

State Pioneers Treatment for Juvenile Delinquency Tendency

By VINCENT THOMAS
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 Public concern over the strongly rising tide of juvenile delinquency grows constantly. It sometimes seems as though every edition of our newspapers carry fresh stories about youth in trouble. Occasionally, such stories involve very serious situations which are really shocking.

California was one of the first states to enact a juvenile court law at the start of this century. Amended several times during the next few years, the statute nevertheless served as the foundation for a system designed to protect the essential rights of minors and their parents in the field of law enforcement. In 1915, the law was rewritten almost completely, jurisdiction of the courts in juvenile cases was limited to the superior courts, and county detention homes were provided for.

WITH SOME minor changes, this basic law remained on the statute books for more than 45 years and policies developed under it acquired the unquestioned authority of age. It was not until 1957 that first steps toward a complete re-evalua-

tion of the law were taken. In that year a five-member citizen's special study commission on juvenile justice was established. For the next three years this commission, with the aid of a professional advisory committee of experts in juvenile probation and court work, and in law enforcement and welfare, investigated the administration of juvenile justice in all parts of the state. Its recommendations were embodied in its final report, issued late in 1960. A draft of a proposed new juvenile law was included, which served as the basis for a new and improved law enacted at our recent session.

FIRST, the measure sets up three classifications of persons who come within the jurisdiction of juvenile courts. A "dependent" child is one who has no parent or parents, or none willing and able to support or control him. Another class includes those who are incorrigible or truant, and therefore in danger of leading bad lives. The last includes those minors who violate any state, federal, or local law defining crime, or who fail to

obey a lawful order of a juvenile court.

SECOND, the new law requires that if any minor is taken into custody a petition setting forth the reasons for his detention must be filed in juvenile court within 48 hours, and a hearing on this petition must be held by the court within three days, or he must be released promptly.

THIRD, the law strengthens the provision permitting legal counsel for juveniles. If neither he nor his family can provide a lawyer, the court must

Water Lines To Be Moved

Costs of relocating three water lines will be paid by Torrance under an agreement approved by the city council. The agreement will permit the completion of work for street improvements without the city losing the right of collecting an estimated \$17,500 in costs from the Dominguez Water Co.

Relocation of the water lines will be done while the payment question is being litigated. Involved is relocation of Do-

minquez Water Co. lines in Del Amo Blvd. between Anza Ave. and Victor St., in Amie Ave. between Torrance Blvd. and north of Emerald St., in Emerald St. east and west of Amie Ave. and in Emerald St. between Anza Ave. and Earl St.

"If there's anything we can't stand, it's two people who talk while we're interrupting." — Delos Axtel, Deposit (N.Y.) Courier.

Gas Co. Pays \$234,349 in City Taxes

Final tabulations reveal that Southern California Gas Co. paid Torrance a total of \$235,349 in property and franchise taxes for 1960, according to G. M. Babbe, manager of the company's Southwest division.

In all, the utility paid a total of \$17,083,658 in taxes to Southern California cities and counties in which it serves. The company provides natural gas service to more than 1,738,000 customers in 192 cities and communities comprising a total of more than 6,100,000 residents.

Largest share of the gas company's tax payments, \$6,951,923, will aid Southland schools. An additional \$2,078,637 has been earmarked for city use, \$3,839,762 will be devoted to county work and \$1,168,313 will be used for special district purposes.

The remaining \$3,045,0123 represents franchise taxes and business license fees to the individual cities and counties.

The 1960 tax bill was the greatest in the history of the Southland utility. The previous high, in 1959, was \$10,745,317.

Jewish Vet Leader Aids At Services

Irving Kaplan, Senior Vice Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of California, will greet the newly elected officers of Congregation Ner Tamid as they are installed after Conservative services at the Redondo Womens' Club, 400 S. Broadway, Redondo Beach, at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11. Guest Rabbi Chaim Weinstein of Hollywood Temple Beth El will be assisted by Cantor Herman Hammerman, who is president of the Cantorial Assembly of Southern California.

It has been announced that seats for the coming High Holiday services will shortly be made available to the public at a nominal cost, and that Hebrew and Religious schools will begin right after the holidays.

Registration for these classes is to take place at a picnic which will be held in Walteria Park, Torrance, starting at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 27. Jack Meltzer, formerly principal of the religious school at Congregational Beth Torah, Gardena, will be the educational director, assisted by a full staff of qualified teachers. For information call Dr. Richard Gold, education chairman, FR 8-5578.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHE



"She bit her tongue . . . how did she ever catch it?"

Despite some wondrous developments in double and novelty-flowered Petunias, the single, trailing varieties are still top favorites. Vivid colors and a floriferous trailing habit are responsible for this continuing popularity, plus the trailing Petunia's adaptability for planters and tubs. There are few more cheerful companions on a deck or terrace.



CHRIS KETNER Shows Color Slides

Army Vet Home; Shows Slides Taken on Duty

Chris Ketner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ketner, 1604 W. 224th St., is at home after three years with the U.S. Army. The first two years were spent at Fort Ord and Camp Roberts, Calif., and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. After a visit with his parents, he left by Air Transport for Korea, where he spent 13 months.

Chris showed his large collection of color slides Friday evening, Aug. 4, at the Torrance Seventh-day Adventist church, 1610 Acacia Ave., and gave first-hand information on conditions in Korea. His work there was two-fold in that he encouraged his home church to assist financially in the orphanage program in Korea and influenced other men in the armed forces to share with those less fortunate than they. His camp was located 20 miles north of Seoul, where the Adventist church has a large mission field. Chris feels that the personal contact made with the missionary personnel in foreign fields is of definite educational and lasting value to service men.

The slide pictures gave a personal insight into the poverty and privation of the Korean people, since the war, as well as the joy of being remembered by people in a free nation. Chris also related some of his thrilling experiences in assisting a group of university students in a two-hour class of conversational English two days each week.

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