

# Juvenile Protection Bureau Set Up In Dist. Attorney's Office

Fred N. Howser, district attorney, today announced final plans for the establishment of a new juvenile protection bureau in the district attorney's office.

The new bureau will have as its special function the investigation of juvenile court cases to determine what adult is responsible in each case for the delinquency of the juvenile. The state welfare code gives Dist. Atty. Howser the authority to prosecute adults who perform any act that causes a juvenile to come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. This offense is punishable by a fine of up to \$1000, a sentence of one year in the county jail or the convicted adult may be placed on five years' probation.

### Who Offenders Are

The person—whether it is the parent who has neglected his children, the bartender who knowingly sells a drink to a minor, or the person who buys a bottle of liquor for anyone under 21—will be fully prosecuted by the district attorney's office for contributing to delinquency," Howser promises. The district attorney will cooperate with Juvenile Judge Samuel Blake in making an investigation to find the adult who is responsible for the delinquency in each case passing through the juvenile court.

"In almost every juvenile case an adult may be found who is responsible—war-worker parents who leave their children without supervision, or adults who think it is smart to buy a bottle of liquor for a minor—not realizing that they can be prosecuted for contributing to delinquency," Howser explains.

In announcing his full approval of the new plan, Juvenile Court Judge Blake emphasizes: "Parents must be given to understand their parental responsibility. There is a large group of cases whose factors indicate delinquent parents instead of delinquent children."

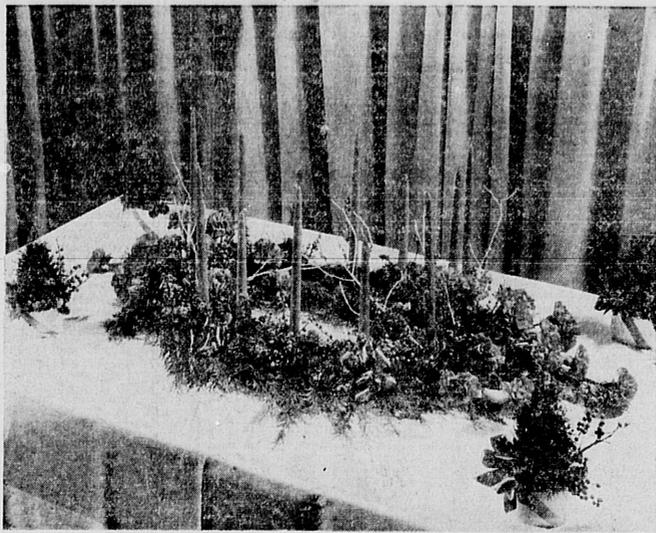
Howser feels that "up to now we have not had adequate facilities for prosecuting 'contributing to delinquency' cases, but I am convinced that such prosecutions to get at the person really responsible are the chief way

to curb our mounting tide of juvenile delinquency."

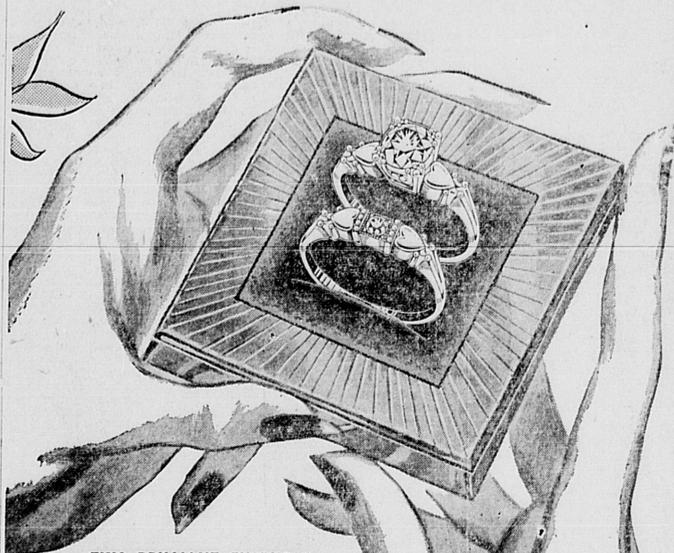
The new bureau in the district attorney's office will meet the objection made by the recent report on juvenile delinquency issued by the Los Angeles county grand jury, which says:

"A marked contempt for the law and law enforcement officers" has been developing for some time because of the failure to "discipline by means of some definite punishment those boys and girls who have consistently committed crime."

Howser's new bureau will investigate juvenile cases to determine which are the more serious second or several-time offenders. Upon the recommendation of the juvenile court, these habitual juvenile criminals will be declared "unfit for juvenile consideration" and be prosecuted by the district attorney as adult offenders.



CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATIONS . . . will be much in evidence this year at holiday dinner tables that formerly groaned with a profusion of delicacies that are missing today. This oval table arrangement is created from Christmas greens, red berries, red carnations and red candles. Four tiny trees of juniper twigs mark the corners of the table.



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### Dr. Fenton States Basic Causes for Child Delinquency

The basic causes of juvenile delinquency are the lack of proper morale and spirit in the home, according to Dr. Norman Fenton, Stanford university professor and author of several textbooks dealing with the proper care and training of youths. "The attitude of parents toward each other and to the children," he said, "often encourages incorrigible attitudes which are the first steps toward child delinquency."

"One of the first preventives of child delinquency is the adjustment of home conditions," he added.

Dr. Fenton urged coordination of school programs and home activities as an aid in eliminating the underlying causes of juvenile delinquency, stating "proper homemaking and the child care services to parents are of vital importance in dealing with the youngsters."

"When counselors and teachers approach the basic causes of child disturbances," he continued, "it is best for the instructors to acquaint themselves with the home background, health history and general family relationships."

Another definite aid to curbing delinquency, Dr. Fenton said, would be the bringing together of parents and school officials for a better understanding. Parents, he said, should make it their business to find out the student's progress in the classroom and also the attitude of the youngsters in school.

### Nurses' Training School Profitable to County

Operation of the cadet nurses training school at the County General hospital is worth \$200,000 annually to the county, it was stated yesterday by County Supervisor Hauge. The school is under the direction of the United States Public Health Services and the county is saved the cost of nursing care which would otherwise be provided at county expense, he said.

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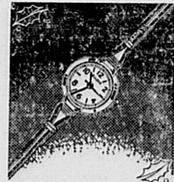
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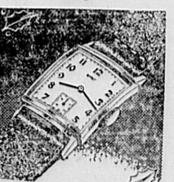
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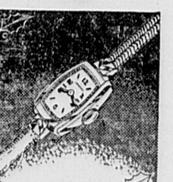
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