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General Newton received his brigadier stars from Maj. Gen. Charles Keefe in a ceremony at Fort Knott Ky. where he is an assistant center commander. In pre-war days General Newton was a major in the 160th Infantry National Guard. He was frequent

ly marshal of Holy Name Society parades and President of the St. Agnes's Parish Society. Confession is difficult. It is true that a person of many crimes could find the going to Confession a most difficult task, but it is not also true that a person with many crimes had better confess than die in his sins.

ARCHBISHOP OPENS LABOR MEETING



Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Archbishop of Los Angeles, gives the invocation at the annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor, at its recent meeting in the Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach. His Excellency is pictured with Mr. C. J. Magarity, president. (N.C.W.C.)

Prayer can overcome all foes and win eternal victories. Lincoln was 66 years old when he was assassinated.

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**Barbarous Babies**  
By Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter M. H. Wynhoeven  
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**'OTHER PARENTS DO'**

"John is too strict with the children. I always tell him that we can't begin to raise children today as we were reared. They expect more liberty, more generous allowances. We are living in a different age, other people are letting their sons and daughters have their way and if we don't follow suit, there's the old Nick to pay at home." Thus the loquacious but somewhat empty-headed mother gushed on and on. And John, the dutiful but easy-going father, sat meekly by, remembering the several defeats he had suffered. The whole mess had become meaningless to him. He was resigned. "Of course," the mater went on, "I realize our eldest boy is not turning out so well; but we did our best. We gave him a good home and an excellent education. What more could we have done? Today, you can't be old-fashioned and tie your children down, when the children next door are allowed to enjoy themselves according to modern ideas. After adoption of the accepted latest mode of raising children (self-expression, personal experience, natural uncurbed, free development of character, frank license) was still met with a palmed alliance. The atmosphere in the dining room was gradually charged with uneasy, irksome constraint. The hostess could not stand it any longer. Her guilty, subdued conscience craved for an argument that might give her a little surcease. Since I had not objected to her line, being prompted to silence as much by the facility of the situation as by politeness, she must have figured that I would afford her a little relief, therefore, she asked me what I thought of it. I told her I knew she was one hundred per cent correct in her statement, that times had changed, and that children today had to be brought up somewhat differently from the time when "you and I were young, Maggie." But to follow the rule of imitating the foolish and freakish method of handling children, adopted by the neighbors who are too indulgent and too inconsiderate of the children's best interests, was positively idiotic. A very serious mistake can be made in child-raising by allowing that all we have to worry about in life is to have a good time. The good-time idea is appermost in the American mind, and it makes for utter unwholesomeness. It runs too closely to a sinful time or to enervating excesses. Children should have a happy and joyful youth, and everything should be done to make things pleasant for them. raise them without restrictions, is a most damaging policy to pursue. Happiness and good times, as considered today, are entirely different from each other. Happiness will make children buoyant, open-eyed and eager for the future. A good time on the contrary will harm their physical well-being and slowly corrode their souls. The eventual consequence will be dissatisfaction with life, cynicism and aimlessness. It is a rule of nature from which we cannot escape. A thousand years from now, when people will be ultramodern, smarter and better educated than we are, children still will have to be trained and educated with a sense of responsibility for the future. Because of our naturally evil tendencies, they still will have to be guided, restricted and controlled. Let parents shirk this parental obligation, and civilization will go bankrupt. It is preposterous to think that youngsters in their teens are benefited, and dealt with honestly and according to their rights, by being allowed to stay out at night till any time they choose to come home, by being permitted to go to parties where drinking and promiscuous petting are indulged in, or by sanctioning their visits to night clubs, topped off by automobile rides on lonely roads. All this means nothing else than to let them choose their way to hell, free and unhampered. This may sound rather old-fashioned, which it really is—but nevertheless, there is no other way around it. Human nature always will be the same, no matter under what modern conditions we live. Human nature cannot be left to itself without advice, control and restrictions. Parents are appointed by God to furnish a check on behavior. Children with free rein and unbridled passions are bound to run into a barbed-wire fence some day and tear themselves painfully, if not disastrously. It is the duty of the father and the mother solemnly imposed by God, the Creator, to raise and train their children according to nature's rule of common sense. The parental objective is to make children happy here and hereafter. Present-day conditions and circumstances may require that greater effort and expense be put forth to make them happy and satisfied. This worthy objective, however, never can be reached by copying the methods of foolish and thoughtless parents who condemn every detrimental action which strikes the children, surely