

—Your Health—  
**MOVIES RATED  
STRONG FACTOR  
IN LIFE TODAY**

Crime in Youth Traced to Some Pictures: Others Helpful.

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Whenever you send your children to the movies, consider the picture to be shown and the effect it might have on the minds of the youngsters.

For a recent study by a distinguished committee on research in education divulged the fact that motion pictures have a decided relationship to crime, nervousness, insomnia and similar problems.

In the matter of delinquency and crime, two specialists investigated some 300 girls and young women delinquents in a large state training school, and a great many delinquent boys and girls in schools devoted to behavior problems.

These investigations were checked by studies of a number of girls and boys in the grade schools.

**Robbery Idea Implanted**

There seems to be no doubt that the motion pictures do act as a powerful influence on minds that are especially receptive. In many instances the form of behavior is copied exactly from a motion picture.

The authors observed that the skill and cleverness with which a form of crime may be carried out in the picture, the adventure and thrill surrounding the act and the power and importance of the criminal or gang leader make impressions.

One-half the inmates of one penal institution indicated that movies gave them a desire to carry a gun, and a considerable percentage said that they conceived their first ideas of "stickups" from the movies.

About 20 per cent of those investigated indicated that the manner of stealing which they used was in the movies.

**Branded Sex Exciting**

From the point of view of sex delinquency, there seems to be no doubt that many of these pictures act as excitants and serve at the same time to indicate methods to the delinquent mind.

Furthermore, the motion pictures play an important role in the lives of delinquent girls and young women.

Some 25 per cent of the 252 delinquents examined indicated that the motion pictures were to some extent responsible for their delinquency.

At the same time, it was found that other types of movies certainly may exercise a deterrent and reformative influence. These do so by arousing the desire to be good, by showing delinquent or criminal conduct as unattractive and dangerous, and by making a vivid portrayal of the punishment to offenders.

Motion pictures play an important part especially in the lives of children reared in poorly organized communities.

In some communities in which families, school and church have become weak, the motion picture has come to be the chief guide and it yields extraordinary influence.

**MOTION PICTURES**

**INDIANA**  
THE DOMINANT THEATER

All 20c 11 A. M.  
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After 6 P.M.; 25c and 40c

Musical Extravaganza!!!  
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