the "golden mean", and the parents begin to remember that they were once young too.

More Sugar Per Person For 1947

There will be no special sugar stamps issued for canning this year.

This reminder to housewives has been issued by OPA sugar rating officials following changes in regulations announced recently in Washington D. C.

The change from 5 to 10 pound stamps does not mean that consumers will have twice as much sugar, OPA cautioned. The housewife must spread 10 pounds to cover longer periods and must set aside sugar for home canning because no special home canning stamp will be issued.

The first 10 pound stamp becomes valid on April 1. The current 5 pound stamp, number 52,

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OPA said, it hopes to bring in a new 10 pound stamp every three months. This will give a total of 35 pounds per person for the year, 10 pounds more than was issued in 1946.

Making future stamps good for 10 pounds extends the use of the present ration books and avoids an expenditure of 2 million dollars for new books, OPA said.

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Power-line carrier is a new device that enables your voice to "hitch-hike" along existing power lines. One of the first eight systems constructed in the United States is now in operation in Washington and others are planned. Power-line telephones are as safe as any and can be used to call any other station in the country.

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