

Comics 'Czar' Gives Advice For Parents

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New York—(U.P.)—The nation's new comics "czar" offers this formula for cutting juvenile crime—let parents work overtime at parenthood.

Judge Charles F. Murphy, assigned to improve the comics' reputation, disagrees with those experts who say that crime and horror played up in some such publications have increased juvenile delinquency.

"Long before comics books, we had young criminals," said Murphy. "Many factors contribute to delinquency but in my opinion, the greatest single cause is an unhappy home life." The cure, he said, is the happy home life.

Approval Seal
A home where the child is brought up with proper religious training, he said. "One where the child is taught to respect his parents, to respect authority. Being a parent is a 24-hour a day job. Some parents barely give it a 40-hour week."

Murphy, a former New York magistrate and long active in working with teen-agers, was appointed by the newly created Comics Magazine Association, representing 21 publishers voluntarily policing their product.

"Beginning Jan. 1, every book will carry our seal of approval," said Murphy.

He already is weeding out things which he considers objectionable. Publishers submit books in the drawing stage, and those parts he disapproves of are returned for change.

"We have to be sweeping in this purification drive," said Murphy, in an interview. "I intend to seek the continuing advice of church and welfare groups, parents, educators, psychiatrists."

Has Three Children
If Murphy gets around to screening all comics, he has a monumental task. He estimated that 60,000,000 are published monthly.

The "czar," a big, jovial man in his 40's, should be an authority on children's reading material—comics or classics. He has three children—aged 20, 15 and 14.

"I've burned comic books in my time," said Murphy. "But my kids always found replacements the minute my back was turned."

Since taking office, he has received thousands of letters—most of them praising the industry for its move.

One of his favorite letters came from the children of Grade Six, Helen Street school, Hamden, Conn.

"Dear Mr. Murphy," they wrote. "We pledge to buy only

Society



Miss Barbara Greer

Tell Engagement Of Barbara Greer To Robert Stuart

Mrs. Billy Greer, Shady Cove, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Barbara Greer, to Robert B. Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stuart, 1029 Queen Anne avenue, Medford.

Both Miss Greer and Mr. Stuart are students at Arizona State college, Tempe, Ariz. Miss Greer is majoring in foreign languages and Mr. Stuart in geology. Miss Greer is a member of Chi Omega sorority, and her fiancé is affiliated with Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

An August wedding, in Medford, has been planned.

Installation Set By Medford Bethel

Medford Bethel of Job's Daughters will hold public installation of officers Thursday, December 30, at 7:30 p.m. at Medford Masonic temple. Miss Alexa Hibbard will be installed queen.

Majority degrees will be conferred during the evening.

All Bethel members are asked to wear formal dress.

those comics books bearing your seal of approval. Further we will trade comics with our friends only if they trade approved magazines."

A woman in Indiana was more caustic than approving. "What is the use," she wrote, "of taking nude women out of the comic books when they walk the streets just as naked?"

Congregational Dinner Planned

Phoenix—The annual congregational meeting of Phoenix Presbyterian church will be held Sunday, January 2. A covered dish luncheon will be served immediately following church services, and each family attending is asked to take food for the meal and table service.

During the meeting which will follow the luncheon, each organization of the church is asked to submit a written report reviewing its activities during the past year.

Election of officers will be held. All members of the church and their friends are invited to attend.

Recent events of the church have included the annual Christmas program, given the Sunday before Christmas and attended by a large number. Santa Claus distributed treats to the children following the program.

A candle light communion service was held December 23. There was special choir music and a message by the Rev. Otis Swisher, interim pastor.

The church calls attention to the newly organized handicraft class and states that all girls of high school age are invited to attend. It meets Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Visitors to Leave After Stay Here

Mrs. Clara Harbaugh and daughter, Suzanne, will leave for their home in Hollywood, Calif., Thursday after having been guests in Medford during the holidays. They visited Mrs. Harbaugh's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Rentschler, 25 South Groveland avenue.

Also leaving Thursday will be the Rentschler's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rentschler and daughter, Tamalyn, who will return to Eugene where Mr. Rentschler is enrolled at the University of Oregon. The young people divided their time between the Rentschler home and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sanders, 240 South Grape street, Mrs. Rentschler's parents.

Miss Ann Rentschler, daughter of the Lewis Rentschlers, is spending this week in Costa Mesa, California, as a guest of her fiancé, William Stoughton, and his mother, Mrs. Corrine Stoughton. Miss Rentschler is a student at Southern Oregon college and Mr. Stoughton teaches in Briscoe school, Ashland.

Family Here

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Fanger and children have left Medford after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Fanger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fanger, Jacksonville highway.

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Family to Leave After Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. William V. Jones and sons, Billy and Chris, Susanville, Calif., will leave today after spending the Christmas holidays here with relatives. They have been guests of Mr. Jones' mother, Mrs. Esther R. Jones and his grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Aschcraft and also visited Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. Thelma King, her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Martin, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Meshew.

Mr. Jones is with the United States Forest service in California.

Californian Here For Holiday Visit; Open House Held

Mrs. Doris K. Budrow left for Los Angeles yesterday by plane after having spent Christmas in the valley as a guest of her sister, Mrs. Gladys Beebe, Central Point. Mrs. Budrow, the former Doris Kindle, at one time lived in Jackson county. She is now office supervisor for Pan-American Airways, Los Angeles.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Budrow's niece, Mrs. John E. Myers and Mr. Myers, her nephew, Kenneth Beebe and Mrs. Beebe, were hosts for a small open house party in honor of the visitor. The party was held at the Myers home, 4425 Hillsinger road, and a group of Mrs. Budrow's friends were invited.

Carol Jean Kelly And Dennis Lacy To Wed Saturday

Mrs. Muriel E. Eldred, 115 Elk street, announces the engagement of her daughter, Carol Jean Kelly, to Dennis Lester Lacy. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Lacy, 561 C street, Ashland.

The wedding is set for Saturday, New Year's day in Ashland Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood—(U.P.)—Hollywood's New Year present for 1955 movie-goers will be Kim Novak, the return of the "B" picture, a raft of movies on plays and novels and longer and sexier pictures.

The trend of Hollywood movies is being set over cigars and mahogany desks in the plaster city.

One 1955 event observers agree upon is that the new star of the year will be blonde Kim Novak, Columbia Studio's big hope.

Aside from admiring her attributes, movie-goers will see more "pre-gold" pictures. Studios are grabbing novels and plays. With TV keeping you home by your slippers, pre-sold film titles are a safer bet for Hollywood.

Novels and Plays
Lined up for movie release in 1955 are such novels and plays as "Tea and Sympathy," "Marianne," "Not As a Stranger," "The Rose Tattoo," "Giant," "Mister Roberts," "Oklahoma," "The Seven Year Itch," "East of Eden," "The Long Gray Line," "Picnic," "Pal Joey," "Guys and Dolls," "The Solid Gold Cadillac," "The Vagabond King," "The Bridges of Toko-ri" and "Moby Dick."

During 1954 the 10 major releasing companies turned out 233 films, compared to 300 in 1953. The emphasis was more stare, longer pictures, wider screens and better stories, although in many cases plots were as antique as ever.

But exhibitors complained they didn't have enough pictures to fill their theaters. Some threatened to produce their own product. Thus in 1955 lower-budget quickies will be turned out by independent producers to fill the gap.

More Adult Pictures
A gradual relaxing of censorship, pleaded for by movie-makers to compete with more adult foreign films, also has

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Cordon To Practice Law in Washington

Washington—(U.P.)—U. S. Senator Guy Cordon has announced he intends to practice law in Washington, D. C.

The Republican, who was defeated by Richard L. Neuberger in the November elections, said his practice will be "limited at the appellate level." Cordon intends to practice only before courts of appeal, the U. S. Supreme Court and administrative agencies.

Cordon said, he would not practice law in Oregon, but will associate himself with Oregon counsel in various cases.

NO JUICE

Tyndall, S. D.—(U.P.)—A crowd was gathered near here to participate in a ceremony signaling the energizing of an electric power sub-station. Although 115,000 volts was charging the lines to the sub-station, it was necessary to hook up a portable generator to provide 110 volts for the public address system.

WEATHER

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