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. He says, Recent happenings in juvenile crime shatter the illusion that soft-hearted molly-coddling is the answer to this problem."

And he asks, "Are we to stand idly by while fierce young hoodlums—too dree mand too long harbored under the glossy missomer of juvenile delinquents—roam our streets and desecrate our communies? If we do, America might well witnissa resurgence of the brutal criminality and mobsterism of a past era."

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MR. HOOVER also demolishes the idea, by some people, that there isn't any

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
ame time, arrests of individuals in that
age bracket have increased at twice the

Finally, Mr. Hoover makes a strong case against the common custom of not publishing the names of young criminals. As he puts it, "Publicizing the names as

well as crimes for public scrutiny, release of past records to appropriate law enforce-ment officials and fingerprinting for fu-ture identification are all necessary procedures in the war on the flagrant vio-lator, regardless of age."

We have tried the soft-hearted ap-proach, and it has failed. In the name of self-preservation, Hoover argues that it is time to toughen up.

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?
Cambridge is one of the oldest and most famous universities in the world, and only bright young men get on its debating team.

This question was recently debated by Cambridge against a team from the State Prison Colony of Massachusetts! The prisoners won! They argued that the ad-vance toward the Welfare State was, a bad thing for society.

MAYBE MEN WHO HAVE KNOWN freedom and have lost it in an institution where their welfare is provided by society

have a deeper understanding of this question—which concerns as 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.

Good thinking often has gone on behind prison bars. Some of the world's greatest men have written in prison. For example, John Bunyan, "Pilgrim's Progress"; Socrates, "Apologia"; St. Paul, certain of his Epistles.

Epistles.

Add Gandhi, Thomas Paine, Sir Walter Raleigh, Daniel Defoe, O. Henry, William Lloyd Garrison, and many others.

Some of us outside prison walls are prisoners of the "Group-think," or mass mind, which too often stifles fundamental thinking.

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 hail and snow . . . well, maybe Mother Nature can't stop this service but. Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield certainly did recently. The Flint auto dealer and political hobbiest won his victory against a stingy and miserly Congress when he got an extra 41 million dollars to pay post office costs until June 30. (With all his touted business sagacity, Art apparently could not live within his

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 pay-ment of even a few hundred dollars exacts a penalty from the individual family's ment of even a few hundred dollars exacts a 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. Don't forget that your Uncle Sam still is a prodigal spender of your money!

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The Seed, Nature's Clever Invention

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AITHOUGH A SEED looks dead it is very much alive, for whether you hold in your hand at my mustard seed or a large coco.

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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.

"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."

This town needs a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Twice last week horses were seen on our street that wore a disgrace. An old junk dealer with a heavy horse that could hardly stand. One man tried to stop him but found we had me law. Why not have the society and the law that goes with it.

"Residents on Picree street, the far south, are anxious for a new cement walk, and with the built at the south end, one of them to cost at least \$5000 and over we don't think that our willage dads will see the new citizens wade in mus very long."

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30 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1927

"That a woman would be welcomed on, the village commission
of Birmingham by the members
lone of some of the male candidates
running for office. Mrs. H. Halgren has qualified for the office
ocommissioner and is the first
woman in Birmingham to seek
that office."

"When the State Legislature and the Grand Trunk Bailway agree upon the new location of the real-way tracks the actual work of tearing up Woodward avenue and the laying of the new pavement to comply with the 100-foot, width will take place. This is expected within three weeks."

"An option is held today by the Birmingham Community II ou se executive board on the lot at the northwest corner of Bates and Townsend streets, which is being considered favorably as a site for the proposed new Community House building,"

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."

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"In accordance with a national plan projected by the Treasury Department of the United States, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and to a house-to-house campaign May 11, 12, and 13, the purpose of which is to obtain personal pletges from citizens to apend for the war to their incomes for War Stamps and Bonds.

Bonds.

"Hearing on the proposed alley improvement from West Maple to Willits will be extended another week so that the proposed assessment district can be refigured."



"Flattery is like perfu

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 dear future.

That will bappen 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.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS called

THE ADMINISTRATION HAS called for the scaling up of rates in order to reduce the operating defict under which the Post Office Department labors each year. In the present fiscal year its revenues will total \$2.501 million but its operating costs will run \$4.83 million above that figure.

Under the pending legislation, most of that deficit would be eliminated by increasing the price of stamps. First-class mail, which takes 3 cents now, would go to 4 cents, Post cards would rise from 2 cents to 3 cents. Air mail letters would go from 6 to 7 cents and air mail cards, from 4 to 6 cents. 4 to 6 cents. Rates for second-class mail, chiefly

newspapers and magazines, and for third-class matter, such as advertising materials and small parcels, would also be increased. Parcel post, however, would be unaf-fected,

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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."

needed."

There are others, however, who are wary. Some of them asked witnesses at House committee hearings whether the increase in first-class mail would not be used to offset partly the hugs deficits encountered in other categories.

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 exent as a public

a business and to what exent as a public service.

Do you have any personal opinions on how your postal service should be financed?

Senators Charles Potter and Pat Me-Na mara 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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