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The Shame of America

In its issue of January 8th The Saturday Evening Post printed the first installment of a five-part series of juvenile delinquency ,under the apt title, "The Shame of America." The sordid and startling story is told by two men whose knowledge of the subject is vast—Richard Clendenen, Executive Director, and Herbert W. Beaser, Chief Counsel, of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency.

The committee conducted its investigations in every part of the country, in small towns and in great cities. It heard some 500 witnesses and took millions of words of testimony. It found that teen-age crime has increased 45 per cent, that gangsters rackets thrive in schools, and that young people in shocking numbers have become dope addicts and even killers.

Much of the first installment has to do with public misconceptions as to the cause and cure of juvenile crime. The tuthors observe, "The subcommittee's job of breaking through the false but widely held belief that there is one main cause for juvenile delinquency and one pat solution for the problem was not easy." Some of the suggestions made to the investigators were amazing. One man wrote that the way to solve the problem was to increase the price of milk 2 cents, thus making farmers more prosperous, "and attracting people from the wicked cities to the peaceful countryside." Another blamed it all on daylight-saving time, on the grounds that it keeps children out late. But a great number of people hold theories which may seem reasonable enough on the surface —but which won't stand up when tested in the light of the known facts. Here are a few of them, taken from the Post article.

"Eliminate the slums and you will eliminate juvenile delinquency."Slums,it is true produce many delinquents—but many also come from good homes in good neighborhoods. And millions of excellent citizens began life in slums.

"The majority of kids in this country are good, decent Americans and the problem is being sensationalized by the press." This point of view, the authors observe, is much as if a public health official said: "Don't worry about polio—less than one per cent of our children catch it.

"What we need is to stop mollycoddling the hoodlums, to get the cop back on the beat and to treat 'em rough. But the record shows that over-toughness on the part of the police creates hatred of authority and stimulates juvenile crime.

Others believe that delinquency is the result of sparing the rod and spoiling the child. Yet excessive strictness in the home has driven many a teen-ager away from the home—and into trouble. Others still say that more love and affection is the cure But overindulgence makes juvenile delinquents too.

So it's a complex matter—just as it is enormously important. The authors write at the end: "The delinquent maybe any child you know, including your own—regardless of your social position, your economic status or your good intentions. Juvenile delinquency today is everybody's problem." It will be interesting to see what facts and conclusions the authors present in the fortcoming articles of the series.

Walter Schmidt Heads Older 4-H Club

Walter Schmidt, of Sudlersville, Queen Anne's county, was elected president of the Maryland 4-H Older Youth group at its annual conference held in Baltimore recently.

He succeeds Henry Holloway, of Darlington, Harford county, and has served as a leader of the Willing Workers 4-H Club for four years. A seven-year-old 4-H Club member, Schmidt attended National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago in 1949 as State field crops winner .He returned to the 1950 Club Congress as a sectional winner in 4-H leadership. He now farms with his father, Oscar Schmidt, Sr., and Oscar, Jr., on their Shore livestock farm.

Howard Meredith, of Wye Mills, Talbot county, was elected vice president of the State 4-H group, and Nancy Devilbiss, of New Windsor, Carroll county, secretary-treasurer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Meredith and is leader of the Skipton 4-H club. He attended the 1954 National 4-H Club Congress and was named a national winner in recreation and rural arts. Now a senior at Easton High School, he is treasurer of the school Future Farmers of America chapter and reporter of the State F.F.A. chapter.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Devilbiss. She is a ten-year 4-H Club member. In 1953 she was a 4-H delegate to Camp Miniwanca in Michigan .She returned to Camp Miniwanca in 1954 as a counselor at a younger girl's camp and also attended the older girl's camp as a camper. She is a junior majoring in home economics at the University of Maryland and is president of the Collegiate 4-H Club.

Meredith succeeds Patricia Long, of La-Plata', Charles county, as vice president, and Miss Devilbiss succeeds Mary Lee Parker, of College Park, Prince Georges county.

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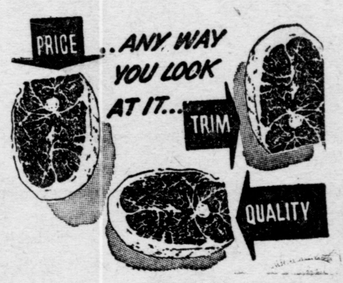
late of said county, deceased, who died without leaving personal estate, but leaving certain real estate in the State of Maryland. Pursuant to the Order of said Court all resident and non-resident creditors of said deceased are hereby warned and notified to file their claims against said deceased, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated in said Court on or before the 15th day of July, 1955. The law provides that no claim not filed on or before the date mentioned can thereafter be asserted against such real estate in the hands of a purchaser for value.

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