

ACTS ON DELINQUENT CASES IN YEAR

juvenile Report for Past 12
Months Shows Increase
Over Year Before.

BLAME PARENTS' LAXITY

"Bad" boys and girls of Indianapolis are giving the authorities of Marion County much concern, the official report of the juvenile court shows.

There were 718 delinquent boys and girls brought into the court during the fiscal year ending March 31, according to the annual report made public, today.

Delinquent fathers paid \$2,200 in court money on orders of Judge Frank J. Lahr for their own children in their own homes, not including amounts paid for the care of children in institutions.

The statistical report shows that there were 463 delinquent boys and 255 delinquent girls for the year ending March 31 last.

DELINQUENCY SHOWS
INCREASE OVER 1918.

For the preceding year there was 700 delinquent cases, as compared to 718 for last year.

Of the delinquent boys and girls handled by the court last year, there were 490 whites, 213 colored and six cases in which the reports do not state the color.

There were 705 American-born delinquents, four foreign born and nine not stated.

Concerning the religion of the delinquents, the report shows that there were

237 Protestants, fifty-eight Catholics, one Christian Science, nine Hebrews and 313 with no religion.

It gives the mental conditions of the 718 delinquents as follows: Six hundred and eighty normal, nineteen abnormal, three feeble-minded and sixteen not stated.

Concerning physical conditions, 602 were normal, one epileptic, ten abnormal and fifteen not given.

The report also throws some light on the home conditions of the delinquent children.

The 718 homes of the delinquent children are listed as follows: Good, seventy-nine; fair, 268; bad, 320, and ninety-three unknown.

Neighborhood conditions are described as follows: Good, eighty-six; fair, 288; bad, 280, and unknown, eighty-one.

The report sums up the chief apparent

causes of delinquency as follows: Lack of parental care, 620; bad associations, forty-three; truancy, three; thoughtlessness, two, and miscellaneous causes at fifty.

PARENTAL LAXITY CHIEF CAUSE.

The report shows that there were offenses charged to 230, the largest number being 161 for petit larceny and fifty for burglary.

Of 419 offenses, against public orders, 174 of that number were incorrigibility; twenty-three as wards of the court, forty-four subject to public homes, eleven released to parents, thirty-four to mothers and eighteen to fathers.

There are numerous cases which never reach the court and those cases are not included in the official report, as attaches of the court have been able to bring about the desired changes without bringing the parties into open court.

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