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These Are Charlotte's Young Primitives

THE story of teenage hoodlumism in Charlotte is not pretty. It is too full of violence, vandalism and wanton criminality to be ignored.

Elsewhere in today's News, Staff Writer John Kilgo begins a series of articles on delinquency in Mecklenburg which cannot, indeed must not, be ignored.

Every day we bring to our readers news of the wholesome side of Charlotte's youth activities. We report their religious life, their sports, their civic service, their social life. Today we begin a guided tour of the darker regions where a minority of young hoodlums threaten the well-being and good name of the vast majority of fine, upstanding youngsters.

The people Mr. Kilgo is writing about are real. The stories are true. And, worst of all, each carries a damning imprimatur: "This happened in Charlotte, N. C."

Charlotte has tried all of the obvious remedies. It maintains community centers and supervised recreation and a Youth Bureau and domestic relations

experts and a Mental Health Clinic. But, as Mr. Kilgo will show in later installments, the community centers themselves seem to be breeding places for delinquency and to be helping not cope with the consequences.

Some authorities in the field maintain that the problem can no longer be blamed on such factors as housing, parental neglect and environment. There is certainly nothing new about slums and some of the worst examples of juvenile delinquency come out of Charlotte's wealthiest neighborhoods. The answer may lie in some deep and universal spiritual malaise to which the impressionable young are more susceptible than the rest of us.

We are not looking for scapegoats. There will be no finger-pointing. If the problem is anybody's fault it is everybody's fault.

In fact, whenever we contemplate any phase of juvenile delinquency we are haunted by the words of Edward R. Murrow, who closed a radio report on delinquency last April with this admonition: "This happened in Charlotte, N. C."

"What has been solved by the verdict of a jury and the commitment of... boys to institutions which are ill-equipped to rehabilitate them. And, because of overcrowding, may soon return to the community? The problem of juvenile crime continues. The experts may list all sorts of causes. But they agree on one answer to why these conditions continue to exist: We permit them to."

A Glimpse At Ike's Economic Cosmos

THE President suggested to his news conference last week that in this fall's congressional elections "free enterprise" may be at stake.

It there's a heaven for economists, where virtuous business is abundant, the virtuous Adam Smith of 18th Century free enterprise fame must be there. Even he must be laughing.

And the object of this ethereal mirth? It would be the way some Americans cling to all the platitudinous rhetoric of "free enterprise" when almost every economic duty they've faced in the 20th century has been one of managed economy. Is it free enterprise to raise the national debt limit two times since 1953? Is it free enterprise when the sparkplug of "business as usual" is the billion-dollar defense order? Is it free enterprise when you run a deficit to cure deflation? Is it free enterprise Mr. Nixon is talking about when he urges corporate tax reduction to initiate new investment?

Of course not. How is it that "free enterprise" of the kind which obtained in Abilene when Ike was a strapping lad

could possibly be at issue when both parties have accepted the craft, if not the theory, of a managed economy?

We thought even Herbert Hoover had managed by now to pulp down at least a little the phantasmagoria of a "free place" paved with gold standard to which Adam Smith has gone, and to which George Humphrey and the other hound's footmen of the school of economic puritans will go. There is also a bad place to go.

There they run a printing press day and night making fifty-two dollar bills, ready for their newspaper, "The Creeping Socialist," all the while cracking jokes about those useless gold bricks buried at Fort Knox, Ky.

Chocolate Inspection On The Blue Ridge

MAKERS of Tar Heel white lightning are often ignored and harassed by a state which should probably pay more deference to their distinctions. Hardly a week passes that you can't find some photo in the North Carolina press of a zealous band of inspectors, agents or county constables laying into some fine still with their axes or trotting stirrers of good corn oil to jail.

One of the pains for lightning makers, in their efforts to avoid federal axes and taxes, has been the problem of transport. The "ridge-runners" of the Blue Ridge, who run corn around the hairpin curves to markets, are as well known in this state as Barbary Coast pirates. Ridge-runners will please note that in Brussels, Belgium, there has been on the look-out recently for alcohol smuggled in liquor-filled chocolates. Gram alcohol.

But wouldn't it be something revolutionary for the lightning industry, re-

nouncing some retooling of course, if the elusive old Fords of the ridge-runners become mysteriously laden with boxes of chocolates?

No longer would the feds and county constables sail in with the hatchets, with their \$750 garnet axes. The smugglers down and with a dose of his hat a revenue agent would step to the running board.

"May we inspect your chocolates, sir?"

Prosperity Notes

HOLLYWOOD'S Samuel Goldwyn estimates that he spent \$10,000 to select the 500 winners of the Bessie Bessie Danbridge will wear as Bess in Porgy and Bess.

Miss hula hoops are on sale in Chicago at \$109 apiece.

That settles it. The recession's over.

Caroline Coleman In The Greenville Piedmont

THE DEATH OF CONVERSATION

REMEMBER the thrill of being invited to a neighbor's home to hear that marvelous new invention, the radio? In the not so Good Old Days and not so far away, there was such thing as a radio in our homes. Just like a modern youngster try to imagine himself back in pre-radio, pre-TV days and his imagination will be so taxed that he will give up trying to picture life as it was back when.

There were dark days and silent nights in that unlighted age when we had to depend on our neighbors to come in and sit till bedtime or we had to go sit with them to keep from being bored with the monotony of the times. Or we had to spend the evenings reading or working or playing games with the family. Those were the times when families lived — instead of just existing for excitement and thrills and entertainment. Long hours of conversation helped members of the family to know each other, helped to enrich life with cultural knowledge derived from much reading of things worth while and discussions of what one had read.

There were evenings when youngsters or their parents might take in the pe-

tures or go to Chautauqua or to various entertainments, but in the main there was the family circle around the fire-side at home, and memory pictures of that right of way through the life-time of all who lived in those not-very-far-off days.

Distasteful and dangerous as they are, the British racial troubles might serve to make a few haughty Britons pause and take notice. They have viewed with some contempt the racial intermixture problem in the United States. Perhaps the Nottingham uprisings will serve to make the two countries a little more appreciative of each other's problems — CARLSBAD CURRENT-ARGUS.

An old-timer is one who remembers when the instant to give a woman driver the right of way was based on chivalry and not self-protection — GREENVILLE PRESS-POST.

Someone has said men will wrangle for religion, write for it, fight for it, die for it, anything but live for it — VIENNA (GA.) NEWS.

Juvenile Delinquency: A Sampling Of Expert Opinion

THE rise in juvenile delinquency continues to baffle parents and both the experts. Elsewhere in today's News, Staff Writer John Kilgo begins a series on the problem in Charlotte. Here is a sampling of opinion, representing many fields, on what is behind the problem nationally and what can be done about it. It was compiled by Frances Rodman for the New York Times.

Causes

"Nothing is more conducive to child delinquency than a monotony, day by day existence, or where the child is never encouraged, or where he is never sure of himself and those around him." — Judge Sarah T. Hughes, Dallas, Tex.

"An element of oversight, carelessness, disinterest or ineptitude in the discharge of parental duties appears almost every case in some way find itself fault." — Judge George W. Smyth, Westchester County, N. Y.

"Separated parents contribute their full quota to a child's delinquency. By separated, I mean not only the divorced, I am speaking also of the parents who have broken every pledge yet will still live under the same roof to harass the very life and joy out of their children." — Judge Camille Kelley, Memphis, Tenn.

"Ambitious parents who do not know their children's capabilities and try to fashion them into grooves for which they are unfitted, excessively yielding parents who cannot control their children, and lack of instruction as to how to associate with others—these are but a few of the many important etiologic factors in the situation." — Dr. Eugene Davidoff and Elinor S. Noetzel, Syracuse, N. Y. Psychopathic Hospital.

"There is a definite relationship between a child's concept of law and order and adult attitudes toward income tax evasion, traffic ticket fixing and the simple instructions to a child to tell the law collector mama sent home, when asked by the Sen. Robert C. Hendrickson, N. J.

"The positive correlation between the rate of delinquency and

war and cold war cannot be ignored. It is hard to instill those built-in controls of behavior when children are being reared in a world that reeks of hostility." — Bertram Beck, Federal Children's Bureau.

"We recognize no superior law as binding nations, as moral to selfish national interest. Furthermore, a society that practices racial discrimination, resulting in tolerated injustice, can hardly impress its children with a reverence for moral law." — Rev. Robert W. Seale, Home Advisory Council of New York.

"The overall impressions gained by the monitors from the majority of television programs for children is that life is cheap, death, suffering and brutality are subjects of callous indifference; and that judges, lawyers and law officers are dishonest, incompetent and unscrupulous." — American Medical Association.

"Programs interestingly depicting antisocial conduct, crime, murder, influence children to antisocial attitudes and lead to aggression. Not all children are influenced by such programs. But no child escapes a trauma." — Judge Jacob Panken, New York.

"Comic books are definitely harmful to impressionable people—and most young people are impressionable. Comics definitely are factors in children's glorification of the wrong attitude toward sex and violence." — Dr. Frederic Wertham, New York Psychiatric.

"Undersiring youth's activity in crime is a prevailing disrespect for all law and constituted authority. If they are to be permitted to thumb their noses at the courts who seek by fatherly advice and gentle treatment to give them their liberty in the hope that they will be good boys, simply because it seems wrong to punish them in their tender years, then we deserve our fate when they grow to menace our future security." — Judge Thomas J. Courtney, Cook County, Ill.

"Somewhat we must get at the root of the matter, and clean up the conditions which breed criminals. We will find them. I think even in a lack of understanding on the part of some of our cur-



Youth After Dark: The Phone Booth Ritual

rectional institutions." — Sen. Estes Kefauver, Tenn.

Cures

"Parents should be encouraged to follow their natural inclinations until they find that what they believe in does not produce results. If their efforts are ineffective they should turn to counseling or family service provided by the community." — Robert C. Taber, Director of Pupil Personnel and Counseling, Philadelphia, Pa.

"I believe that if parents were held responsible by laws as they are held responsible by Almighty God for their children and their children's conduct, if parents were to pay for the damage which their children do during hours of free time, then these children and the parents would cooperate better, and would understand the real responsibility that parents and

children have to one another and be more mindful of what is mine and what is thine." — Father Edward J. Flanagan, Director, Boys' Town, Neb.

"We suggest that arrangements be made with the public school authorities to provide weekly evening sessions of guidance to parents. Such weekly sessions would, of course, be open to all parents, but conviction of a parent as contributor to a child's delinquency should be followed by probation conditioned on attendance of such parents at the evening guidance sessions." — Dr. Sheldon Glueck, Harvard Law School.

"Too few homes have parents whose interests go beyond the four walls of the home. Children should live in an atmosphere of great concern, where parents really care about the deep distresses of people and about ways in which to increase

the happiness of others." — Dr. Harry A. Overstreet, author.

"The hallmark all along the line seems to be deprivation, both for the youngsters and for their parents. Now deprived people need support. They may need individualized psychotherapeutic support if they are upper income people whose essential problem is profound emotional insecurity. They may need support in the form of a grocery bill being paid, with a few bars of candy thrown in, if poverty is their chief problem." — Dr. Donald Bloch, psychiatrist, Bethesda, Md.

"I believe it should be the function of education to provide for these children after school hours. It should give them something in the way of education in citizenship and good morals, and fair opportunities for recreation under wholesome conditions." — Judge George W. Smyth.

"Too long, in large cities, we have depended upon what we call philanthropies, where people in privileged circumstances decide what the people in these blighted areas need, and in how large doses. We have to use the organized effort of the people who live in those areas." — Clifford S. Illinois Department of Public Welfare.

"There is probably no better way to encourage children to use television effectively than to set a good example. Parents who make the desirable program can hardly expect their children to be more discriminating." — Prof. Paul W. F. Witt, Teachers College, Columbia.

"Any undesirable comics would disappear off the newsstands if parents took sufficient interest to look over the comics their children read and to direct their reading." — Dr. John R. Cavascani, U. S. N.

"We must compel respect for law and order. Youth must be made to feel the consequence of his misdeeds." — Judge Thomas J. Courtney.

"The juvenile courts that are most successfully meeting the needs of the child are using child guidance or psychiatric clinics as well as trained personnel." — Prof. T. Earl Sullivan, University of Omaha.

'Don't Let It Throw You, Bud. I Been Outta Style Forty Years'

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Greenhorn's Diary Loaded For Bear

By ROBERT C. RUARK

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CHORTLE OF DELIGHT. Mr. Madsen made haste to inform me, with a long face, that the chances are we will not see another bear, since they were scattered all over the high hills in the enormously tall grass. I stilled a chortle of delight. "But maybe we get you a little bear, by golly," he said. "How big is a little bear?" I asked.

MOO VS. SWORD. There has been a feud going on here lately between the people who live by the moos and the people who live by the sword. The cattle growers point out that bears are nasty brutes, prone to feisty behavior over mice, berries, fish and other, smaller bears. The guides and sheepkeepers and veterinarians point out that no one has ever heard of Rodiak as a cattle center.

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ther aply named "Homer," by a Mr. Alf Madsen, who is the advanced boss of the bears in these parts. Mr. Madsen has been hunting bears so long he has begun to look like one, and I would not have been so heavily on the bear if it came to a rough-and-tumble. When I saw Mr. Madsen I felt better. I like my nursemaids.

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Quote, Unquote

"What's the Constitution between friends?" — Timothy J. Campbell.

"The Lak, wherein, as in a mass mirror, we see not only our own lives, but the lives of all men that have been." When I had on the chaotic theme, my eyes dazzle. — Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

"I'm absolutely against lust." — Jayne Mansfield.

Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

WASHINGTON. There may not seem to be much news about a sailor or is there much outward sentiment about the cold war steel of a warship and the man who won it. But there can be. And when a man retires from the difficult job of leading together several thousand men and several hundred warships into a team for the defense of the Mediterranean it can bring a bump in the throat.

Admiral's Farewell. Officers of the attention on the deck of the USS Box Mines at anchor in the harbor of Valparaiso, overheard the flag of Vice Adm. Charles Brown about to retire as commander of the 6th Fleet. For two years he had carried the American flag, American forces, and American good will into the ports of Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, Lebanon and North Africa, working to unite these countries as NATO allies. Now he

There Can Be Sentiment In A Sailor

was looking for a higher command. "A ready fleet man-up as this one is, of a responsive brotherhood, trained and equipped and eager to do the mission assigned to us, as like a great musical instrument with an instant response to every touch." Adm. Brown addressed his officers and men.

The time has come when I must say goodbye. I wish it were not so. But there is something inevitable—something inexorable about orders from the Bureau of Personnel.

Paradise On Earth. "It was some two years and two months ago that I broke my flag in the Salem. Adm. Brown continued with a tone of sadness in his voice. "It has now been my privilege to command the 6th Fleet longer than anyone else before me. Each of us has his idea of paradise on earth. Mine has been the 6th Fleet.

"I am of course, here to talk about the star. But I feel that I have already gotten the most that life can ever give to a sailor. Nothing can ever substitute for me the sense of fulfillment and feeling of direct usefulness that has come with the command of this magnificent fleet. "Two of the happiest years are behind me—and the saddest moment is now upon me. Thank you, good luck and may God bless you.

"Haul Down My Flag." Capt. Government, haul down my flag." The admiral turned to Vice Adm. Clarence Ekstrom, his successor, shook hands, and departed.

Dangerous Place. The flight deck of an aircraft carrier, according to Adm. C. D. Griffin of Washington, D. C., is the most dangerous place in the world. It is the deck of a ship, and

Noise And Peril

The noise, hustle and bustle, vibration and more noise, vibrating, piercing noise that goes up to 85 to 90 decibels, close to the 100-decibel point which may fry the brain. Men roll on the deck to get away from the scalding hot steam of the catapults as planes are launched. One man jumps out on a catwalk on the ship, and it is to keep him from falling overboard. He picks up the bridge thrown off by the cat as it is launched. The flight deck is a hell of a place.

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