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Vacation Bible School Starts

The Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church begins its annual Vacation Bible School on Monday at 9 a.m.

The event will continue from June 28 to July 2. It includes handicraft, Bible study, two time character stories, missionary events, and refreshments. The 5-12 age group will have basket weaving for their handicraft projects.

The summer camp for the girls from the church will be at Forrest Home Camp July 7-12. The boys camp will be at Idlewild Aug. 8-11.

The local church is showing their interest in a better Sun-

day school by helping to send 16 Sunday school workers to Glorieta Baptist Assembly at Glorieta, New Mexico. The first of these workers will leave this week.

The pastor will speak at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on the subject "Am I Responsible to God?" At the 7:30 p.m. service, his message will be "Harvest Time is here."

LAKE LOSS

The rate of evaporation of the Great Lakes is variable. It is higher in the fall and winter months than during other seasons of the year.

Narcotics Problem in California Discussed by State Legislature

By CHARLES CHAPPEL
46th Assemblyman

A narcotic in the dictionary sense of the word, is a drug which in moderate doses allays sensibility, reduces pain and induces profound sleep, but which in poisonous doses produces coma, stupor or convulsions. Some of the principal narcotics are opium (with morphine), belladonna (with atropine), Indian Hemp, Stramonium and hyocyanine.

Marijuana is something like wild tobacco, but it is a hemp. Its dried leaves and flowers are smoked in cigarettes. Marijuana is classed as a narcotic and is dangerous principally because its users graduate to more dangerous drugs, although in itself it can put people in a drowsy condition under which they will violate laws and do all manner of things objectionable to good order and public safety.

Heroin Trade Name

Heroin was originally a German commercial trade name, but is now used generally as an ordinary term for diacetylmorphine. Among users, it is known as "H," the initial letter of the word. It is one of the most dangerous drugs because very few heroin addicts are ever cured and even those that are supposed to be cured often go back to it.

The cost of heroin to the addict is so great that he or she will do anything to get the money to buy it. Depending upon how far along the addict is, the cost runs from \$25 to \$100 per day. Male addicts become strong-arm robbers, burglars and thieves. Female addicts may help male addicts in the more violent crimes, but when working by themselves they often resort to the world's oldest "profession" to get enough money to finance their habit.

Girls as young as 12 or 13 are frequently recruited by giving them free "shots" of heroin until they get the habit and then forced to work at the "profession," turn over earnings to the man in charge, and in return receive their daily allowance of heroin and barely enough money for food, clothing and lodging.

These girls are not recruited merely from families of low income, but from all races, religions and economic levels. No family with a daughter is safe from this threat.

Officers Needed

The United States, the State of California, counties and cities have law enforcement officers who enforce all laws. Also, there are special officers assigned to concentrate on narcotic offenses. Some of them become peddlers themselves and others take bribes from peddlers to let them operate, but I am of the personal opinion that about 99 per cent of them are honest.

On the federal level, we need about 20 times as many narcotic officers as we now have to prevent dope from coming over the Mexican border and into our country. When a ship docks, every passenger and crew member coming ashore is a potential lander of narcotics, but crew members can get by with it easier because they do not come ashore once and stay ashore, but make

Judges Too Lenient

Almost all judges are too lenient in narcotic cases. Most of the judges are probably honest, I doubt that very many of them are "fixed" by the narcotic trade, but they listen more attentively to the sad stories of the members of the family of the narcotic peddler than they do the family of the victim. In the California State Legislature, I have tried for nearly eight years without much success to do two things: (1) Increase the penalties, especially for giving, selling or administering narcotics to a minor; and (2) Making the jail and prison sentences mandatory on that soft-hearted, or worse, judge who would give light sentences.

For nearly eight years, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the Assembly Committee on Judiciary, composed almost entirely of lawyers, have opposed my efforts to increase penalties and force the judges to give stiff sentences because they said that I was doing two things wrong in their eyes: (1) Making it more difficult for the prosecutor to get a conviction, especially in a jury trial; and (2) Taking away from judges their ancient prerogatives of discretion.

I am now happy to report

that many lawyers on the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature are now alarmed about the narcotic traffic and are indicating an intention to enact in 1939 the laws which I have fought for so long with little help. I call upon you to write to me at P. O. Box 777, Inglewood, 5, immediately, and express your views on this subject.

Get your American Legion Post, your V. E. W. Post, your Elks Lodge, your Moose Lodge, and all your other organizations to pass resolutions on this subject. Mail them to me at P. O. Box 777, Inglewood 5, and I shall be sure that they are read by the Judiciary Committee and eventually by the entire Legislature so that in 1939 we can start saving your daughters and mine from the perpetual threat of the dope peddlers. Your written opinion is important! Do it now, please!

Hospital to Stage Party

The Riviera Hospital will hold its first annual employees party at the Moose Lodge Hall in Torrance, Friday.

Jack Saylin, Riviera Hospital director, announced that the festivities will begin at 9 p.m. and will continue until 2 a.m.

Jack Darling and his orchestra will furnish the dance music. All employees and their families are invited to the gala affair.

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