

A Hug for Robert



CHICAGO—A mother embraces her two-year-old today after he was mistakenly picked up by a realtor as a member of the family of one of his clients on a building tour. Mrs. Vlasta Wendt reported son Robert kidnapped when Robert's sister told her

he got into strange man's car. Turned out realtor Paul J. Greissinger picked up Robert with children of a woman client who finally told Greissinger he wasn't one of her children. (AP Wirephoto).

Chicago Teen Gangs Making City 'Unsafe'

Crime Prober Declares Juvenile Problem Getting Worse

CHICAGO (AP)—Teen-age gangs now are producing Chicago headlines of the same type the adult mobsters did in the past.

The headlines are over stories of crimes of violence—such as the recent slayings of a boy in a hammer attack and a man in a motel robbery.

"There's no use burying our heads in the sand," comments Walter Devereux, chief investigator of the Chicago Crime Commission. "This city is not safe to roam in and it's getting worse."

But the juvenile division of the Police Department says that, on the basis of the current rate, it doubts that the crime rate for 1957 will be much higher than 1956.

During 1956 there were 12,439 cases noted by the division. The statistics included: larceny of automobiles, 747; burglary, 614; robberies (mostly strong arm), 229.

The bulk of the others were in the minor class. The record shows that 4,845 of the complaints were handled by "station adjustment"—such things as quarreling, ringing doorbells and annoying the neighbors that got no farther than an area police station.

But there have been a number of instances of teen-age gang action. Such as these:

An elderly shoe repair man and five youths were viciously attacked by a gang of some 30 toughs, armed with bottles and knives, apparently without provocation. The victims were hospitalized.

Two gangs wrecked a restaurant in an outbreak of rivalry and when thrown out, later returned, fired a bullet through a window and wounded an innocent customer.

A gang preyed on high school pupils, extorting 50 cents to \$2 weekly as protection money.

Another gang specialized in stealing automobile tires and during a one-year period stole \$16,000 worth of tires besides committing five other burglaries.

Thirteen white toughs are reportedly under indictment for murder in the hammer slaying of Alvin Palmer, a Negro teenager who was attacked as he stood at a South Side bus stop.

Four other teen-agers have been indicted for murder in the fatal shooting of Charles Strysky, 44, during a robbery of his suburban Alsip motel.

And so the reports go, day after day.

Well-Traveled

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP)—The suitcase 16-year-old Ann Mickelson will carry on her first trip abroad this summer knows its way around.

It carried the belongings of Thea Miller, another high school student, to Finland two years ago. Miss Miller loaned it to another friend last summer and the suitcase traveled to the Netherlands.

Intercampus TV Teaching Given Funds

PORTLAND (AP)—The Ford Foundation for Advancement of Education has awarded a \$200,000 grant to the state Board of Higher Education to finance an experiment in college teaching by television.

Classroom television is to start next September at three campuses—probably the University of Oregon, Oregon State College and Oregon College of Education—Chancellor John R. Richards said Wednesday. Preliminary work to set up facilities at the three schools is underway.

Three undergraduate courses and one graduate course are planned.

U. S. history is to be taught at the university by Wendell H. Stephenson and chemistry is to be taught at Oregon State by W. H. Slabaugh and M. B. Williams. The other two schools will receive these programs.

This will be the first time television has been used on an inter-campus basis, Richards said.

A "DEAD" END STREET BUTLER, N.J. (UP)—Mrs. Rita Fallon complained to police that living on a dead-end street is no reason her driveway should look like a cemetery. Mrs. Fallon said hearses and funeral cars have been using her driveway for turning around when returning from a nearby cemetery.

The big-mouthed hippopotamus, some of which weigh more than four tons, is a useful animal. They keep African lakes and streams free of clogging vegetation.

3 Electrocuting Trying to Pull Dead From Car

MAHONOMET, Minn. (AP)—Two persons were killed Thursday when their car sheared off a power pole and three would-be rescuers were electrocuted in relay in an attempt to remove the dead and injured from the wreckage.

Killed when their car went into a ditch and struck the pole were William E. Schultz, 28, of Winger, Minn., the driver, and Donald Haugen, 21, also of Winger.

Highway patrolmen said Schultz apparently died of injuries suffered in the crash but Haugen was electrocuted. The younger man cried out, "I'm being shocked" before he died at the scene.

Six other occupants of the car, mostly teen-agers, were injured and are hospitalized at Crookston, Minn.

The first car on the scene was driven by Marvin Duncan Jr., 18, Fosston, Minn. Both he and his passenger, Arnold Rolf, 18, of Fosston, were electrocuted when they went to the Schultz car.

The same fate met Clark Hoidal, 21, Winger, who came along in another car and also sought to aid the accident victims.

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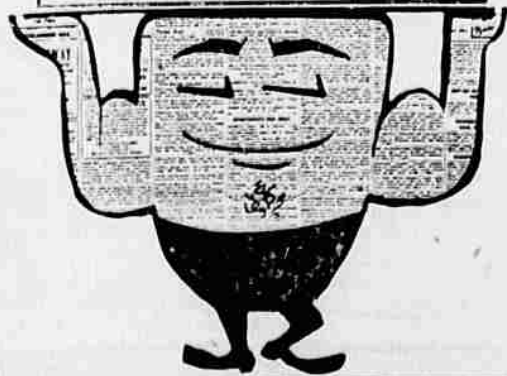


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