



MISSING PARENTS—Seven youngsters appear at Mission Emergency Hospital in San Francisco, Calif., wondering what happened to their mom and dad. The children, who have not seen their parents since Monday, phoned the police to report them missing. They will be cared for by the Youth Center until their parents can be located. The children are (left to right) Carol Murray, 12, with Wanda, 2; Terry, 3; Patricia, 11, holding Jimmy; Michael, 10, and Rusty, 6.

The Family Council Resolution Urges Group Withdrawal

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Mr. J. H.—Al doesn't want to go to college.

Alfred H.—I want to do real work.

Mr. J. H.—My wife and I are terribly upset about our 17-year-old son. Al was graduated from high school last term and was accepted in the college of his choice. But he doesn't want to go.

We have high hopes for Al. He was one of the top students at his school and we planned a medical career for him. He is exceptionally good in science. I had no college education myself and I have regretted it very much. Life in the business world has been a grim struggle for me and I feel I could have done better if I had the education.

We have made many sacrifices to save for Al's education and now it looks as though he is affected by the beatnik philosophy of his generation. He wants to "burn around" for a couple of years.

Alfred H.—I haven't been able to explain to my parents that I'm not beatnik, only a guy who is fed up with the classroom. I want to get out among real people, do real work for a change. I have had a lot of summertime jobs on which I have really done nothing.

My plan is to travel all over the country for the next year or two and pick up any kind of jobs I can find. I always wanted to see different parts of the country. I would go into the service if I could, but I have a physical disability that lets me out. The time a lot of guys spend in military service I'll spend in this way.

I feel that my parents ought to keep the money they saved for themselves. I'll earn enough to support myself through college.

The Council: Al doesn't sound like a beatnik in the worst sense of the word. But what he is complaining about and rebelling about is something that may be generating many of our real beatniks.

It seems to us that Al is saying things have been too pat and simple for him, that he is young and energetic and wants to attack life head-on. He wants real challenges. The classroom offers too little challenge.

Mr. J. H. does not seem to recognize that he himself has taken on all the emotional satisfactions and excitement that should be Al's in connection with his future. Mr. J. H. has worked and saved so the payment of Al's tuition check is his achievement. It represents something he wanted to do so it is his challenge. He has even mapped the goal—a career in medicine.

Because Mr. J. H. has given Al so many advantages it is hard for him to see why his boy should be frustrated. But Al is precisely that. He wants and needs to feel his own powers, know his own strengths and weaknesses, test himself in the world, live.

WHILE THE SUN SHINES
White River Junction, Vt.—(UPI)—Herbert Ogden, editor of the monthly "Home Rule in Vermont Towns" publication, wrote that a recent issue "was late and put out in a hurry on account of good buying weather being on hand."

Gearhart—(UPI)—Astoria Policeman Clifford Johns was elected president of the Lower Columbia River Peace Officers Association at the 13th annual convention here.

At One Time United States Owed No Man and Had Money

By **ELMER C. WALZER**
UPI Financial Editor

New York—Once upon a time—and only once—the United States of America owed no man. And it had money in the bank. That was 122 years ago under President Andrew Jackson. It wasn't that "Old Hickory" as Jackson

was called, was such a good husbander of cash that brought about the end of the national debt in 1836.

Times were good then. Customs duties ran high. Sales of government lands even ran higher than customs and wiped out the debt.

Wall Street discovered this bit of economic history when it looked into the history books after former President Harry S. Truman said Jackson was the one who in his day took the government bond market away from Wall Street and put it in Washington.

Jackson was the one who killed the Second Bank of the United States run by Nicholas Biddle of Philadelphia.

No Financial Wizard

Market men found Jackson no great shakes in finance. But the General was fairly astute as a politician. He capitalized on the then hatred of a near central bank, let its charter lapse, and withdrew federal funds. That little act got him elected for a second term because the voting people in many sections hated "the monster" as Jackson nicknamed the bank.

The treasury surplus of 1836 didn't look as good to the politicians as one would

expect. "It's unthinkable for the U.S. to have a surplus," they said in effect. And then they set about trying to change the situation.

As usual Congress brought up all sorts of expedients to do the trick. Sen. Henry Clay of Virginia suggested whitening down the tariffs. Sen. John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, proposed distributing the surplus to the states.

Hated Paper Money

While these and other proposals flowed forth from Congress, General Jackson fired the shot that wrecked the whole thing. Jackson hated paper money. So by executive decree he issued a "specie circular" requiring payments for public lands in gold or silver.

There wasn't enough specie and hence money tightened. Loans were called. Business shrank. Early in 1837, New York banks suspended specie payments. Other banks followed. And the "bust" was on.

By 1837, the national debt had been built up again. It amounted to a mere \$326,000, but it was a debt. In 1838 it was up to \$3,308,000, and by 1839 it got to \$10,434,000.

A dip in 1840 was followed by steadily increasing debt figures. The Civil War sent it to two and three-quarter billion dollars.

\$12 Billion By WW I

The debt was whittled down to \$961 million by 1893 and crossed a billion again in 1894. In 1916 it crossed \$12 billion in World War I.

By 1919 the debt got to \$25 billion. From there it was cut to \$16 billion in 1930. Then the great depression and the schemes for spending us into prosperity sent the debt soaring to \$42 billion in 1940.

The spending after World War II carried it well above

\$200 billion in 1944. Today it is around \$290 billion.

It isn't as easy to whittle down the debt even a trifle today as it was to get back into debt in 1837.

What Would Treasury Do?

Wall Street wonders today what the Treasury would do without a debt.

There wouldn't be any government bonds for the Federal Reserve to buy and sell to expand and contract credit.

What would the government agencies like the Social Security invest in? And there are the banks and corporations and individuals who own vast amounts of governments. Would they buy common stocks which are said to be in small supply. And those foreigners who buy our short

4-H Club News

The Meadows Busy Beavers met Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Meadows church. Eight members were present. Mr. and Mrs. Truman Bishop and Mrs. Charles Rider were visitors.

Members answered roll call by saying if they had their record books completed and if they were going to enter them in the contest. Several intended to enter them.

The club decided to invite and bring in new members from people who have moved into the community.

Officers for the coming year were elected. They are

president, Sharron Terry; vice president, Ruth Ellis; secretary, Pat Neal; and treasurer, Bill Ellis. LeRoy Rider was nominated sergeant at arms. Cynthia Pleasant was nominated reporter. Cookies and punch were brought and served by all members.

Mason Contractors Reelect Portlander
Portland—(UPI)—Leonard C. Pardue, Portland, has been reelected president of the Northwest Conference of Mason Contractors of America.

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