

Stop Useless Death

Did you ever notice the difference in funerals? When a man or woman who has lived a full life, raised a fine family, taken part in public activities, church and club life, and lived over the span of half a century or more, dies, there is of course much sadness, but at the same time there is justifiable pride in the accomplishments and length of life of the departed friend.

How different is the tragic funeral of a high school or college-age boy, who has barely tasted of the joys of life, and all of whose parents, brothers and sisters, and friends survive him. How useless it seems, to raise a young man, only to have him taken away just at the time his life seems so full of promise.

To prevent such things, society must take the necessary remedies to prevent useless deaths on the highway. Blaming them on "accidents" won't do at all. It only covers up the fact that every young driver, regardless of the family he comes from, regardless of the fine training that he has in school and college, is a potential killer on the highways if he is not properly trained, and if he does not keep his own desires and lusts under proper control.

Perhaps first we should start with training. Most of us, and family men and women, are busy making a living, housekeeping, and trying to enjoy a few leisure hours, to think seriously of what we can do while the children are young that will help make them better drivers in the distant future.

First, each child, as soon as he or she is old enough to play outside of the yard, must be taught the meaning of safety. Each little child must obey all the rules: stay out of the street, cross only at safe places, never dart out from behind a parked car. This seems unimportant on many streets in Decatur, and it will might be. But who knows when that same child will be playing at another home, its grandmother's perhaps, and dart into a busy street? It is too late then to begin training. If a child practices safety from the cradle up, he or she is much more likely to survive than if superficial efforts are made later on to impose "rules".

Another good method — read each death story about a school-age child to the family, and discuss the safety rules broken. Most accidents are the result of two or more broken rules — a child playing in the street, and a speeding car. You cannot keep the car from speeding; you can keep your child out of the street.

Also, bicycle safety, which has been mentioned time and again by this newspaper, is a duty of the parent, not society. Make sure, first of all, that every bicycle is properly equipped with brakes, tail reflector, and lights, and that the child uses them properly. Sure, your son doesn't ride at night — or does he? Does he ever get back from Little League a little after dusk? Does he ever come back from the pool a little late? Or the movie? Or from a friend's home? It will be too late to think of this, or to blame the driver, if he is killed.

Remember, too, that a young person trained to ride a bike safely, driving always within three feet of the curb, never two abreast, always on the right side of the street, always signaling in advance for a turn, is much more likely to practice safe driving habits in an auto. Some schools even start driver's training in kindergarten, with kiddie cars. Children who signal habitually all their lives will seldom forget when they drive a car in later years.

Two Rural Youths Return From Camp

Two Adams county rural youths returned Monday evening from the midwest youth camp, which had a miniature rural youth state theme this year, to get more rural young people interested in politics.

"How much power do you have?" was the theme of the camp which began last Friday at Jacksonville, Ill., for Miss Sally McCullough and Miss Gloria Koenenman. Carl Blumh, now stationed at Chanute Air Force base near the camp, president of the Adams county rural youth in 1957 and part of 1958, visited over the weekend at the camp, for any rural youth members in the twelve midwestern states.

The 147 rural youths, representing seven of the midwestern states, were randomly divided into two political parties when they arrived at the camp, heard talks from a lobbyist from the midwest, and organized their own parties for conventions, campaigns, and elections. After they organized, much as Indiana University's girls' and boys' starters do, the rural youths caucused and chose their candidates Saturday. Elections followed on Sunday.

The political platforms the candidates stood on dealt with camp life and what procedures can be taken to get more rural young people interested in political work. The Adams county delegation reported that the camp was interesting and informative and was effective in getting the campers more interested in political work.

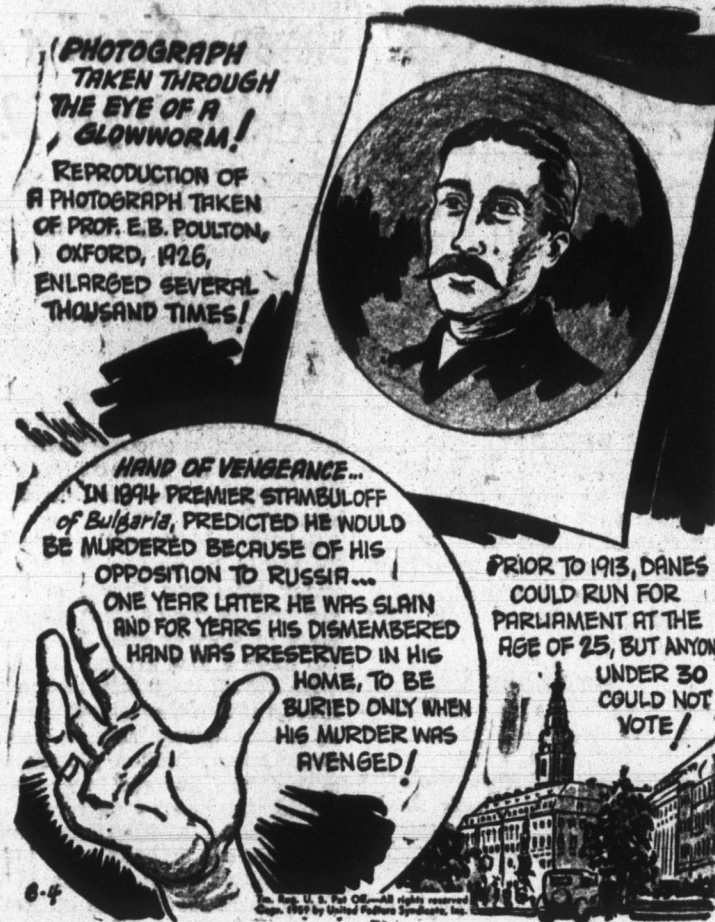
All types of recreation, a treasure hunt, vespers each night, campfire, and Sunday morning church services were also on schedule. Miss Koenenman was chairman of the committee for the Sunday morning services, for which a youth from West Germany spoke.

Battle Forest Fire In National Forest

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (UPI)—A forest fire which flashed through 2½ miles of dry timber and brush in less than 45 minutes was fought by more than 1,350 fire fighters today in the San Bernardino National Forest.

The blaze broke out Sunday and was raging today on a 20-mile perimeter. It has blackened more than 4,500 acres.

No homes have been destroyed so far and forestry officials said no structures were immediately threatened.



FBI Investigating Six Of 42 Cases

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Justice Department officials said today the FBI still is investigating only six of 42 cases submitted by the Senate Rackets Committee for possible perjury prosecution.

The six cases involve 17 individuals. Most of the other cases, many involving Teamster Union officials, were dropped on the grounds that there was not enough evidence to get a conviction. There have been no convictions among the 42 cases.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Malcolm R. Wilkey explained that while contradictory testimony before the committee may show someone was lying, court proof of perjury is another matter.

The department went to court with charges against two union officials — Teamsters organizer Clyde C. Crosby and James G. Cross, president of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers' Union.

But it lost out in both cases, when the judge ruled that the rackets committee had asked questions which were not relevant to its legislative purpose.

Wilkey pointed out that it is perfectly proper for the committee to fire "Multiple-barrelled" questions at witnesses testifying under oath. But such questions, he said, would be out of bounds in the courtroom.

"We have to have a question," Wilkey said, "that will stand up in court. It has to be proper."

20 Years Ago Today

Aug. 4, 1939—Vincent J. Bormann, of Decatur commander of Adams Post 43, American Legion, was unanimously elected fourth district commander of the Legion.

D. W. McMillen, chairman of the boards of the Central Soya Co., Inc., and McMillen Feed Mills, has announced plans for construction of new plants in Gibson City, Ill.

Mrs. Nettie R. Manning, 58, mother of the Rev. Homer J. Aspy, pastor of the First Baptist church here, died suddenly at her home in Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keller are attending the jewelry show in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rawley will leave Saturday for a week's vacation at Lake Hamilton.

Clean Leather Chairs

Leather upholstery can be nicely cleaned by rubbing with a soft cloth dipped in ordinary milk—or, better still, beaten egg white. When this has dried, go over the surface again with a clean soft cloth.

Postpone Hearing Of Carole Tregoff

WEST COVINA, Calif. (UPI)—The prosecution agreed today to a week's postponement in the preliminary hearing of Carole Tregoff to permit famed Hollywood lawyer Jerry Giesler to study the case. She is charged with helping Dr. Bernard Finch murder Finch's estranged wife.

Deputy Dist. Atty. Fred Whitchello told United Press International he would agree to the delay in order to give Giesler and his partner, Robert Neeb, time to study the case.

Whitchello, who was the prosecutor last week in Finch's preliminary hearing, said he expected Miss Tregoff's hearing to take about two days, compared with the four days devoted to Finch's hearing.

"Just about the same witnesses will be called," he said. "And her testimony from Finch's hearing will be gone over. We also might introduce the file of Mrs. Finch's divorce suit."

Neeb said after an interview with Miss Tregoff in county jail Monday that he and Giesler would take her case. But he said they would need the week's postponement to familiarize themselves. "We know absolutely nothing about the case," he said.

Giesler, who has defended some of Hollywood's top personalities, was asked to take the case by Miss Tregoff's mother, Mrs. James Tregoff, after the attractive 22-year-old former medical receptionist was arrested following her testimony during Finch's hearing.

The state charged that Miss Tregoff, mistress of the 41-year-old Finch, carried the "murder kit" July 18 to the Finch home and planned to help her lover inject Mrs. Finch, 33, with a sedative and shove her car off a cliff. The "murder kit" was an attache case owned by Finch and contained such items as sedatives, hypodermic needles and syringes and rope.

The plot was foiled, the state charged, when the Finch maid, Marie Lidholm, 19, a Swedish exchange student, ran to Mrs. Finch's side when she heard her screaming. Miss Lidholm said she saw Finch standing over his wife with a gun.

Mrs. Finch later was found mortally wounded on the lawn of the home.

First Degree Murder Trial Is Underway

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. (UPI)—The first-degree murder trial of Mrs. Nellie Cisco, 62, Jeffersonville, opened Monday in Clark Circuit Court here. Mrs. Cisco is accused of shooting John A. McIntyre, 61, a Jeffersonville grocer. Eleven jurors were seated temporarily, and Judge James L. Bottorff ordered an additional panel of 100 prospective jurors called today.

Cracked Dishes

If you have a dish that is cracked—but not broken—put it in a pan of milk and boil for 45 minutes to obliterate the crack and strengthen the dish.

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Rainstorm Smashes At Guards' Bivouac

United Press International
A rainstorm packing 70 m.p.h. winds roared through a National Guard bivouac at Camp Ripley, Minn., Monday night.

The tornado-like wind uprooted trees, blew away tents and injured 60 to 70 guardsmen from Kansas and Missouri, members of the 35th Division in training here. Three men were hospitalized, two with serious head injuries.

Observers said the storm hit suddenly and "the wind swooped up everything in its path. Tents were swept up like matchsticks. Most of the men got cuts and bruises from flying debris."

The soldiers cleaned up the wreckage Tuesday and prepared to resume field exercises. High winds also whipped the main mast off the 32-foot yawl, Feather II, off Milwaukee in Lake Michigan Monday. The yacht won the recent Chicago-to-Mackinac race.

The Feather floundered with its

broken mast until a freighter saw it in trouble. A Coast Guard boat was dispatched and the craft was towed to safe harbor.

The U.S. Weather Bureau said rains were general Monday over the southern Great Lakes. Scattered showers occurred over much of the remainder of the country. Scattered showers and thunderstorms were forecast Tuesday from the upper Mississippi Valley, across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley and into the western portion of the Atlantic Coast.

Temperatures were not expected to change much over the country, except for a warming trend in the eastern Great Lakes and Ohio Valley.

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PROGRAMS

Central Daylight Time

WANE-TV Channel 15 TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Corbett News
6:45—Doug Edwards News
7:00—Star Performance
7:30—Honey Mooners
7:45—Science Fiction Theatre
8:30—To Tell The Truth
9:00—Peck's Bad Girl
9:30—Spotlight Playhouse
10:00—Andy Williams
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:15—Gateway

WEDNESDAY

7:30—Peppermint Theatre
7:45—Willy Wonderful
8:00—CBS News
8:15—Captain Kangaroo
8:30—Our Miss Brooks
9:00—Star and the Story
9:30—On the Go
10:30—Sam Levenson
11:00—I Love Lucy
11:30—Top Lolly

THURSDAY

12:00—Love of Life
12:30—Search For Tomorrow
12:45—Guiding Light
1:00—Ann Colone
1:25—News
1:30—As The World Turns
2:00—For Better or for Worse
2:30—Houseparty
3:00—Big Pay-Off
3:30—Verdict Is Yours
4:00—Brighter Day
4:15—Secret Storm
4:30—Edge of Night
5:00—Dance Date

FRIDAY

6:00—Amos & Andy
6:30—Tom Corbett News
6:45—Doug Edwards News
7:00—Sea Hunt
7:30—Special Agent 7
8:00—Keep Talking
8:30—Trackdown
9:00—Millionaire
9:30—I've Got A Secret
10:00—Circle Theatre
11:00—Phil Wilson News
11:25—Bond of Fear

WKJG-TV Channel 33 TUESDAY

Evening
6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Northwest Passage
7:00—Steve Canyon
7:30—The Jimmie Rodgers Show
8:00—Panfare
8:30—Bob Cummings
9:00—David Niven
9:30—Rescue 8
10:00—Whirlybirds
10:30—News and Weather
10:45—Sports Today
10:50—The Jack Paar Show

WEDNESDAY

7:00—Today
7:00—Dough Re Mi
7:30—Treasure Hunt

WPTA-TV Channel 21 TUESDAY

10:00—The Price Is Right
10:30—Concentration
11:00—Pie Face
11:30—It Could Be You
Afternoon
12:00—News and Weather
12:15—Farms and Farming
12:30—Yesterday's Newsweek
12:45—Editor's Desk
1:00—Queen For A Day
1:30—Court of Human Relations
2:00—Young Dr. Malone
2:30—From These Roots
3:00—Truth of Consequences
3:30—County Fair
4:00—I Married Joan
4:30—Bozo
5:45—NBC News

WEDNESDAY

6:00—Gateway to Sports
6:15—News, Jack Gray
6:25—The Weatherman
6:30—Wagon Train
7:30—The Price Is Right
8:00—Kraft Music Hall
8:30—Bat Masterson
9:00—This Is Your Life
9:30—Jim Bowie
10:00—Border Patrol
10:30—News and Weather
10:45—Sports Today
10:50—The Jack Paar Show

THURSDAY

6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Sugarfoot
8:30—Wyatt Earp
9:00—Rifeman
9:30—State Trooper
10:00—Alcoa Presents
10:30—Promenade
11:00—Mr. D. A.

FRIDAY

10:00—Mom's Morning Movie
11:30—Susie
Afternoon
12:00—Across The Board
12:30—Pantomime Quiz
1:00—Music Bing
1:30—21 Leisure Lane
2:00—Day in Court
2:30—Gale Storm
3:00—Beat the Clock
3:30—Who Do You Trust
4:00—American Bandstand
5:00—American Bandstand
5:30—Mickey Mouse Club

WEDNESDAY

6:00—Fun 'N' Stuff
7:15—Tom Atkins Reporting
7:30—Music for a Summer Night
8:00—Ozzie and Harriet
9:00—Fights
9:30—Sports Desk
10:00—Donna Reed
10:30—Stolen Face
12:00—I Spy

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A NEW MYSTERY THE COUNT by A. A. FAIR [Erle Stanley Gardner]

CHAPTER 16
THE DOOR opened and Sergeant Frank Sellers came in. "All right, Lam," he said, "give me the low-down."

I said, "This is Mrs. Crockett, the widow."

I saw her eyes widen as I said widow, but instantly she was in control of her features once more.

"Yeah, I've talked with her already," Sellers said. "Now, who's the other one?"

"That's Melvin Otis Olney," I said, "the general manager, director of publicity, and I believe, he was Mr. Crockett's right hand."

The guy who's pounding the typewriter in the other room is named Wilbur Denton. He's a secretary. I don't think he knows of Crockett's murder."

"Okay," Sellers said, "let's have the story. I want it condensed in a nutshell . . . is that coffee in that electric gadget?"

Phyllis Crockett nodded. "Good, I'll have a cup when it's ready. Now, I'll question you first, Mrs. Crockett. When did you last see your husband?"

"It's been . . . well, I didn't see him all day yesterday. By the time I got up he had retired to his study, and—"

"What does he go in there for?" "To work."

"I notice he has a dictating machine in there."

"That's right."

"He does a lot of dictating?" "Travel articles. He loves to travel. His whole life is devoted to that."

"And you paint?" "Yes."

"How long have you had that studio down there on the other floor?"

"About six months, I guess."

"I'm going to want to go down there and look around. Any objection?"

"No, I'll take you down there."

Sellers turned to Olney. "What do you know about all this?"

"I work rather closely with Mr. Crockett," Olney said. "I know that he went into his study yesterday, but he came out at about . . . oh, I don't know, perhaps four-thirty or five o'clock. He gave me some records which were to be transcribed and asked me to have the secretary, Mr. Denton, be there at nine o'clock in the morning. He also told me he wanted to discuss some matters with me at nine o'clock, so to be sure and be here."

Sellers turned to me. "What the devil are you doing here, Pint Size?"

"I came up to discuss a matter with Mr. Crockett," I said.

"What matter?" "The matter on which I was employed."

"A jade Buddha had been stolen," Olney said. "Mr. Lam told me over the telephone that he had recovered it."

Sellers raised his eyebrows. I nodded.

"Where is it?" Sellers asked. "Where I can get it when it's needed."

"Where did you find it? Who had it?"

"That may or may not be significant," I said, and then, as I caught his eye, I slowly winked.

"Okay, Pint Size, okay," Sellers said. "We'll get to the Buddha later."

"The blowgun was also stolen," Olney said.

Sellers jerked to stiff attention as though the chair had been wired. "Blowgun, eh?"

"That's right. That's what killed Mr. Crockett."

"All right, what about the blowgun?"

"Mr. Lam recovered that, I believe, yesterday."

Sellers looked at me witheringly.

"And," Olney went on, "I believe he said he gave it to Mrs. Crockett."

"Well, what do you know?" Sellers observed, looking at me and then shifting his eyes to Phyllis Crockett. "You have it?"

"It's in my studio."

"You mean this place down there?" Sellers asked, pointing his finger.

She nodded.

"What's it doing down there?" "Mr. Lam came yesterday to see my husband. There was no one here at the time, and so I had left word at the desk that if anyone called I was to be notified in my studio. The phone rang there, and Mr. Lam said that he had the blowgun—or I believe he asked to come up. He wanted to see Mr. Crockett, and I guess it was then he told me about the blowgun. I don't remember the sequence of events very clearly."

"What do you know?" Sellers said, his manner showing his keen interest. "And did he have the blowgun with him?"

"Yes."

"And what did he do with it?" "He gave it to me."

Sellers scratched his head. "Now, Mrs. Crockett, I'm going to ask you something. I don't want you to get mad about it. I don't mean to imply anything."

I'm just asking questions. Down in that studio apartment of yours there's a little oblong window. That window is almost directly opposite that open window in the closet there in your husband's private study."

"That's right."

"Now, then," Sellers went on, "I want you to think carefully. I want you to answer this question, and I don't want you to change your answer later on. I want the truth and I want it now. Did you or did you not, at any time after you received that blowgun, open that window?"

"Why, certainly," she said.

"Oh, you did?"

"Why, of course, Mr. Lam and I opened it together."

"Well, well, well," Sellers said, looking at me. "And what were you doing opening it together?"

"She was trying to get her husband's attention," I said. "She had a flashlight, and—"

"Never mind, Pint Size," Sellers said to me. "I'm doing this. Why did you open the window, Mrs. Crockett?"

"I wanted to attract my husband's attention. I wanted him to come to the window."

"And how did you plan on doing that?"

"By using a flashlight. I have a big five-cell flashlight down there because sometimes, when I want to attract my husband's attention, I can do it by shining a bright light either in the window of that closet or on the window of his study. If it happens he's in there and wants to come to the window, he'll come and open it and I can call a message across to him."

One of the other officers entered the room. "Inspector Giddings," Sellers said. It was an explanation, not an introduction.

"How about giving me the keys and letting me go down there and look around?" Sellers asked Mrs. Crockett.

"I think it would be better if Mrs. Crockett went down there with you," I said.

Sellers looked at me with uncordial eyes. "Well, now, where did you get any call to put in your two bits' worth, Pint Size?"

"We're investigating a murder and I'm just pigheaded enough to think I'm going to investigate it my own way."

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