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## Criminals Freed To Prey On Society

In Massachusetts recently a boy who was let out of reform school over the protests of his own mother raped and killed an eleven-year-old girl.

Instead of being an exception, that seems to be a rule.

In North Carolina many of the criminals who are wanted for felonies are former inmates of reform school, which leads us to express the opinion that the state is making a dismal failure of efforts to reform boys.

Recently a youth in Wilkes was arrested for attempted rape of a six-year-old child. It developed that the boy, age 17, had been in the state reform school. All of which leads thinking people to wonder if the name of the institution should not be changed to "criminal factory."

In the Litteral-Bell trial it was brought out that Ralph Vernon Litteral, one of the two men convicted for rape of a 15-year-old girl, had been let out of the state hospital at Raleigh over the protests of his own mother, because she could not or did not pay the fees for his extended stay at Dix Hill, and that the crime of rape was committed at a time when he would have been confined at Dix Hill if his mother's wishes had been carried out.

The Greensboro Daily News had this to say editorially on the subject of "What's Reform School For?":

"When the mother of a 17-year-old degenerate reports him to the police for murder and rape and then states that he was released from reform school, where he had been confined for crimes similar if in less degree, over her objections we think the matter becomes one of overall concern—otherwise we would gladly turn the most recent horror over to Malden, Mass. The fact that his victim, aged 11, was formerly of North Carolina does not count.

"It is just that we cannot see why any boy child sent to reform school in 1943 for attempted criminal assault, returned the next year for a sex offense involving a seven-year-old girl, and sentenced in March of last year for assault with intent to rob should have been loose and free to rape and murder.

"What is a reform school for, and what are those agencies who represent the state in dealing with sexual crimes and perversions doing when they cannot assist a mother in controlling a son whom she realizes to be a menace to society?"

"Well, anyhow this cannot be charged up to Tobacco Road."

## Naval Reserve Unit Proposed

Two meetings will be held here this week relative to the establishment of a naval reserve unit in North Wilkesboro.

If there are sufficient men interested, the navy will set up a reserve unit here, which would be comparable to a National Guard unit of the army.

Under the proposals as recently outlined, North Wilkesboro is to have a National Guard company.

Those who are interested in the navy branch of military service point out that a navy reserve unit would also be a good asset to the community.

The navy proposes to establish a unit here in radio and electronics, in which young men could gain valuable training and experience in radio and radar. The navy also points out that the work would be extremely interesting for those who show any aptitude in that line of work. In addition to regular training, navy

reservists are eligible for a two weeks sea cruise each year with pay.

The meetings scheduled here this week will be on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and are announced elsewhere in this newspaper.

The Thursday night meeting at the town hall will be extremely interesting because it will contain color movies of the atom bomb tests at Bikini. All veterans and others interested should attend.

## Borrowed Comment

THE LEWIS OPINION  
(Charlotte Observer)

The opinion of the United States Supreme Court upholding the contempt of court decision of Judge Alan Goldsborough against John L. Lewis is a confirmation of President Truman's position that the public welfare must always be placed above the interests of any minority.

It establishes also the principle that the United States government is not to be classified as an ordinary employer; consequently, a strike against the government is a defiance of the authority of that government and an attempt by the minority guilty of such defiance to set itself above the law.

The third effect of the opinion follows from the second, that, inasmuch as the United States Government is not to be classified as an ordinary employer, it is not subject to the same limitations in regard to injunctions as are placed on private business.

Chief Justice Vinson further pointed out in strong language that a contract is a contract, and one party to it has no right to withdraw without consent of the other. Lewis, therefore, not only violated the contract, but also he ignored a court order to delay abrogation of it until the legal issues could be decided.

The danger of another coal strike beginning April 1 is also eliminated, because the court ordered Lewis not to try to cancel the contract again, or it would reimpose the full amount of the fine, which it reduced in part. Lewis will have to wait until the courts decide whether he can legally abrogate a contract by unilateral action, and that may take months. Coal, therefore, will continue to be mined after April 1.

This opinion should serve as a further warning to labor czars that the country is fed up to the eyebrows with their arrogant disregard of the public welfare and that the United States is still a long way from that stage of decadence in which a minority can take control by paralyzing the national economy.

The opinion should also serve as a stimulus to Congress to proceed with amending the Wagner act and passing any supplementary legislation needed to protect the public welfare against irresponsible labor dictators.

## LIFE'S BETTER WAY

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### A CHILD OF GOD

You may not stand in halls of fame,  
Nor rise to earthly glory;  
The world may never hear your name  
In wondrous song or story;  
But you can be a child of God  
And live a life of beauty,  
And go the way that saints have trod  
And do your Christian duty.

There is a place that you can fill,  
Though it may seem quite humble,  
Where multitudes, depressed and ill,  
And likely soon to stumble  
In outer darkness and despair,  
Forever there to languish,  
Need love and help and tender care  
To save them from such anguish.

Then as a child of God today  
Go forth to honest labor,  
And be to men along life's way  
A friend and Christian neighbor,  
And lead as many as you can  
To Christ, so meek and lowly,  
Who loves the soul of ev'ry man  
And longs to make him holy.

Keep faith in God and all that's good,  
And live in sweet communion  
With His dear children as you should,  
And look for that reunion  
Where all the saints shall gather in  
To praise the King eternal,  
Beyond this world of strife and sin  
Where things are all supernal.

## ABNORMAL ABSURDITIES

By  
DWIGHT NICHOLS  
et al

GOOD REASON—  
On cooler days you must allow  
This though's worth paying heed  
to;  
The sweater girls wear sweaters  
now  
Because they really need to.

CLOSE TO SKULL—  
"Madam, what do you mean by  
letting your child snatch off my  
wig?"

"Sir, if it is just a wig, think  
nothing of it. I was afraid that  
the little devil had scalped you!"

DIRECT PROPOSAL—  
Two spinsters met on the  
street and began to talk about  
their respective churches.

"I understand," said one spin-  
ster, "that at your church the  
attendance is very small. Is that  
so?"

"Yes, I'm sorry to say it is,"  
replied her friend. "There are  
so few people there on Sunday  
that when the rector says 'Dear-  
ly Beloved' you feel as if you  
had received a proposal."

COULD SELL ANYTHING—  
Business Man: "What do you  
do with all these pictures you  
paint?"

Artist: "I sell them, sir."

Business Man: "Name your  
figure and report Monday. I've  
been looking for a salesman like  
you for years."

ALL FOR WOMAN—  
This is a woman's world. When  
a man is born people say, "How  
is the mother?" When he mar-  
ries, they say, "What a lovely  
bride!" And when he dies they  
say, "How much did he leave  
her?"

THEN AND NOW—  
Grandpa: "I miss the old cus-  
pidor since it's gone."  
Grandmother: "You missed it  
before—that's why it's gone."

SHE KNEW THE TIME—  
Two little girls were playing to-  
gether one afternoon in the near-  
by park.

"I wonder what time it is,"  
said one little girl to the other.  
"Well, it can't be four o'clock  
yet," replied the other girl, "be-  
cause my mother said that I was  
to be home at four, and I'm not."

DISCRIMINATING—  
The newly converted colored  
brother asked the minister if  
there wasn't something active he  
could do in the Army of the  
Lord. The preacher asked him  
in return what he was willing  
to do.

"Well," said the convert ser-  
iously, "Ah'm willin' to do any-  
thing de Lawd wants me to do,  
jes' so long as it am fair an'  
honest."

IGNORANT OF SUBJECT—  
A young man, just starting  
out, wanted to make a good im-  
pression upon his congregation

and knew he must speak on a  
subject that was not loaded with  
dynamite, one that was general  
enough so that he wuldn't get  
himself strated wrong on his  
ministerial career.

The young man preached on  
the subject of marriage. All the  
congregation, including Mrs. O'-  
Brien and Mrs. O'Callahan, lis-  
tened carefully.

When the sermon was ended,  
Mrs. O'Brien said, "Fine young  
man. Fine speech it was."

"Yes," said Mrs. O'Callahan,  
"but, ah me, I wish I didn't know  
any more about marriage than he  
does."

TAKEN TO TASK—  
"First cast out the beam out  
of thine own eye and then thou  
shalt see more clearly to cast out  
the mote out of thy brother's  
eye." That Biblical quotation

needs no explanation.  
In the mail this week we re-  
ceived a note which bore the en-  
lightening signature of "A Read-  
er." With the note was a clipping  
from the front page of Monday's  
Journal-Patriot. On the clipping  
was underlined the word, "burst-  
ed". In a sub-headline on a  
story about a safe which was  
found and which had been open-  
ed.

The note called attention to  
the fact that the principal parts  
of the verb, "burst," are "burst,  
burst and burst."

But if there is a guy so smart  
that he knows that "burst" is  
not good usage, should not the  
smart guy also know that prin-  
cipal parts are principal, and not  
principle? "Principal" is the  
adjective used to describe  
"parts". In that particular usage,  
and "principle" is a noun, which

is defined as a fundamental  
truth. An illustrative use would  
be: "The principles of American  
government are outlined in the  
constitution."

Our friend Webster, with  
whom we are not on intimate  
terms, says that "bursting" and  
"burst" are inelegant and dia-  
lectal uses of "burst." And, of  
course, we contend there was  
nothing elegant about a safe  
robbery.

However, we do stand correct-  
ed, and admit that "burst" is  
not a good word, or at least is  
inelegant.

But it hurts badly to be cor-  
rected by someone who didn't  
know the difference between  
"principal" and "principle."

The total forest acreage plant-  
ed in the United States since  
1926 is 6,483,632 acres.

LIBERTY  
Thursday - Friday  
— at —  
1 - 3 - 5 - 7 - 9

— VISIT —

# THE HUB

— IN —

## NEW LOCATION

Next to Dixie Home Store