

Risky Phone Call Helps Trap Bandits

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RICKREALL—A risky phone call by the woman co-owner of a Rickreall tavern was a key factor Sunday evening in smashing a bloody, bullet-filled robbery attempt that cost a bandit his life and wounded a state police officer.

Mrs. Virginia Wilson made the call to state police headquarters in Salem after slipping from the restroom of her tavern into her adjoining apartment. She and her husband, Harry Wilson, and some half a dozen patrons had been forced into the restroom by pistol-waving bandits Wallace Carlyle Cunningham, Portland, and Robert Scott Kennen, 362 Union St., Salem. Mrs. Wilson stole into the apartment after the robbers had briefly exited from the place with the warning that "everybody stay in the restroom or get killed."

Strong Coincidence
Her call was taken by Sgt. Wayne Huffman and the robbery report was relayed to Officer John Mekkers, who by strong coincidence was parked in Rickreall at the time. A gun battle then ensued in which Mekkers was wounded in the arm and shoulder by Cunningham, who in turn was fatally wounded by a deputized Rickreall service station operator, Herschel Greenwade, 24.

"We thought at first that they were joking," said patrons who were briefly relieved of money and jammed into a restroom by the bandits.

"That was the impression of the customers when Cunningham and Kennen first pulled guns on them. 'Real Things'.

"But it didn't take us long to realize this was the real thing," said Mrs. Charley Brown, Dallas.

Barmaid Charlene James, Dallas, who was forced to open a cash register and remove contents of about \$100, related that Cunningham said "I'll kill you if you try anything funny."

"I was pretty jittery and dropped some change on the floor," recalled Mrs. James. "He didn't like that."

Onlookers said Cunningham was the more aggressive and threatening of the two robbers. They said Kennen wielded a pistol but "didn't seem to take much interest in the proceedings."

Over Wall
When the bandits herded customers into the rear restroom prior to their abortive attempt at flight, the patrons tried to cash in on the relatively small size of Harold Cope, Dallas, to get word to police. Cope was boosted over a partition in the restroom but was unfamiliar with the adjoining apartment of tavern owners Herry and Virginia Wilson and failed to find a phone.

Mrs. Wilson then made her perilous trip into her apartment to the phone.

Training Helped
Young Greenwade, who resides in Dallas, told State Police Lieutenant Farley Mogan that training with guns as a member of the Dallas National Guard Tank Co. helped him pull the trigger against desperado Cunningham.

Greenwade said he couldn't remember whether he fired two or three shots with the .30 calibre carbine given him by Officer Mekkers. Police said apparently he fired three times, since three bullet holes were found—one at the edge of the rear restroom door and two others in casing fronting the restroom.

Victims of Holdup Attempt



RICKREALL—Mrs. Charlene James, barmaid at the Rickreall bar and tavern, stands by the cash register which she was forced to empty Sunday evening at command of bandit Wallace Carlyle Cunningham. The loot amounted to more than \$100 but Cunningham didn't get far with it as moments later he was fatally wounded by deputized Herschel Greenwade, Rickreall service station operator.



RICKREALL—Mrs. Virginia Wilson, who with her husband, Harry, owns the Rickreall bar and tavern, kneels at the phone with which she notified state police of the Sunday evening armed robbery at the establishment. Mrs. Wilson slipped out to make the call from a restroom into which she and patrons had been herded by bandits Wallace Carlyle Cunningham, 35, Portland, and Robert Scott Kennen, 31, Salem.

Pampered Bull Takes First in Stock Show

By SAM DAY

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Sunday was another blue-ribbon day for Bill, a curly-headed youngster better known as "Bardolier D-W 2401."

They rubbed him down with expensive shampoo, oiled him, polished his toenails, combed his hair and massaged his scalp. They even gave him an extra portion of rolled oats for breakfast.

Then the judges took over. They looked him in the eye, checked his weight, tapped him on the flank, poked him here and there and cast an approving eye at his pedigree.

Result: Bill walked off with the senior champion bull award in the Aberdeen Angus event and the grand championship among bulls at the 6th annual Capitol Show of Idaho.

Some 300 head of beef cattle have been consigned to the show, which ends Tuesday, by ranchers in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Idaho and Canada.

"This show is the fourth big Western beef cattle gathering of the fall season. First comes the Pacific International at Portland, Ore., in October, next the Grand National Livestock Exhibition in San Francisco, and then the "Golden Spike" at Ogden, Utah, in mid-November.

Eight of the entries are purebred Herefords from the Herbert Chandler herd at Baker, Ore., the oldest cattle-breeding ranch in the Pacific Coast states and one of the largest, with about 1,400 head at present.

Another consignor is the Double-M Hereford Ranch of Adams, Ore., which took most of the blue ribbons in its class at Portland and San Francisco.

And a third consignor is the Dale West Ranch of Merrill, Ore., which happens to own Bill.

Bill has picked up 21 blue ribbons in 21 shows since he first started the show circuit in July of last year. The lone setback was at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, where he came in second to an Angus owned by a Missouri rancher. Bill's beaten that fellow four times since.

Other consignors who won ribbons Sunday included the Spring Cove Ranch of Bliss, Idaho, which took reserve champion Angus senior bull; Hill Top Angus Farms, Ft. Morgan, Colo., reserve senior champion Angus female; the Double-M Hereford Ranch, grand champion Hereford female; Clemens Hereford Ranch, Philomath, Ore., reserve champion Hereford female; and Helen Whiffin, Caldwell, best Idaho Hereford female.

The Dale West Ranch picked up ribbons for junior champion, reserve junior champion and reserve grand champion in the Angus bull class and senior champion, junior champion, grand champion and reserve grand champion in the female Angus junior calf class.

Inside TV Forecasts Start as Award Time Nears

By EVE STARR

STARR REPORT: Awards time hasn't quite rolled around yet, even though the leaves have begun to fall in California and the snow in New England (it's quite warm in Palm Springs, though). But it's mid-November and both Oscar and Emmy are beginning to wedge their way into people's minds. So just for the sheer delirium of it (and all bets are off the day after the Emmy awards next March), I'm going to take a flyer at the prediction racket and name names.

To date, and it's difficult to conceive of any yet-to-come shows topping them, the two outstanding hour-long dramatic shows have been "Perry" and "Kraft Theater" and "Fearful Decision" on the "U. S. Steel Hour," both of which have been made into feature pictures. If I had to make a choice between the two for a single Emmy, I think it would have to go to "Fearful Decision," the nerve-shattering story of a wealthy father's fight to regain his kidnapped son.

There are also two outstanding entries among the musicals, "Peter Pan" and "Our Town." Both, oddly enough, were fantasies based on a classic work. It's more difficult to make a choice here, but the nod goes to Mary Martin, but the nod goes to Mary Martin, but the nod goes to Mary Martin.

The best variety show? Perry Como's, New, different, fresh, relaxed and very entertaining. Give the ratings to Ed Sullivan, but my Emmy—if I had one—has to go to Como. Best situation comedy? Let's throw a small bombshell and nominate "Ethel and Albert," quite possible the most underrated show in television. For the best western series, if there be such a category, the new "Wyatt Earp" show with Hugh O'Brian. I'll go into left field again for the best comedian and name Bob Combs.

GERMANS VISIT RUSSIA
MOSCOW (AP)—West German's first post-war cultural mission to the U.S.S.R. arrived here this week and was met by N. A. Vishnina, vice-chairman of the society for cultural relations with foreign countries. The Germans include Frank Braun, a film company director; Walter Hugenheimer, a Frankfurt editor; and Josef Hahn, Dean of Munich University.

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MONDAY'S BROADCASTS

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11	KOIN Home	Home	Home	Home
12	KPTV Matinee-color	Matinee-color	Matinee-color	Matinee-color
1	KPTV Date with Life	First Love	Sweeney World	Mad Romances
2	KPTV What's Cooking	What's Cooking	Howdy Doody	Howdy Doody
3	KPTV Matinee Thea	Matinee Thea	Matinee Thea	Matinee Thea
4	KPTV Matinee Thea	Matinee Thea	Bar 27 Corral	Bar 27 Corral
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9	KOIN The Medic	The Medic	Robt. Montm'n	Robt. Montm'n
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Disabled Ship Reaches Port

VICTORIA, B.C. (AP) — The Panamanian freighter Adams, which ran out of fuel in the wild North Pacific Ocean while traveling in ballast from Kobe, Japan, warped safely into Esquimalt Harbor near here Saturday night.

It was the end of an 800-mile deep-sea rescue by the tow of the powerful diesel tug Island Sovereign.

The Greek-owned Adams was almost completely blacked out because of the lack of fuel. Only two feeble red oil lamps were swinging from the mast.

The low started Wednesday and was accomplished through 90-mile-an-hour gales.

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