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THE PARKER FIEND AND PREVENTION

The maniac who kidnaped and brutally murdered Marian Parker would long ago have been placed in an insane asylum if laws governing the incarceration of the mentally afflicted were what they ought to be.

We pride ourselves upon our civilization and yet men and women afflicted with insanity are constantly allowed to walk unhampered and unwatched through the byways of modern life. Scientists know that today's harmless halfwit may be tomorrow's dangerous maniac. True, such a fiend as that which committed the Parker crime cannot always be discovered in time to thwart his criminal tendencies. At the same time the mentally unbalanced of most every variety, potentially dangerous to society, are allowed liberty. Were our laws what they should be every physician would be forced to report every case of mental unbalance and the afflicted placed where they could not constitute a menace to society.

As in sickness, so in crime, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. All persons whose insanity makes them potential criminals should be incarcerated. We do not go so far as to say that the kidnaping-murdering fiend was of the type whose insanity could have been discovered before he committed his crime. The case merely brings to attention the fact that our laws governing the insane are all too loose.

As to the other aspects of the crime which has shaken the country, there is little to be said that has not already been said. The horror of it makes us all tremble. No punishment has yet been devised which would fit such a crime. No vengeance of the state could erase the horror of the monstrous acts. Again, nor can we stress the idea with half enough force, the whole machinery of the police arm and the courts should be trained on prevention of such crimes. And one of the first steps is the placing in safe-keeping all whose mental condition makes them potential perpetrators of horrible crimes.

We mortals demand heavy jolts before we awaken to the imperfections of our police system which we have devised for the protection of society. The Parker case is one of these jolts.

If the criminal is caught he should be done away with with such dispatch as the law never before has known. And after that we should set about fixing the machinery of prevention which this case and others reveal as very much in need of repair.

Experts believe that the criminal was a Sadist, one whose perverted sex lust seeks satisfaction in torturing another. According to psychiatrists a Sadist's tendencies are not revealed to the expert, but are well known to men of Science.

We wonder how the soft-hearted, sickeningly-sentimental souls who have for years conducted a campaign for mercy for offenders feel about the Parker case. There has been going on for half a century a

movement for mercy, based on the contention that all criminals are insane and should be treated with pity rather than with vengeance. The Parker case should give these reformers pause. The growth of crime in the United States should furnish enough evidence that soft dealing with criminals has not been a success. The Parker case clinches the argument.

Touring California

Travel Notes of Interest and Western Highway Information Furnished by the National Automobile Club

Protection of wild life, preparation of more fish and birds, and a seriously concentrated effort to conserve the game and fish now inhabiting the streams, fields and forests of California is the mission of the Division of Fish and Game of the Department of Natural Resources, according to the National Automobile Club.

In its work the division has found splendid co-operation on the part of hundreds of individuals and organizations, but there is yet much to be done in the way of educational work among the people of California, and particularly among the motoring public.

"We are up against a mighty big job, and want the co-operation of every right minded person in California to help us in protecting what we have, and in developing more game and fish. This requires wholehearted support on the part of sportsmen's organizations, automobile clubs, service clubs and individuals throughout the state," Eugene D. Bennett, executive officer and attorney for the division declared in outlining his ideas of carrying out the very ambitious program arranged by the fish and game commission. Motorists are in a fine position to help in the protection and conservation. In the field, traversing the highways and byways, in mountain fastnesses and along the many miles of beautiful trout streams and sea shore, where the fine sport fish abound, this great group of citizens can preach the gospel of conservation to an ever increasing audience, Bennett declares.

At present the quail and duck seasons are open. There are many eating places scattered throughout the state, where illegal game is offered for sale to even casual visitors. These resort keepers know that the game offered is illegal, and it is only through some arrangement with these dealers that the market hunters are able to find a place to dispose of the illegal kills brought in.

The easiest way to discourage this practice is to refuse to accept this game, and any real sportsman knowing that the game is bound to be illegal will not only refuse to buy it, but will warn the restaurant keeper that it is illegal and advise him to take it off the market.

The deputies of the division, both regular and volunteer are working day and night in an effort to suppress this sort of thing. The men are watching all duck centers, watching restaurants and hotels, railroad stations, express offices and other places where the birds may be brought in, but it takes co-operation on the part of the people to stamp out this practice which if continued will result in the extinction of ducks in California. There are many less now than formerly and market hunters are still taking a heavy toll.

The taking of a limit of birds is a fine sport. The division of fish and game is striving to the utmost its responsibility to the sportsmen, want to see all of them have the best of sport, but the sportsmen, and most of them are motorists can aid very materially in the assuring of the continuance of the sport by discouraging these dealers in illegal game. If warnings won't stop them, the heavy hand of the law will, and the fish and game deputies are eager and anxious to do their part in the apprehending and prosecuting of any violators, say the commission officials.

Bennett insists that the entire force of employees is a unit in the ambition to carry out the program of conservation and protection and while greatly appreciating the fine co-operation of the citizens of the state in the past, is asking for the same co-operation during the next year.

Both the Auburn and the Placerville roads to Nevada, are open. On the Colfax road, cars are getting over the summit without alarm. However, from El Centro there is a fifteen mile stretch of very rough, chucky and rutted road which is likely to cause difficulty. There are eight inches of snow at El Centro and about twelve inches of snow at the summit.

Cars are also getting through on the Placerville Road and excellent conditions will be encountered as far as Riverston. There has been a very bad mud hole just east of Riverston, but this is being filled in and will cause no difficulty. The road is passable without chains or strawbark, but chains are necessary from that point on.

The first snow will be encountered at the Thirty Mile Post, and twenty-seven inches will be found at the summit.

Both of these roads are likely to be closed at any time by heavy snows and the very latest reports should be obtained before attempting to make the trip.

On the route between El Centro and San Diego, pavement is bad for four miles west of Coyote Wells. From this point a sand dune of one and five-tenths miles is traversed, followed by pavement over the Mountain Springs Grade to a point one mile beyond Newton. Good decomposed granite is then followed to two miles beyond The Willows and pavement into San Diego.

The following report of road conditions from Palmdale to the Los Angeles county playground is supplied by the Touring Department of the National Automobile Club. The distance is 33 miles. Turn left in the center of Palmdale and pavement is then followed to Little Rock, and macadam to six miles beyond. Balance of road is of crushed rock and kept in very good condition. Grades do not exceed 12 per cent and route is very scenic. The playground is reached at an elevation of 5862 feet.



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