

Failure to Provide Linked With Child Delinquency, Says Howser

Fred N. Howser, district attorney, revealed today his investigations to determine the source of Los Angeles county's mounting juvenile delinquency show that the growth of delinquency is paralleled by an increase in the number of cases where parents fail to provide for the support of minor children.

"Despite high wartime wages, more failure to provide" cases are reported to my office than there were before the national defense boom," Howser explains. He announces that the newly reorganized "failure to provide division" in his office now has 6000 active cases of fathers being compelled to furnish financial support for their children.

New Division

Howser reorganized the division, under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Hearst, as a separate department of the district attorney's office last August. Several hundred mothers seeking support for their children are interviewed each month by the division—with a total of 528 persons being interviewed during November.

"Juvenile delinquents are recruited from these broken homes where the children are forced too early to cope with economic problems," Howser emphasizes. "It is but another indication of the wartime breakdown of home life which is so largely responsible for the creation of our vast army of juvenile delinquents."

The strengthened failure to provide division, reorganized and enlarged as a part of the district attorney's program to eliminate the roots of juvenile delinquency, attempts to rebuild the disrupted home environment through conferences with the father.

"In 90 per cent of the cases the failure to provide division is able to compel the father to provide funds for the food, clothing, and medical care of his children without the necessity of court action," Howser discloses. "In only one case in ten is it necessary to go to the expense of taking the father into court to compel him to support his children."

Fathers Responsible

Under the state penal code the father is solely responsible for the financial support of his minor children, regardless of whether the mother is working, or whether the parents separate and remarry. Section 270 of the state penal code makes it a misdemeanor for the father to fail to furnish money for the adequate care of his children. A felony is committed if the father leaves the state and deserts his children for a period of 30 days or more.

A warrant is issued against the father if he still refuses to provide support for his children after conferences with the failure to provide division. Upon being found guilty by the court, he is either sentenced to a county road camp at \$1 or \$2 a day, the money going to his family, or is placed on probation to carry out the court's order to give part of his regular salary to his children.

Howser discloses that the failure to provide division saves taxpayers approximately \$180,000 by collecting this amount to support the children involved in its 6000 active cases. "If we did not secure the average of \$30 a month in each case, the money to support these dependent children would have to come from the county's public charity roll," he states.

"Home and security are the natural heritage of childhood. Happy, secure children mean fewer juvenile delinquents and consequently a smaller percentage of adult criminals. When any home, through negligence, fails in this responsibility, the state must interfere to protect the resource of good citizens for our future," Howser insists.

Harbor St. Widening Project Progressing

The Los Angeles city council has referred to its state, county and federal affairs committee a request by the board of public works for another \$3750 to continue the proposed widening and straightening of Wilmington-San Pedro road in the vicinity of the L.A. Shipyard.

Plans for the work have been completed. The proposed work includes widening of the road from 30 to 44 feet and changing the elevation on turns to permit safer driving.

Church Services

NOTICE: Copy for Church Notices cannot be accepted after 10 a. m. Tuesday.

METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Harry Branton, pastor, El Prado at Carson.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.

Wednesday morning prayer groups meet in the different homes at 10 o'clock.
Wednesday evening, family night with potluck dinner at 6 o'clock.
Official board meeting following.
Circle No. 2 will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthrop, 741 Sartori, Tuesday at 2 p. m.
Circle No. 2 will meet at the home of Mrs. Bennett, 1734 Watson, for luncheon, Thursday, Jan. 6.

Thursday evening, choir rehearsal at 7:30.

FIRST BAPTIST
Rev. C. Miles Northrup, pastor, Carson and Marina.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Morning service, 10:10 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
6:15 p. m., training fellowship groups.
Monday, 7:30 p. m., Britton Ross Bible class.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Frank D. Meckling, pastor, Acacia and Sonoma ayes.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.
Morning service, 10:45 a. m.
Topic: "Our Children."
Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:30.
Annual congregational meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 4, with potluck supper.
Ladies' Missionary Society, 2 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 6.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Marcelina and Arlington ayes.
Rev. H. Wesley Klotz, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 a. m. Topic: "Facing the New Year With Christ."
High School Christian Endeavor, 6 o'clock.
Fellowship meeting study topic at 6:30 p. m.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
Study of Revelations, Chapter 19.
Midweek service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. in the parsonage.
Choir rehearsal, Friday, 7:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting for those in the armed services at 8 a. m., Jan. 4.
Third quarterly conference, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p. m.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1482 Engracia ave.
Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Junior church school.
Morning service, 8 a. m. Holy Communion.
Prayer and sermon and morning prayer by rector.
Evening service, 7:30. Holy Communion and service of intercession for the armed forces.
6:30 p. m., Young People's dinner and meeting.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Services at Building on Cravens, Blvd. Field, pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Evening service, 11 o'clock.
Tuesday evening services, 7:45 o'clock. The book of Revelations will be discussed.
MONETA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
David F. Barnett, Jr., pastor.
Gardena Blvd. and Manhattan pl., Gardena (4 block west of Western) at 15th st.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. W. W. Jewell, pastor.
1415 Engracia ave.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. C. B. King, superintendent.
Morning service at 10:40 o'clock.
Wednesday evening, 7 o'clock, prayer service, 7:30, youth meeting.
Choir rehearsal, Wednesday at 8 p. m.

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Griffin, pastors, 1207 El Prado.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Russian service, 6:27 p. m. Prayer meet, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS
Meets at 9:30 a. m. Sunday in their hall opposite public library on Cravens avenue. All men welcome.

KEYSTONE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Young people, 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.
Midweek services, Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 p. m.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY
Engracia and Manuel ayes.
Rev. Fr. Joseph L. Bauer, pastor.
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Masses Sundays: 6, 8 and 10 a. m. Masses Holydays: 6 and 8 a. m. Week day Mass: 8 a. m.
Novena services to Sacred Heart, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Devotions to Sacred Heart, First Friday, 4 a. m.
Classes for converts, Monday evening, 7 to 9 p. m.; Wednesday evening, after services.
Confessions: Saturdays, 4 to 6 p. m.; 7:30 to 9 p. m.; eves of Holydays and First Fridays, same time.
Catechism classes: Wednesdays at 3 p. m.; Saturdays at 9:30 a. m.
Altar boy meetings, Wednesdays at 4:30 p. m.
Choir rehearsal, Mondays at 7:30 p. m.
Altar Society meetings, last Wednesday of month, 8:30 p. m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Paul H. Perry, pastor, 1741 Border ave.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Christ's Ambassadors service, 6:30 p. m.
Evening Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

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LATTER DAY SAINTS
Women's clubhouse, Willford Newland, bishop.
Sunday school, Relief Society and Primary, 10 a. m.
Sacrament meeting, Sunday 6:30 p. m. Topic: "The Church of Christ."
Mutual improvement meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.

NAZARENE CHURCH
W. A. Penner, pastor, 1501 W. Carson st.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Evangelistic service for children.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 6:30 p. m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
1223 21st st. and Manuel ave.
Sunday morning services at 11 Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting, 8 p. m. Reading room, 1775 Manuel ave., 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. each week day.

"Behold, the tabernacle of David, with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God." This declaration from Revelation will be the Golden Text in the Sunday Lesson Sermon on "God" in all branches of The Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston.

At the dedication of the temple, Solomon spoke as follows: "According to a Bible citation from 1 Kings: 'Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel. . . there hath not failed one word of all his good promise. . . That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else.'"
In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy writes: "God is everywhere, and nothing apart from Him is present or has power." "Science reveals only one Mind, and this one shining by its own light and governing the universe, including man, in perfect harmony."

Warren Raps Board for Jap Resolution

At a recent press conference Gov. Earl Warren criticized the action taken by members of the State Board of Agriculture for adopting a resolution advocating the right of Japanese to return to California agricultural pursuits if military authorities approve the move.

"This," Warren said, "is just a case of three holdovers on the Board taking advantage of a skeletonized meeting to kick up some dust and create some internal strife in California rather than assist in the war effort in which our boys are fighting and dying."

The U. S. Senate investigation of charges that whisky monopolies are strangling the liquor industry, and creating an artificial shortage of drinkable hooch to raise prices and reap extortionate profits, has certain California operators plenty worried.

One of the hottest phases of the inquiry is said to have been dug up by investigators who looked into the wholesale buying up of wineries in this state by hard liquor interests.



EVANGELIST . . . Mrs. Winifred Clouch, who will conduct a series of evangelistic meetings at the Assembly of God church in Torrance commencing next week.

Rev. Paul H. Perry, pastor of the Assembly of God church, announces that the Victory Revival for 1944 will start at his church next Sunday, Jan. 2. Daily prayer meetings and other preparation for this revival have been going on for several weeks.

Rev. Winifred Clouch, woman preacher, is to be the evangelist. She is an unusually interesting and inspiring speaker, Mr. Perry says. She believes that the social problems brought on by delinquency and war conditions can only be solved by the saving power of Jesus Christ.

The revival services will continue every night at 7:30. Special music and other old-time revival features will accompany each service. The church is located at 1741 Border ave.

Hospital Cases

Following is a list of patients from this area admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week:

Mrs. Mildred Abbott, 1912 Arlington ave., Torrance.
Mrs. Frances Buffalo, 2203 1/2 Torrance Blvd., Torrance.
Mrs. Eunice Brady, 2224 Andree ave., Torrance.
David Clark, 1731 Andree ave., Torrance.
Mrs. Aurora Derouin, 1005 Sartori ave., Torrance.
Mrs. Vanella Roberts, 23831 Hawthorne Blvd., Walthers.
Mrs. Ruby Stanford, 1914 21st st., Torrance.
Mrs. Mildred Tidland, 2616 Sonoma st., Torrance.

JAIN APPOINTED

Approving a request contained in a letter from the California League of Cities, the city council Tuesday night appointed City Engineer Glenn Jain as a member of the league's public works and planning committee.

OBITUARY

CHARLES SKITE — Aged 60, of 1245 West Fifth st., Manhattan Beach, met death by accident by being crushed under a dump truck at the Coast Insulating plant in Torrance. He was a member of the Eagles, Eyrice at Long Beach. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 22, at the Stone & Myers chapel at 2 p. m. under auspices of the Eagles. Private cremation followed at the Pacific Crest cemetery. Survivors are: his wife, Eleanor A. Skite of the above mentioned address; sister-in-law, Mrs. Susan Lawson, 1967 Mergo ave., Pasadena, and a brother, Donelan M. Skite, 5917 Holmes ave., Los Angeles.

FRANK CORNELIUS WEBB . . . 1910 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, died Dec. 24 at the age of 52 years, 9 months and 12 days. He had resided in this community for 27 years. He was born in Baltimore, Md., and is survived by his father, Neal Webb, Sr., of 1910 Plaza del

ST. MARGARET MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Thomas Barry, pastor.
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COMPTON LOSES HEDGES

Compton college's varsity basketball hopes were dealt a tough blow this week when it was announced that Jack Hedges would be inducted into the armed forces Jan. 7.

Amo; three brothers, Neal Webb, Jr., Parks Apts., Torrance, Jake Webb, Vallejo, Calif., Joe Webb, 1910 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, and a sister, Bertie Baldwin, Vallejo, Calif.

The body will be taken from the Stone & Myers chapel at 10 a. m., Thursday and conveyed to the Holy Cross cemetery where graveside services will be conducted by Father Joseph Bauer, pastor of the Catholic Church of the Nativity.

STORKatorials

Born at Torrance Memorial hospital:
To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tidand, 2616 Sonoma st., Torrance, boy, Dec. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dequoin, 1005 Sartori ave., Torrance, girl, Dec. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. John O. Roberts, 23831 Hawthorne Blvd., Walthers, a boy, Dec. 26.

COUNCILMAN STILL ILL

Councilman N. H. Cucci, taken to hospital with an attack of the flu at a meeting of the city council two weeks ago, is reported to have had a relapse and is again confined to his home. He was absent at the council meeting last Tuesday evening.

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