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TARGET -
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Though juvenile delinquency and gang wars have been a growing evil in most of North America's larger cities, the actuality of juvenile delinquency has been only a vague threat to most smaller town citizens.

But there was nothing vague about young Michael Farmer's case. He was attacked and beaten to death by a gang in New York City Park. The actual taped voice of one of young Farmer's killers will be heard on **THE ADOLESCENT LIMBO**, a penetrating study of juvenile delinquency on WBT's upcoming **TARGET** program.

Or consider the case of the young hoodlum, who with three others masked a woman and took her up to a rooftop to rape her. When his turn came and he unmasked her, he saw it was his own mother, and jumped eight stories to his death.

Although the breeding grounds of this violence are the larger cities, it's beginning to flourish in smaller towns like Charlotte. David Wilkenson, formerly a Pennsylvania minister, is one of the men who is battling this rising rate of youthful crime on its own level. He works with addicts, homosexuals, and the hoodlum element mainly in New York. On a recent trip through Charlotte, he noted that there is a definite problem festering in the smaller cities, centered around barbituates and homosexual rings. He cites recent outbreaks of vandalism and petty larceny as evidence of this problem, and attributes it to the drug factor. When asked about the general socio-economic level of these youths, Wilkenson said that when he first started in this work five years ago, the offenders were from the lower income groups. But in the past three years the scene has changed to include mostly adolescents from upper income suburban families. He added that the offenders were not of any particular ethnic group, but that all races and religions were represented.

This outbreak of violence among the upper income youth is a relatively new factor in juvenile delinquency. For many years this particular problem has been blamed almost solely on slum conditions, poverty and lack of family security. But now psychologists are realizing that the underprivileged child has

no monopoly on insecurity. The sense of futility and lack of future that is the result of poverty may also be caused by affluence. Psychologists feel that the stresses put on upper income youth of today through school, parents, and the metamorphosis from adolescence to adulthood may cause a confusion about a firm sense of values. The end result is that lack of security may accompany the affluent as well as the underprivileged youth. Money will not help the youth in the Adolescent Limbo. If this Limbo, described as the gap between the child and the adult, is not successfully bridged, it may lead to an excessive thirst for "kicks." These kicks may start out as vandalism, and end up as murder.

This problem of the Adolescent Limbo, it's cause, effect and remedy will be presented on WBT's **TARGET**, this Tuesday at 1 & 9 PM. Included in this hour-long in-depth study will be the actual testimony of killers and gang leaders, as well as tapes of noted psychologists and criminologists, who will explain the reasons for this Adolescent Limbo, in both the middle and low income brackets, and pose possible solutions for the problem. That's **THE ADOLESCENT LIMBO A STUDY IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY** WBT's next **TARGET**, Tuesday, June 8 at 1 and 9 PM.

"IN MEMORY OF AUNT CORA"
 A woman so loved by all that came her way,
 Passed from this life to a home beyond.
 Living a life from day to day.
 Suffering in body she patiently bore
 Trusting in Jesus to lead her safe o'er.
 A mother she lived for many years.
 Her boys a jewel, precious in her sight
 Working for them from morn till night.
 A girl stepped in to brighten up her way
 As she cared for her in her tender way.

Children grown up, all away from home,
 Left mother and dad all alone.
 A new life was chosen early in life
 A life eternal given by her Lord.
 Her witness was for Jesus, as she lived from day to day
 Praying that her boys might find the way.



Nesting Swan (arrow) - Actually, A Rock Formation Near Gillespie Gap

A Word for The Weary

By: William L. Rainbarn

Robert Benchley, the famous humorist, once said, I do most of my work sitting down, he said. "That's where I shine."

Of course, Mr. Benchley was joking when he made that remark, but I'm not joking when I say that the **SITTING** situation in Burnsville is deplorable. More than that,

Her girl received Jesus at an early age
 Trusting him to love and care for her all along the way.

Her husbands love so deeply ground, will follow her on to the other side,
 He patiently waited on her from day to day
 Praying to Jesus to let her stay.

Her friends were many as she traveled through, to her Home eternal beyond the blue.
 Her suffering she kept tucked away in her breast
 Not wishing her family to worry from day to day
 Knowing that mother had a short time to stay.

She slipped away early in the morn
 To a home eternal, happy with her lord.
 Walking with her Lord on streets paved with gold,
 Talking with Jesus about her beautiful home.
 Flowers ever blooming, never fade away
 In the flower garden of Jesus near the evergreen tree.

Meeting her loved ones in heaven above,
 Talking things over, in Jesus perfect love.
 Don't worry loved ones, I'm happy above living with Jesus in the home he has prepared for all that trust him as Lord of Lords.

I'm standing at the portals, looking for the boat,
 To bring you all over to the home up above.

Written by Gertrude Randolph

great many people wonder why the park on the town square is maintained as such and at public expense —when it affords so little enjoyment to the public.

Surely everyone will agree that the well-kept grounds, the beautiful flowers and shrubs is indicative of a fine public spirit, that it exudes an air of genuine civic pride. This is commendable, at the least, but it seems to me that our civic-minded citizens are defeating their purpose: For what are beautiful things except to be enjoyed? And how is one to enjoy the beauty of flowers, the cooling shade or the breezes that rustle the locust leaves when not relaxed?

Certainly, I have reference to the absence of seats on the town square. Anyone who has traveled is well aware that city parks elsewhere are provided with ample seating facilities. Not only that, but many parks are furnished with tables for picnicking, playing games etc. Such is just common courtesy on the part of any municipality. Unfortunately, such is not the case in Burnsville, and few there are who often view this public domain except at a distance. Has this paradox of civic pride been relegated to the dogs? Apparently so, for it is only they who are privileged to really enjoy it.

More and more Burnsville and Yancey is fast becoming a tourist mecca, the adopted home of retired people, and at the behest of those who profit from their presence here. Therefore, this neglect of common courtesy is somewhat like inviting guests to your home and then denying them the hospitality of a chair!

To those who may disagree with my point of view, I suggest that you ask yourselves whether such a state of affairs is commendable.



RANGELY, COLO., TIMES:
 "We understand that it will be illegal to state in a 'help-wanted' ad after July 1 whether you seek a man or woman worker. On that date a Federal law takes effect which makes it illegal to discriminate between the sexes. It's hard to keep from discriminating against something or somebody in filling a job nowadays. If you choose an applicant with experience in the work you want done, you're certainly discriminating against ignorance. We hope the Supreme Court will hurry up and rule on some of these important questions."

GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO, FREE PRESS: "How soon will the Federal Government stop treating the individual states as a group of irresponsible children. The theme today seems to be 'We will take your money then tell you how much you can have back and what you can use it for.' Similar to an alcoholic father mooching from his son with a paper route."

PONTOTOC, MISS., PROGRESS: "... in Bulgarta. Offenders caught the second time driving while drinking are invariably sentenced to death. . . the death sentence is invariably carried out. On second thought, a death sentence for drunk drivers is not as harsh nor unreal as it might seem. Habitual drinking drivers in America generally sentence themselves to death. The pathetic and useless part of this sentence is that innocent drivers are often killed when the drunk driver's death sentence is fulfilled."