

GARDNER, BANDIT, TELLS LOCAL BOY TO OBEY PARENTS

Take a tip from Roy Gardner, boys, and obey your parents.

The notorious, phantom bandit in his cell in the Phoenix, Ariz., jail, just before he was taken to Leavenworth to begin serving for the rest of his life a 15-year sentence, penned words to this effect to Harold Whitcomb, 9-year-old pupil of the Ladd school in Portland.

"Mother, I'm going to write to Gardner," said Harold after reading of Gardner's capture by a railroad mail clerk.

That, explained Mrs. T. Whitcomb, his mother, 300 Clay street, was the beginning of a curious correspondence between the boy and the bandit.

BOY IS SINCERE
Harold, a quiet and profound lad, was not attracted by the blood and thunder thrills of Gardner's career. In books his taste goes to those which contain some philosophy of life, rather than to mere adventure tales.

That same human impulse which caused Gardner to forfeit his liberty rather than stay his captor probably impelled Harold to send a message of cheer and his picture to the man to whom the fruits of life have been taken.

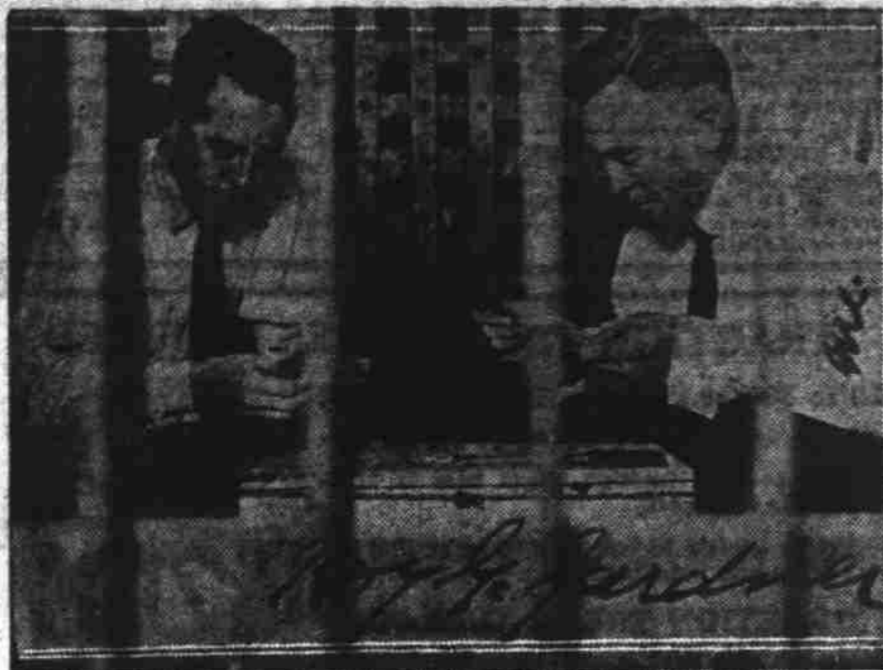
Gardner, in turn, sent his picture, taken in the Phoenix jail, and words of advice.

It is difficult to doubt their sincerity. There was a touch of grim humor when Gardner wrote:

"Had I known of you when I was in Portland I surely would have called on you."
The letter in the bandit's bold, aggressive handwriting—those who profess to diagnose from a penmanship one's characteristics might call it that of an ambitious, hasty and impulsive person—indicates that Gardner is above the ordinary in intellect and culture.

LETTER IS QUOTED
Gardner's letter:
My Dear Harold—
Your kind letter and picture received sometime ago. I am sorry I couldn't answer sooner.
Had I known of you when I was in Portland I surely would have called on you and have tried to explain to you the folly of crime.
Harold, whatever you do, don't ever steal anything. You may think

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that you can beat the game, but you can't, and, after you make the first mistake you are marked for life. Take my advice, son, because I have been through the mill. I know.

When your mother or father tell you anything, you do as they tell you to, because they advise you for your own good.

I am going to Leavenworth prison tomorrow for 15 years, just because I wouldn't listen to the advice of my parents. Don't you make the same mistake I did.

Write me in Leavenworth, son; I want to keep tab on you. If I don't answer you promptly do not think I have forgotten you. I am only allowed to write every so often, you know.
Sincerely your friend,
ROY G. GARDNER.

Sniping Continues On Belfast Streets

Belfast, Dec. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Two men were wounded in another outbreak of disorder here today. One was a news agent, the other a publican. The former probably will die. Heavy forces of police and soldiers are patrolling the streets to keep down sniping.



Roy Gardner, from prison cell, sends Whitcomb (below), Portland youngster.

Rev. T. Broomfield, Baptist Minister, Retired, Is Dead

The Rev. Thomas Fairley Broomfield, retired Baptist pastor, died Sunday in Emanuel hospital at the age of 61. He was born in Ireland. Thirty years ago he came to America, making his home in the Middle West. His first pastorate in the West was in Aberdeen, Wash., and Gladstone, Or. Then he came to Portland to become pastor of the Bethany Baptist church in Sellwood.

Rev. Broomfield leaves a widow, Daisy G. Broomfield, 1216 Rodney avenue, and a sister, Margaret Broomfield. His son, the late Hugh Broomfield, a lieutenant in aviation during the war, was killed in action.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Friday at the Highland Baptist church.

MRS. J. H. PAGE
Mrs. J. H. Page died Tuesday in her home on Jackson street at the age of 63. She was the widow of the late J. H. Page, founder of the firm Page & Son. Surviving members of the family are, Frederick H. Page, a son, and Mrs. D. A. Shindler, daughter, both residents of Portland.

Traffic Regulation By State Instead of City, Is Advocated

The repeal of municipal traffic ordinances in favor of the state law was advocated by Municipal Judge Roseman in a traffic lecture at the Central library Tuesday night. The meeting was one of a series arranged by the National Safety council, Judge Roseman's topic being "The Violator of Law and Common Sense."

Judge Roseman quoted figures to show that in the last year his court had disposed of more cases than there are persons in the state capital. He declared that approximately 1 in every 12 persons had appeared before the court to answer to a charge of traffic law violation during the year. The daily average for the year was 85.

Substitution of the state law for the municipal ordinances, Roseman asserted, would reduce the number of violations in the state, as many neighboring communities have laws which differ and confuse the motorist into unwitting violation.

Landis Postpones Railroad Hearing

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Judge Landis postponed until January 3 hearing the case of the Pennsylvania railroad, which seeks to enjoin the United States railroad board from making public a report concerning the carrier for violation of the board's decrees. The judge two weeks ago granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting publication of the board's report.

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