

from entering, whereas a quiet, dark home would be more enticing.

Insist on identification from any stranger at your door. Various sizes of "one-way mirrors" and peepholes are available through which you can see the caller before opening your door. Be sure of identification before you allow any stranger in your home. Even those in uniform, whether military or police, should offer you identification. You should insist upon it.

Another must are yard lights, both front and back. Turn them on every night, not just when the man of the house is coming home late or you are going out. Otherwise, you advertise the fact that you are alone or that there are no people at home.

If you find yourself alone at night make use of the telephone as a means of protection. Put the permanent phone beside your bed. Illegal home entrants will often make all phones inoperable by removing the extension phone receiver. It is best to unplug the extension at night or have a cut-off key installed on your bedroom phone that keeps the line open regardless.

Rural residents ought to have a phone "code phrase" with neighbors that could be a distress signal. And in the country, a mercury-vapor light is a wise purchase as a signal to friends.

In country or city never be lax with intruders or trespassers. Report these suspicious people. Sex offenses are committed by people who have often watched your coming and going.

If your precautions fail and you find an assailant in your car, run into the curb or some obstacle. Either of these things will usually prompt the man to jump out.

If you are on the street when attacked, don't hesitate to make as much noise as possible; scream or blow your whistle. Take a comb, car key, or nail file over the attacker's eyes. Spray perfume or hair spray into his eyes. If you can, hit him with a sharp blow on the bridge of his nose, back of his neck, or throat with a stiffened hand. It can cripple him for the time.

Work with the police and keep them informed of suspicious behavior. Protect yourself and report all incidents. The police force is the friend of the law-abiding citizen.

#### Help combat crime!

*In a letter to Arthur Young in December, 1788, George Washington wrote: "I am led to reflect how much more delightful to an undebauched mind is the task of making improvements on the earth than all the vain glory which can be acquired from ravaging it."*

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## 1. ONE MAN 2. FEMININE DEFENSE

Each year the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution sponsors a nationwide historical speech contest for high-school junior and senior boys.

This year the winner was Mr. T. Francis George, a 1968 graduate of Chattanooga High School, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

His words should be shared with all freedom-loving American patriots:

"One man—alone—can change the course of a nation's history. It happened in 1775. The man was Patrick Henry; the place, Williamsburg, Virginia; the date, March 23.

"From the dimly-lit windows one could see and hear the horse-drawn carriages as they rumbled over the cobblestoned streets. In one of these carriages sat Patrick Henry. He was a young man who had been a farmer, a lawyer, and was now a member of the House of Burgesses. No ordinary citizen was this Patrick Henry, no mediocre politician was he! He was a radical,

perhaps even an extremist in his political views.

"For example, he contended that Britain had no right to govern the colonies without their consent. He argued that free men should not be subject to taxation without representation.

"The eyes of every person in the building were focused on the brawny frame of Patrick Henry as he rose to address the Virginia Continental Congress. His sandy hair and fiery eyes marked him as an impetuous patriot. His words were even more vehement. At the climax of his speech his booming voice belled forth like clashing thunder.

"Gentlemen may cry, 'Peace, peace,' but there is no peace. Our brothers are already in the fields. The next report from the north will bring to our ears the sound of clashing arms. We must fight, and again I say—we must fight! Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others

may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

"To the Tories these words meant treacherous treason, but to the patriots they were the call to arms. One man, Patrick Henry, had ignited the brushfires of freedom, which eight months later were to burst into a blazing holocaust at Lexington and Concord.

"But are these words just cold print in history books? Do they have a message for us today? Let us ask the men who have given their lives in the service of our country, 'What meaneth these words to you?' From battle sites such as Saratoga, the marshy swamps of the Carolinas, the blood-bathed fields of Gettysburg and Chickamauga, the mud and malaria of San Juan Hill, in the torrid trenches of the Argonne Forest, in the mass murder at Iwo Jima, the human slaughter at Pork Chop Hill, and now—even now—in the hatred, the horror, the hell of the rice paddies of Viet Nam, our men have given and are giving the supreme sacrifice that we in America may enjoy this freedom.

"Perhaps we do not fully appreciate our freedom until we have been deprived of it. So let us ask

these brave patriots of the Hungarian Revolution whose feeble resistance was crushed by Russian tanks like a cat on a mouse, 'What meaneth these words to you?' Then let us ask the scores of young men and women whose only crime was a desire to be free—yet whose bodies were blown into mince meat as they tried to cross the Berlin Wall—

'What meaneth these words to you?' Then let us ask the Cuban exiles whose fellow countrymen were killed like rats at the Bay of Pigs, 'What meaneth these words to you?'

"Together in one united anthem, in one celestial chorus they all answer: 'To us life was not so dear, nor was peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery. We knew not what course others would take, but as for us, we chose death instead of slavery.'

"Does this not prove that freedom is not free; our country is not cheap? There is a high price tag that each of us must pay. Let us reaffirm in our hearts that, with the help of God, we will live and if necessary die, that all men everywhere may be free."

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### FEMININE DEFENSE

The woman's code for self-defense is to be alert, prepared,

and cautious, and to cooperate fully with the police department. There

are many ways an alert woman can protect herself from an attacker or robber.

A handbag is not only handy for carrying money and identification, it can be put to good purpose in the area of self-defense. A key, a rat-tail comb, or even a perfume atomizer can be used to shock an assailant into "letting go." A can of hair spray aimed at the eyes of an assailant can stop him and cause him considerable discomfort, giving his victim time to break away. A nail file jabbed into the assailant will loosen his grasp; a whistle blown will draw attention—and no assailant wants that.

Police authorities are adamant in their advice that a lone lady should not drive at night. If she must—she should carry a tire iron or hammer on the front seat, park in a well-lit area, and make sure doors are locked and windows closed as soon as she gets in the car.

At railroad crossings or intersections always leave at least a car length ahead of you, and keep the car in gear so that you can move quickly if someone tries to enter the car.

If your car has broken down, try to stay inside it and beep the horn occasionally to attract help. If someone stops, roll the window down only partially. Whatever you do, don't allow anyone in the car

with you.

Never, never pick up a hitch-hiker when driving alone. If you give someone a lift, and you already have a friend with you, let your friend move to the back seat and let the hitch-hiker sit in front with you. That lessens the danger of a gun being pulled on you from behind, with both of you ending up in the power of a stranger. But leave it to others to give lifts to unknown people. Remember, even in uniform, there's no proof that the man is a bona-fide member of the services. Uniforms are very easy to buy.

With a burglary occurring every 23 seconds and a robbery every 3 1/2 minutes, women should never become overconfident about the security of their homes.

Items from locks to lights, phones to peepholes—all deserve the cautious homemaker's attention. Police recommend dead or square locks (not the slant lock), for all doors, and double locks for doors with glass panes. In addition, door chains should be placed either very high or very low.

And although we take care of the doors, do we all fasten our windows satisfactorily? When you go out at night, leave the radio on low and a few lights glowing. It would then appear that someone is there, and would discourage a would-be thief