

Authorities Disagree on Publishing Delinquents' Names

Editor's Note: In recent weeks, The Observer, through "Facts and Opinions," has printed considerable material on the subject of publishing the names of juveniles who encounter mischief. Judge James Linsley has been a thoughtful contributor to The Observer on the subject. The following Associated Press story is reprinted because it

gives a look at the same subject through a national eye-glass.)

NEW YORK—How do you prevent a juvenile delinquent who has committed an adult crime from becoming an habitual offender?

In the continuing debate over juvenile delinquency, experts

have come up with two diametrically opposed proposals. Some experts claim the only preventive is widespread newspaper publicity, including the name of the juvenile for all to read.

Others say the best method is to shield the young offender from the glare of publicity.

Judge Lester H. Loble claims to have cut crime, carrying out a law he fathered in 1901, which provides for open court hearings for juveniles accused of felonies. This includes newspaper coverage, which names names.

Judge Loble says that juvenile felony cases are down 49 per cent compared with the three-year period before 1901.

Council-Manager Plan Approved in Albion

Voters in Albion, Mich. (population 12,749), brought added distinction to their city Sept. 1, when they voted to adopt the council-manager plan of local government and became the 2,000th community to do so.

The move takes on extra significance this year as city managers prepare to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the International City Managers' Association (ICMA) in the Sherman House in Chicago.

Officials at ICMA headquarters point out that council-manager government has grown from 30 cities in 1914 to 2,000 cities today, a gain of more than 6,666 per cent in fifty years. This phenomenal growth reflects the American democratic traditions.

The plan does not include some 1,800 cities in Western Europe that operate under council-manager government.

The plan in Albion replaces a mayor-council system and fairly well follows the model city charter drafted by the National Municipal League. Six councilmen and a mayor



UNUSUAL SWEARING-IN took place in the Navy Recruiting Office, 15195 Farmington Road, Livonia, recently when Lt. W. F. Makowski, from the Detroit Office, administered the oath to his son Frank Makowski, 11116 Middlebelt Road. Frank, a senior at Franklin High, recently turned 17 and decided to start his Navy career even before he is graduated.

Most of the police chiefs and prosecuting attorneys interviewed around the country by The Associated Press agree with Judge Loble's view that juvenile offender's names should be published. They claim such publication has a deterrent effect.

Probation and parole officers generally oppose publication of names. Juvenile Court judges are split nearly 50-50.

Those who oppose publication of young lawbreakers' names do not agree on a reason as to why they oppose publication.

Some think names of juveniles should not be published because it would be too harsh a punishment. Others think publication should be withheld because it is exactly what the offenders want.

Juvenile Court Judge Frank Breitenbach of Los Angeles says he knows of juvenile gangs who he served on Saturday (Oct. 24) in the Masonic Temple in Plymouth with services for a limit of 175 per hour at 5, 6

juveniles seem to think they have almost a license to commit crimes.

In Miami: Police Chief Walter Headley says: "Juvenile crime is growing by leaps and bounds. I'm tired of this attitude. I'm not 17, copper; you can't do anything to me. Publicity would help. It would have an effect on the parents, too."

Juvenile Judge-elect Don Stone, who takes office in Dade County (Miami) in January, says: "Publicity means that the burden must be shared by other youngsters at home. What about the offender who has an honor-student brother or sister?"

And in Walla Walla, Wash. Judge Albert N. Bradford of Superior Court conducted a study. For two years 1962 and 1963, he released the names of juveniles over 14 in all traffic, liquor and delinquency felony cases. He released the names under 14 if it was a second offense.

"At the end of two years," Judge Bradford says, "I couldn't discern any appreciable deterrent insofar as delinquency acts were concerned."

"Also I never discovered a single instance where notoriety in the newspaper was a factor in a youth's repeating an offense. I was unable to find that more parents liable for damages where assault by a juvenile is intentional."

There is disagreement over a policy of publication when the juvenile is no stranger to delinquency.

Miss Marion Brennan, deputy probation officer in New York Juvenile Court, says, "Our purpose is predicated as rehabilitation and rehabilitation is not accomplished by publicity. Children have to be handled differently from adults."

When the juvenile is a repeat offender, she says, "The court still has the jurisdiction over the offender as a child. I've been working with the Juvenile Court for 25 years and I agree with the policy of withholding names."



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"Where were the parents? They were in hospitals or jails or down and out somewhere. It's not going to help the situation to hurt these kids. To get them in trouble with school authorities, to pin-point them."

"To publish the names does more harm than good."

Arthur L. Harding, law professor at Southern Methodist University:

"Nothing is to be gained by concealing their names. Many



ADVANCE SALE of tickets for the annual Smorgasbord dinner of Pilgrim Shrine 55, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, has the attention of members of top committees. The dinner will be served on Saturday (Oct. 24) in the Masonic Temple in Plymouth with services for a limit of 175 per hour at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. The group includes: (seated from left) Mrs. Frank Wainwright, decorations; Mrs. William Leesch, chairman; Mrs. Edith Hill, kitchen; (standing from left) Mrs. Alfred Conery, apron chairman; Mrs. Lon Brockhurst, tickets; Mrs. Effie MacDonald, apron chairman; and Mrs. Florence Vetal, place.

Area Obituaries

MRS. LILLIAN SMITH, Services for Mrs. Lillian Smith, 56, of Union Lake, Mich., were conducted in St. Alden's Church in charge of Rev. Eugene J. Wozniak, pastor, at Woodlawn Cemetery. The body lay in state in the Wagoner-Furness Funeral Home in Livonia, 11116 Middlebelt Road. Mrs. Smith died in Woodlawn Convalescent Home following illness of five months. She was born March 6, 1914 in New Jersey and had lived in Livonia for 25 years before moving to Union Lake. She was an employee of the Federal Department stores. Surviving are: her husband, Carl Smith; two sons, William and Ronald; and two daughters, Mrs. Ronald Ridenour of 16124 Pennbrook, Livonia; and two brothers, William and Robert Palmer.

MRS. GRACE BELLANGER, Services for Mrs. Bellanger, 84, of 11603 Audette Court, Wayne, were conducted in Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plymouth with burial in Riverside Cemetery. The body lay in state in the Schradler Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mrs. Bellanger died Oct. 13 in Wayne County General Hospital. She was born June 2, 1879, she was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Church and had resided in Plymouth prior to moving to Wayne.

Surviving are: her husband, Joseph; mother, Mrs. Mary Smith of White Earth, Minn.; five daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell of Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Gladys Darling and Mrs. Doris Campbell of Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Gloria Booth of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Florence Bellanger of Wayne; six sons, Joseph, William, Elmer, Edward, and George; and three grandchildren.

MRS. BENJAMIN KRONEN, Services for Mrs. Kronen, 63, of 18005 Wade Street, Livonia, were conducted in St. Alden's Church in charge of Rev. Eugene J. Wozniak, pastor, at Woodlawn Cemetery. The body lay in state in the Schradler Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mrs. Kronen died Oct. 14 in St. Mary's Hospital. She was born

July 5, 1919 and had moved to Livonia in 1957 from Sparks, Ark. She was a member of the St. Alden's Lutheran Church.

Surviving are: her husband, George; two sons, Robert and Gary; two daughters, Mrs. Alice and Mrs. Walter L. Linsley; and Mrs. R. A. Anderson of Brookfield, Ill.; three grandchildren: Walter, Wilho, Elaine; and George; and one great-grandchild, Pauline of Brookfield, Mich.

MRS. FRANK BRYNE, Services for Mrs. Bryne, 57, of 12121 Boston Road, Livonia, were conducted by Rev. Richard Dumbauld with burial in Parkview Cemetery. No flowers. Mrs. Bryne died at her home following a long illness. She was born Sept. 27, 1895 in Canada. She was a member of the Holy Family Church and was a retired telephone operator.

Surviving are: her husband, James; two sons, James and Donald; and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Sheppard; and six great-grandchildren.

FREDERICK HORTWOOD—Services for Mr. Hortwood, 84, of 1815 Leech Street, Plymouth, were conducted in the Schradler Funeral Home in Plymouth. Mr. Hortwood died Oct. 8 in Wayne County General Hospital. He was born Dec. 14, 1883 in Grand Haven and was a machinist who worked for Michigan and had resided in Plymouth for the past 15 years.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Lloyd Buda.