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Listen Americans!

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Marijuana is the most dangerous and harmful drug in the world. This is not a careless or unfounded statement. It is a fact that has emerged from our nearly six months research and study of drug abuse. In our examination of the swiftly worsening national problem we have interviewed some of the nation's highest authorities, have read volumes of professional writings, have talked with drug users and with drug and narcotics agents at all levels of law enforcement. We are not an "expert" but we have reached some conclusions from close and studious examination of the most expert testimony.

Nearly every other "dangerous" drug is more powerful than marijuana. Yet this fact is, in itself, a factor in my conclusion that marijuana is today the very worst drug surge confronting the society of man. It is the Great Initiator — welcoming millions upon millions of young people into the "Drug Culture" who would never enter by taking "pills" or pushing a needle into their veins. With a marijuana cigarette being passed around youngsters are given an easy way of escaping the epithet, "Chicken!" Especially when many are saying "Pot" is absolutely harmless. A few puffs put a youngster "in" with the "right" crowd. Brotherhood! Equality! Maturity! Yeh, man! The boy becomes a man; the young girl, a woman. But only in an unreal world, a world with horror ahead on every side. More than 70% of Heroin addicts took their first step into the "Drug Culture" on marijuana; and once "hooked" on "H" nine out of 10 addicts never recover.

Art Linkletter, whose daughter, Diana, puffed on marijuana when it came her way, then went on to LSD and, ultimately, took her own life in the aftermath of a "bad trip," is not an expert on drugs, but the experiences and tragedy within his family has made him a dedicated "witness." In a Reader's Digest article, he says: "Drug abuse has become a national plague, an epidemic of monstrous proportions. Today the shadow of the tragedy that struck us looms over every family regardless of educational level, regardless of wealth or position, regardless of everything."

LSD in 1970 has become Step 2 in the experience of millions of junior high, high school and college youth who have been ushered into the "Drug Culture" with the friendly companionable passing around of the marijuana "reefer." It is spreading even faster than the amphetamines (tablets and capsules) which are called "Speed." LSD tablets of all sizes, colors and shapes, are beginning to be as easy to get as "Pot" — in New York, Los Angeles, or any small town. A boy or girl today can get an LSD "trip" for \$1. The tiniest tablets, about a fourth as large as an Aspirin, sell for \$3. Three or four persons can divide the one tablet and get a brain-warping "trip." Some trips are described as "good," some as "bad."

A mother wrote Art Linkletter about her son's "good" trip that ended badly: "Our son, a first year medical student, took LSD after much coaxing by 'friends' and out of curiosity. Little happened on the day that he took the drug. But a week later, driving on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, he had a recurrence. He brought his car to a stop, stripped completely, folded his clothes neatly, got out of the car feeling that he could outrace, barefooted, anything on the concrete highway. A camper hit him and hurled him into the air. He suffered a partly crushed skull — and the loss of one eye."

Mr. Linkletter says: "If you have a child in college or high school, in junior high or even elementary school, it's no longer a question of his possible exposure someday to illicit drugs. He is being exposed to them at this moment, now! To assume otherwise is wishful thinking at it blindest."

Our sincere sympathy to GEORGE LEGRIS D/66 on the death of his wife.

TRAVEL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Were you aware that, if you are a Roper Corporation employe traveling on authorized corporation business, you are covered by Travel Accident Insurance?

Anyone making an authorized trip away from the premises of his principal place of employment, is considered to be traveling on corporation business.

Amounts of insurance vary according to earnings and range from \$10,000 to \$40,000. However, if you are killed while traveling on corporation business in an airplane, bus or taxicab or some other common carrier, you are automatically insured for a minimum of \$75,000.

Driving to and from work as well as vacation and holiday travel are not covered.

The Personnel Department can provide you with more detailed information on this plan.

SORRY ELMER!

We owe an apology to ELMER RANTZ, the intrepid motorcyclist of Department 70. Through an oversight we omitted his name from those who celebrated service plateaus in February. ELMER celebrated 30 years in the plant on February 8, and is the only plant employe hired in 1940 who is still with us. Another interesting fact about the RANTZ'S is that ELMER and his two brothers CLARENCE D/70 and HOWARD D/15 by this fall will have contributed a total of 100 years to the service of Roper Bradley.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to JAMES D/25 and DONNA MEND-ELL who are parents of twin boys. JAMES JAY and WILLIAM KENNETH who were born March 9. The couple have one other child.

And to RYAN D/35 and SHARON HOLZ on the birth of their first child, a boy, born March 4.

And to JOSEPH (Dispatching) and RORY SUE CASTONGIA their first child a boy, JOSEPH MICHAEL, born March 10. This makes NEIL FAHROW D/10 a grandpa for the first time.

OLD TIMER OF THE WEEK



One of the most capable and highly regarded employees in his line of work, Inspection, is this week's honored employe VERN SCHNELL who, at the age of twenty, came to work a Bradley on September 16, 1941. Previously he had worked briefly at General Foods. His first assignment here was in the warehouse, but he went to the Foundry, Shell Line on a lathe, and back to the warehouse before going into Inspection in 1952. Presently his job title is Special Assignment Group Leader.

During World War II VERN had an interesting career for 3½ years in the Signal Corps. He was a high speed radio transmitter and, during the early part of the war, worked with the Navy on the east coast in anti-submarine warfare. He was in the room when the original message "Sighted sub - sank same" came in by radio from one of the aircraft involved. VERN later was sent to the China, Burma, India theatre where he spent 1½ years and made Tech. Sergeant.

The SCHNELL'S, VERN and LUCILLE, have been married 23 years and have a fine family of six children and one grandchild. Daughter FAYE ANN 22 is married, RAY 20 works here as an apprentice in the Tool Room, MICHAEL 19 attends college in Minnesota, KATHY 17 is a senior at Eastridge, while CARL 11 and LYNNE 10 attend St. Patrick's Grade School.

This Old Timer likes to camp and fish and is active in the South Wilmington Sportsman's Club. He has been Financial Secretary of Local 1212 for 10 years, and in the past has been day work co-chairman and treasurer of the local. Like several of our other employes - TED POTRZEBSKI, BUD MENARD, LES WOODWORTH and MIKE SAFIRAN, Vern is an ardent Racing Pigeon fan. Believe it or not he has been Secretary of the Kankakee Racing Pigeon Club since 1934 at which time he was 13 years old.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR AT ROPER BRADLEY



We were visited Wednesday by a distinguished foreign visitor DR. LUIS ADOLFO SILES, ex president of Boliva. DR. SILES is currently touring the United States making speeches on college campuses. He was accompanied to the U.S. by FATHER JAMES BURKE, a Catholic missionary and his visit to the area was arranged by the REV. PAUL MCCLEARY (brother of our HAL) who has been a longtime missionary in Bolivia and now is attached to the general offices of the United Methodist Church in Chicago. DR. SILES spoke at Olivet College before touring our plant. BOB BELL, Bradley Businessman, was host for the day and also toured our plant. Pictured left to right are FATHER BURKE, DR. SILES and REV. MCCLEARY.

SHOEMOBILE

During the recent visit to the plant by the Safety Shoemobile our employes purchased a total of 190 pairs of Safety Shoes. At \$4.00 per pair the company contributed \$760.00 to these employe purchases. Those who did not visit the unit are reminded that Safety Shoes can still be ordered at anytime through the Safety Department. The next visit of the Shoemobile will be in August or September.

Once again it becomes necessary to remind employes to go to 1st Aid immediately whenever they suffer an injury on the job, no matter how slight. Of late there have been a rash of injuries reported. The delay involved can make the injury more severe, to say nothing of the possibility that Workmen's Comp. will not apply.

NEW EMPLOYEES

LYLE WELLS

ROBERT EASTER

JOHN WILLARD

The new employe in the Print Shop is JAMES NORDMEYER.

WANTED: To buy outboard motor 5 to 9½ H.P.. Have 25 H.P. Evinrude motor to sell or trade. Call 472-6228.