

**DISCUSSES CAUSES OF CRIME INCREASE**

AT SPECIAL CONFERENCE

**Judge Bruce, Authority on Such Matters, Says Courts Not Wholly to Blame For Conditions**

Judge Andrew A. Bruce, professor of law at Northwestern University Law School, spoke recently, to the conference on Crime in Chicago, on the serious condition in America relating to the apprehension of the criminal after the crime has been committed.

"We must realize," said Judge Bruce, "that we can not throw all of the blame for the breaking down of law upon the courts or upon the juries for, comparatively speaking, but a handful of cases ever come before these tribunals."

In Chicago and Illinois, Judge Bruce stated, he was quite sure that this is true but awaits final records, soon to be available to the commission of which he is a member, before he makes a complete statement. However, the speaker had some sensational evidence from other and near-by places to prove his point, notably from St. Louis and Kansas City, surveys of which the judge recently assisted in completing.

**Survey in Missouri**

He believed the Missouri survey most enlightening and quoted extensively from it.

"There are more cases of homicide in St. Louis and in Kansas City than even in Chicago," the speaker stated positively. "The survey also shows that the deficiency of the administration of the criminal law is almost as marked in the small towns and in the country districts as it is in the large cities. The survey demonstrates that of the murder cases in St. Louis, only about 16 per cent were followed by punishment of any kind; of the burglaries, about 4 per cent; of the robberies, about 4 per cent; of the larcenies, about 2 per cent; of the embezzlements, about 1 1/2 per cent; of the forgeries, 4 per cent. In Kansas City the murders punished were about 12 per cent; the robberies, about 6 1/2 per cent; and burglaries, about 2 per cent. They disclosed the appalling fact that in St. Louis highway robbery by juvenile delinquents increased from 1920 to 1924 over 500 per cent.

"In St. Louis between October, 1923 and October 1924, 149 cases of murder and of manslaughter were reported by the police to the State's Attorney, who acts there without a grand jury; but in these cases, on account of the failure of the police to identify and arrest the suspect, only 53 warrants were applied for. Four of these warrants were refused, evidently because of the insufficiency of the evidence, and at the trials there were only 25 convictions.

"In the other offenses the difference between the reported offenses and the arrests and convictions is even more startling. In the case of burglaries 2701 alleged offenses were reported to the police, 266 warrants were applied for, 49 were refused, and there were only 407 convictions. Of robberies 2075 were reported, 379 warrants were applied for, and only 85 persons were convicted. The other crimes were in like proportion.

**Few Are Punished**

"In all there were 13,444 major crimes reported to the police and there were only 374 persons punished. "The record of Kansas City is similar to that of St. Louis. The records as a whole show that, on the supposition that every crime reported has actually been committed, and has not been imagined or invented as is so often the case where a woman of fashion loses her jewelry, the chances are 6 to 1 against punishment for murder or manslaughter in St. Louis, and 11 to 1 in Kansas City. As far as robbery is concerned they are 24 to 1 against conviction in St. Louis, and 28 to 1 in Kansas City.

"It is also to be remembered that the number of cases reported to the police in the cities mentioned represent only about 40 per cent of the felonies committed—the remainder, if reported at all, being reported direct to the state's attorney—and that no adequate records seem to be kept of them."

**GLENVIEW MAN GETS GARBAGE CONTRACT**

**Winnetka Council Continues to Employ Same Party as Previously**

The village of Wilmette and Glencoe are contemplating the erection of garbage incinerating plants, and the village of Winnetka, it is said, hopes to make a contract with one of them for the disposal of garbage from Winnetka, after this year.

At the meeting of the Winnetka village council last week the bid of John Biederer, of Glenview, for the garbage disposal contract for the year ending March 31, 1928 was accepted. Mr. Biederer has had this contract with Winnetka for a number of years.

Ninety-five radio stations are to broadcast government crop and market reports daily. Is this a little Federal "pop" in lieu of the farm relief measure?

**Radio Romance Leads to Altar**



Ralph Waldo Emerson and Elsie Mae Look, star organ team of WLS, the Sears Roebuck station who are married "on the air."

For the past two years Ralph Waldo Emerson, staff organist of WLS, the Sears Roebuck station, has devoted one hour each week to a request program known as anniversary time. Assisting him in this feature on Saturday night is Elsie Mae Look and together at the console they have played hundreds and thousands of wedding marches and bridal choruses not only for wedding parties being held at the moment, but for silver and golden wedding anniversaries as well. In reparte, between numbers, the tuneful couple began to "kid" each other about their own wedding. One night Ralph in dedicating a number to Elsie played "Will You Be Mine?" and Elsie Mae came back with "Maybe." One tune led to another from week to week until finally the question was "popped" on the air—and the answer was "yes." After the broadcast that night Ralph said to

Elsie, "You know, Elsie, I was in earnest tonight," and Elsie replied, "Well, I certainly hope so,"—and the wedding was on.

"Yes, sir," Emerson says, "we are going to get married. And right here in the studio. And I'm going to invite all the listeners to our wedding—only they must not throw rice into their loudspeaker. We are going to have the minister and bridesmaids and everyone right here in the studio and every sound will go out on the air. And it should be a good broadcast—no static, no interference and no howling, eh Elsie? Oh, but say, does the microphone pick up chattering teeth and rattling knees?"

And so on April 9, at 7:30 p.m., this happy couple will be married over WLS, the Sears Roebuck station. It will not be the first radio wedding ever held, but it is the first time that two such popular stars will be united under such unusual circumstances.

**WINNETKA MAN IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT**

**Peter J. Schaefer, 64, Dies From Injuries Received When Hit by Auto**

Peter Joseph Schaefer, 64, a native of the former Village of Gross Point, died recently, shortly after he was struck by an automobile driven by a resident of Wilmette, near the intersection of Ridge and Washington avenues, Winnetka. Mr. Schaefer was crossing Ridge avenue in that village when hit by the machine which was traveling south on Ridge avenue. He was taken to the Evanston hospital and died within a few hours. A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest held Saturday morning at the Schaefer funeral parlors in Evanston.

Mr. Schaefer was well known throughout the north shore through his business as a carpenter contractor. His home was at 1501 Washington avenue, where he had lived continuously for 39 years.

Dr. Kellogg says that the farm of the future will contain no livestock, only nuts and beans. This is going to be fine for the squirrels.

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 317**

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, and State of Illinois having ordered the local improvement of the roadway in Ruth Terrace, Groveland Avenue, Oakland Drive, Lyman Court and Woodland Road, in Ravinia Woodland and Ravinia Dells, all in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, by paving with reinforced concrete, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 23rd day of April, A.D., 1927, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten (10) installments, with interest at the rate of six (6) per centum per annum on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

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