District Attorney Upholds Young People of County

District Attorney William B. McKesson today cautioned parents and adults not to jump to quick conclusions because we hear so much about juvenile delinquency today that we fall prey to the idea all young people are problems.

We know this is not so, he said. Nevertheless, he pointed out, we rearly hear or read about the thousands of young people right here in our own county who, guided by their high school coaches, are learning and working at good sportmanship as well as good citizenship.

Last week on one of my many trips around Los Angeles County, McKesson said, I happened to pass Crescenta Valley High School. Over 100 young men were gathered on the school's athletic field getting in top physical condition for the coming football season.

Under the watchful eyes, care and guidance of coaches Gary Hess and Tod Thompson, these young men were not only building their bodies, but were really and truly building the American spirit. This same scene is taking place on the athletic fields of 137 high schools in Los Angeles County.

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I AM HAPPY to say that this is an everyday occurrence in Los Angeles County. I also learned that many of these boys had after-school jobs delivering newspapers, as box boys in super markets and other types of jobs. They are also active in school affairs, clubs and especially in school government. This is a healthy thing for all young people to be interested in.

I can assure you, McKesson noted, that for every delinquent act committed by a misdirected young person, thousands of other boys and girls throughout Los Angeles County look upon such acts with contempt. They know that the wrongs of one person will bring unwarranted criticism to their whole age group.

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YES, IT IS hard for a man but even more so for a boy, to break away from his past. Take, for example, McKesson said, that sad tale of the Australian youth who, when given a new boomerang, spent the rest of his life trying to throw the old one away. That lad obviously did not have the same care and guidance from the coaches of the boys I was watching.

In watching these boys preparing for manhood, I couldn't help but recall that the principle causes for juvenile delinquency were lack of love, understanding, and guidance. As district attorney I am concerned about the youth of today, for their thoughts and actions are the reality of tomorrow.

Coach Hess and Coach Thompson of Crescenta Valley High School are representative of the many fine men of our county who, on their own time and in their dedication to youth, are responsible for the leaders of tomorrow.

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IN 1956, after serving for more than ten years as presiding judge of the largest juvenile court in America, McKesson said, I laid aside my judicial robes to accept the badge, title and authority of the chief prosecutor of Los Angeles County.

While judge of the juvenile court, more than 12,000 dependent, neglected and delinquent boys and girls came before me each year. It was indeed stern training for the misery, heartache and human shortcomings I now daily meet as head of the largest prosecutor's office in the United States.

With the opening of a new school year, let us salute men like Coach Hess and Coach Thompson and all the other thousands of teachers and coaches in Los Angeles County who, through their unselfish efforts and contributions of time and talent, are fulfilling that promise to our youth. These men and women are really building a better Amer-

OPENING DAY CROWD . . . Visitors at W. T. Grants new store at Anza Ave. and 190th St. found a modern, convenient establishment when they attended the grand opening Thursday. The check stand, above, features quick checkout service. (Herald Photo)

SEARS OBSERVANCE . . . Employees of Sears at the Del Amo Shopping Center are wearing clothes of the period the firm was founded 75 years ago. The local store is observing the firm's 75th anniversary through Sept. 23. Owen Day, far left, store operating superintendent, tells a brief history of the organization to, left to right, Dan Dirkes, Mrs. Cline Chapman, Mrs. Margaret Sipple and Mrs. Thad Anderson. In background are pictures of store founders, Richard W. Sears, left, and Alvan C. Roebuck. (Herald Photo)

Official Tells Of Future Water Need

Robert A Skinner, assistant chief engineer of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, speaking before the construction Industries committee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, estimated that by 1990 the population within the service area of the district will have more than doubled and that the demand for additional water will have increased accordingly.

"In the fiscal year 1960-61 the population within the service area of the district was about 7,500,000, and the district delivered 933,800 acre-feet of Colorado River water to help supply the water needs of the people within the area," Skinner said.

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"BY 1990 it is estimated that the population within the district's service area will be about 15,500,000, and the demand for water to be supplied by the district is estimated to be about 2,620,000 acre-feet annually," the water official declared.

He said that this amount of water can be supplied from the district's Colorado River allotment of 1,212,000 acre-feet annually, and from the water to be obtained from Northern California under a contract with the state, which provides for a maximum of 1,500,000 acre-feet to be delivered annually by about 1990.

Skinner pointed out that this contract became effective on Sept. 16, and that the first deliveries of water from the north are scheduled to start about 1972. First deliveries will be relatively small, increasing to the full amount of 1,500,000 acre-feet by about 1990, he said.

Girl Plans Study Abroad

Rosemary Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hill of 1640 Beech Ave., sailed Wednesday from New York City harbor aboard the S.S. Waterman, bound for a semester's study in Europe.

She is a senior at the University of Redlands and one of 48 students from the university participating in the third program centered in Salzburg, Austria.

Due to arrive in Southampton, England Wednesday, the group will spend six days in London and vicinity. Visits to the British Museum, Stratford-on-Avon and a performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, a visit to Oxford University, the famous waxworks and meetings with English students.

A five-day study-tour of Paris and Versaille is scheduled before the group arrives in Salzburg on Oct. 3.

After three weeks in Austria, they will visit Venice, Florence and Rome and other cities, for two weeks.

Throughout the semester the students will have the opportunity for many short study trips before their return flight to New York on Jan. 15.

Dr. Ralph E. Hone, professor of English, and Dr. J. Gordon Hynes, professor of Biblical instruction, are the accompanying faculty members.

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