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"Quit Coddling Youth" Urges FBI Chief

As everyone who reads or listens to news accounts knows, juvenile crime has become a problem of grim dimensions in this country. A leading authority, J. Edgar Hoover, of the FBI, has devoted a signed editorial to it in a recent issue of that organization's law enforcement bulletin.

more juvenile crime than there used to be—that it's just better publicized. In the past four years, the population of 10-17 year olds has risen 10 per cent. In the same time, arrests of individuals in that age bracket have increased at twice the rate.

Prisoners Out-Debate Cambridge University Team

Suppose you were asked to debate the question whether the Advance Toward the Welfare State is good or bad. Would you accept? Which side of this question would you prefer to take? And would you go up against the debating team of the University of Cambridge, England?

have a deeper understanding of this question—which concerns us all—than many of us on the outside. Incidentally, the prison team was supplied with debating material by The Foundation for Economic Education, Inc., a non-partisan, research organization, at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Remember that old saying that argues that nothing in the elements of Mother Nature can stop the U. S. mails from going through to their destination? It mentions rain and snow . . . well, maybe Mother Nature can't stop this service but Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield certainly did recently.

budget—which seems to be an Eisenhower administration trait.) Millions of Americans find it difficult to pay Uncle Sam so much of their income in taxes. For example, to many, the payment of even a few hundred dollars exacts a penalty from the individual family's needs—and it takes a lot of such incomes to pay for the variety of foolish foreign aid programs sponsored by the federal government.

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Suburban Sidelights by Neil Personality Test

Advertisement for personality tests. Includes text: "WE SPECIALIZE IN CHOOSING THE BEST FRAME FOR YOUR PERSONALITY" and "MIGHT I SUGGEST CONTACT LENSES?"

30 YEARS AGO April 28, 1927 "That a woman would be welcomed into the village commission of Birmingham by the members thereof is evidenced by the opinions of some of the male candidates running for office. Mrs. H. Halgren has qualified for the office of commissioner and is the first woman in Birmingham to seek that office."

Passport to Opportunity



NATURE NOW by Lydia King Frehe

The Seed, Nature's Clever Invention

Another year's growing season is upon us, bringing with it a renewed interest in seeds and the plants they will produce. The seed is a magical and efficient container which nature has invented to carry on from season to season the separate species of plants which together clothe our earth.

ALTHOUGH A SEED looks dead it is very much alive, for whether you hold in your hand a tiny mustard seed or a large coconut, each contains a plant embryo. For the time being it is dormant and unattached to the earth so that it can be easily preserved and transported to new growing locations. Plants become immobile once they begin to grow but as seeds they are equipped with an outer protective covering and with many clever devices for dispersal and subsequent travel by land, air or water.

Happenings of Long Ago

50 YEARS AGO May 1, 1907 "A good chance for a man to make money. The Birmingham Steam Laundry is for sale, good reasons for selling. See the Prop. W. T. Hammond. Only laundry in town." 15 YEARS AGO April 30, 1942 "If you are driving a horse during an alarm, you must drive to the side of the street and tie the horse and vehicle to a post or other object. Then you must hurry to shelter."

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Residents of Birmingham, who are now paying \$470,738 a year for postal services, may be charged considerably more in the near future. That will happen if the bill, now before Congress, to increase mail rates by \$462 million, wins approval. The local share of this boost, which amounts to more than 18 percent, is estimated at \$88,300.

for stamps and other postal services in the year, as shown by the Post Office Department's recently issued figures, would rise to \$559,000 under the new schedule. This presumes that local mail comprises average proportions of first, second and third-class matter. Many Congressmen are clearly in favor of an increase. They feel with Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield, that the higher rates are "past due and sorely needed."

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN: In the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. D. 1257. Notice is hereby given that the estate of NANCY KNIGHT and BRUCE KNIGHT, Minors, a session of said Court will be held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of April A.D. 1957, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

STILL OTHER CONGRESSMEN think that there should be a decision, before any increases are granted, as to just what extent the postal service should be run as a business and to what extent as a public service.

Do you have any personal opinions on how your postal service should be financed? Senators Charles Potter and Pat McNamara and Representative William Broomfield would like to know them. This is the democratic process known as "helping my congressman to vote more intelligently."

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Advertisement for Pontiac Pottery. Includes text: "A clean car rides better" and "AXKARWASH" and "Rose... by Postoria" and "PONTIAC POTTERY 2099 S. Telegraph FE 2-8642"