

AUTO INSURANCE RACKET EXPOSED

Self-Mutilation Resorted to in Scheme to Grab Policy Money.

LOS ANGELES, June 15.—(AP)—District Attorney Byron Pitts asked Minneapolis police today to arrest Nathan Kasatsky and his wife, Eva, in an investigation of what Pitts termed a nationwide automobile insurance racket.

Five Long Beach residents were arrested here after inquiry into an insurance case.

Deputy David Coleman issued fraud complaints against the Kasatskys, whom he said were also known as Jack and Edna Bray.

"The method used by the Kasatskys was practically foolproof except for the human element," said Pitts.

Pitts said members of the racket resorted to self-mutilation to collect damages on traffic accidents at a cost to insurance companies of about \$1,000,000 annually.

Pitts declared the Kasatskys were about to collect \$1,500 in another case when they left here suddenly presumably for Minneapolis.

Harold Jenkins, 45, his wife, Alto, 42, and Elton Miner, 45, were booked on suspicion of grand theft.

William Bone, 39, and Martin Biggs, 40, were held on suspicion of mayhem and suspicion of grand theft.

Self-Maiming Exposed

From a receiving radio set three blocks away from the home of Biggs and Bone, and from an undercover informant, District Attorney's Investigator Charles E. Griffin said he learned these facts:

Shortly before a supposed accident last May 8 Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins drove with the informant to a busy intersection where Jenkins punctured a tire of his machine with an ice pick.

Another car, occupied by Biggs and Bone, picked the trio up and all drove to the Big-Bone home. While a radio was turned on full blast to drown out all screams and moans, a blood-curdling scene followed.

Jenkins laid his arm on two blocks of wood and Biggs struck it in the middle with a rolling pin, fracturing the bone. Moving swiftly about his business, Biggs next took on the informer, falling him on the body with the same rolling pin.

A hypodermic needle was then jabbed in his arm, filled with blood and squirted in his ear, simulating the effects of a basal skull fracture.

Meanwhile Mrs. Jenkins was shredding the skin off her legs with a cheese grater, stacking without removing her stockings. The radio hit her gasps and low moans.

As these operations were completed, Miner arrived in a third automobile and drove the injured persons to the Long Beach community hospital, reporting he had unavoidably run them down while they were repairing a puncture.

The Jenkinses were admitted as patients and confined for a considerable period. The informer, feigning a dazed condition, disappeared.

Griffin said Jenkins and his wife have confessed, charging Biggs had told them of "an easy way to make money." The others protest their innocence Griffin said.

Around the County

RIDDLE

RIDDLE, June 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Frady of Roseburg were visiting at the home of Mrs. Frady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pfaff, Sunday.

Mrs. C. F. Stauffer left Sunday for Portland where she will spend the week attending the sessions of the grand lodge of the Eastern Star, acting as a delegate from the Riddle chapter.

Mrs. Roy Gibbons and baby of Montague, Calif., have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall the past few weeks.

Charles Sewa of the Tiller CCC camp spent the weekend here visiting friends.

Ernest Riddle had the misfortune to injure his foot Friday, dislocating some of the bones and has been confined to his ranch home on Buckler Heights as a result of the accident.

Mrs. Bertha Bundell, one of the teachers elected to the Riddle school for next year, departed Sunday for Monmouth to attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pruner are attending the state grant meeting at Lebanon this week.

Resorts Prepare for Record Vacation Season



Probably the question uppermost in the mind of the American public today, regardless of the depression or politics, is where to spend that precious vacation. As June rolls around each year it signals the beginning of an intensive campaign on the part of each member of the family in support of his or her choice of where to spend father's "reprieve" of two weeks and his extra cash.

Resorts and travel bureaus estimate a 40 per cent increase in the volume of travel over last year. National parks are preparing for more than 5,000,000 visitors.

Mexico and the Canadian northwest will also be the mecca of thousands of tourists. At the same time, the exodus of Americans abroad is expected to be the largest in recent years.

Others who fancy a cruise but cannot afford to cross the ocean are expected to take advantage of the special 10-day cruises to the Bahamas, Bermuda and other points south. One of the major changes in vacation habits in recent years has been the lengthening of the season which was once limited largely to the months of July and August.

SUTHERLIN

SUTHERLIN, June 15.—Miss D. Anne Mooney, daughter of Mrs. Herman Brown of Sutherlin, left Thursday for Sonora, Calif., to visit her sister, Mrs. Lester Becken and family. She will visit relatives in Oklahoma on her way to Evansville, Ill., where she will attend summer session of Northwestern university.

Miss Mooney was elected as primary teacher at Canaan Valley school and will return to Sutherlin in September for a visit before taking up her school duties.

Marguerite Chapman spent several days in Drain visiting friends, returning the end of the week.

Mrs. Sterns Cushing, accompanied by Dale Green and Opal Parazo were Tuesday shoppers in Roseburg.

Miss Helen Faibe of Roseburg was a business visitor in Sutherlin on Tuesday.

Mrs. Sterns Cushing, Jr., spent the first of the week with her parents in Salem.

Mrs. Anna Hankinson spent the first of the week with her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Austin, east of Sutherlin.

Mary Jane Austin, Eunice Davis and Vera Gildersteeve left Sunday for Corvallis to attend summer school for the 4-H members.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jenkins and daughter, Miss Arla, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Merritt returned from the coast where they attended the dedication of the new bridge on Coos bay.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Paxton visited the former's mother, Mrs. Eliza Ridgeway, at the Pacific Christian hospital, on Tuesday and report little change in Mrs. Ridgeway's condition.

Miss Catherine Duer, accompanied by Miss Mildred Patterson, of Roseburg, is in California on a vacation. They will be gone about two weeks.

Miss Virginia Tisdale arrived from Portland to spend a few weeks visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Tisdale.

Miss Helen Gorrell, daughter of Mr. Oscar Gorrell, has been named class editor of the Oregonian, annual publication at the University of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moreno and children, accompanied by Mrs. Curtis visited the first of the week with Mrs. Morgan's stepfather, S. H. Carnahan. They also visited at the Dr. L. A. Danlap residence.

Joe Denley, who sustained a severe fracture of his left leg below the knee while working in the woods near Sutherlin, is reported to be making favorable progress but will not be able to be around for a good many months on account of the serious break.

Miss Kathleen Ross, 1935 graduate of the Sutherlin high school, who has been attending Linfield college at McMinnville, was presented with a scholarship to that college for her high average the past term. Miss Ross received the scholarship for her outstanding scholastic average last year when she graduated from the local high school.

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MACHINE GUN UNIT LEAVES FOR CLATSOP

With full strength of 60 men the Roseburg machine gun unit, Co. D, 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard, left last night for Camp Clatsop, where the Oregon guard will go through its annual summer encampment.

Camp Clatsop, where training and maneuvers will be held this year, has been greatly improved, and a very worthwhile camp is anticipated. Captain Victor J. Micelli, commanding officer of the Roseburg company, reported.

The local guardsmen will return to Roseburg July 1.

Officers of the company are Captain V. J. Micelli, First Lieutenant R. L. Irving and Second Lieutenant Frank Kro. Enlisted men are: 1st Sgt. Lyle E. Marsters, Sigs. Samuel C. Dunn, Hubert E. Graham, Stewart M. Karlinger, Harry O. Lindsey, Olaf H. Peterson, Wallace G. Robertson, James W. Stovall; Corporals Daniel R. Bridge, Ira C. Byrd, Clinton L. Fogel, Clinton Gorthy, Donald L. Guiley, Orville C. Jann, Herbert U. Lehman, Herman J. Mathis; Privates: 1st, Richard S. Crenshaw, Ronald F. Faulkner, Ernest A. Gardner, William C. Gilbreath, James C. Harrington, Arthur S. Long, John Marks, Harry W. Mathis, Dalton W. Miller, Bruce Parrott, Marden W. Shaw, William R. Stock, Richard R. Truss, Gerald D. White; Privates: Clarence L. Ballard, Calvin C. Birmen, Robert R. Bonebrake, Richard D. Cathoun, Wilbert M. Chamberlin, Willard R. Clark, Darrel C. Cordon, Dale Crenshaw, Milford D. Cyrus, George E. Faris, Harold P. Green, Donald L. Guard, Bill J. Hagan, Lyle V. Hampton, Dale Jefferson, Arthur E. Karlinger, Clyde Kelso, Robert F. Knapp, Fred Long, James C. Manley, Earl M. Manley, Glen McDaniel, Marlboro D. McKay, Kenneth L. Peterson, Edgar C. Rayner, Gloyce D. Taylor, James T. Tjomsland, Delbert D. Turner, William L. Wadsworth, Prosper E. Walker.

HE FOUND A COMET



Lealie Peltier (above), garage employee of Delphos, O., and one of the world's leading amateur astronomers, recently discovered a comet which has been named after him. The comet is estimated to be 20,000,000 miles from the earth.

and attempt to fly over "the top" of the world is a giant single-motored plane with a speed of 250 kilometers an hour.

On his first attempt a leaky oil valve forced him to turn back after flying 2,000 miles. Levanevsky continued to Los Angeles from here to complete plans for his flight.

EUGENE, June 16.—(AP)—Gifts totaling more than \$500,000 came to the University of Oregon in the past year. Most of the sum, \$400,968, represented federal grants, the largest item being \$157,500 to build a new physical education plant.

Other donations were \$10,476 from the Oregon Mothers for a new infirmary and \$8,750 from the Carnegie corporation, of New York for art.

CORVALLIS, June 16.—(AP)—Summer school will open at Oregon State college next Monday with the largest attendance in recent years expected.

Dean M. Elwood Smith said advance inquiries indicated that hundreds of students from all parts of the country were coming here, many of them coming west to attend the National Educational association convention at Portland and the American Home Economics meeting at Seattle.

During the first week, a vocational guidance conference will be held with Dr. Harry D. Kitson, of Columbia University, New York, as director.

FEDERAL POSITIONS OPENED TO EXAMS

Vacancies in positions as packer with the forest service in Oregon and Washington, and as student engineer and engineering aide in the bureau of public roads in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, are to be filled by civil service examinations according to word received by the local board of examiners. Persons interested in taking the examination for any of these positions may obtain full information from Charles Fields or C. B. Calkins at the Roseburg post office.

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EDISON'S FORMER ASSISTANT SLAIN

EAST ORANGE, N. J., June 15.—(AP)—D. McFarlan Moore, 67, electrical engineer and inventor, was found shot to death today, after an early morning argument with an unidentified man outside his Park avenue home.

Police Chief C. N. Dell said two bullets from a .22 caliber revolver were fired into the man's head. He pointed to the fact that the second bullet had been fired at close range — there were powder marks about the head — in support of their theory that it was a case of murder.

Mrs. Earle M. Tober, a neighbor, heard the early morning argument between the two men as they stood in the rain. She told police she then heard two shots, and she looked from her window to see the retired inventor's figure sprawled on the rain-drenched grass.

A former associate of the late Thomas A. Edison, Moore devised the important gaseous conduction lamp and other inventions in the electrical, radio and television fields. He held more than a hundred patents.

FARMER JAILED AS KILLER AND ROBBER

SPOKANE, Wash., June 15.—(AP)—U. S. District Attorney J. M. Simpson announced today the arrest of Frank Baird, prominent Spangle farmer, in connection with

the shooting of Marshal Bert Lemley and the robbery of the Rosalia state bank last August 14. Baird, operator of a 283-acre farm, was arrested by federal agents and sheriff's deputies at the farm last Friday on charges of conspiracy to rob the bank, and "aiding and abetting" the slaying of Lemley, who was shot from behind as he fired on the robbers. He pleaded not guilty before U. S. Commissioner Joseph Roslow today. He was unable to raise a \$20,000 bond.

Simpson said federal agents had observed Baird for several weeks before the arrest. He denied all knowledge of the robbery.

A hearing was set for July 17.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following warrants issued by school district No. 127, Douglas County are called for payment. Interest ceases on this date, June 15, 1936: No. 384, May 10, 1934; No. 1, October 12, 1934; No. 6, November 9, 1934, No. 21, June 3, 1935; No. 5, October 12, 1935.

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OREGON EVENTS FLASHED FROM WIRE SERVICE

MEDFORD, June 15.—(AP)—Three children born here within a few hours of each other all weighed exactly the same—seven pounds, four ounces. The parents were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. George Haney, of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Erwin, Central Point.

PORTLAND, June 15.—(AP)—Four brothers, riding in an automobile, landed in the hospital after a collision with a truck. Clarence Brookshire, 21, suffered a possible hip fracture, William, 25, head lacerations, Edgar, 19, injured back and broken arm, and Robby, 12, head lacerations.

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CIVIL WAR THREAT HALTED IN CHINA

(By the Associated Press)

Chinese authorities, representing both the central government of Nanking and the southwest council at Canton, acted today to preserve peace between the north and south and to prevent hostile demonstrations against Japan.

The peace move of the Chinese was supplemented by three foreign nations, the United States, Great Britain and Japan, who held warships in readiness at Shanghai.

The presence of the warships was reported to have given Shanghai residents a feeling of security. Military authorities at Nanking disclosed that a peace discussion was under way in Hunan province between representatives of Nanking and Canton.

Troops of the southern provinces, which have called on Nanking to fight against further Japanese penetration in China, were reported to have halted their demonstrative march against the north.

Chinese authorities moved to prevent further student demonstrations against Japan. The chairmen of all universities in north China were ordered to disband student organizations. In Tientsin, soldiers and firemen patrolled the streets to suppress student demonstrations.

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ENORMOUS SUM IN GAS TAXES PAID

In 1936 there were only four automobiles in the United States using gasoline for fuel. In 1936, there are twenty-five million motor vehicles in this country, three million of which are registered in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and Arizona. According to Ted Snyder, Roseburg branch manager of General Petroleum corporation, the \$170,000,000 paid every year in federal gasoline taxes would buy enough fuel to fill the tank of every auto three times and run it 500 miles.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

Regular meeting of Umpqua post No. 16 will be held at the armory Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Nomination and election of officers for state convention.

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I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by anyone other than myself.

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