

Illness Finally Succeeds Where Threats Failed

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IRVINGTON, N. J. (AP)—Illness has succeeded where pleas, threats and offers of aid failed to move an aged couple from a battered automobile they called "home" for the past three years.

Mrs. Emma Betzinger finally made the decision to leave her "house on wheels" after her 64-year-old husband, Henry, suffered a series of heart attacks and was forced to go to the home of a sister at nearby Iselin, N. J.

"We've rented a couple of furnished rooms and will move in shortly," the 71-year-old woman said with a heavy sigh. She had held out all these years for two reasons—to beat high rents and in hopes she could again have a home of her own where she could use her furniture. The two rooms won't do that.

Bothered No One
Irvington police were well aware of the couple's odd mode of living, but always were reluctant to take any action against them.

Detective Lt. Howard G. McPeck said the Betzingers violated no health ordinances. The only possible charge he could have brought against them, he said, would have been for loitering.

"But they never bothered anybody," he added. "If somebody complained about them, they just moved to a new parking spot."

McPeck said the Betzinger car usually was parked either outside a diner, where they would eat, or next to Peter Wendel & Sons, Inc.,

an auto body shop where Betzinger worked as a night watchman before he became ill.

Decides to Leave
The firm, he said, allowed the couple to use whatever facilities were available in the plant and they often slept there.

Since early November, however, Mrs. Betzinger has been living in the car alone. McPeck said he argued, cajoled and even mildly threatened her—but to no avail.

Finally she decided she would have to have some place where she could take care of her husband and decided on furnished rooms.

"She's very nice, very clean and very alert," he said. "It would have done no one any good to have made a fuss about it as long as they didn't cause trouble."

"I guess they just can't afford the four or five unfurnished rooms they need for their furniture. Not the way rents are these days."

Battle Vet Gets Delayed Diploma

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—In 1940 William Noren quit high school and joined the Marines. At the 1952 graduation exercises at Rindge Technical High School, he received a belated diploma.

During the intervening years he had:

- Served as a sergeant at Guadalcanal, New Guinea and New Britain.
- Earned four battle stars.
- Quit the Marines and joined the Army.
- Won a second lieutenant's commission.
- Lt. Noren expects to leave soon for Korea.

ARMY OF THE LAW
BOSTON (AP)—John E. Law is now a member of the Boston police force.

Here's New Way To Get Workers

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y. (AP)—Discouraged by an acute shortage of skilled workers, officials at the Bell Aircraft plant here decided to make interviewing easier for prospective employees.

They placed advertisements in the local papers saying they would conduct interviews in the homes of anybody interested in a job. Key engineers were alerted to go out for interviews if telephone calls came from their neighborhoods.

Officials said they believed it was the first time such a program had been used by a company such as Bell. Initial reports indicated the plan was paying off.

AMMUNITION DUMP
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