

Judge Will Pless Places Blame Of Juvenile Crime On Adults, And The Home

"Juvenile delinquency is actually adult delinquency," Judge Will J. Pless told members of the Marion Lions Club recently.

Judge Pless frequently expressed this feeling while presiding over a two-week term of criminal court here in Haywood in February. The report of the jurists' address in Marion as reported by The McDowell News is as follows:

"Our home life has broken down. We used to have our family groups, our family prayers—but how many family groups have that now? It isn't the fault of the individual, but of our society. The parents now are too busy to give the children the education they need.

"Parents can take an afternoon a week off to take the youngster fishing, or for a round of golf, or other such healthful recreation. We should teach our children at the earliest possible age that there are some things they can do, and some they can't.

Compulsory Education

"The average young man who comes into our courts charged with a crime is 18 years of age, has a fifth grade education, and an unstable home situation. We have had a compulsory school law since 1914. If all went to school during this compulsory period, they would reach at least the eighth or ninth grade.

"If we made our school laws effective, and saw that they were strictly enforced, we could do more in that one way than in any other to eliminate crime.

"Whenever a boy reaches the age of 13 or 14, he should be taken by his father to court to see what happens to those who violate the law—to see the shame and disgrace that they have brought upon themselves.

"We Americans do not appreciate our laws. The law is the best friend you have. Can you conceive of the chaos that would result if we had no laws?"

Hazelwood 4-H Club Sees Colorado Slides

The Hazelwood 4-H Club met March 16 in the Hazelwood School auditorium.

Cecil F. Brown, assistant farm agent, showed the club a group of slides he made on the previous exchange trip to Colorado. The next meeting will be held Friday, April 6, at the Hazelwood school.

"J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, estimates that the bill for crime costs \$50 per family per month in the United States, and has figures to back up this statement. He also says that there are six million people in the United States who are making a living out of violating the law.

"We sit supinely by and hope that someone else will take care of things, while the underworld takes over. The American people take too much for granted, and are willing to let the other folks do it. "If the good people don't run our government, then the bad people will be glad to take over.

"Wake up Americans, and realize the danger we are in, not only from without, but also from within—not only from the Communists, but from the underworld as well. "An interested and active citizenship and encouragement of the compulsory school law are greatly needed. I am asking the cooperation of people like you of spreading the news among your friends that they have a responsibility on the side of law and order, and of proper discipline in the home."



TWO HAYWOOD COUNTY GIRLS were included in a group of senior, student nurses from Memorial Mission Hospital leaving the Asheville-Hendersonville Airport Monday enroute to Torrence, Pa. The students will spend 13 weeks at Torrence State Hospital as affiliates in psychiatric training as part of the curriculum of Memorial Mission School of Nursing. Shown left to right are Miss Geneva Cagle, Miss Marie Holden, Miss

Patsy Humphrey, Miss Norma Jean Winchester of Hazelwood, and Miss Ruby McKinney. On steps, top to bottom, are Miss Cleo Hicks, Mrs. Naomi Garrison of Canton, Miss Geraldine Murray, and Miss Ruby McKinney of Mountain Home. At right of the nurses are Joe Levisay, personnel division and Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, division of nurses.

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"To meet the high cost of living today we farmers have got to make more money this year, and we can increase our incomes by raising aromatic tobacco, more poultry, sheep and small fruits like strawberries," Virgil Holloway, Haywood County farm agent, told Farmers Federation stockholders at their annual meeting held at the Waynesville store last week.

Holloway urged farmers to call on the extension service for any help or advice they need on their farming problems.

James McClure Clarke, Federation vice president, conducted the re-election of the Canton and Waynesville store committees and the renomination of F. A. Justice, Route 1, Clyde to serve a two year term as county director.

Justice's renomination will be voted upon at the annual meeting of all Farmers Federation stockholders set for the Buzcombe County courthouse, Asheville Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

Raymond Duckett, Route 2, Canton, was added to the Canton store committee while Bob Francis, Waynesville; Jim Leatherwood, Route 2, Waynesville; Frank Medford, Route 1, Clyde; Will Bradshaw, Route 1, Clyde and Hardy Liner, Route 3, Waynesville were added to the Waynesville store committee.

Charles McCrary, Route 1, Clyde, aromatic tobacco fieldman for the Farmers Federation, explained the advantages of cultivating this crop and requested all interested farmers to contact him for more detailed information.

Additional speakers at the meeting included Herschel Hipps, Route 1, Canton; Guy M. Sales, Federation general manager; Max Roberts, Carolina tobacco warehouse operator; Roger Ammons, Waynesville store manager; John Gardner, Canton store manager and Ben Owenby, freezer locker manager.

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