

Juvenile Delinquency Is A Universal Problem

Juvenile delinquency, although presently involving but a small part of our population, is becoming an ever-increasing problem in the nation.

The committee conducted its investigations in every part of the country, in small towns and in great cities.

MUCH OF THE FIRST installment has to do with public misconceptions as to the cause and cure of juvenile crime.

Another blamed it all on daylight-saving time, on the grounds that it keeps children out late.

Some of the suggestions made to the investigators were amazing. One man wrote that the way to solve the problem was to increase the price of milk two cents, thus making farmers more prosperous.

A Rose Is A Rose Is A Rose

Senator Margaret Chase Smith and Representative Frances P. Bolton introduced resolutions into the Senate and House to make the rose our national flower.

As might be expected, other senators and representatives have different ideas as to what the national flower should be.

hold theories which may seem reasonable enough on the surface—but which won't stand up when tested in the light of the known facts.

"Eliminate the slums and you will eliminate juvenile delinquency," Slums, it is true, produce many delinquents.

"The majority of kids in this country are good, decent Americans and the problem is being sensationalized by the press."

"WHAT WE NEED is to stop mollycoddling the hoodlums, to get the cap back on the beat and to treat 'em rough."

So it's a complex matter—just as it is enormous important. The authors write at the end: "The delinquent may be any child you know, including your own—regardless of your social position, your economic status or your good intentions."

What his findings are, in conjunction with what local agencies may learn, may have much to do with solving this alarming and pathetically human problem.

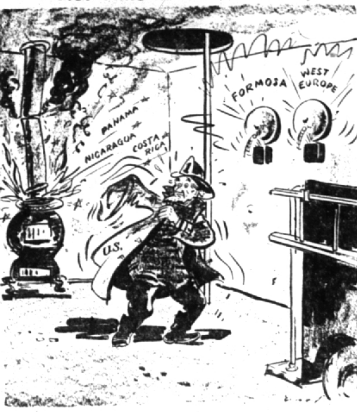
with flowery phrases as ammunition.

IT WOULD BE HARD to imagine a Kansas legislator casting his national flower vote for anything but the sunflower.

Probably some security conscious congressman will hold out for the daisy because it is well known that daisies never tell.

The resolution is interesting but it is not likely to get far.

Hot Time in the Firehouse



HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

BY ALICE E. MORGAN

Quite often we meet up with men and women from other towns who are making their first contact with the Community House.

Without fail, they are amazed at the scope of activities there and their judgment is based only on what they can see at that particular moment.

As Birmingham folks stop to explain the House and brag a bit, these strangers frequently grow envious and express the wish that such a place existed in their towns.

By and large, the Community House is an amazing place.

THE STAFF seems unbelievably small for the amount of business that is done there each day.

During those other days, the House operates on a parity with a fairly large restaurant.

SMALL GROUPS holding morning meetings may be served light refreshments, while every Thursday sees the House-sponsored buffet dinner for the public.

It's an employment agency, a "source of supply" for many area houses seeking temporary household help.

The House is a friend in need when illness strikes an area family. It has a splendid supply of medical equipment in its sickroom cupboard where crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds and other items to ease life for the ill and

ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Birmingham's leading businessmen are much concerned over the continued and future development of the downtown area now that the city commission has adopted the off-street parking requirement.

Opposed by business property owners as unnecessary, complicated, and too burdensome on the merchant-owner, the regulations insist that one square foot of parking accompany each square foot of new business or business addition in excess of 1,000 square feet.

Some of these leaders wonder—in the face of all this opposition from the business area and implied threats of court action—why the city itself doesn't file with circuit court a bill for a declaratory judgment on the new parking requirements.

IN THIS MANNER the city quickly could determine whether the ordinance were legal and enforceable.

"In such important matters as off-street parking and future downtown business development, the burden of proof should be assumed by the city," one property owner emphasized to me. "It doesn't seem right in this instance that some business man has to get the nerve and the money together to file suit."

It appears that this suggestion may be a good one, especially in view of the slim majority (4-3) by which the parking requirements passed the city commission.

City commissioners have been get-

ting more frequent reminders of late to do something about Birmingham's civil defense program.

However, city commissioners themselves are the first to admit they are not civil defense experts—and the problem seems to be to find someone who is, whether it be on a local, county, state or national level.

"We can't find very specific suggestions anywhere," they have pointed out several times in the past. "They're all to the effect that civil defense is good, we should have it, but no one knows precisely what steps local governments should take."

Engineering-wise, we're making wonderful progress on highway design, newest of which in this area is the Lodge-Ford expressway interchange in Detroit.

Our cars are the latest in horsepower and effortless gadgets, too.

But our sociologists have been making poor progress in improving the design and efficiency of human reactions, emotions and intelligence.

Drivers with Macadam minds, gas headlight senses, and starter crank emotions just don't work well on the 11-foot, concrete lanes, easy three percent grades, and sweeping curves.

Everyone agrees that slanted news is objectionable—that is, unless it is to our advantage.

Settle Dispute On Sewer Costs

With a \$38,425.45 contribution, plus payment of \$2,266.17 in lieu of an assessment, the W. E. Reid Development Co. has settled with the city a dispute which has lasted several months over what financial obligation in all previous years was implied in a previous gentlemen's agreement.

Manager to Report On Drain Problem

City Manager D. C. Egbert's report on the city commission regarding drainage problem solutions north of the city will be ready Jan. 31. He has informed them. The triangular area concerned is east of Adams and north of the city limits.

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From The Eccentric's Point of View...

Considerable discussion is being indulged in these days regarding the lack of adequate highways to meet the amount of traffic placed upon said highways.

Recently the National Labor Relations Board upheld the firing of six North Carolina striking pickets who hurled "a barrage of profane, obscene and insulting

epithets at non-striking in an effort to prevent them from working." No reason, probably reasons the board, why a picketer shouldn't be as gentlemanly on a picket line as he is in his church pew.

So They Say...

U Nu, Premier of Burma, praising his country's neutrality:

"The members of the two world blocs do not treat us as favorably as they would their own colleagues . . . but they now know full well that we are not playing second fiddle to any bloc."

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham of Today.

50 YEARS AGO January 27, 1905 "Dr. George P. Raynale of this place and Miss Edna Brooks, of Cincinnati, are to wed in the near future." In honor of the coming event Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Raynale tendered the young lady, who is here on a visit to friends, a reception one evening last week that proved to be the season's leading event in Birmingham society.

Master Harry Nichols has a brand first new baby brother who arrived Tuesday the 24th. This makes Walter Nichols' family just a dime—two bright Nichols.

"A man in Michigan by the name of Moon got married, and that was a change in the Moon. In due time his wife presented him with a daughter and that was a new Moon. Then he went to town and got drunk for joy, that was a full Moon. When he started home he had 25 cents in his pocket, that was the last quarter. His mother-in-law met him at the door with a rolling pin that was a total eclipse and he saw stars." —The Kansas News.

"A. Anderson, the popular hotel man, has cut off acetylene gas for lighting and gone back to his fine old gasoline plant. He says the acetylene light is ok but the expense is too great for him to stand. There are others."

"Mrs. R. L. Fisher was a guest of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Rindel, this week."

30 YEARS AGO January 30, 1905 Sunday night Mr. and Mrs. Hal

Distinction was bestowed upon an Ezz. City man last week when Roy Vandewater of Bird avenue was elected last week to act in the capacity of president of the Mutual Aid Department of the Maxwell Motor company where he is employed.

Baldwin's annual school play will be Clifford Goldsmith's "What a Life," and awaiting the performance with interest is Mrs. C. C. Mercer, 1909 Wimbledon, whose sister is the wife of the playwright.

Dr. William G. Hutchinson, 31 Beahon Terrace, Bessemer Hill, has been appointed state coordinator for the improvement of economic and medical filter combinations which filter out the dangerous and pressing cases for the Michigan Crippled Children's commission.

A permanent organization to be known as the Birmingham Community Council, was formed at a meeting of the steering committee of the Community Institute which met Monday morning in the Community House.

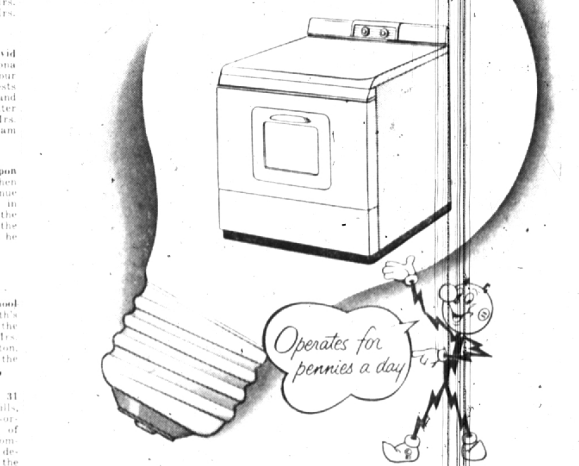
Randa Thompson of Woodridge road, Bloomfield Hills, was recently elected secretary of Pi Beta Phi sorority at the University of Michigan. Miss Thompson is a member of the junior class in the college of literature, science and arts.

THE OLD TIMER



"You may not know all the answers—but you probably won't be asked all the questions!"

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