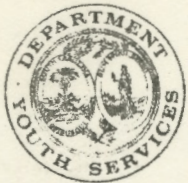


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The way to convince another is to state your case moderately and accurately. Then scratch your head, or shake it a little, and say that is the way it seems to you, but that of course you may be mistaken about it; which causes your listener to receive what you have to say, and as like as not, turn about and try to convince you of it, since you are in doubt. But if you go at him in a tone of positiveness and arrogance, you only make an opponent of him.

-----Benjamin Franklin

NEWS FROM OUR STATE DIRECTOR.

We continue to be confronted with the problem of low gasoline or a definite shortage of gasoline in our Department. We are definitely going to have to continue in the rationing program and curtail as much travel as possible where we need to use our local gas. I do appreciate the cooperation we have received at this time, and I would hope that something can be done about this situation before too long.

I have just recently returned from a national meeting of the Association of State Juvenile Delinquency Program Administrators. There are several bills pending in congress which deserve our support, one of which is the Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention Act and the other is known as the Bayh Bill which was sponsored by Senator Birch Bayh. Both of these bills provide funds for delinquent children throughout the United States. We were not impressed with the so-called Runaway Bill which would provide monies to local and nonprofit organizations to assist runaway children throughout the United States, and we are in the process of making some efforts to have this bill amended so the monies will go to agencies already involved in handling runaways throughout the nation. The decisions with reference to revocation of parole or conditional release for juveniles were discussed at length and in that we have a recent ruling on that, we feel that our State complied with most of the laws.

The Chairman of the Board and I recently attended the Southern Conference on Corrections in Tallahassee, Florida. Both of us were on the program and from talking with correctional people mainly from the Southeast, we still feel that we are ahead of most states in getting to the needs of the children in trouble. One of our big problems now, however, is one which we have little or no control over and that is children who are being held in jails in the counties throughout the State. Reverend Al Brodie from the William J. Goldsmith Reception and Evaluation Center has been compiling some unofficial data which leads us to believe that children are not only being held in jails, but are being held in direct contact with adults. This has already led to a mild tragedy which we are aware of and which has been called to the attention of the authorities, but it can lead to an absolute holocaust. We do not feel that we need any additional laws at this point to handle this situation, but we do need a rigid enforcement of

the laws already on the books. We are in hopes of developing a system of Youth Bureaus soon throughout the State, and this may provide the vehicle whereby we can keep all children out of jails except for an absolute minimum of time that would be 24 hours to 72 hours being the maximum.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

Hampton Cottage News

February marks the second year that the South Carolina School for Boys has worked cooperatively with Project T-Square in placing selected students in vocational programs. Students are selected on the basis of potential school dropouts, underachievers who have reached potential academically, or those who have been frustrated in conventional academic programs.

T-Square is an O.E.O. sponsored manpower training center serving Florence County, offering training with subsidy in four (4) skilled areas (brick masonry, carpentry, welding, auto mechanics) in addition to remedial education and some on-the-job training. At present, four (4) students, ages 15 1/2 and older, are enrolled in the six month training program. Students who meet age requirements (at least 15 1/2) who have completed the South Carolina School for Boys' six month pre-vocational course in the building trades and who meet Policy 16 guidelines of the Department may elect to remain at the school an additional six months from scheduled review dates to obtain apprentice certification in the trade of their choice.

The South Carolina School for Boys wishes to thank Mr. Walter Cooper, Director of T-Square, and his staff for its continuing interest in and contribution to the South Carolina School for Boys and to the community.

Bits and Pieces

The creation of a Drama Class at the School for Boys will add a new dimension to both our Academic and Recreation Program. Effective February 13, 1974, the program will be launched and Mr. James Sparger will be the catalyst for any future academy awards. We appreciate Mr. Sparger's interest, energy, and time.

Certainly the most effective road to motivation and control of a student's behavior lies through things that interest him. Following this theory, we have recently installed two large speakers in the Food Service Area which will play music during mealtime. It is felt the noise generated by students will be lowered and the meal period will be more relaxed and controlled.

NEWS FROM WILLOW LANE SCHOOL.

The University of South Carolina Law School will present a special program at the Willow Lane School entitled, "Youth and the Law," beginning Tuesday after noon March 5, 1974.

The following topics will be presented by the young lawyers during the next five weeks: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and The Law, Family Law, Drug and Trots and Consumer Protection.

This is a forerunner of a continuing program which the Unit Coordinator has asked Chaplain Ellzey to initiate. It is hoped that as the students are informed about their rights and responsibilities from a legal standpoint, good citizenship, and a high standard of moral and ethical standards can be developed within the students of Willow Lane during their commitment to the Department of Youth Services.

They like to be called The Jerusalem Singers. And sing they do!!!

The Willow Lane School Vesper Choir under the direction of Volunteer Guitarist, Steve Estes gave two beautiful concerts on Sunday, February 24, 1974. The 25 lovely students gave their testimonies and sang for the boys of John G. Richards School at their 11 o'clock worship hour. (Rumor has it that the boys started a chorus of their own three days later). The group of girls had a fine time and were pleased to receive an invitation for a repeat performance.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, The Jerusalem Singers were guests of the Ladson Presbyterian Church on Sumter Street, downtown Columbia. Enthused by the acoustics of a real church, and filled with God's Spirit, the choir was able to captivate their audience and cause many to shed tears of happiness as they realized that these reform school girls had a spirit and song that was close to the heart of our Lord. This group is ready, willing and able to thrill any of your church groups in the future. All they need is your invitation.

Jo Conner, Supervisor of Social Services at Willow Lane School, has been notified by the Academy of Certified Social Workers that she has qualified for ACSW membership.

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH BUREAU DIVISION.

State Office

We regret the resignation of Mr. J. Douglas Brooks, District Supervisor, which was effective February 22. Mr. John Kinchen, Coordinator of Group Homes and Neighborhood Youth Centers, is acting District Supervisor until the vacancy created by Mr. Brooks is filled.

Columbia Area Field Service Office

As part of the Columbia College Field Placement Program, Ms. Vickie Gleaton has joined the staff of Columbia Field Office. Ms. Gleaton is involved in case work and is participating in routine procedures and operations.

St. Luke's Neighborhood Center

Now that St. Luke's Neighborhood Center has begun operation, a volunteer program is being implemented for the purpose of working with youth involved in St. Luke's programs. Any persons interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Paula Gaffney at 758-5920.

Caroselle

On February 27, Caroselle girls met with a committee from the Columbia JET'S (Junior Executives of Telephone Service) to share ideas on involving this group in the overall Caroselle program. They discussed joint recreational activities, the individual volunteer program, and the possibility of the girls assisting the JET'S in their many worthwhile projects. Individual and overall needs were also discussed. Caroselle is looking forward to a long and pleasant association with this group.

Valentine's Day was celebrated with a party planned and prepared by the residents.

Greenville Youth Bureau

The Greenville Youth Bureau has entered into contract with Greenville

Technical Education Center whereby TEC's Mental Health Technology students can complete part of their required field placement with the Youth Bureau.

Spartanburg Youth Bureau

The Columbia Area Field Service Office staff spent an entire day with the Spartanburg Area Field Office. Columbia staff members attended our regular staff meeting and later paired off with individual workers to discuss their particular job responsibilities. Some staff members toured the Spartanburg Boys' Home and talked with staff and students. Ms. Curlee, Ms. McKinney, and Ms. LaBelle accompanied the Columbia staff.

Ms. Mary Jane Sanders, Social Worker with the Spartanburg Youth Bureau, has devoted much of her free time to the Spartanburg Boys' Home. We feel she should be commended for her concern and involvement, even on weekends, with the youngsters placed there.

Charleston Field and Diagnostic Center

Mr. Jim Lewis, Social Worker II and Intake Worker, has left the Department and is now employed as the Chief Counselor in a newly formed Probation Division in Berkeley County. This is a promotion for him as well as being able to work in Moncks Corner where his home is located..

NEWS FROM THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT.

Behavior Modification and Communication Counseling Training were the topics of an in-service training session for all ICU-Willow Lane staff on February 20. The all-day session, conducted by Mr. Stan Conine, Unit Supervisor, marked the kickoff of a scheduled in-service training program involving various professionals covering topics of concern to the operation of the ICU program.

ICU at Willow Lane is very pleased with the new asphalt driveway and parking lot gracing the facility. Our thanks to the maintenance department for this much needed addition.

As a part of the treatment program at ICU-Willow Lane, Mr. Charlie Geren of the University of South Carolina Guidance Center is conducting individual counseling with ICU students. Mr. Geren is currently Acting Director of Career Development and Freshman Services at USC.

Also working with the program are Ms. Pam Jones, Ms. Yvonne Williams, and Ms. Rozenia Jennings. These three students from the Midlands TEC Human Service program are leading Personal/Social groups and conducting recreational activities.

NEWS FROM THE BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION PROGRAM.

The new student manual for the Behavior Modification Program was completed in the month of February. Each student was given a copy of the manual and was oriented to the new program by their respective therapists. A change-over to the point system will be completed by March 18, 1974. Copies of the manual are available from Mr. Lawson or Mr. Lawther.

Behavior logs have been changed to accomodate the new point system. An investigation checklist has also been made up to use in conjunction with the major incident reports.

All new students entering the Program this month were placed on the point

system.

A CIS Committee has been created at the Mod Program to deal with all major infractions. They meet within twenty-four hours of the incident to decide on the penalties as set forth in the student manual. This committee is composed of the therapists and youth counselors on duty.

An attempt is being made to set up a "Bachelor Living" course at Mod. It will include sewing, ironing, food preparation, etc. Some students are now doing some tailoring.

Mod students are presently working on the Dairy and going to Midlands Center and Midlands TEC.

Treatment Team Meetings have been attended by representatives from Vocational Rehabilitation, the Chaplaincy and the Education Sections.

NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS POLICE SECTION.

Test Your Ability as to Safety and Security Conscious

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| 1. Large cities reported an increase in crime. | T | F |
| 2. Suburban and rural areas reported an increase in crime. | T | F |
| 3. You always leave a light on when not at home. | T | F |
| 4. You've informed your children not to take gifts or rides from strangers | T | F |
| 5. Nighttime burglaries accounted for over half of all residential burglaries. | T | F |
| 6. Overall, there was an increase in crime during 1972. | T | F |
| 7. 1,200 Exchange Clubs across America and Puerto Rico sponsor National Crime Prevention Week. | T | F |
| 8. Over half of all persons arrested for auto theft were 18 years of age. | T | F |
| 9. Single women should list their names in telephone directories by using last name and initials, such as M. A. Smith. | T | F |
| 10. You should have a list or record of all valuables. | T | F |
| 11. Your name is listed on your mailbox making it easy for a burglar to get your phone number. Calling is a popular method of "casing" a prospective target. | T | F |
| 12. You take all but ignition keys with you when a garage attendant parks your car. | T | F |
| 13. You have a list of all credit card numbers. | T | F |
| 14. The average value of a stolen automobile was under \$900 at the time of theft. | T | F |
| 15. In 1972, 881,000 motor vehicles were reported stolen. This is an increase over 1971. | T | F |

* ALL QUESTIONS BASED ON 1972 CRIME STATISTICS.

Any more than three incorrect answers indicate a lack of "protection" against the criminal. This may seem a bit tough, but remember, so is the crook!

ANSWERS: 1-F; 2-T; 3-T; 4-T; 5-F; 6-F; 7-T; 8-F; 9-T; 10-T; 11-F; 12-T; 13-T; 14-F; 15-F.

NEWS FROM SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

Please note that the telephone number for Supportive Services has been changed. Our new number is 758-6546. The following sections can be reached at this number: Agriculture Resources, Central Purchasing and Supply, Food Service,

and Maintenance.

REMEMBERED QUOTE FOR THE DAY.....

"A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after awhile he knows something."

.....Wilson Mizner
(Submitted by Willow Lane)