

Strange Laws of Street Gangs Learned in Talk With Boy Thugs

Editor's note: What are the laws of the street? Why are the laws of the street so strange? Why are the laws of the street so different from the laws of the city? The following dispatch, based on talks with three members who came into court to see the excitement after a rival gang member was arrested for murder.

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New York—(U.P.)—Three boys sat on a bench in the back of the dingy court waiting room and talked in excited whispers.

They were neatly dressed, according to the curious fashion that marks members of teenage street gangs. They zipped jackets, their shoes were polished and their hair was long, well-oiled and piled as high as possible above their foreheads.

They were hoping for a glimpse of a rival gang member, Frank (Tarzan) Santana, 17, a member of the Navajo gang, was to be arraigned in the adjoining room and charged with the murder of William Blankenship Jr., 15, who was shot on his way home from a movie Saturday night.

Bitter Gang Rivalry
Bitter rivalry usually exists between gangs. But in the excitement of a really bigtime "raid," all gang members were temporary allies.

"We're the warriors," the shortest of the boys in the court waiting room said proudly. He had a cigarette perched behind

one ear. "We've got our jerseys. It's a stick ball club."

"We got our rules," the self-appointed warriors' spokesman said. It's a stick ball club, sure, but if anybody touches us or say, we play for money and somebody doesn't pay up . . . we get the two fellows together who got the complaint and they fight it out. But maybe somebody else jumps in, and then everybody starts."

The age of most gang members ranges from 14 to 19. Most of them are under 18 and should be in high school.

"We don't go, though," the 16-year-old warrior said. His two friends snickered. "Most of us just quit, but some of the fellows are supposed to be in school. They never go. We call it hookey holiday."

Initiations Involve Beating
Gang initiations usually involve a beating, the warrior said. The boy who wants in the

club must submit to fight with two or more members.

Girls play an important part, but not a very admirable role.

"Most of the fighting's over girls," the gang member said. "Some fellow tells another gang member to keep his hands off his girl and he doesn't, and then trouble starts."

Any weapon goes in this dangerous teenage society where the only major crime is failure to fight for another gang member in trouble.

They showed neither shock nor sorrow that a gang member was blamed for the murder of a youth who didn't even belong to any gang and had merely been walking home from a movie. The victim will be buried this week in Tamaqua, Pa.

The three warriors shrugged off the murder. "We just want to have a good time," the youngest said. "But sometimes trouble starts."

On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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A mother's love.
How sweet the name,
What is a mother's love?
To bring the helpless babe to
light.
Then while it lies forlorn,
To gaze upon
that dearest sight
And feel herself new born.
In its existence
lose her own,
And live and breathe
in it alone.
This is a mother's love.
—James Montgomery.

Can baldness be cured? Let's make a determined effort to get the facts of this much discussed question. Louis Feder of New York City claims when a man loses his hair it is gone forever. That nothing yet discovered can make it grow again. Mr. Feder has a standing offer of \$10,000 to any one who can grow hair on his (Feder's) head. So there's an outstanding chance for anybody who claims to have a method or preparation that can grow hair on bald heads to prove it.

Asides
While it is a fact that congressmen are entitled to be allotted 16 tickets each for the Army-Navy football game they have to pay box office prices for the ducks . . . According to the most recent statistics, there are about 7,500,000 widows in the United States. How many of these are reasonably young and fairly beautiful widows I cannot say. However, our Horses and Women Department is trying to check on it.

Horses and Women
Bachelors wishing to be popular with feminine things of beauty and husbands who wish to keep their wives contented might find the following hint by Max O'Rell to be helpful. Said he "There are three ways for a man to become popular with women. First is to love them, second to sympathize with their inclinations, and the third to give them reasons that will raise them in their own estimation; love them, love what they love and cause them to love themselves better."

Passing By
Mrs. Frankie Laine. Charming actress professionally known as Nan Grey. She was one of

the trio of young women featured in that film titled "Three Smart Girls." Other two were Deanna Durbin and Helen Parrish. Nan and Frankie Lane will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on June 15. That's the wooden wedding. That's a difficult anniversary to figure out a gift for. Maybe I'll give Nan a surfboard.

Bathing Suit
A San Francisco model is concerned as to how she is going to look in a bathing suit — that is, one of the bathing suits she owns. It is a gift. She feels she must wear it several times. It is a Christian Dior bathing suit direct from Paris. Of this beach costume the young woman says, "It is red and white, long and unflattering."

Asking
Queries from clients. Q — Why is it a great big strong animal such as a race horse is so little handicapped by so little additional weight as five pounds? A—When the weight packed on a horse reaches a certain point, it throws the animal off balance and shortens his stride and thus lessens his speed. Horses with long strides are the best weight carriers.

Over There
The Swedish liquor laws take cognizance of the fact that women don't handle liquor well. There is a law in Sweden that regulates the size of an alcoholic drink sold a woman. This is much smaller than the drink permitted to be sold a man.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLLOCK, PH.D.

Husband's Cooking Is More Work For Her

Most American men look upon everything connected with the management of the home as "woman's work." As a result, they do not want to help with the housework, no matter how busy their wives may be. The husband whose wife wrote the following letter feels differently.

(Q) "My husband loves to cook, but he likes to cook just certain things, not a whole meal. To make the matter worse, he

wants me to be there while he cooks, to hand things to him and to taste what he is making to see if I like it. As for the cleaning up, that he leaves to me too. And, he literally uses every spoon in the house when he cooks. All of this makes more work for me than if I prepared the meal myself.

"I would like to have him take over occasionally, since it would give me time to read to the children or do other things around the house. But he never wants to do this. If I suggest that he cook the children's supper sometimes when I want to go out, he claims he doesn't know how. Should I humor him in his hobby or should I insist that he do the whole job or none at all?"

(A) You are lucky to have a husband who enjoys cooking and who is getting some experience in it, even if he does concentrate on certain types of food. A day may come when you are ill or when you are called away from home by an emergency, and your husband will then be able to take over during your absence.

To your husband, cooking is fun. Try to keep it enjoyable, so that his interest will remain alive. Humor him to a certain extent by helping him to experiment with different tastes and by cleaning up when he has finished. But also try to increase the number of things he cooks.

Why not cut recipes out of newspapers and magazines and suggest that would be fun to try them out? If they are for foods he has never tried before, help him follow the instructions and work out the dish together. In this way he will learn to cook a wide enough variety of foods that he could manage to feed the family in an emergency.

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GRANGE

Central Point Grange

Central Point Grange will meet Friday night, May 6. Earl Jossy of the Jackson County Extension service will be the speaker during lecture hour. His subject will be "weeds and their control in Rogue River valley."

Juvenile Grange and Mothers Day will also be featured on the program.

Ladies will serve the annual Extension Unit Festival luncheon May 5.

Operation Grain Bag: Grange barley field is doing well. Squirrels, which were eating the tender shoots, have been poisoned.

Central Point Juvenile Grange will meet Friday, May 6, at 8 p.m. in the Juvenile hall at Central Point Grange. Members are reminded that they are on the serving committee for that evening. Also some are taking part in the lecture hour.

Matron Lucile Frink hopes plans for the posters are being completed. The essays which were entered have received favorable comment so far.



LEFTWING PRESIDENT — Giovanni Gronchi (above), 67, speaker of Chamber of Deputies and a leftwing member of Christian Democratic Party, was elected president of Italy.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Sales Tax Expected To Be on 1956 Ballot

Ontario — (U.P.) — Attorney Martin Gallegher, who led four county representatives to Salem recently to protest sales tax legislation, predicted today that the sales tax would be placed on the 1956 general election ballot.

He said the measure would go on the ballot by initiative - referendum procedure and called on residents of eastern Oregon to get ready to battle the measure.

One of the dangers of a referendum, he said, "would be that it would probably be poorly drawn up and even less acceptable to area residents than the measure defeated in this session of the state Legislature."

He said eastern Oregonians feared a sales tax because some of them thought it would bring about a business decline and a mass movement of people across the state line into Idaho to make tax-free purchases.

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