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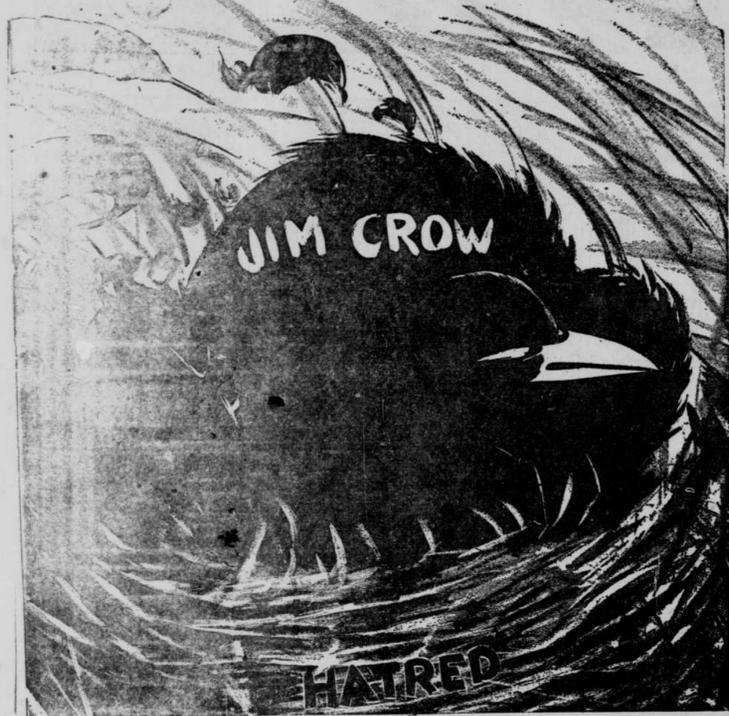
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## Editorial: "Jim Crow On The Spot!"



### AN APPRECIATION CLUB A Fourth of July Editorial



By Ruth Taylor

In the Waverly Sun recently there was an editorial on an "Appreciation Club", the aim of which was, at periodic intervals, to express appreciation to some resident for something he or she had done for the community. I think it is a splendid idea, and I congratulate the Waverly Sun for its fine suggestion.

But I'd like to see the idea carried still further. I'd like to see an "Appreciation Club" that would make every member a living witness of his appreciation of our country and of our form of government. I'd like to have its members show to the world that not only do the Communists and the Nazis have convictions, but that Americans have just as strong faith in the ideals of democracy and that they, too, are willing to proselyte for them.

How would such a club work out? First of all, a member would have to be a good citizen. He would have to take an active part in the work of his community, his state, his nation. He would obey the laws that he and his fellow citizens make. He would criticize constructively, not destructively. He would hold out the hand of fellowship to his brother Ameri-

can, wash them off into small groups and discriminate against them.

He would show the American credo begins and ends in Justice for all. That it affords opportunity not privileges or a sinecure—to each and every one. He would neither be ignorant of the change taking place in the world today nor opposed to change. He would insist that any change be made within the framework of that Constitution which, because of its elasticity, has served us so well throughout the years.

He would remember that at all times to those with whom he comes in contact, he represent America. Therefore he would be live his daily life as if every life the spirit of brotherhood and of fair play which is the motive force of these United States.

He would, by his actions, offer a living proof that the way we have found for ourselves works. That a bill of rights for Americans can be a bill of rights for all the world. And that within its provisions is the one that affords each man the right and the responsibility to make of himself the best possible citizen for his country and for the world.

A dream? Perhaps. But I feel it could and would work.

SEN. W. LEE O'DANIEL



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sound-photo—Senator W. Lee O'Daniel, (D) of Texas, shown shortly before he arrived at the Senate for his promised talk to death against OPA. However, O'Daniel's filibuster ended when the Senate agreed to limit debate to one hour for each speaker.

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## SHORT SPORTS

By JOHN M. LEE

### BILLY CONN AND JOE LOUIS

NEW YORK—Even though you weren't one of the lucky suckers who held one of the tickets scaled from one hundred bucks down, for the Louis-Conn fight you'll stand in every solid Joe Louis wallop. Conn has perfected the art of running away in the ring until it time you'll be tense and anxious, the second time, keep your eyes glued on Billy Conn. You'll have to watch him anyhow because Billy is all movement, getting away from the lethal dose hiding in every solid Joe Louis wallop. Conn has perfected the art of running away in the ring until it time you'll be tense and anxious, is almost an exact science. He

## FATHER FLANAGAN SAYS

### Reformatory— A Prep School to the Penitentiary

A judge with whom I am acquainted recently sentenced two teen-agers to the reformatory for three years each for a \$5 theft. When he gave the sentence, he explained he had tried to find a reason for leniency, but that "it just wasn't there."

I wonder! We often go through the motions of being generous and even sympathetic in dealing with hapless juveniles, but how seldom we show any real generosity or sympathy, except superficially for our own mental appeasement.

Was this judge trying to find a cause for leniency? Or was he trying to whitewash his own conscience? Both youths, it is true, had been in trouble before. One had served a reformatory sentence for car theft, and the other had been paroled on a burglary charge by the juvenile court. They were "repeaters." But why? Was it, as the judge said, because these boys were hopeless criminals?

Every boy deserves a chance to become a good and useful citizen. Many boys are denied this chance, however, because of bad parents, bad environment, and bad example. Children are not born to be bad. They come unspooled from the hand of God. It is through neglect that they fall into bad ways.

Parents neglect to explain to their children what life really means. They ignore the first essential for all purposeful living—"In the beginning God"—and so reduce life to a meaningless and vain quest of desire and frustration.

Without God at the beginning there can be only confusion at the end. A boy who is in doubt about the meaning of life cannot know what to do with his own life, and if he cannot know what to do with his own life, it is certain he will not make the best use of it.

We can do no greater injustice to any boy than to put a criminal's brand upon him because he has made a mistake. And yet, as a matter of fact, this is just what we do, and what we have been doing for centuries. The reformatory does not reform. It was never meant to, actually. It was meant to be a penal institution. And that is exactly what it is—a prep school to the penitentiary.

Take the case of these two boys. Their offense was not that they took \$5 that wasn't theirs, it was that they had made similar mistakes before. This is what the judge meant when he said he could find no reason for leniency.

One of the two had been in the reformatory before. And now he is on his way back because he came out no better, and probably much worse, than when he went in. The blame is put on the youth. No voice is raised in protest against the institution. No criticism is directed against the kind of thinking which still accepts the lash and the cell as the only way to deal with young people who get into trouble.

People may believe, in a half-hearted sort of way, that the boy who commits a crime is a morally sick boy, but they continue to act as if he were simply a bad boy.

Punishment may be the practice, but it is not the answer. Punishment goes no further than the mistake for which it is invoked. If we are to help the youth, if we really want to help him become a useful member of society instead of a misfit, then we need to get down to the cause of his mistakes.

We need to change his ideas about life and its meaning. We need to teach him to apply himself constructively. We need to instill in him a new sense of self-respect by treating him with respect, instead of allowing him to be pushed around.

Instead of ushuring him off to the reform school as a hopeless criminal, he should be treated as a spiritually sick child who, through want and neglect, has been deprived of his rightful heritage. Such are the social have-nots. They need to be understood, loved and helped, not blamed and punished.

danced around for almost eight rounds, and when you consider that he knew what was coming to him after a while, it must have been a nervous and tiring half hour he spent in the ring at the Yankee Stadium.

Before, during and after the fight, all of the sports celebrities spoke of Conn as a game little challenger, and who am I to disagree, but while paying tribute to his gameness, I reserve the right to put down what I saw.

As you watch Conn in action, you will note that he is behaving like a burned child who dares to play with fire again hoping that his previous experience will keep him from getting singed. Subconsciously, he knew he wanted to run out on the whole business, but something sporting inside him, kept him in there feinting and faking and hoping to befuddle the champ enough to get in a lucky wallop.

It wasn't a pretty spectacle, to watch Joe stalking an opponent who was scared in a controlled sort of way. The fight was slow and dull, at time almost motionless except for the purposeful advancing of Jolting Joe. Conn tried tricks and circus antics, paying too much attention to the myth that Joe Louis is dull-witted and easily befuddled. He danced about like an insane man in a lion's cage who hopes to punish the lion by getting him good and mad before he has his dinner.

Conn with the first sock in the puss got a pretty crimson in his complexion. He tried endless numbers of times to throw Joe off balance with feints and dodges, but Joe just kept rolling along. Billy wanted to win. He knew he couldn't win with his much-vaunted boxing skill and speed, he hoped for a miracle, a miracle that would make Joe beat himself.

Joe could have knocked him out any time from the second round on, but Joe never underestimates an opponent. Conn had prepared for the fight in a thorough manner. When he stepped into the ring, his chance to win was equal to Joe's, so far as hitting and dodging goes, so Joe had to feel him out, analyze his purpose, before he went in for the kill. Louis was being cautious, he had been out of the ring for serious purposes for almost five years, and while he had confidence in himself he realized that what he planned to do, could also happen to him.

There wasn't a person in the Yankee Stadium, who didn't believe, after the first round, that Joe Louis would rock Billy to sleep before the evening was over and there aren't as many as you think who are disappointed in the way most of the sports writers say they are. True enough they wanted to see Billy Conn show enough fight to make it an interesting contest, but few of them agree with Brooklyn's Congressman O'Toole that the fix was in.

O'Toole, let me say in passing, comes to the public's attention for the first time during his tenure. I have never heard of him before and I daresay, neither have you. He's in the limelight now through an unfair accusation, and Joe is still the cleanest, most sportsmanlike champ the game has ever had. When the tumult and the shouting have died down a bit, and the fans take a cooler look at the proceedings, they will realize that they saw the greatest Joe Louis of his entire career in action against Billy Conn. At 32, Louis has reached the peak of his development as the best fighting machine of all time. He out-boxed Conn, and he out-thought him all the way. He kept his balance with the ease and grace of an adagio dancer while shuffling flatfooted to corner his man. There isn't a heavy in the world who can beat the champ, although there are dozens of contenders who can get into the ring with him and make it more interesting than did game Billy Conn. If there was anything wrong with the fight, it could be that Conn was scared, and Joe was cautious, and you can't blame either of them.

## The Week

By H. W. Smith

**OUR BUSINESS GROUP**  
We should all lend a thought to make purchases from our own group of businesses and help them in every way possible. They are what we make them and try and be patient if you cannot get waited on or served as soon as we enter. Also have our minds made up on what we are intending to purchase as there are other customers that are there also to be served and a salesman is trying to please at all times. We all can help by taking the necessary precaution as their success depends on our help in many ways.

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Sections forming the third and the fourth floors of the Milbourne hotel at Baltimore fell into the street when lower sections gave a few minutes earlier June 28.

A locomotive tender and a gondola rolled down a 40 foot em-

## THEY'LL NEVER DIE

By Elton Fax



**JUSTIN HOLLAND**  
MUSICIAN & AUTHOR  
Continental Features

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bankrupt after the locomotive had jumped the track in Morrisville, Pa., June 28. Nine men were injured.

Congressional leaders told President Truman if he did not sign the OPA Compromise Bill on June 28 price control will end on June 30. It did end.

H. H. Fackler chairman of the Ohio Farm Marketing Produce Association, says he has urged 17,000 farmers to halt shipments in protest against the OPA Friday June 30.

The Agriculture Department announced June 28 starting Monday July 1 civilians will get every lb. of butter produced in the U.S.

Mrs. Iva P. Krumholtz of Princess Anne, Md., was being held by police for questioning on the charge of murdering Roscoe Riley. She was arrested June 28.

A woman identified as Eunice West of Chicago was killed in a plunge from the eleventh floor of a hotel in Los Angeles June 28.

The parents of Mary Lanogans of Bellevue, Nebraska said Monday July 1 that they feared their daughter had been kidnapped on Sunday afternoon from an outing at Merritts Beach.

A white swan left the public gardens in Boston and flew from the pond and took a stroll which tied up traffic Monday July 1.

P. H. Beebe a landlord of Miami Florida, notified his tenants he would reduce the rent from \$60 a month to \$50 as there was no OPA and other business men should do likewise. All should try to work together and help reduce prices.

KOAD the World Herald's new Broadcasting station at 7:45 p.m. Monday, July 1, made its debut and all stations varied a greeting.

A seven year old girl was found in a wooded section near Patten a suburb near Johnston, Pa., on Monday July 1. State police said they were holding a 15 year old youth who led them to the body.

Cotton Rankin, a jockey, was killed in a fall from a horse in an arena in Mexico June 30.

Two persons were injured when empty bottles were thrown on the diamond at a baseball game in Cincinnati.

**RAY WINS EASILY WITH RUBICO BUT INJURES HAND**

UNION CITY, N. J. (Calvin's News Service)—Ray "Sugar" Robinson won a clear cut decision over Norman Rubico of Albany here in Roosevelt Stadium in a charity bout this week. But after it was all over, Ray injured his hand in a fall from a horse in the second round, although he dropped Rubico twice in the 8th.

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