

## Sex Criminals on Loose; Laws Fail, Says Coronet

Last year, in the U. S., the shocking total of 46,000 sex crimes were committed; and this represents only the known number of cases reported. How many went unreported, because of a foolish desire on the part of the victims or their families to avoid unpleasant publicity, there is unfortunately no way of determining; but authorities timidly estimate the figure as running into the hundreds of thousands.

It is with good reason, therefore, that the sex criminal is being alarmingly regarded, more and more, as the greatest internal menace facing this country. But, what is criminal in itself, is that the laws and the nation's lawmakers have not adequately kept pace with the rampant spreading out of the sex offender.

This is the tragic offense against the American people: the lack of a "tough" program—indeed, the lack of any program—to combat the ever-increasing boldness and viciousness of the sexual pervert. As one police official in Boston recently declared: "The laws are obsolete; the methods of correction futile."

This police official's sense of helplessness is commonly echoed throughout the country. Recently, Coronet Magazine made a national survey on the sex problem, held interviews in 30 cities with police and other public officials; and their findings reveal that the handling of sex offenders follows a fairly consistent—and futile—pattern. In general, says the magazine, minor offenders are fined, or jailed and released as quickly as possible.

Coronet Magazine, in its August issue, discards all wraps and comes up with a constructive, hard-hitting, eight-point program on how to combat this terrifying menace which lurks in every street in every community in the country.

The program contains the following eight points:

1—Vice squads should operate constantly in every community, tirelessly tracking down every instance of perversion.

2—Every city—every county—every village—should maintain a

complete file of all persons picked up on suspicion of a sex offense, and copies of these records should be sent to the FBI in Washington for establishment of a master file there.

3—Every citizen should appoint himself a committee of one to report any apparent case of sexual perversion to the proper authorities.

4—There should be a law requiring a psychiatric examination of any person accused of a sex offense.

5—All states should provide institutions and adequate psychiatric staffs to handle the indeterminate commitment of sex criminals found to be mentally ill. (Only four states—California, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota—have laws providing for such confinement and treatment.)

6—The practice of "bargain" sentences for sex offenders should be outlawed immediately. A "bargain" sentence means whereby the prisoner agrees to plead guilty to a lesser offense and accept a lesser sentence rather than put the state to the trouble and expense of proving the original charge.

7—Money should be provided for the establishment of a national organization to conduct studies into the cause and cure of sex crimes.

8—Parents and schools must face the problem of sex crimes realistically, by properly informing and guiding their children in sex education.

The article concludes on this note: "It is up to all of us to enlarge and implement this program and give it real meaning. We must get angry—and stay angry—until action is assured. For once the evil of the sex criminal strikes in your home, it will be too late for you to do anything."

## Ceiling Down On Used Cars

Ceiling prices for all used cars are now eight per cent less than they were at the end of 1945, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson today reminded prospective purchasers in North Carolina. This is the result of two separate reductions of four per cent each, which are made automatically every six months because of depreciation in value, Johnson said. One reduction took effect January 1 and the second, originally scheduled for July 1, automatically became effective with renewal of the Price Control Act, he explained.

All deliveries of new and used

cars made after July 25 must be at or below OPA ceilings, Johnson said, even though an agreement to buy at a higher price may have been made and a deposit paid during the interim when no price controls were in effect.

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## Nectar a Notch Above Last Year

The sugar shortage and continuous favorable honey prices resulted in another national increase in colonies of bees this year, according to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, which released the current honey report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

There were 177,000 colonies of bees in North Carolina as of July 1, said the agency, the same number as last year. Colonies lost during the winter was 18 per cent, but new spring colonies brought the total number back to last year's figure. Condition

of present bee colonies is 82 per cent of normal, two per cent above that of last year at this time. Condition of nectar plants as of July 1 is decidedly better than last year, being 75 per cent of normal as against but 61 per cent of normal in 1945.

Causes of losses in bee colonies the past winter, according to the agency, were queenlessness, foul breed, insects and spray poisoning from treated plants, but starvation the principal cause.

The states in the southeast which lead in number of bee colonies are Georgia with 230,000; Florida with 191,000; and North Carolina with 177,000 colonies. In the United States as a whole there

were 5,737,000 colonies of bees as of July 1, 1946.

## Taylor - Dickerson

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Dickerson of this city announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Mae, to Roy D. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Taylor also of this city. The wedding took place on July 6 at the home of Rev. Marshall Whitehurst who officiated. The couple will make their home in Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Annie A. Crawford and daughter, Helena Crawford spent last week in Western North Carolina and Tennessee.



"Wonder how much, friend Foxhound?"

"I'd say a hundred bucks apiece, charming lady!"

"Flatterer! Why, when my grandpa was a pup, he brought only \$25. That was 20 years ago, of course, but he became a Champion!"

"My good woman, don't you realize how much prices have gone up since then? Look at hamburger, for instance . . ."

"Oh, Mister, how I'd love to look at hamburger!"

"Stop it—please! My point is that the price of nearly everything has gone way up in the last 20 years. Except electricity. And us dogs don't use electricity. That's unfair. I'm going to raise a howl about it!"

"But we do use electricity in lots of ways. It cooks our food and warms our baths and whisks our spare hairs off the furniture."

"Hm-m—guess you're right, gorgeous gal. . . And it'll please you to know that the average family gets twice as much electricity for its money today as it did 20 years ago!"

"Twenty years ago—when Grandpa was a pup—and hamburger was . . . how much did you say hamburger was?"

"I'll have to scratch up the exact figure for you. But now I must run along and pick up a scent. Electricity and I—forgive me—do a great deal of work for a cent. Yip, yip! Good day, Mrs. Spaniel."

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