Sheriff Maps Plan to Curb Gang Activity

A "get tough" program to eliminate not only harmful juvenile gang activities but also to erase the cause of such activity was outlined this week by Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz to combat delinquency in Los Angeles County territory.

Biscailuz said "the present so-called 'rat-pack' problem did not arise overnight, nor can it be solved overnight." The sheriff added that his program will not be "kid glove treatment" and promised that those who refuse to conform with rehabilitation methods will feel "the full force of the law."

Two experimental programs, in force during the past six months, pointed the way to the new county program, the sheriff said. Four special officers will be assigned to study community tensions and to cope with any incident which might arise because of racial or economic tensions.

The three main points of the new program are:

1.—Augmented program of juvenile patrol cars to operate without geographical restrictions

2.—A new delinquency control unit for identification of juvenile gangs.

3.—A case disposition program to assure the referral of each juvenile to the agency best suited to serve the needs of the juvenile and the community.

County Board OK's Klinger As Fire Chief

Permanent appointment of County Fire Chief Keith E. Klinger was ratified by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting Tuesday, it was announced recently by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace, who has supervision over the County Fire Department, presented the motion to make Klinger's temporary appointment a permanent one. "Certainly," Chace said, "Chief Klinger in the past six months by his brilliant and efficient handling of the terrible forest fires that we have had in the county, has demonstrated that he is a worthy successor to our late and beloved chief Cecil Gehr."

Chace's action in moving that Klinger's appointment be made permanent was made because the chief's probationary period with Civil Service expires on Jan. 23.

Klinger, a resident of Arcadia, is the son of a former battalion chief of the County Fire Department and, according to Chace, "was practically born and raised in our County Fire Department service and has shown himself at all times to be an efficient and capable leader."

Army Man with MP's in Korea

Army Pvt. Harold Franklin, whose wife, Imogene, lives at 22125 Dolores St., is now serving with the 622nd "International" Military Police Company in Korea.

Military policemen of 16 nations cooperate to enforce military law and protect UN property in the I Corps area. They also operate a traffic control post in the neutral corridor to bar unauthorized personnel from Panmunjom and the demilitarized zone.

Private Franklin, son of Mack Franklin, 3204 W. 185th Pl., entered the Army last May.

Hahn Calls for Tight Budgets

A call for rigid economy in local government was sounded this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who asked that all county department heads eliminate all "frills" and practice extreme economy in preparing their budget requests for the next fiscal year.

Hahn pointed out that unemployment apparently is on the rise, and urged his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to adopt a policy of "tightening the belt."

"With the current leveling off, it is very important that no new taxes be imposed on the people of our county, and the taxes which we now have must be reduced," Hahn declared.

Harbor Exams Slated

Entrance examinations for Harbor Junior College will be given in the college library next Saturday, Jan. 23, beginning at 1 p.m., it was announced yesterday. The examinations must be taken before an individual can enter the college Feb. 1, 1954, officials said.

Appoint Director of US Steel Public Relations

Appointment of Paul Sullivan as Director of Public Relations for United States Steel Corporation in the Chicago district was announced this week by J. Carlisle MacDonald, assistant to chairman of the board in charge of public relations for the corporation.

SUICIDE RATE

About 13,000 persons in the United States commit suicide each year.

Kettler's Capers

Young Knolls Lad Fractures Foot in Game

Jim and Lauretta Faust, of 1808 Middlebrook Rd., have left the Knolls and moved into a new home up in the area of Hammerton Tract. The house they had been renting here was sold. We are sorry to see them leave, but we do wish them lots of happiness in their new home there.

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With all this talk about juvenile delinquency and gangs, it makes one wonder if we parents couldn't get together and work out a program of activities for the many juveniles here in the Knolls. If each parent did his share, and we all took turns, it wouldn't be hard on any one family. A few have suggested that we try to organize a group. What do you others think? If enough are interested, they could get together and see if something couldn't be done. Scouting, Taps, Hi-Y, etc., all help, but too often their membership has to be limited, so can't include all.

If you think this is a good idea, contact Dorothy Buckalew at DAvenport 6-2820 or your columnist.

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Our most emphatic "Get Well Quick!" wishes go this week to Joel Devenish, who has to be quiet for a while as the result of an accident while climbing a tree; to Mrs. John Hall, of 236th St., who is convalescing from recent surgery; and to Steven Buckalew who fractured his left foot playing football a few days after Christmas. It's no fun being on the "sick list," so hurry and get off it.

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Have you ever wondered why you couldn't get certain Ketterites on the phone on Wednesday afternoons? Well, they are all bowling down at 101 Bowling Alley on the women's league. Jean Herren, Lorraine Stanton, and Virginia Jones all bowl on the JayCettes team which, by the way, is in first place and holding its own right there. Marie Gartrell, Vivian Wise, Emma Lou Clark, Vi Goree, Jo Devenish, and Teo Cunningham belong to that league also, but aren't quite as expert as the Junior Chamber maids. It's lots of fun though, and if you think that you'd like to join in, come on down at noon next Wednesday and sign up, for there are several openings.

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It seems good to be back reporting for you all, but there are so many new neighbors that I haven't met, that I'd like to extend a hand of welcome to, and invite them to call me with any news. It's never too small or inconsequential; we're always grateful, so please don't hesitate to call. And you older residents of the Knolls, we still want your news too, so just call DA 6-4678 and help us to keep this column a newsy one.

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