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It seems that crime in America is getting out of hand, which is a natural sequence of having voted God out of our environment by the Supreme court. When God goes everything that's good goes with it, for He is the source of all that's good. Our prisons are getting so full, and it costs us \$20,000.00 a year per person. Even very young people are now getting involved, for they are only acting out what they see and hear on T.V. Anyone who lets his children watch all they want, and whatever they want, is courting disaster.

But the Shady Grove church in Union County is doing something about it. They have purchased 500 acres of mountain land, and are working with the Department of Environmental Resources, and planning to have a place there for delinquent boys, of 12 to 15 years of age. These boys will not have the easy comforts of a home. Rather they will be required to live in the rough. They have to build their own tents to live in and stay in those tents for their dwelling places, for their entire tenure. These are boys that are in trouble with the law, and they can choose to go there instead of prison. They will live pretty much like the Indians did, before there were houses and roads and modern conveniences.

There will be several boys in one tent, and their supervisor will have his own tent nearby. There will be no radio's, or T.V.'s or telephones; it will be living out in the open the year round. And they will have to cut their own wood for their fires, and they will do it with a buck saw, no modern chain saws; very primitive will they be. Their work will be making trails through the forest, and going on long hikes etc. and doubtless they will find plenty for them to do.

There are several camps similar in existence, and it is pretty much on a trial basis. it will be somewhat like the CCC camps that President Roosevelt put in motion, during the bad financial depression, which many of you do not remember, but some do. I was only 6 years old at the time, and I know money was scarce. I thought Dad should just write out a check, and did not know anything about finances. Those were the good old days, when about everyone was connected with farming, etc. But now one man has 130 cows, and this leaves the other potential farmers to seek other employment. But the reason we have so much crime, is because of the easy life many boys have. They are not taught to work, and they plan to live the life of thugs.

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