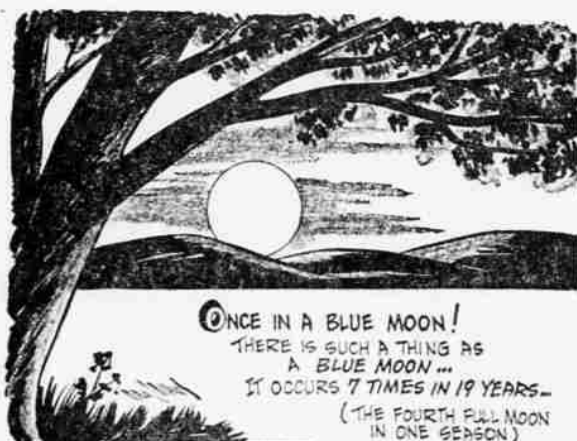


Strange As It Seems by Elsie Hix



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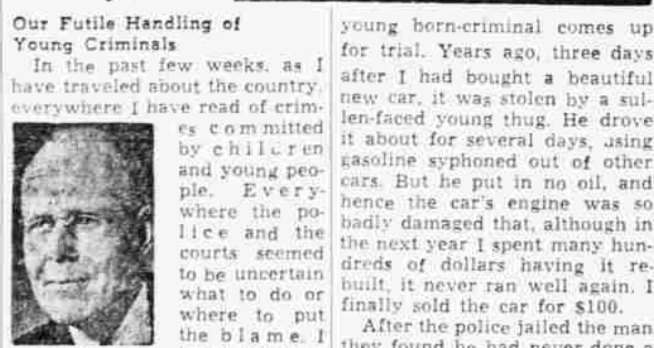
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The Medical Roundup

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Our Futile Handling of Young Criminals. In the past few weeks, as I have traveled about the country, everywhere I have read of crimes committed by children and young people. Everywhere the police and the courts seemed to be uncertain what to do or where to put the blame. I know that hundreds of readers will rise up to tell me that these criminal and sometimes murderous children are the innocent product of broken homes, or they will tell me that society is responsible, but as I keep reading about the subject, I find that some of the youngsters come from respectable homes that never were broken.

I feel sure that in many cases a criminal child is either psychotic or a carrier of epilepsy. When true, this fact ought quickly to be recognized, and then something should be done in the way of providing care for the lad and for the many other insane children in the state. I understand that in three out of four of our states there is no place in which an insane child can be kept. Many good people with an insane or criminal child have written me in an agony of suffering, asking, "Where can we put him?" Where can we get help before he murders one of his schoolmates, as he almost certainly will!

Worse yet, when the police lock up a youthful rapist, he is soon let out again, to go right back to his evil ways. For instance, here before me is an article in the Denver Post about a vicious lad of 20 who was just sent to the State Hospital for fracturing the skull of a lovely girl and nearly killing her in his attempt to rape her. He was sentenced to from one day to life or until he is "cured!" For a long series of similar crimes, he was confined in the State Hospital from July 1952 to June 1956, but then he was let out as "greatly improved!" I wish I knew why someone let him out when it was obvious that he was a typical sexual maniac who would never work, but would just drive around town, as he admitted, looking for some girl whom he would like to attack.

Chronic Criminal. At his latest trial, although he had been in a mental hospital, and was a chronic criminal, he, of course, was adjudged sane, this, according to our stupid and crazy and illogical legal definition. As the judge said, with this psychiatric opinion before him, he should have sent the man to a reformatory; but he hated to do this because then, within a few months, the fellow would be back on the streets again, beating up and raping girls.

The betting is good, of course, that within a year or two he will be discharged as sane from the mental hospital, and then he will go back to his old game. That is the only thing we can be sure he will do. What I want to know is why cannot society start protecting itself from these mad dogs; these thousands of men who will always be criminals and will never do an honest day's work? Why do we keep fooling ourselves with the idea that we can cure these people with a year or two of punishment? Why don't we some day face the fact that many of the criminally insane are going to be criminally insane most or all of their days? Why should we be so stupid as to assume that a criminal lad like this is going to be cured by a few talks with a psychiatrist? Why are we so utterly stupid as to keep thinking only of punishing these people? Why don't we think rather of protecting our girls? To my way of thinking, this is far more important, but I do not expect to live long enough to see a real change come in our legal thinking. I hate to see much sympathy constantly being lavished on the criminals, who not keep some of it for the poor girl with her cracked skull and a nervous system so shocked that it may never quite recover.

Car Stolen by Young Thug. I know well what happens in many of our courts when a young born-criminal comes up for trial. Years ago, three days after I had bought a beautiful new car, it was stolen by a sulfer-faced young thug. He drove it about for several days, using gasoline siphoned out of other cars. But he put in no oil, and hence the car's engine was so badly damaged that, although in the next year I spent many hundreds of dollars having it rebuilt, it never ran well again. I finally sold the car for \$100. After the police jailed the man they found he had never done a lick of work in his life. One look at him showed me he never would; with that evil face, no employer would ever have hired him for any job. He had a long record of arrests, but apparently he had some sort of "drag" because always he had been promptly paroled. Every morning, when I answered a subpoena to go to court a 9 a.m., and testify (quite needlessly) that it was my car that had been stolen and wrecked, I was kept waiting until noon, when the case was continued — so that I would get disgusted and quit coming. After this game — very expensive for a busy man like me — had been carried on for several weeks, the judge angrily called me before him and gave me a tongue-lashing. He said, "What do you mean, persecuting this poor boy; why not give him a break?" Then he paroled the fellow! My only hope then was that the next car he stole would belong to the judge!

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