Believes Teen-Agers 'On the Beam'

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THERE'S been a lot of talk recently about high school fellows and girls. Movies, newspapers, and magazine articles have hashed over this business of juvenile delinquency and war time youth again and again. Magazine stories and radio serials have played up typical teen-agers" with changing voices and unchanging problems, and smart advertisers have directed a lot of hot copy at the younger generation.

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There have been numerous questionnaires and impressive polls to determine just exactly what the average fellow and girl of high school age think about and talk about, what they eat, what they do on dates, what kind of clothes they wear, and whether or not a good gal can still be on the beam if she wears high-heeled shoes instead of the classic loafers and bobby socks.

The general idea of high school boys and gals right now is a uniform bunch of characters — long-haired girls in jeans and plaid shirts, and fellows with crew cuts and trousers rolled half way up to the knee — who are interested in nothing but the Hit Parade, collecting Harry James' recordings, and making trick bracelets, rings, and bowl gadgets out of painted wire, and old peanut shells. According to the popular conception, a gal just isn't on the ball unless she drinks a couple of cokes a day, is mad for Van Johnson and Robert Walker, and is engaged, pro or con, by Frank Sinatra. And the average Joe has missed that gravy train by a mile unless he knows which band leaders play which instruments, wears bright reindeer sweaters, has long-distance phone conversations each evening, and rides around after school in an old, painted jalopy.

But this isn't the complete story at all; this version neglects altogether to mention those fellows and girls who don't spend all their time hanging around the corner drug store talking over last Friday night's dates. It overlooks all the important things they do.

Many a time a fellow lays aside his jive jargon to do a little serious thinking and talking about things like post-war Europe, PT boats, and jet propulsion. And gals have more on their minds than their hair bows when they do a little thoughtful discussing of politics, school work, and current books.

They don't limit their reading activities to the comic strips, either, but throw in a little Hawthorne and Hersey just to even things up a bit. And all the book learning that they pick up during the eight hour school day isn't just so much fluff talk. Chemistry isn't another dull subject to them; they are vitally interested in it and understand the importance and potentialities of science.

In fact, they're probably working on a little secret formula of their own to make nylons out of old potato peelings or whipping up synthetic rubber out of sawdust and sour milk. They aren't interested only in the shape of Betty Grable, but also in the shape of things to come, so they are glad to see a few documentary films and an occasional March of Time production.

No, a teen-ager's thinking and working aren't all sugar and spice, with nothing solid behind them.

DALY SISTER TAKES OVER

The youth column on Page 13, this issue, is written by Sheila John Daly, younger sister of Maureen Daly who now spends all, writing a book. Sheila assisted her sister while in high school, contributed to the column while in college, and worked in the office during vacations. Sheila is now a senior at Barnard College, Columbia University, majoring in English literature.

Movie to Be Made of Story On Dannemora Chaplain

HOLLYWOOD — The Rev. Ambrose Hyland, Catholic chaplain of Clinton Prison Dannemora, New York, has sold to MGM the story of his work among the inmates of that longterm detention house. The price paid to Father Hyland was $20,000, all of which goes into a special fund for the prisoners.

Spencer Tracy has been considered to play the leading role in the new film, but since studio executives think him too firmly fixed in the public mind as Father Flanagan of Boystown, Van Johnson, who looks more like Father Hyland, is chief contender for the part.

It was under Father Hyland's supervision that "the boys" at Clinton Prison built the now famous Church of St. Dismas.

MUSEUM MOVIES

Free film programs have been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20 and Sunday, Jan. 21 by the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, according to Dr. Arthur C. Parker, museum director.

The regular Saturday children's program will include two cartoons, "Grandfather's Clock," and "Tony Pup," and three educational films, "Bluff Lake Locales," "Gem Getting Thrills," and "Clyde Beatty's Animal Thrills." The films will be shown at 10:30 A. M.

The free adult film scheduled for 3 P. M. Sunday is "The Desert Victory."

Your entire year's subscription can be spent with those of Mary, the Mother of God, and yet you have not lost your soul. Keep in the God after break.

Movie Guide

NEW FILMS REVIEWED

Great Guns, A-1
Gun Smoke, A-1
His Brother's Ghost, A-1
She Gets Her Man, A-1
This Man's Navy, A-1
Adventures of Kitty O'Day, A-2
Having Wonderful Crime, A-2
Delightfully Dangerous, B
House of Frankenstein, B
Sweet Rosie O'Grady, B

AT THE THEATERS

LOEW'S ROCHESTER

Marriage in a Private Affair, A-2
The Missing Juror, A-2

R-K-O PALACE

Can't Help Singing, A-1
Enter Arsene Lupin, A-1

TEMPLE

Sunbury Court, (not classified)
Three Crazy Knights, (not classified)

CENTURY

Hollywood Canteen, A-1

EKONTY

The Last Ditch, A-2
The Sun Shine, A-2

CAPITOL

Lost Angel, A-2
The Fighting Guardsman, A-2

Children's Corner

The Man Who Helped God

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By "Father Jo"

Simon lived in the country. One Friday morning he decided to go to the city. When Simon left his home in the morning, he never dreamed that a big surprise was waiting for him in the city. That Friday was a big day in his life, one he never forgot. That Friday Simon became a famous man.

When Simon reached the edge of the city, he saw a big crowd of people. They were moving towards him and making a lot of noise. Some were shouting and laughing, while others were crying. Soon Simon was near enough to see what all the noise was about.

In the midst of the crowd there was a Man. His name was Jesus. Jesus was a sad, sad picture that day. His head and face were cut and bleeding. All over He was covered with dust and dirt. On His poor shoulders He carried a cross. And what a cross! It was large and much too heavy for Him. Besides, He seemed very tired and awfully weak. Still some of the crowd tried to help Jesus. Not even the strong soldiers who marched by His side showed any pity towards Him.

Recruited Task

As soon as the crowd reached Simon, one of the soldiers grabbed hold of him. Of course, Simon was surprised. He was more surprised when the soldier took the cross from Jesus and gave it to Simon to carry. The soldiers knew that Jesus was too weak to carry it any longer.

Now, Simon didn't like the idea. He didn't want to carry the cross. Maybe he had seen the way the people treated Jesus. Perhaps Simon was afraid they would hurt him, too. He didn't like those Romans, especially the guys with the shiny and shining. He didn't want anything to carry the cross, but the soldiers made him.

When Simon took the cross, Jesus gave him a look. It took of thought Simon found the cross the rest of the way to the top of a hill. By the time he got there, I think Simon almost felt happy. I think he was glad he had helped to carry that cross. When he learned that the Man whom he had helped was Jesus, Simon must have felt happy. Jesus was in the world. And Simon was the man who had helped Jesus carry the cross.

Wouldn't you, boys and girls? Well, suppose I tell you how you can help God right now.

In your home there is somebody who takes God's place. Who is it? You, your father and mother. Like Jesus they also have crosses to carry. Maybe you can't see their crosses, but they have them just the same. Fathers and mothers have many worries and lots of hard work to do. Every time you help with the housework, or run an errand, you are helping your parents to carry their cross.

Be another Simon in your home. Help your mother and father. Somehow boys and girls are always glad after they do. At first they may feel like Simon. They are not so eager to help. Maybe they don't want to help. But then, after they do, they feel happy just as Simon did after he helped Jesus. I think that happy feeling is God's way of blessing boys and girls. It's His way of letting them know He is pleased with them, because they are doing just what Simon did. They are really helping Him.

Navy Chaplain's Heroism Gets Marine Commendation

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