

SMALL BOY PLAYS HOOKEY; USED AS DECOY BY ROBBER

Youth Gets \$5,000 From Bank, Later Arrested, Lad Returned Home

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The next time you know of a little boy who plays hookey from school, you can tell him what happened to five-year-old Sonny Fisher who decided to accept an ice cream cone from a nice-looking man instead of going to kindergarten — and got used as a decoy in a \$5,000 bank robbery.

Sonny got his ice cream cone — chocolate — but he had to spend two hours in a police station yesterday answering all kinds of questions while waiting for his mother to come and get him. The thief, Gerald Barnes, 16, got his \$5,000 but had to relinquish it to the FBI when they caught him six hours later.

It happened like this: As Sonny was walking to school, dreaming of riding on the "bumpy-bumps" at the playground, a man in a dark suit approached him and said, "You don't have to go to school this afternoon. Come with me and I'll buy you an ice cream cone."

The man bought Sonny the cone and took him for a ride on two city buses until the pair arrived at the Puget Sound National bank. Going into the bank, they approached the cashier's cage where the man slipped a note to the cashier which said, "Unless you give me \$5,000, I'll kill you and the little boy — and the little boy is not mine."

Mrs. Sharon Mitchell, the cashier, shoved some tens and twenties at the man and the pair left the bank. When they saw a policeman standing on the corner, Sonny's new friend dashed toward the waterfront. Sonny, alone on a crowded downtown street, began to cry.

One of the Fishers' neighbors found the boy and notified the policeman who meanwhile had learned of the robbery.

PACIFIC VETERAN FACES CHARGE IN FT. LAWTON RIOT

Seattle, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Winner of the good conduct medal in a Pacific war theater, Sgt. Arthur J. Hurks, 23-year-old Houston, Tex., Negro, brought back to Seattle to face charges of murder and rioting at Ft. Lawton, flatly denied he had participated in the August 14 clash between Negro and Italian service unit troops.

Hurks is one of three Negroes charged with the hanging of Italian Private Guglielmo Olivetto, whose body was found dangling from a guy wire after the brawl. Thirty-eight other Negro soldiers face rioting charges.

Hurks told the court martial, the army's largest of this war, that under orders from military police he never left his barracks area except to help a white American soldier "who acted dizzy" through the crowds to safety. Additionally, he said, he helped the M.P.'s hold back a group of men from the riot scene.

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'NUBBINS' SOON TO RETURN HOME DOCTOR REVEALS

Denver, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—Little Forrest "Nubbins" Hoffman's doctor left Denver today for six days, but before leaving he left a note of good cheer for the 3-year-old boy who will live to see another Christmas—the real thing—because of the operation he underwent last week.

The doctor said that "Nubbins" could return to his Cheyenne, Wyo., home the latter part of this week if his condition continues to improve daily as it has since the operation last Thursday.

It was at the Cheyenne home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall H. Hoffman, that a predated Christmas was given "Nubbins" after a doctor had said that death was only a matter of time because of a congenital bladder condition which was sapping the boy's strength daily. Through pushing the calendar ahead, the lad's parents brought him national attention, plus the interest of a Denver specialist.

At the request of the specialist, "Nubbins" was brought to Denver and examined. It was determined then that an operation might do the trick, which apparently did. He has improved daily since, Mercy hospital attendants reported.

The pre-dated Christmas was observed Nov. 19, and sympathizers throughout the nation sent gifts and other tokens, while at Fort Wayne, Ind., the Salvation Army solemnly appealed for prayers in Nubbins' behalf.

BATTERED PLANE STAVES OFF JAP FIGHTER ATTACK

Headquarters, 13th AAF, Southwest Pacific, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—An American Liberator, damaged and unable to release its bomb load in a Philippines raid, fought off 15 Japanese Zeros and protected the parachuting crews of two companion 13th air force planes, it was revealed today.

Second Lt. Denver D. Campbell of Fullerton, Cal., was the pilot who maneuvered his battered Liberator through the recent engagement, in which the "Bomber Barons" were blasting Alcantara airbase on Negros island.

The planes were returning homeward after flying through heavy anti-aircraft fire to hit the Japanese runway. One of the Liberators had collided with a Jap fighter and gone down in flames; two others were gliding down with engines destroyed, their crews bailing out.

Campbell's bombardier, 1st Lt. Francis D. Connor of Buffalo, N. Y., was unable to release his bombs through a mechanical failure, adding to the pilot's difficulties as the Zeros swarmed in.

The engineer, T/Sgt. Richard

H. Niesig, Warrensville Heights, O., and the tall gunner, S/Sgt. Clifford R. Nelson, Fresno, Cal., shot down two attacking Zeros.

The navy disbursed 50,000 mustering out checks in the first month after the mustering out payment division was set up February 7, 1944.

Stray Cat Survives 'Gassing' In Cellar

Secaucus, N. J., Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—A stray cat invaded the basement of Mrs. Lillian Groppe's home, climbed to the floor beams, and refused to retreat. Mrs. Groppe summoned Patrol-

man Henry Lager, who attached a hose to a gas stove, opened a jet and aimed. The mousetrap dropped to the floor. Lager carried it outside where it revived and bounced away.

AWARD CONTRACT
Sacramento, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—The U. S. army engineers' dis-

trict office today announced the award of a \$16,800 contract to Morrill & Son, Ogden, for construction of an addition to Bushnell General hospital, Box Elder county, Utah.

ENGINEER KILLED
Washington, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—An engineer was killed, other

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1944 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

trainmen injured, and a dozen passengers bruised and shaken up today when a passenger train struck the wreckage of a derailed freight train near here.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8 a. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

OPPOSE NIPS RETURN
San Francisco, Dec. 13.—(U.P.)—A state senate fact-finding committee today adopted a resolution opposing the return of persons of Japanese blood to California.

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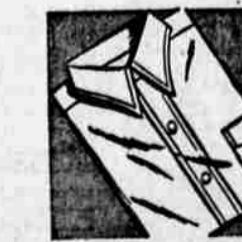
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