

'Insecurity Vs. Conformity'

Much of the loneliness and neuroses of man in modern society has been brought about by "submersion of the person," Dr. Charles Allen, pastor of Houston's First Methodist Church, said here Friday.

and Its People, the People and Their Needs." Rev. Allen said the loneliness and feelings of insecurity are not helped by the many non-fiction books on how to solve worry, fear and tension problems. "Mental patent medicines," he called them. Insecurity is largely the result of "cheaping of the individual" which causes people to shrink away from challenge, the minister explained. He said another reason for the problem is mechanical advancement and near-worship of machines by people. "Machines do many things for us, but they also do things to us," the speaker emphasized. "Advertisements say that TV sets, cars and household appliances are nec-

essary for success and happiness. Our nation has been sold so thoroughly on this idea that too many people have turned from God to gadgets. But you can't meet a crisis with gadgets, and this is where these neuroses develop." Mechanization has even affected the children, Rev. Allen added. "Nowadays, it's not always the underprivileged, down and out children who are the problem, but the privileged children who are up and out," he said.

Consolidated Sets Junior Class Play

The A&M Consolidated Junior Class Play will be held this Thursday and Saturday. The play, Agatha Christie's 'The Ten Little Indians,' is a humorous

Know It - Then Hear It

Head Yell Leader Tommy Stone commented recently on the difficulties encountered by a yell leader in Kyle Field. "When using the public address system from down on the field," he said, "the echo is tremendous." "And the bad part is if you make a mistake, you know it — and then you hear it!"

THE BATTALION

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Fuller's Follies by John Fuller

Last Thursday, if you'll recall, I devoted considerable time and effort to a discussion of that phenomenon which I called, for want of a better name, the Great Mail Extinction. The aspect of GME that was given particular attention was the light that glints off the shiny walls of an empty mailbox in the post office. So much for the synopsis. Bright and early Saturday afternoon, when I set out once more to disprove the old law that No News Is Good News, I found Box 7008 so full that I first thought the Post Office guys must have taken pity on me and stuffed a pile of rags into the slot to keep out the light. But no so, Dear Hearts! After looking up my mailbox combination, with trembling hands — I hadn't needed it in so long, I'd forgotten it — I found the following inside:

One thick and heavy envelope from and insurance agent, with ten cents postage on it. One "Postage and fees paid, Department of Navy" envelope addressed to "Box Holder," etc. Three Post Office advertisements plugging Zip Codes. I was flabbergasted. The first letter was signed with initials only, and since there are a limited number of Maggies around, I'll have to leave that part out to maintain anonymity; but here's what it said: "Dear John, 'I felt compelled to write you after reading your sad tale of woe in Thursday's Battalion. I always read your column, but I particularly enjoyed the Thursday one — the Great Mail Extinction. 'I was trying to think of some way to help you solve your problem when I thought, why don't you conduct some sort of poll or survey? You could find out some valuable information for

your column such as: How many Aggies use Bull Durham? Or, how many watch Batman? And of course, you would get plenty of mail. "Nonetheless, here is one letter for you. Just leave it in your box when you finish reading it; then you can't see the glint in the bottom . . . P.S. Have you ever thought of wallpapering your mailbox?" After such a generous addition to that lonely cubicle, I feel compelled to comment. I really appreciate the suggestions, Maggie, but I just couldn't leave that letter in the box to collect dust and dirty looks. It's now enjoying a place of honor on my bulletin board, along with my calendar, grade sheet and demerits. She second envelope contained a Little Black Book, with my name on the front in raised letters, accompanied by this note: "Well, this will hide the shiny bottom of your mailbox for one day, John. Hope it will lead to more and better mail! Sincerely, Eugene Rush." It should be pointed out, in the face of Payola charges, that Mr. Rush is an insurance agent with American National Insurance Company here, and it's interesting to see that he evidently reads the Batt from cover to cover. It's also interesting to note that I'm insured with his company, although I'm not sure if there's any connection there.

The third letter was from the U. S. Marine Corps, and it had nothing to do with my column. But who knows — if it had come a few days earlier, I might never have been prompted to cry out from the depths of my depression in Thursday's Batt. Finally, the post office saw its chance to help out by dropping those three Zip Code blurbs in Box 7008. (All right, so I don't know they were influenced by my column. So it was just a coincidence. I can dream, can't I?) What's more, one of the cards is a "free return postage" type that offers to supply me with Zip Codes for any address I usually write to, which offers even more possibilities for hiding that evil glint.

There's just one hitch to this turn of events — other than the predictable fact that I haven't gotten one bit of mail since that memorable day — and that's the explanatory line beneath the signature of the Nameless-Here-Forevermore Maggie: "Class of '68." I mean, come on, gang — where's your class pride? If a Maggie junior (who just happens to be, alas, older than I am) is sharp enough to see her big opportunity, surely you Maggie sophomores and freshmen will want to show you can do as much. So keep those cards and letters coming neighbors. It looks like it might be a pretty good year after all.

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