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Concerning Juvenile Crime

GLANCING over the February 8th issue of The State, Carl Goerch's weekly survey of North Carolina news and opinion, our attention was attracted by a timely article by Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, concerning the juvenile delinquency problem.

Criminologists and sociologists are agreed that the solution of the crime problem lies principally in the correction of juvenile delinquencies before they become a habit. But North Carolina, like many other states, has been woefully slow to provide means of coping with youthful offenders. As Judge Pless points out, our reformatory facilities are altogether inadequate. As a result, many youngsters who have broken the law must be paroled into the custody of their parents, who in many cases already have demonstrated their inability of rising to the responsibility. The big trouble is that there is no fit place to send fledging criminals. The reformatories are full.

"As the situation now exists," Judge Pless continues, "our superior courts have the choice of either continuing the treatment that has failed—by lecturing the boy and exacting a promise that he will not repeat his offense—or of sentencing him to the roads or the penitentiary with the fear (which is usually well-founded), that he will be forced to associate with hardened and violent criminals who will convince him that he can beat the law, inspire him to worse crime and teach him more tricks of the criminal trade."

Imprisonment of juvenile law-breakers, especially first offenders, Judge Pless believes, will frequently correct their criminal tendencies and give them a new slant on life, provided they come under the proper influences during their incarceration.

A practical man, Judge Pless proposes a practical means of providing places to send juvenile delinquents without putting the state to great expense. He suggests that six or eight of the forty-odd prison camps scattered through the state be set aside as "boys' camps," to which no one should be assigned except boys under 21 years old who are serving their first sentences. The superintendents and guards of these camps, he suggests, "should be chosen for their high character and ability to train and inspire the boys." A boy sent to one of these camps would learn what the loss of his liberty implies without being subjected to influences tending to increase rather than correct criminal tendencies. And on being discharged, he would not carry with him the stigma of convict's stripes, but only the memory of having been to "boys' camp."

We heartily agree with Judge Pless that this plan "has the advantage of being practical, inexpensive and immediate." We hope the next General Assembly will give it thorough consideration. The ever-increasing population of our penitentiary and prison camps should impress anyone of the importance of coping with the crime problem in its first stages—juvenile delinquency.

BRUCE BARTON

Says:



STILL CHANGES AHEAD

A man has just been in to worry me about the children. He points out that taxes are getting worse and I am getting older, and that if I set up annuities and insurance trusts, and establish a residence in Florida, where there is no state in-

heritance tax, and do a lot of other things, my children may perhaps be better off.

As far as insurance is concerned, I have been a booster for it all my life. My father, who was a preacher with a large family, and a small salary, used to remark that he had "kept himself poor

paying insurance premiums." But the insurance premiums enabled him to sleep peacefully at night and, having seen us all through college, he proceeded to cash in his insurance, and he and Mother had a good time on it during their last years.

How completely they might have spoiled their days and nights if they could have looked forward into the future. Suppose they had known, in 1900, that this country was going to do a nose dive in 1929 which would be followed by the worst depression in history.

Well, they couldn't have done anything about it. And, as things have turned out, we are still eating regularly; we have a dry place to sleep, and so far have neither applied for a dole or sought admission to a nudist camp.

The changes that are going to come in these United States are beyond the imagination of any one to forecast. Our children and grandchildren will have to meet them, as we have had to meet the problems in our own lives. What we can do for them beyond health and education is not much. Having tried to take care of these two requisites, and being now an old man, I propose to save up the hours hitherto devoted to conferences with insurance men and devote those hours to golf.

HEAVEN, OR, BARGAIN PRICES

Recently I wrote a piece about J. Thomson Willing, an elderly man without much money but rich in friendships because all his life he has encouraged young artists. Today I should like to preach my brief sermon to those members of the congregation who occupy safe and influential positions in business. Now that times are getting better, I should like to lay upon their consciences a sense of special obligation toward the young.

I stepped out of college into a depression. One morning on the streets of Chicago I met the captain of our football team. After beating the pavement for weeks, he had succeeded, through pull, in getting a job collecting uncollectable bills, on commission. His earnings were about three dollars a week. The president of our class spent his first six months at manual labor. My own ambition was to get into the publishing business. The nearest I could come to it was a job as time-keeper in a construction camp in Montana.

The jobs we got were very poor, but we did get jobs. For many of the youngsters who have come out of college since 1932 there have been no jobs at all. Employment

always lags when business begins to pick up. But the time comes eventually when there are more jobs—and that time is almost here.

So I ask the Brass Hats of business to take as much time as possible from their balance sheets and invest in helpful conversation with and generous efforts for young people. By so doing they will lay up for themselves treasure in Heaven. If Heaven seems too far away as a depository of treasure, I might point out that they also will be buying some highly trained talent at bargain prices.

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CHURCH Announcements

EPISCOPAL

Rev. Frank Bloxham, Rector
St. Agnes', Franklin
(Sunday, February 16)
10:00 a. m.—Bible class.
11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon by the rector.
Incarnation, Highlands
(Sunday, February 16)
10 a. m.—Church school
3 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.
(Tuesday, February 18)
7:30 p. m.—Keno party, Pearson House.
(Wednesday, February 19)
7:30 p. m.—Bible class.

FIRST BAPTIST

Rev. William Marshall Burns, Th.G. Pastor
Sunday
9:45 a. m.—Bible school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday
7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer and praise service.

FRANKLIN METHODIST

Chesley C. Herbert, Jr., Pastor
(Each Sunday)
9:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.
6:45 p. m.—Epworth League meeting.
7:30 p. m.—Evening worship.
Carson's Chapel
(Each Sunday)
2:30 p. m.—Sun day school.
(2nd and 4th Sundays)
3:15 p. m.—Preaching service.

CATHOLIC

Catholic services are held every second and fourth Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of John Wasilik in the Orlando apart-

ments, the Rev. H. J. Lane, Waynesville, officiating.

PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. J. A. Flanagan, Pastor
Franklin
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. J. Lancaster, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Preaching service, sermon by the pastor.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor prayer meeting.
Morrison Chapel
2:30 p. m.—Sunday school. Bryant McClure, superintendent.
3:30 p. m.—Preaching service, sermon by the pastor.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of T. G. Harbison, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claim against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of February, 1937, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 12th day of February, 1936.
T. C. HARBISON, Administrator
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TRUSTEE NOTICE

Having qualified as trustee of M. Bradley, deceased, late of Macon county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claim against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of February, 1937, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 12th day of Feb., 1936.
Mrs. Maggie Bradley Breedlove, Trustee
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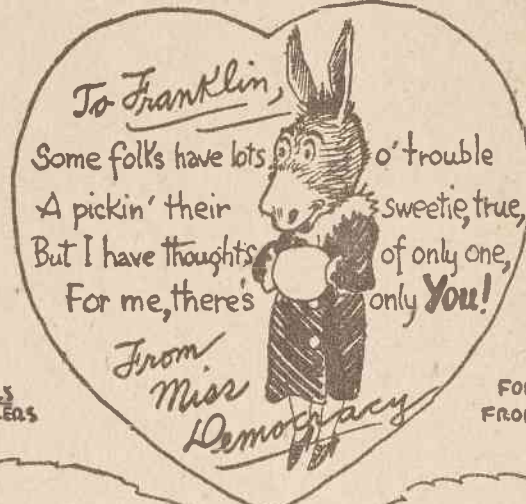
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