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Conscience Absent

One of the most shocking crimes in recent years was brought to light in Florida last week, where a young man who posed as a scout for movie and stage talent lured two girls away from home.

He confessed to brutally attacking one of the girls and murdering her. Just what the other went through while held captive by him is difficult to imagine.

The low down meanness of his acts are most apparent because he employed deception and the natural desire of girls to win fame in order to get them away from home.

Of course the girls should not have left home. But girls are girls and there is not one in a thousand who would not listen to a man if she thought he was offering her a chance for a place in the sun.

What makes his acts so despicable was that he deceived the girl and lured her away, he having knowledge and intelligence enough to know what would interest the innocent girls.

Such things do not happen frequently but when such incidents bob up we are made to wonder whether or not the world is civilized.

Surely, there is no vestige of conscience left in any individual who would deliberately plan and carry out such fiendish crimes, which belong only in the devil's domain.

Outgrown The Roads

Either one of two things have happened: a great part of North Carolina's highway system is outmoded or traffic has outgrown the roads.

When vehicles are so big, so long and so wide that they take up more than half of the pavement a dangerous situation results.

North Carolina has many highways. It has a wonderful highway system, yet many of the highways are too narrow and too crooked for modern traffic as now allowed on the highways.

The momentum of a truck loaded with several tons and going at 40, 50 or 60 miles an hour is a tremendous force. It is capable of destruction of life and property.

But the danger from such moving objects is multiplied when highways are narrow or crooked or both.

Too few people realize the power of speeding objects and what happens when they meet headon.

A better conception of the power of speeding vehicles can be gained by taking a piece of automobile steel not bigger than your finger and trying to bend it. Unless it is a long piece you will find it impossible with your bare hands.

Then take a look at a car which has been in a collision. Count the number of pieces of steel which are twisted, bent, broken or splintered.

The next time you are driving on a narrow road and meet a heavily loaded truck going a high speed take time to be thankful that it did not hit you.

It is only a matter of inches between your car and the one you are meeting. Inches—no feet—are the margin between life and death!

Fire In The Forest

"Be careful of fire in the forest, lest a spark should lay waste the treasure of the generations," says an editorial in the Portland Oregonian. "The time of danger is here again. It is true that not all forest fires are started by careless vacationists—perhaps no more than a minor fraction of them—but were the forests miraculously reseeded that have been destroyed by vacationists the green area of them would be vast.

"It is best not to smoke as you pass through the friendly forest, but if you must smoke be sure that the match is out, and that the ember of the cigarette is extinguished. Be careful even to what may seem absurdity—for there can be no absurdity in such precautions. Put out your camp fire. With water. To the last spark. You have to be careful of fire in the forest."

"You are only one of us who is seeking the comfort and coolness, the green recreation, of the living and beautiful forest. It is your forest. It is the bequest of happiness and health and healing you should leave to your children's children. How cruel a thing it must seem if your love for the forest is the unwitting instrument that makes of it a pillar of smoke by day, of flame by night. Be very careful of fire in the forest. It is that time of year again." That eloquent message should be re-

membered. And be careful too of fire in the fields, in your home—anywhere you may go. It takes but a little thought, a little effort. And it pays magnificent dividends—to you, to everyone else, and to posterity.

Borrowed Comment

HOME TOWN JOBS

(Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont)
In a southwestern town of 2,500 is a young fellow who has been to the city and had his fling. Now he is back home and expects to stay there. Not because he failed in the city, but because he has decided he can go further and live more where he is.

In the city he worked for a chain food store, learned its aggressive merchandising methods, care in buying, elimination of waste, etcetera.

He became a store manager, then resigned, went back home and bought a small meat market.

He has been there only a few months and the business of the market is already double what it was; up-to-date merchandising pays on Main Street, too.

Nowadays with increasing frequency one hears these new-type Horatio Alger epics of home town boys who came back and made good at home. They find competition too terrific in the city, but apply successfully at home their experienced acquired in the burly burly of urban life.

The effort necessary to reach even mediocrity in the city may achieve real success back home, writes Ruel McDaniel in Nation's Business.

The keen young man from the country stands a good chance of being a big duck if he is content with a little puddle.

And still, it seems, Mr. Ickes gets most of his information about the subservience of the press from the newspapers.—Rockefeller Democrat and Chronical.

Unaccustomed as he is to public service, the bewildered citizen of Kansas City will have to run his own town while Boss Pendergast is away.—Atlanta Constitution.

Van Horn Moseley did not seem to have any evidence to support his charges. All he displayed was a keen sense of rumor.—Detroit News.

Stalin says the Russian revolution had its finger on the public pulse. Evidently the public had high blood pressure.—Dallas News.

In the United States a burglar is known as a yeg. A man convicted several times for his crime is a hard-boiled yegg.—Montreal Star.

A man is reported to have lost his wife and his cash at Reno. Money is awful hard to get these days, too.—Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch.

Thrown Out of Apartment Three Times by Wife, Man Returns.—Headline. Evidently, she's putting too much backspin on him.—Arkansas Gazette.

Censored literature may be provided for, but it will arrive too late. The worst possible has already been written and printed.—Washington Star.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

ALCOHOL AND THE COMMUNITY

Lesson for August 20: Daniel 5:1-28

Golden Text: Habakkuk 2:15

In an effort to determine the exact relationship between strong drink and human skill and endurance, careful tests were carried out in the Swedish army on the regular army manoeuvre grounds near Stockholm.

There were three series of experiments, each one lasting for several days. Three privates and three corporals, all of them first class marksmen, and all of them accustomed to alcoholic beverages, and convinced that these are an aid to marksmanship, were chosen for the trial.

In the first and third series, the men practiced total abstinence. In the second series, the men drank a small amount of intoxicating liquor daily. Each experiment consisted of precision, quick-firing, and endurance tests with the target at a distance of 200 yards.

In every case the men made better records on the non-drinking days. Alcohol definitely impaired their skill.

The same result was registered at the conclusion of a type-setting test conducted at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Four skilled typesetters, all of them beer drinkers, submitted to the careful conditions drawn up.

It was found that the average loss of working ability due to alcohol was nearly 9 per cent. This means that a printer paid by piece work, who could normally earn \$2 per day, would earn 17 cents per day less on his alcohol days.

Horace Greely once said that legalized liquor "is a worse bargain than the devil made with our first parents in the Garden of Eden, or than Judas made when he sold the Son of God." Not many would be willing to go as far as this in their opposition to liquor.

Yet there can be no doubt this intemperance is largely responsible for our staggering crime and unemployment problems.

Two Sides To Everything

NEUTRALITY

Congress wanted to go home, but they've got to pass some "must" legislation before they leave. That's tough on Congress! When the American citizen first reads, each year, that Congress is beginning to make noises like a homing pigeon; upon that instant said American citizen—if he cares anything about what happens to his country—should start paying careful attention to the matters which are being discussed by our lawmakers in Washington. Usually at this time there is some vital bill under consideration and Congress has often rushed such bills through without the thorough consideration which they deserve. This is not from lack of patriotism but usually from sheer fatigue, boredom and the prospect of the joys of home, holiday and rest. The Congressman is an ordinary, normal human being—not a super-man. And that's tough on us!

At that moment, the "Neutrality Act of 1938" is the fly in the late Spring ointment. This Neutrality Act however, is no "fly" to the people of this country—it is a great big American Eagle. It is so vast in fact that it casts a shadow over every other interest which we have today, for upon this act, when and if it becomes law, may depend the future of our country and of everyone in it.

Unfortunately this law was being formulated in a time of great stress when the nations of Europe are rattling sabers and beating war drums. But even if this were not so and peace prevailed all over the world, this law—which is to govern the actions of the United States toward other nations in time of war—is of the utmost importance to us and to others and embraces within its scope possibilities of terrible import.

The preamble to this so-called Administration Act—which was first introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Bloom on May 29th—reads as follows:

Whereas, The policy of the United States, in foreign wars not affecting the defense of the United States, is a policy of neutrality in accordance with the rules of international law; and

Whereas, The United States stands for restating and strengthening the rights of neutrals at the earliest practicable time; and

Whereas, It seems advisable, until these rights can be restated, to diminish the risk of this nation becoming involved in foreign wars by restricting the exercise of certain neutral rights of our citizens; therefore, be it resolved etc.

And so, to all appearances, the intent is to be honestly neutral and keep this country out of other people's wars.

At the time of this writing the Bill had just come out of committee and is before the House. Already the fight had centered upon certain main phases. First:

—the duty of the President in event of a war—in which we are neutral—to define certain combat areas into which American ships and American citizens would penetrate only at their own risk. Second:—the requirement that foreign purchasers take title to goods before those goods leave this country, which, to some extent, re-enacts the "cash and carry" provisions of the old law. Third:—the repeal of the embargo on the shipment of arms and munitions of war. Fourth:—the contention that the entire act places our neutrality in the hands of the President instead of in the Congress.

Because of the explosive conditions abroad the passage of a neutrality law is one of the most complicated and vital pieces of legislation ever to come before our Congress. Every citizen of this country should obtain from his newspaper a copy of the proposed Act and should follow every move which is made in connection therewith; and if he believes that a fatal error is about to be committed, he should wire or write his congressman and state his views in no uncertain terms.

Expect Demand For FHA Money

Home-financing money at the new reduced rate on FHA-insured mortgages will be more than adequate to meet demand, Federal Housing Administrator Stewart McDonald said.

Mr. McDonald based his statement on the response of lending institutions throughout the country to the new maximum rate of 4 1-2 per cent put into effect on August 1 on FHA-insured loans which they make for building or buying homes or refinancing home debts. The new rate, one-half of 1 per cent below the previous maximum of 5 per cent, represents the highest interest rate which lending institutions participating in the FHA program may charge borrowers.

Reaction Favorable

"The reaction of lending institutions as a whole has been highly favorable," Mr. McDonald said. "Reports which have come to us from every part of the country show that virtually all institutions which have taken an active role in supplying home-financing credit on the FHA plan are preparing to continue this activity. The result should be a stimulus to residential construction."

"The Federal Housing Administration is now insuring only mortgages which bear interest at 4 1-2 per cent or less. This interest rate, plus the one-half of 1 per cent insurance premium, makes an over-all annual cost of 5 per cent, a charge which no potential home owner should have to exceed in order to obtain long-term financing for a high percentage of his property valuation. The new maximum rate permitted on insured-mortgage loans for construction of large-scale housing projects is 4 per cent, a low level which should attract additional amounts of private equity capital into this field of construction."

Stabilizing Influence

"Many institutions, particularly in the large metropolitan areas of the East and Midwest, had been lending at rates below the old maximum for some time. But even from areas where long-term amortized mortgage credit, running up to 25 years, has not been heretofore available below 5 per cent, the response indicates that there will be no reduced lending as a result of the lower rate. In general, lending institutions have been prepared to see mortgage rates decline in line with lower rates on other forms of high-grade investments. Some rate will be a stabilizing influence, express the belief that the new rate in view of the fact that many institutions already were lending below the previous maximum."

Mr. McDonald also recalled that the FHA had put into effect liberalized home-financing terms early in 1938 when it eliminated an annual service charge of one-half of 1 per cent which lenders could charge borrowers up until that time on FHA-insured financing. Simultaneously the minimum down payment was cut from 20 per cent to 10 per cent on new owner-occupied small homes.

Sho-lac is a product derived from Lac, a resinous substance obtained from several trees growing in East Indies, India, and Burma, particularly from Croton-laccifera. The name "lac" is taken from the Indian term for 100,000, and is significant of the swarms of insects taking part in its formation.

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Civil Ser. Exam Is To Be Held

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination for the position of Junior Public Health Nurse, in the Indian Field Service, Department of the Interior. Applications must be on file in the Commission's office at Washington, D. C., not later than September 11 if received from States east of Colorado, and not later than September 14, if received from Colorado and States westward. The salary for the position is \$1,800 a year.

High-school education and certain nursing training is required for entrance to the examination. Competitors are to be given a written test covering practical questions. Applicants must not have passed their fortieth birthday. The age limit will not be waived in any case.

Full information may be obtained from the post office in this city.

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Ice Cream Supper At Boomer Satur.

Announcement has been made that an Ice Cream Supper will be held at the Boomer School Building on Saturday evening, August 19, beginning at 7:30. The proceeds from the sales are to go to the Boomer Baseball Club, which is sponsoring the affair.

The public is cordially invited to attend and help the local team.

Laura Bierman, who is employed by a New York Hotel, was idly shuffling through an old telephone directory when a dollar bill floated out. She then set to work in earnest, leafing through 200 discarded directories of the hotel. She found a dozen love letters, twice as many odds and ends, and \$40.20 in cash.

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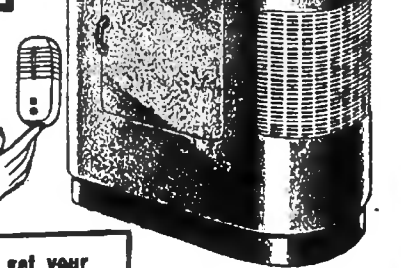
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