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When 16 Takes A Life

THE officials of a certain middle-western city are in something of a quandary these days. They have caught and convicted a murderer, but they do not know what to do with him.

The murderer's name happens to be Robert Ross. He killed a gasoline station attendant during a hold-up and pleaded guilty when taken in custody. He is just 16 years old; and it is his youth that is causing all the trouble.

Under the law—or under one section of it, at any rate—he must be confined in the state reformatory, where all criminals under 21 are supposed to be lodged. But under another section of the law, which rules that no murderer can be sent to the reformatory, he must go to the penitentiary. Since he cannot obey both sections of the law, he is at present waiting, in the county jail, for the officials to learn what they are to do with him.

It's all very puzzling, and the authorities have our sympathy. But it seems odd that it should be this red-tape conflict in laws which has them guessing and not the simple, appalling fact that they have on their hands, in the first place, a confessed murderer who is only 16.

That fact, when you stop to think about it, is rather disturbing. There is enough in it to keep our best social research workers busy for quite a while.

One need not go all the way with the determinists in order to see, in the mere fact of this young culprit's existence, a damaging indictment of the kind of civilization we have put together for ourselves. It may be, of course, that young Robert Ross had more than his share of original sin in his make-up; yet even the most conservative judge must admit that the fault cannot be altogether his.

Somewhere, in the childhood and adolescence which his middle-western city forced upon him, there must have been forces over which he had no control—forces that pushed him along a path that ended, at the age of 16, in murder.

There isn't any use in getting sentimental about it, of course. His life has gone to pot, irretrievably, and that's that. Life isn't sacred in this country. It's cheap. We kill 30,000 people a year with our automobiles and it never worries us. The fate of one more, or less, product of our metropolitan back-alleys won't make us lose much sleep.

But Robert Ross, after all, is a symbol of the sort of thing that the modern American city turns out. A murderer at 16! There is a problem there that will not be solved in a hurry.

Government statisticians are not to be confused by the fact that the Pullman company has lowered its berth rate.

Now that the students at the University of Georgia have been forbidden to solicit rides in automobiles, they can sing with greater gusto, "As we go marching through Georgia."

Captain Robert Dollar, steamship magnate, advises people not to be afraid of hard work. And it would seem some people need to have more of Dollar's sense.

A movie lion is at large in southern California. But with the new movie code of ethics effective, the animal must be indeed a very tame one.

Ninety-five per cent of the comedians in the movie business," says a writer, "are executives." And judging from some of the films released from Hollywood it would seem that 95 per cent of the executives in the movie business are comedians.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

WHAT ARE THE WOMEN COMING TO?

Kansas City Star: The outcome of a municipal election at Stephenson, Mich., (population 550, census of 1920) shows what may be expected to happen when women with new-fangled ideas get interested in politics. The election issue in this municipality, whose population perhaps has mounted by this time to 562, was town beautification. Think of such an absurdity, when everybody knows that all a town or city needs to draw population and business is littered streets, shacks plastered over with bills, a few rows of shiny billboards on main highways, clouds of dirty smoke and neglected vacant plots here and there!

But the women of this Michigan town took a contrary view. They decided that the town was a mess, which had been run up to 3,000, should be used in the interest of community attractiveness. They wanted to spend the

money for creation of a public dump, so that the streets could be kept clear of dilapidated and abandoned vehicles and so that other debris could be removed. Then they wanted (there is no end to this kind of thing, once it gets started) to put out still more good cash for a village park, and doubtless were foolish enough to propose that a few flowers and shrubs should be placed in it.

The men, with the business acumen they always possess, opposed the whole program. They put up their ticket and the women offered theirs. The women won every place. If this is to be accepted as a precedent or example, there is no predicting what may become of cities and towns the country over. Is it a possibility that the dirt and litter may have to go elsewhere, and along with both the rights of men and their ideas of good municipal housekeeping?

Timely Quotations From People in the Public Eye

"If I should lose my virtue the first thing I would do would be to leave the Mormon Church."
—Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

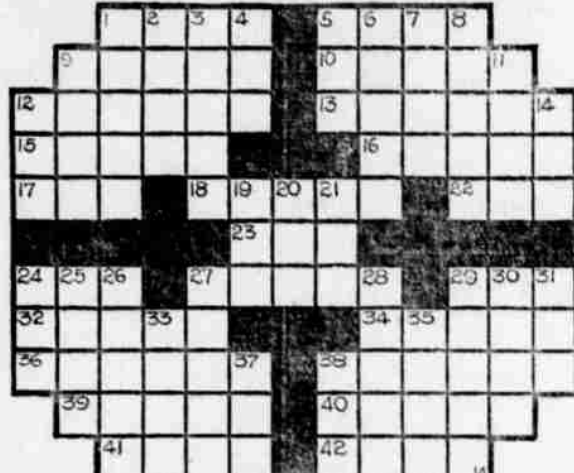
"Some will retain the conviction that the ancient bridge built between the two towers of sex is the wisest of the great works of the earth."
—Gilbert K. Chesterton, author.

"For many years the United States has treated Canada as a bully treats a small boy."
—R. B. Bennett, Canadian Conservative party leader.

"There is no evidence that women are less warlike than men."
—George Bernard Shaw, English dramatist.

"The urge to gamble is so universal and its practice so pleasurable that I assume it must be evil."
—Haywood Brown, author.

Looks Easy, But Isn't



HORIZONTAL
1 Rootstock.
5 Minor under guardianship.
9 Hummer.
10 Smells.
12 Water bottle.
13 Marked with spots.
15 Ascended.
16 To refund.
17 Moist.
18 Blackbird.
22 Before.
23 Sesame.
24 Distant.
27 Dinner.
29 Call for help.
32 To deem.
34 To add.
36 To gratify.
38 Reputable.
39 Sea duck.

VERTICAL
40 Makes level.
41 Elk.
42 Existed.
1 Playing card.
2 Exclamation of sorrow.
3 To ascribe.
4 Native metal.
5 Was victor.
6 To decorate.
7 Memorized.
8 To arrange cloth.
9 To peel.
10 Heavenly body.
12 Crow's cry.
14 Orb.
19 Devoured.
20 By way of.
21 Measure of cloth.
24 Because.
25 Limited.
26 Sift.
27 Afloat.
28 To drive away.
29 Rock.
30 Paddles.
31 Sneaky.
33 Part of a church.
35 Above.
37 To aim.
38 To stitch.

SATURDAY'S ANSWER
HAWAIIAN CANADIAN
ARID LEE ALTO
ICED ILL PEER
T WALLS T
INTERSTARS
LEAVE ARIA
DETEST STEAMS
A TASTY
VOTE DEAR SHAD
IRON EAR SALE
DEEDED TRAMPS

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

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he assailed on quite sound ground.

THE Pathfinder coins the following which it call "The Filling Station Blues":
This one comes for water.
That one comes for air.
This one wants directions—
I'm no millionaire!

That one wants the rest room.
This one wants a stamp.
That one seeks a pleasant spot where he can camp.

All the local idlers
Decorate my stools;
All the local grafters
Utilize my tools.

Many cars go speeding
O'er the road like glass—
Maybe some day some one
Will drive in for gas!

A FRENCHMAN, writing about America and Americans, says we are a gentle, delicate and sensitive people, taken one by one, but taken as a group, an organization, especially in business, we are brutal. Collectively we are hard. Singly we are not. Strange how intelligence and kindness seem to grow less as the number of those who act

together increases. For example, no one man will take another man out and hang him to a tree for his misdeeds. Men acting together in what we call a mob will lynch without waiting for law to take its orderly course. One man, acting by himself, would not be likely to propose a silly and senseless law for the statute books of his state. But when the members of a legislature get together many silly and senseless laws are proposed.

Registration Closes Tuesday at 5 P. M.

Registration will close Tuesday evening at 5 p. m.

Those who are not registered at that time will be unable to vote at the primary election to be held on May 16, it was stated at the county clerk's office yesterday.

All must register who have not done so in the past three years or who have not voted in the last two elections.

The county clerk's office which has been open nights from 7 until 9 p. m. will again be open during those hours on Monday evening but the law requires that the books be closed at 5 p. m. on Tuesday, April 15.

The interest in the gubernatorial campaign has caused a large number to register for the primary election, it is stated.

ERRORGRAMS



There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

The Original Star-Spangled Banner is a Bit Hard to Find, Being Rolled Up in a Case in a Museum—So This Woman Hopes to Make It Wave Again.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, April 14—Mrs. Guinn Williams, wife of the congressman from the eighth Texas district, has begun a one-woman campaign to pull the original Star-Spangled Banner out of its obscurity and enshrine it where everyone who comes to Washington can have a good look at it.

This flag is the one that Francis Scott Key saw waving over Fort Mifflin and which inspired him to write the song which many persons regard as the national anthem. It is now tucked away in the Smithsonian Institution, partially obscured by other objects which Mrs. Williams considers of much less interest. In fact, Mrs. Williams says that every time she goes down to the Smithsonian she has a hard time finding it.

The "Banner" now rests in a case eight or 10 feet high and is mostly rolled up, with only a small portion of it showing. Mrs. Williams insists that it ought to be unrolled to its full length of some 35 feet and displayed as conspicuously as possible in a large case. She is buzzing influential congressmen about an adequate appropriation for the purpose.

Heavy majorities against prohibition as returned in recent polls in some of the principal universities might have been much larger had it not been for the constant activity of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association, sponsored by the older day organizations. The Anti-Saloon League's 1929 yearbook shows that the association's speakers and workers visited 412 universities and colleges in the year for from one to four days, making speeches and leading group discussions, conferring with faculties and coaches, promoting prohibition as a debating club topic and supplying literature. They spoke to 61,000 students in 165 college chapels, engaged in dis-

cussion in 378 regular class sessions, conducted 460 special student forums to talk over the issue, visited 82 fraternities and made direct contacts with 110,000 students.

The Harvard Crimson's poll of 14 representative universities returned 11,006 votes for modification, 5589 for total repeal, 4517 for strict enforcement and 838 for laws and enforcement "as it."

Decreased purchasing power is reflected in lower prices for food and other commodities and hence in an increased purchasing power for the dollar. The latest government figures show that retail food prices decreased 1 1/2 per cent between January 15 and February 15. Wholesale prices for February showed that farm products selling for 96.7 cents a year previously brought only 92.1 cents in the recent February, as compared with a dollar in 1926. Taking the purchasing power of the dollar as 100 cents in 1926, the statistics show that the average dollar spent on farm products for February was worth \$1.086, for foods \$1.047, hides and leather products .963, textile products \$1.133, fuel \$1.269, furniture and furnishings \$1.031 and building materials \$1.045.

Contemporaneous figures from the Women's Bureau showed average weekly earnings of \$19.70 for women and \$31.75 for men in industries in Illinois. The highest average wage for women was \$30.43 in fur and fur goods manufacturing and for men \$50.90 in lithographing and engraving. The lowest wage averages for women were \$6.02 in saw planing mills and \$9.79 in cotton and woolen mills; for men \$20.40 in shoe factories and canneries.

Discussing educational requirements for Washington policemen, Congress Holiday of Illinois told how the president of a college investigated after the standing of his institution had been criticized by the Carnegie Foundation in its study of professionalism in colleges. He found that the football coach was the college registrar and asked by what qualifications all the football players were in college. The coach said they had all passed a written examination.

"What kind of an examination did that man pass?" asked the president, pointing to a big fellow who played guard.

"Well," said the coach, "on

EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

Considerable interest was taken in a meeting held at Bonanza on Saturday evening, which was addressed by Hiram F. Murdoch of this city, who is circulating a petition throughout the county for the recall of the members of the county court. County Judge Wm. S. Worden, Commissioner Summers and Surveyor E. B. Henry arrived in Bonanza the same evening, and hearing of the gathering, the officials attended the meeting. Following the talk made by Mr. Murdoch, Judge Worden addressed the meeting and replied to the charges made against the court by Mr. Murdoch in his speech.

Odysey of a Pig—W. M. Cheyne was in the city last Saturday from the Spring Lake Ranch to get a Hampshire boar which he bought from a Missouri breeder.

Some six weeks ago Mr. Cheyne received three of these pigs which he turned loose on his place. After he had them a few weeks the boar disappeared. He made a thorough search, but to no avail.

It was an expensive proceeding, but Mr. Cheyne immediately sent to Missouri for another pig. On account of the floods in the East the pig had to make the trip by way of St. Paul, but after having been on the road for seven days he arrived at his destination in fairly good condition.

Mr. Cheyne expects to make a specialty of raising high class hogs. If the stock comes up to his expectations he will send for a larger shipment next fall.

More and more the candidates begin to see the value of exploiting their own ability and to see that it pays to advertise.

The last examination when that man passed we asked him two questions and we required a percentage of 50 to pass. The first question he was asked was "What is the color of blue litmus paper?" and he replied, "Red." That was wrong.

"The second question was, 'What is electricity?' and he replied, 'I don't know,' and that was correct."

These candidates left this morning for Fort Klamath, for the purpose of convincing the populace in that section that they are the best available for the offices which they are seeking.

John Wells and James Taylor, two prominent stockmen residing in the Sprague River district returned a few days ago from California with five young Missouri Jacks. Two of the Jacks were three year olds and the others yearlings. The imported stock is for the Wells and Taylor ranches. These men have been making a business of raising mules for the market for several years.

AIDS CONSCIENCE FUND—SALEM, Ore., April 14, (AP)—W. C. North of Portland, who was a member of the Multnomah county delegation in the lower house at the 1927 legislature, has contributed \$255 to the state "Conscience Fund". The sum represents \$5 a day expense money for each of the 47 days of that session which the members voted themselves in addition to the regular per diem. Several have returned the money.

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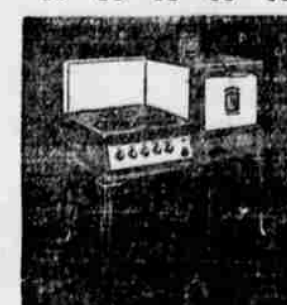
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