

JUST A CHANCE; BUT HE'S NOW 'MAKING GOOD'

Probation Officer's Plea
Four Years Ago Proves
Worth-While.

This might be called "Promotion Officers Know Best," or it might be titled "Broad Cast Upon the Water Returns to Giver," but if it were, one would be ignoring "The Kid," and some way, or other you got to give the "Kid" credit—he fought back—so here goes.

Four years ago "The Kid," then 16, was a thief. He was the thorn in the side of many policemen. He was a double-dose of Peck's Bad Boy in Indianapolis.

"The Kid" faced a municipal judge on a theft charge. His first conviction loomed. Every one was dead against giving him another chance—that is, every one but Solon C. Vial, chief probation officer of the municipal courts.

Begged for Chance

Vial begged and pleaded for "The Kid."

"Give him a chance. I believe he'll go straight," Vial told the judge.

Vial won. Then he took the "Kid" in his office and gave him a verbal "going-over."

"Look here, Kid, if you'd been convicted in that court you'd never be able to say in hunting a job that you had no criminal record. You couldn't take a civil service job or one where character counts," Vial told him.

Vial forgot the incident in handling myriad of court cases until today. And today a young man poked his head in Vial's office.

"Do you remember me?" he asked.

"The Kid!"

"I'm the Kid (this right name doesn't matter). I do what you told me. I've gone straight. Now I want to know about that time the judge almost sentenced me. Will it hurt me getting a job? I think I can get a civil service job. It has something to do with wearing a badge. Will I be lying if I say I was never convicted of stealing?"

Only the buzzing electric fan disturbed the strong silence in Vial's room. He visioned the courtroom scene of four years ago and his pleas for "another chance."

Then Vial stood up. He extended his big hand and The Kid grasped it.

"No you won't be lying. Now get out of here—and—and make good," said the heavy-set probation officer as he shoved The Kid good-naturedly out into a world that'll never know.

HURT IN CAR CRASH

William Cox, 18, Suffers
Broken Ribs.

Several broken ribs and a fracture of the collarbone were incurred Monday night by William Cox, 18, of 347 Woodrow Avenue. He was pinned under an auto when it overturned at West and Washington streets, after colliding with a car driven by Charles Banci, 27, of 125 South California street.

Banci was arrested on charges of reckless driving and assault and battery. He and Dolph Cox, father of the injured youth, escaped injury.

John Klein, 9, of 1734 North Meridian street, suffered a cut on the chin when a tricycle he was riding was struck by an automobile driven by Stewart Coleman, city detective, 6280 Washington boulevard. The accident occurred in front of the Klein home.

After his automobile struck a traffic light post in the center of the Meridian and Washington streets intersection, Lee McGuirk, 27, Cleveland, was arrested on a charge of drunken driving.

U. S. AGENTS KEEPING FEDERAL AIDS' PRINTS

Civil Service Figures Transferred to
Department of Justice.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, July 19.—The civil service commission's 130,000 sets of fingerprints of federal employees and applicants for government positions have been transferred to the department of justice as an economy measure.

Beginning July 1, the bureau of identification revealed today, prints of prospective workers were sandwiched in with those of criminals collected through the mail.

Finally, the bureau took the commission's prints, searched its files to determine if applicants had a criminal record, and returned them. The new system, it is claimed, will effect an economy.

Since fingerprinting applicants for federal positions was begun in the fiscal year ending June 1929, many frauds have been discovered, it was said. Crimes laid to would-be workers by the method ranged from disorderly conduct to murder.

WANTED ONE HUSBAND

Minnesota Girl Will "Sell" Self for
\$10,000 to Aid Father.

Major Reginald H. Sullivan today was casting his eyes about the city in search of an eligible bachelor willing to pay \$10,000 for the privilege of wedded a good housekeeper and cook.

His search was started when he received a touching letter from a Duluth (Minn.) girl, 19, willing to "sell" herself as a bride to help her business man-father regain his financial footing.

The would-be bride wrote that she has a high school education, stands 5 feet 5 inches, has light brown hair, hazel eyes and weighs 120 pounds.

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PROPOSE STATE HEADS RETURN BACK SALARY

House Bill Sets a Sliding
Scale on Repayment
by Officials.

Fifteen bills aimed at reduction of public expenditures and seeking to tap new sources of revenue were introduced in the house of representatives today.

One of the most novel economy measures was that sponsored by Representatives H. H. Evans (Rep.), Newcastle, and John M. Cawley (Dem.), Logansport, which would require every public official, whether elective or appointive, excepting the Governor and judges of the supreme, appellate, circuit and superior courts, to pay back to the general fund a percentage of their salaries.

Members of institutional boards would not be exempt. The schedule of refunds provides those receiving salaries of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 return 10 per cent; \$4,000 to \$5,000, 15 per cent; \$5,000 to \$7,000, 20 per cent; \$7,000 to \$9,000, 25 per cent, and more than \$9,000, 30 per cent.

Plan to tax billboards used in outdoor advertising at 5 cents a square foot and assessment of a \$100 licensing fee for the advertising companies, is advanced by Representatives George C. Ale (Dem.) Vernon, and Oran W. Cromer (Rep.) Middletown.

Reduction of governmental expenses through abolition of the 1931 law requiring advertising of county claims, and a 20 per cent slash in the rates charged for all legal advertising is sought in two bills introduced today.

Another measure would permit a five-year moratorium on redemption of Barrett law bonds, if the bondholders consent.

GUARD HOOVER FROM VETERANS

White House to Be Picketed
by Bonus Group.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, July 19.—President Hoover returned to the White House today from his Rapidan fishing camp and found that a demonstration by "left wing" members of the bonus army, planned to coincide with his arrival, had failed to materialize.

As a precautionary measure, a police escort met the President's automobile as it entered the District of Columbia from Virginia and rode in advance of him to the White House. Mr. Hoover left his car at a side entrance and went directly to his office.

A dozen policemen patrolling the Pennsylvania Avenue approached to the executive mansion furnished the only unusual accompaniment to the President's return. Pedestrians were hurrying along beneath the leafy elms that line the avenue and gave only a glance toward the President's car before passing on.

In the demonstration Saturday night the police kept pedestrians out of the White House area, but there was no attempt to divert them to day.

Word came from the headquarters of John Pace, leader of the "left wing" portion of the bonus army, that picketing of the White House would start Wednesday instead of today.

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PLEDGED GUNMEN'S AID

Prison Camp Prober Told Gang on
Way to Protect Him.

By United Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 19.—Al F. Gorman, Duval county grand jury foreman, announced today receipt of a letter from Chicago, signed "F. C.," advising him that eight gangsters, armed with machine guns, were en route to Jacksonville to protect him in his inquiry into prison camp punishment methods.

The grand jury over which Gorman presides indicted two prison camp guards two weeks ago in the "sweat box" death of Arthur Mallefert, 19-year-old New Jersey boy, Gorman announced subsequently he had received multiple threats of death.

John McGrady, a waiter at the sandwich shop, which has been closed since the incident Sunday night, charges several men, including an Indianapolis police sergeant, the men with the sergeant pretending to be federal dry agents looking for liquor.

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Bon(n)dy Gal

She'd Be Nice to Have on
an Initiation, but She's
Too Valuable.

I'd like to borrow her for a
fraternity initiation tonight.
We'd be willing to pay you!" a
young collegian asks hopefully.

"You can't have her," retorts
S. H. Greenberg, president of the
W. H. Armstrong Company, surgical
supply house, 29 North Pennsylvania
street.

And so it goes day in and day
out the same request and always
wanting to borrow a "miss" in the
Armstrong store.

You can't help seeing her if
you pass by Armstrong's. She's
75 years old now, if she's a day,
and yet more lodges and frater-
nial orders and halloween parties
have tried to "date her" up
than a chorine.

"She's worth \$200 to me. And
she's one of the most silent
silent partners in this business.
I've had her in my employ for
twenty-five years," he says.

Why Fat Folks
Stay Fat

"The trouble with me, and I guess
this applies to 90% of the men and
women who are putting on weight,
I didn't have the energy or "pep"
to keep it off. Lost all interest in
any healthy activity and just lazied
around, accumulating the old
pounds."

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