

## Delinquency Gets Spotlight; All Teen-age Action Not Bad

Brenda Gray

On students' night of the Jaycee Jollies the teen-agers gave a pretty bad performance. They were yelling, throwing things from the balcony, and ruining the program for others. For the news papers and the people of the town, the incident clearly brought up juvenile delinquency.

Delinquents, today, are a common topic. The usual daily whisper, "Did you read in the paper last night about that young boy killer?" People are always ready to read the bad deeds, but it's doubtful they would be particularly interested in the good ones. The good accounts are usually neither exciting or shocking.

It's a known fact the few bad ones get the publicity while the few hundred good ones carry on as they should. Maybe that's the reason teen-agers violate rules—to get publicity. But whatever, it seems older folks delight in "wondering what the younger generation's coming to."

Many young people take the attitude that because a few black sheep are criticized and maybe arrested, everyone's against them. They feel officers are out to get them. Maybe this is true and maybe not. It is true that teen-agers violate some rules at a record rate, such as speeding.

However, the good ones do now and will probably forever outnumber the bad ones by a wide margin. And they'll probably always be the ones who quietly help the world, while the delinquents boisterously damage it, and get the public eye.

## Can Big Thorns, Cyclone Fence Hold Back the Rushing Herd?

Kay Kearns

It has become a familiar but distressing sight to see men replacing the campus hedge on Ferndale Drive. Upon asking Mr. Jack Cox, superintendent of the maintenance department, how many times the hedge had been replaced, we received this answer, "I lost count long ago."

They have had to replant the hedge so many times and this has cost the city so much money that they have finally resorted to the use of a cyclone fence to protect the plants. Some of the students have complained about the looks of this fence, but it is because of students' inconsideration that the fence is being used.

Often a student says to himself as he cuts through the hedge, "Oh, well, this one time won't make any difference." But, with 1300 students all having the same idea the results can be disastrous. Every time one person cuts through the hedge he is costing his parents, as tax payers, money. To move the fence and to get a new hedge cost \$312.50. \$100 was used to move the fence while each bush, 75 of them, cost \$2.50 each. \$25 was spent on manual labor.

So next time you start to cut through the hedge, stop and think, if not for the beauty of the school, for the money that you will be costing your mother and father. The few seconds that it takes you to walk around won't make you too late.

The abelia, the shrub that was used for the old hedge has been said to be defenseless against the students of Junior High. But the new pyracantha, with one inch thorns may be able to hold its own . . . provided the fence is charged with 100 volts of electricity.

## Question for Beach Trippers

Julia Drake

As each Thursday night rolls around, it finds most students studying hard for the upcoming test on Friday. But, from around Easter-time till the end of school, in June, Thursday night also finds an ever-increasing number of students preparing to take off early Friday morning for a glorious week-end at the beach.

Come Friday, the students who are at Junior High are slaving over a tough Latin exam or a tricky sentence that is to be diagrammed. Those others are resting on the beach, soaking up the healthful sun rays that turn the whitest of complexionns into a cinnamon tan.

The "beach-combers" return to school on Monday morning. Marching up to the teacher's desk, they sweetly ask if they can make up their tests — at the teacher's own convenience, of course!

As far as most teachers are concerned "their convenience" means

only the time on Friday when everyone else took the test. It was that same day when "It is absolutely necessary for so and so to be absent."

Say that you walk into your classroom next Friday expecting to have a big test, one that you know you are ready for. You find no teacher there to give you the test. Later in the day she sends you a note saying that she was on the roof taking a sun bath during that class period. So, will you mind making up the work after school? She's perfectly willing to work with you at your own convenience.

If days at the beach before school is out are so important that parents must write notes asking that their children be excused from public school for this purpose, there is nothing to hinder this practice. But, when they return, they should not expect private instruction on the work they missed. Nor should they expect credit for work they didn't do.

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## The Teachers

Richard Hayes

Mr. Lloyd Y. Thayer, principal here, recently received a handsome certificate of award enclosed in a folder of genuine leather. Given by the National Association of Secondary School Principals at their annual meeting in Chicago, this award cites Mr. Thayer for outstanding service in education. Especially impressive is the gold seal of the organization.

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Announcement came early in April of the birth of David Scott Shuford, the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shuford. Mr. Shuford was teacher here for several years; and, during first semester of this year, he was boys' counsellor.

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Mrs. Julia McDaniel, girls physical education teacher through October, has been blessed also with a son, Ernest Patrick McDaniel, junior.

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Around the middle of August Miss Elizabeth Cromer, Bible teacher, will wed Mr. Robert Carswell who now attends Southern Lutheran Seminary at Columbia, South Carolina. Miss Cromer plans to teach in Columbia after her marriage.

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Mrs. Hallie Cheek, seventh grade teacher of 111 has returned to her home in Hillcrest Manor Apartments, after major surgery at High Point Memorial Hospital. She is now improving greatly. Substituting for her is Mrs. Louise Bedford, who is remembered here as Miss Madison, art teacher for several years.

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Mrs. Doris Madanead has replaced Mrs. Mary Sue Brown in 109 for the rest of the year. Mrs. Brown took over Mr. Shuford's work as counsellor and guidance teacher when Mr. Shuford resigned in February.

## Working In Library Sees Plenty Action

Ginger Honeycutt

Library period seems to be a time of quiet and learning for all who enter the library to read. But, as one who stamps these books, I can tell you that it's anything but peaceful.

First of all the cards must be given out. Then I pick up the stamper. The long, impatient line wants to go faster than I could possibly do. Card after card and book after book pour onto the desk.

Meanwhile my partner is stamping the books being checked out. She pleads for help and I quickly shove the last book in the desk and dash to help, but I'm too slow. A huge pile of books cascades around my feet. I feel the floor move and I find myself grasping the legs of the chair, completely surrounded by facts and fiction.

White cards must be placed in their correct holders. I wrestle with this for a while. Yellow cards must then be placed alphabetically. Number seven is missing. My fellow librarian and I must find whose cards six and eight are. We ponder carefully until we finally guess the right person.

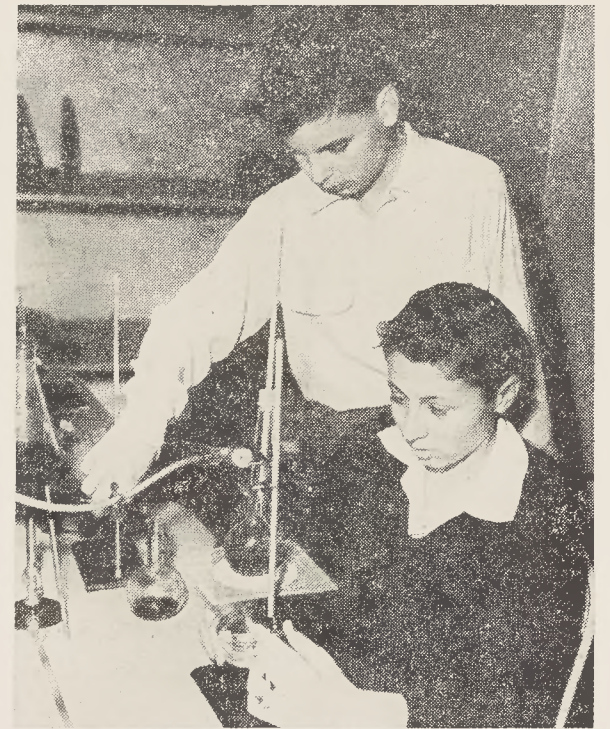
Heaps of books must be placed with their cards and placed on the mobile shelves. This is the home stretch in the race against time.

Through at last! Exhausted I am but I've got two whole minutes to rest in peace. O tidings of comfort and joy!

BILLY DAVIS  
Standing

ROGER  
STRICKLAND  
Seated

BOY  
SCIENTISTS



## Amateur Chemists Probe Atoms

Betty Snyder

Billy Davis of homeroom 103 and Roger Strickland of homeroom 104 at their early age have already been experimenting with atomic energy. Both boys have a lab in their homes. They started these labs from a plain chemistry set about two years ago. While Billy works on plain chemistry Roger works some on organic chemistry.

Most of their experiments are done individually except for their two-way communication system called an intercon. This system is set up between the boys' homes. Once, when trying to make nitroglycerin, one of their experiments exploded and ruined the walls. They have tried many experiments including a television studio, but they like chemistry best. One of the latest of their experiments is working with protozooids.

Roger and Billy are so interested in their hobby that they find time to work on it every day. Both are very ambitious and do much research. They read many books of their own and those checked out from the library. In their vocabulary are many scientific terms.

Billy is the grandson of Mrs. W. A. Davis of 804 Arbordale Drive. Roger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Strickland. His family are in the process of moving into a modernistic home at 501 Hillcrest Drive. He has one brother, Tommy, who is eleven. Tommy isn't very interested in chemistry and experiments except for the explosions. With all the time spent on their hobby, both boys still find time to keep up their school work and make all A's.

Billy stated, though, that before they could do any experiments with atomic energy someone would have to donate a cyclotron. Both Roger and Billy hope to continue their work and some day be scientist.

## Features Compiled Make Perfect Pair

What if one person could have the best qualities of nine or ten other individuals? And what if these nine or ten other individuals had the best single quality in one line of any of the 1340 Students in Junior High! What a knockout this combination would make.

The Junior Pointer staff got to supposing what such a person would be like and so they appointed a panel of critics to put one together. The critics have come up with not one but two persons, a girl and a boy.

Incidentally the critics were Eleanor Wood, Delores Eford, Becky Oakley and Carolyn Martin. These young ladies have picked out outstanding characteristics of various students to put together in the one ideal person.

Here is their girl. She has Brenda Gray's auburn curls and Sandra Ridge's wide grey eyes. Her figure looks like that of Darlene Saunders and she dresses it like Libby Green-

berg. She can amuse you like Carol Spinnett, but when the time comes to be serious she can excel in her studies like Carole Ann Kearns. Her personality is as pleasing as Joyce Groome's; and, when she smiles, she shows teeth as pretty as Carole Simeon's and a profile as interesting as Nancy Boone's.

Here is that wonderful boy which the girls put together. They took Cliffie Hawkins' hair and combined it with Butch Murrow's eyes and Ellis Baker's teeth. To make this boy fun to be with, these girls would add a generous amount of whatever Bill Davis has. To balance these fun-loving qualities, they'd include Harold Woodell's scholarship. This boy's profile might remind one of Lyman Dillon's; his clothes would be to the Harrison (Wayne) manner cut. And his personality would definitely be like Keith Sedberry's. Oh, yes, a fine physique! who else but John Kirkman?

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