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## Youth and Crime

It is an increasingly deplorable fact that young men and young women are responsible for so many criminal cases being on court dockets in Wilkes county and all over North Carolina.

Twenty years ago court dockets were light compared to what they are now. Records show, for instance, that there was seldom a larceny charge. Now a great per cent of the cases are young men and young women indicted for stealing something or for receiving stolen goods.

A survey of the defendants would no doubt show that a very large per cent of them have gone to school but little and invariably not regular in attendance in church or Sunday school and take no interest in affairs calculated to be for the good of their respective communities.

The National Youth Administration begins a youth guidance program and if it is carried out according to outlined plans it will be a herculean task for somebody. Information should be gathered as to why so many young people in Wilkes county drop out of school before they have acquired a reasonable knowledge of the fundamental subjects of education.

If such information could be gathered it would no doubt disclose indifference on the part of parents concerning the future of their children.

The Winston-Salem Journal makes the following comment on juvenile delinquency:

On the authority of J. Edgar Hoover, chief of investigation, one-fifth of the crimes committed in this country are by persons under voting age.

Set that sentence off by itself. Ponder it. Significance lies here.

Adult America has no cause for putting itself in the back, when it considers what the above statement means. Adult America is largely responsible for juvenile America's crime for its delinquency.

It should do something very definite about it. There are, of course, reform schools, welfare departments and probation officers. But quite a few confirmed penitentiary inmates claim that reformatories often serve to train and polish off a youthful criminal.

But these aren't sufficient. All the boys and girls who run on the street can't be shut up in reform schools. All the youngsters who are surrounded by bad environmental contacts can't be placed under probation officers. The welfare folk may be watching the wrong boy or girl in many instances. The little shaver who has been absorbing devilment unnoticed instead of the marked delinquent, may prove to be the Dillinger or Baby Face Nelson of the community.

So what? Uncle Sam has an idea that the sage who said an idle mind was the devil's workshop had hold on the tail of a right idea. Out at Louisville, Ky., he is co-operating with the Jefferson county juvenile court in providing a workshop for delinquent youngsters.

An enterprise of this type puts the boys on probation to work and should serve to keep them out of mischief, while at the same time training them for lives of usefulness. But how about the boy who has escaped the watchful eye of the probation officer, the youngster who lives in a community where there are no probation officers? Society might not do a bad day's work if it made an effort to extend the idea providing vocational training and recreational centers in every community.

Let the child have fun but let it be a sanely directed, carefully supervised fun. Let the youngster be doing something, but make certain that something is worthwhile and augurs well for his future.

## Educate the Adult

The casualty insurance industry, said Henry Swift Ives in a recent address, is taking an increasing interest in accident prevention, especially highway accidents. It has long realized that it is more desirable to prevent accidents than to merely indemnify victims and their heirs—and today it is asking public co-operation in seeking to reduce America's horrible and unnecessary death and injury toll.

The soul of accident prevention work

that will produce results is education. It is necessary that law enforcement agencies, especially our traffic patrols, be improved, and that laws governing motor vehicle operation be brought up to date. But the reckless or ignorant driver will continue to endanger lives in spite of the best efforts of legislatures, judges and police officers—unless the force of public opinion is enlisted to make him mend his ways, or keep off the highways.

Proof of what safety education can accomplish is found in the magnificent record produced by safety instruction in the public schools. This work was started some fourteen years ago, and was inaugurated by the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, representative of the leading casualty insurance companies. During those 14 years, there has been a 196 per cent increase in traffic fatalities to adults—and a 2 per cent decrease in traffic fatalities to children of school age or under. According to Mr. Ives, if the trend in the case of children had been the same as in the case of adults, 53,800 more young lives would have been snuffed out.

Now it is time we educate the adults.

Jupiter, we learn, has not one moon, but ten. We are trying to visualize a choir of Kate Smiths helping the same over the mountains. —Newark (Ohio) Advocate.

# BRUCE BARTON Soap

PLENTY AMERICAN VITALITY

Once I had an interview with Lloyd George, when he still was the Grand Old Man who had saved the empire. A year or two later he was just a neglected ex-politician (great nations are not so grateful). He spoke of prohibition and said it never would succeed in England because the climate is so disagreeable that the English workman must have his daily grog to keep going. "But in your marvelous country, where the sun shines and there is so much sparkle in the air and such boundless vitality in the people—ah, there anything is possible."

Well, as it turned out, anything is not possible, even in our marvelous country. Prohibition was not possible and probably will not be until there has come a vast change in the make-up of human nature.



Bruce Barton

But what Lloyd George said about our almost boundless vitality is true. Into the making of America has been poured the best blood of the most adventurous members of all peoples. Any idea that the opportunities are over, the frontiers all crossed, is nonsense.

I write these brave words, having talked recently with a young Englishman, now in business among us, who tells me he never really knew the thrill of opportunity until he landed on these shores. I write also as a record and a reminder.

If we have another depression I want this piece to be around where I can read it and remember that in the darkest hours of 1932 I decided that a certain great American industry was hopelessly over-built and never would come back. Being very wise and far-sighted, I sold out my stock at the bottom.

Every time I look at the current high quotations I think: "This is the price you paid, my lad, for your silly notion that the vitality of America was all used up."

### SPEAK MAN, THE TRUTH

Maybe Mr. Kipling was unfair to an unknown contractor when he penned these lines:

The architect and builder kid  
sed Cheops on his pyramid  
"Ready next week, sir, have no fears,"  
And this went on for thirty years.

Contractors are not often dishonest. Their real fault is a certain excess of tender-heartedness. They hate to disappoint the man who is paying for the work.

A friend, now engaged in fixing over a house, spoke feelingly along these lines no later than yesterday. "We were held up for two weeks waiting for on particular piece of material," he exclaimed. "First they told us it had been shipped ten days before. Then they said it was coming down on a special truck. Day after day it was to be on the job tomorrow. Finally we discovered that it was lost somewhere in a freight yard."

"If they had given us the straight facts at the beginning we could have gone on with some other parts of the work. But workmen were idle, and my blood pressure was around 400, all because some one just didn't have the guts to tell me the truth."

Some politicians and statesmen act as if they were all ex-contractors. The first rule of statesmanship seems to be "never tell the voter anything unpleasant. Give him the old shampoo."

This kidding is old stuff, and with the younger generation it does not sit well. For these youngsters are a new thing under the sun—they tell the truth. Pleasant or unpleasant, they blurt it out.

When they take charge of the world, feelings may be more often ruffled. But there may be an end to the aggravation and nuisance of lies.

## Cycle News

CYCLE, Sept. 16—Messrs. I. M. Coleman and Harrison Souther celebrated their 40th birthday Sunday at the home of Mr. Souther. An elaborate dinner was spread at noon. Several of their friends gathered for the occasion and a general good time was reported.

Mrs. Spurgeon Johnson remains quite ill at the home of her father, Mr. Sunny Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Chambers and Mrs. Boyce Myers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vender Triplett Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and two sons, Frank and Allen, of Call, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hemric and two daughters, Fay and Claudette, of Union Grove, were guests of Mesdames Johnson's and Hemric's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Roberts, during the week-end.

Mrs. J. D. Jarvis, who has been in declining health for some time, doesn't show much improvement. Her many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Wellborn and children and Mr. T. R. Roberts were in North Wilkesboro on business Monday.

### Bulletin Tells How To Figure Farm Crop Cost

Farmers who wish to figure their production costs more accurately will be helped by a bulletin just issued by the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

The bulletin, prepared by R. E. L. Greene, research assistant in farm management, shows how costs were figured for various crops on representative North Carolina farms.

It also shows how a grower may determine the amount of fertilizer he can profitably apply to his crops to increase the yield. Beyond a certain point, additional fertilizer will cost more than the extra yield is worth.

Experiment station bulletin No. 305, "Cost of Producing Farm Products in North Carolina," may be obtained free by writing the agricultural editor at State College, Raleigh.

### FLOOD LEAVES 700 HOMELESS IN TEXAS

San Angelo, Tex., Sept. 17.—More than 700 persons were homeless here tonight as the worst flood in the city's history swept over the business and residential sections.

The entire city of 26,000 population was without water supply as a 50-foot rise in the north Concho River put the pumping plant out of commission. Power lines were down and the city was in darkness.

There was no reported loss of life, but nine persons were marooned in trees and in grave danger.

Three hundred residences were swept into the river, water covered another 200 houses, and a swift current ranging from 12 to 25 feet deep was rushing through part of the business section.

## "A Camel—and everything's O. K.!"



COVETED OUTBOARD TITLE goes to Clayton Bishop, 1936 winner of the Albany-New York Marathon! He says: "Camels make food taste better and digest better." As digestion is stimulated, alkalinity increased, you will enjoy a grand feeling of comfort. Smoke Camels—and see.

## CAMELS COSTLIER TOBACCOS

### VALUABLE REAL ESTATE CLOSE IN FOR SALE

Having had inquiries for real estate which I own adjoining Highways Nos. 60 and 16 just west of North Wilkesboro and being compelled to be away from home all the time except Saturdays, I am placing this property with J. G. Hackett to sell. He will be glad to show you any part of it and price same to you. This is undoubtedly the most desirable section for homes and is just outside the corporate limits, with rural electrification, phone lines and convenience of city life. NO TOWN TAXES. School facilities excellent. A large portion of this property is laid off into lots and streets. Some of this property can be sold by the acre or parcel.

Buy yourself a home site now while you can take choice.

J. A. ROUSSEAU.

## Memories

by A. B. Chapin

### THE EARLY MORNING START FOR THE COUNTY FAIR

IT'S A GOOD THING WE STARTED AN HOUR BEFORE SUNUP, IT'LL TAKE US 'BOUT FOUR HOURS 'T DRIVE FOURTEEN MILES, AN' I WANT 'T GIT THERE EARLY 'NUFF 'T SEE 'N HOGS AN' CATTLE AN' HAVE OUR DINNER BEFORE WILLYUM JENNIN'S SWAN STARTS SPEAKIN'—

I WANT 'T GET THERE EARLY, TOO, SO I CAN ENTER MY QUINCE PRESERVE IN THE ART HALL EXHIBIT—

YES—AND MY LOG CABIN GUILT

BOOBY, GOODY, I'M GOIN' ON TH' MAIRY-GO-ROUN—

AND CHRISTMAS IN GONNA BE 'N RACES AN' BLOCK ASSEMBLUM

SHEEP—! G'WAN HOME !!



### DEMOCRATS BEHIND THE REPUBLICANS IN CAMPAIGN SPENDING

The Democratic National committee has spent \$1,520,658 this year to return President Roosevelt to the White House and still has \$372,000 in the campaign coffers for the drive down the stretch to the November elections.

A report filed this week with the clerk of the House by the committee showed expenditures of \$1,008,840 for June, July, and August in addition to previous disbursements this year of \$511,818.

The Republican report filed this week also showed expenditures this year of \$2,544,919, and about a half million dollars on hand to aid Gov. Alf M. Landon in his effort to move from Topeka to Washington.

Contributions to the Democratic cause in June, July, and August totaled \$1,081,768, as compared with \$2,050,311 collected by the Republican committee during the same period.

### THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

New York.—The natural forces of recovery have demonstrated their strength and have a momentum which may reasonably be expected to carry the country into new high ground, says "Banking," the publication of the American Bankers association, in its August issue. The momentary stimula-

tion following the distribution of bonus funds to the veterans has practically died away and is no longer an important business factor.

A certain degree of uncertainty arising from the national political campaign is unavoidable, the magazine says.



## What, No Life Insurance!

What a tragedy for a widowed mother with children, without money for their education and future. Honor and respect fails for a man who fails to protect his family and have Life Insurance.

Keep the insurance you have on your property, and fear not FIRE which has no pity.

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