

Federal Courts Refuse To Crack Down On Crime

WASHINGTON — Crime continues to rise because federal courts refuse to crack down on it, U. S. Rep. Roy A. Taylor charged in a House speech June 26 in support of stiffer legislation to control rampaging crime in Washington, D. C.

"It gives me no pleasure to say it is my sincere belief that one basic reason we have so much crime in the country today is the failure of the federal courts to protect the life and property of the average American citizen", the Congressman declared.

While economic and social reasons may be used to explain part of the problem Taylor observed that in their zeal to protect individual rights, federal courts have handcuffed law enforcement officers.

Taylor said:

"The criminal has long since received all of the protection to which he is entitled under the Constitution. Now is the time to protect the constitutional rights of the law-abiding citizen.

"In decision after decision since World War II the federal courts have seriously weakened the whole structure of American criminal law in an attempt to protect the constitutional rights of the person accused of crime.

"Federal court decisions have shattered legal precedents, have annulled state laws, and have declared void state court decisions. What has resulted is a legal jungle wherein lawyers and

judges grope their way through a maze of court decisions, all having as their effect a weakening of the police power.

"The federal court has strengthened the rights of the criminal and redistricted the power of the police. It has dropped a legal curtain of protection around handcuffed, unrefined criminals. It has placed handcuffs on the policeman who tries to enforce the law.

"The Congress of the United States should speak up and let the Judiciary know in clear and unmistakable terms that the time has come when the rights of society must be restored and protected. The passage of this District of Columbia Crime Bill is a fitting place to begin." The bill was later enacted almost unanimously.

NYC Providing Summer Jobs

The Neighborhood Youth Corps is providing 8,515 summer community improvement jobs for youths in North Carolina. Approximately 90 per cent of the cost of employing youths through NYC is borne by the Federal Government. Jobs range from working with the city planner in Salisbury to relining brakes on school buses in Avery County. Others work as clerical trainees, lunchroom assistants and elevator operators.

GARDEN TIME

By: M. E. GARDNER

Europeans, a red floribunda; Miss All-American Beauty, a pink hybrid tea; and Scarlet Knight, a scarlet grandiflora, are the All-America Rose Selections for 1968.

Europeans has excellent flower color and form, vigorous plant growth and blooms almost continually throughout the growing season. The plant is low, compact and well-shaped. The flowers are borne in large clusters of clear, satiny red and hold their color well in virtually all kinds of weather. This variety is reported to be especially well adapted for landscaping and bedding. As a cut flower spray, it lasts well when placed in the home.

In addition to winning the All-America award for 1968, it has also won seven other awards, including four gold medals in international competition.

Miss All-American Beauty features a vibrant pink color which is reported to be especially attractive and a new shade in pink types. The flowers are fully double and are of excellent substance. The stems are medium long and sturdy, producing flowers up to five inches across.

The plant has good vigor and grows to a height of approximately four feet under good conditions. In addition to good growth habit and bloom quality, the flowers have a rich, heady tea fragrance.

Scarlet Knight is an eye-catching, velvety scarlet red that does not "blue" as it ages. "The well-shaped buds open from a deep, black-red to blooms of classic high centered form, four to five inches across and of great brilliance."

The blossoms are usually borne two or three to a stem, with an occasional solitary bloom. It is reported to be a prolific bloomer.

The plant is medium tall with good upright growth habit, attractive bronze-green foliage and rugged disease resistance.

As I have told you many times I am not permitted to give names in this column, but will

Vietnam Veterans To Receive College Checks

Checks for more than 200,000 veterans who will attend college next fall under the new GI Bill for Vietnam veterans will arrive about ten days earlier each month because of an improved system adopted by the Veterans Administration.

W. R. Phillips, Manager of the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office, said that under the previous system, recipients of the checks had to tell the Veterans Administration each month of their enrollment status, changes in their studies and number of hours attended. A card for this purpose was enclosed with each check with instructions for the veteran student to complete it and return it to the appropriate VA office at the end of the month.

The need to process the cards before the next check was mailed caused the checks to arrive about the 20th of the month.

Phillips said future checks will normally arrive about the 10th of the month. The 10-day speed-up results from dropping the requirement for monthly certification.

Now a veteran who is attending a regular course at an approved college or university certifies his attendance at the beginning of the school year. Checks continue as long as he continues in regular attendance or until his eligibility expires. The additional certifications required are handled independently of the checks.

be glad to put you in touch with a source of plant supply if you will write me. I would suggest that you first check with your local nursery or garden supply center about the availability of plants.

Harvest time for California ripe olives begins usually in mid-September and continues into December.

Poor Lawn May Stem From Lack Of Fertilizer

How does your lawn "measure up"? Does it enhance, or detract from the general appearance of your home? If you do not have an attractive, thick lawn the trouble may stem from lack of lime and fertilizer. Lawns, just as field crops, have definite lime and fertilizer requirements and these needs are not supplied by the natural ability of our soils, according to Mr. E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman.

Acid soils, or soils low in pH, are a major contributing factor to poor lawn growth. Many of the difficulties encountered in attempting to establish a satisfactory lawn result directly or indirectly from soil acidity. The low pH can cause an essential nutrient such as phosphorus to become "unavailable" to the grass, and at the same time an element such as aluminum may become toxic. Acid soils also provide a more favorable environment for disease organisms and weaken the "resistance" of the grass to disease.

In addition to lime, nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium are required in adequate amounts in order to establish a good lawn cover. Neglect of the lime and fertilizer requirements of lawn areas leads to sparse and slow-growing grass, the encroachment of undesirable grasses and weeds, and poor color. Proper lime and fertilization care of lawns is based on a soil test. A soil test will indicate the present lime and fertility levels of your soil. Suggested amounts of lime and fertilizer are given on the soil test report returned to you, as well as approximate dates to apply the fertilizer. The soil test report also provides information on how to apply the lime and fertilizer for establishing lawns and for maintenance of lawns.

Now is a good time to have your lawn soil tested if you are planning to seed a cool season grass in the fall or if you are experiencing difficulty with getting a satisfactory lawn established now.

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