

Illegitimate Child Delinquent Source

Who are the children who appear in court?

Judge Wendell Odem of Houston said the primary source of juvenile delinquents are "children born illegitimate." One of 10 newborn in Harris County last year, he added, were born out of wedlock. The criminal district court judge also reported "broken homes" as a result of divorces produce a high percentage of teenage criminals. On the national level, Judge Odem said four of 10 marriages end in divorce.

"The child given too much is the third major factor contributing to juvenile delinquency," he continued. "They have not been disciplined and do not possess the ability to create."

The Houston judge was a speaker at last week's session of A&M University's Police-Community Relations Institute. The five-day conference ended Thursday with a roundup talk by E. R. McWilliams, director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Judge Odem said the three primary sources of crime "strike a challenge to all of us" as he

addressed the 60 Institute delegates, including law enforcement officials and youth workers.

Regarding divorce cases, the speaker said 75 per cent of the marriages that end in divorce are the result of "excessive drinking" and less than five per cent of the couples attend church.

Once a divorce is granted, Judge Odem said parents generally find excuses "to use the child as a whipping post to hurt each other, which, in turn, causes the child to lose respect for humanity."

He encouraged the law enforcement officers attending the institute "to teach youngsters to respect the law and encourage them to get into church activities."

Aggies Make Mexico Drive For Confab

Nine A&M University students are in Mexico for a 10-day fundraising venture for the 10th annual Student Conference on National Affairs.

The Aggies extended invitations to Mexican college students to attend the December conference, which attracts students from 75 schools in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"Theme of this year's conference will be on Pan America, and we are hoping more students will come from Mexico and other Latin American nations," Bob Bell, a Bryan senior, said.

Six of the cadets were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Longoria during a stopover in Laredo Saturday. The others, A&M students living in Mexico, joined the groups in Mexico City and Monterrey.

An A&M graduate, Longoria was a member of A&M's Century Council, which included prominent Texans who recommended future goals of the university.

One of the students is Pablo Livas of Monterrey, an A&M freshman and son of Gov. Eduardo Livas of Nuevo Leon.

Others include Bell, Craig Buck, Carthage; Jim Roberts, Wichita, Kansas; John Arnold, Monterrey; J. T. Rose, San Antonio; Jerome Rektorik, Corpus Christi; Mike Laughlin, West Columbia, and David Saloma, Mexico City.

The student conference also attracts nationally-known speakers who discuss foreign policy and other subjects relating to the federal government.

The 1964 budget calls for \$18,000 worth of expenditures, including student travel costs, meals, housing, speaker fees and other costs. Approximately \$13,000 has been raised by the Aggies.

Commendation Medal Given To New Prof

Maj. Thomas F. Hines, new member of A&M University's AFROTC faculty, has received a U. S. Air Force commendation medal for his work with aerial recovery of scientific packages ejected from orbiting satellites.

Col. Raymond C. Lee, commander of A&M's Air Force ROTC detachment, made the presentation during an informal ceremony Friday.

Major Hines, a World War II and Korean veteran, assisted in organizing a group responsible for satellite recoveries.

"Major Hines determined operational requirements, developed and implemented crew training programs and performed aerial recovery operations," his citation read.

"He made a significant contribution to a space research program of great national importance," the order continued. "His distinctive accomplishments reflect credit upon himself and the U.S. Air Force."

The new A&M staff member served as an aircraft commander in the 6593rd Test Squadron, which was assigned the mission of aerial recovery of scientific packages as part of the Discoverer series.

A native of Virginia, Major Hines and his family reside at 1604 Dominick. He will serve as a branch chief for the sophomore group.

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