

Masked Men Rob Wealthy Widow

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — Two men, one of them wearing a Halloween mask, broke into the home of a wealthy widow Tuesday night and robbed her of an estimated \$120,000 in cash and jewelry.

Police said the bandits crashed through French doors into the living room of Mrs. Margaret Kellogg, where she and three lady friends were watching television.

One of the bandits, wearing a silk stocking over his head, brandished a gun and demanded that Mrs. Kellogg open a safe. "If you don't move and move fast, we'll kill you," he said.

Mrs. Kellogg, widow of a wealthy Missouri Valley, Ia., banker, opened an office-type safe and turned over an estimated \$15,000 to \$20,000 in cash and about \$100,000 worth of jewelry.

The two men then fled outside to a parked car, where another man was waiting, and drove off.

The bandits' car narrowly missed hitting a police cruiser, which reached the scene seconds after they left.

JAPAN TO BUILD TANKERS
Tokyo — (U.P.) — The Japanese ministry of transportation has approved construction of two 83,900-ton tankers which will be the largest afloat, it was announced today.

Grange

Lake Creek Grange Jackson County Pomona Grange will meet at Lake Creek Grange on Saturday, Oct. 22. It will be a day meeting. All members of our Grange are urged to attend.

A Halloween party will be given by the ladies of the Lake Creek Extension Unit at the Grange hall on Saturday, Oct. 29. Pies will be sold and recreation games will be held. Everyone is invited to attend.

All are very happy to know that Mrs. Ed Meyers is at home and improving. Sorry to report that one of our charter members is seriously ill at her home, Mrs. George B. Brown, our most sincere hopes for her improvement.

Murray Bartling, fire insurance agent, reported that he wishes all members would consult a chart he has showing the many ways of starting a fire. Last week was Fire Prevention week making us all conscious of our need to examine our homes for fire hazards.

During the winter months our Grange will start at 8 p.m. All Grangers are extended an invitation to meet with us.

The election of officers will be held at the meeting Nov. 10.

COOL VERDICT
Waterbury, Conn. — (U.P.) — A lawyer told Judge Michael A. Ciano his client fled police headquarters because he didn't want to go to jail "during the heat wave." Reported the judge icily: "Fifteen days in the cooler."



NEW PLYMOUTH HARDTOP—Shown above is the new 1956 Plymouth Belvedere four-door hardtop. The new Plymouths will go on display Friday, Oct. 21, at Hamlin Motor company, 121 North Bartlett st., Dick Knight company, 33 South Riverside ave., and Parsons

Motors, 315 East Fifth st. The Belvedere four-door hardtop is an entirely new model featuring Aerodynamic styling, push button driving, and a new Hy-Fire engine. Safety door latches and other safety items are standard equipment.

Mother's 'No' Saves Life of Youngster

Chicago — (U.P.) — Mrs. E. J. Padal said today she may have saved her 10-year-old son's life by not letting him go to a movie Sunday.

The boy, Richard, wanted to tag along to the movies with three of his friends. But Mr. Padal ruled in favor of a family auto trip to the Williams Bay, Wis., area.

Richard cried when his mother said "no."

But about five hours later his three friends, Robert Peterson and John and Anton Schuessler, were murdered somewhere on Chicago's northwest side.

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Aptitude Tests May Replace Book Knowledge To Select College Entrants on Scholarships

Editor's Note: An organization backed by a \$20,000,000 grant from the Ford Foundation has been set up to provide as many as 4000 college scholarships a year to U. S. high school graduates. One of the country's leading educators has told United Press in the following exclusive interview that the scholarship program may lead to significant changes in U. S. educational practices.

By JOSEPH W. GRIGG
United Press Correspondent
Bonn, Germany — (U.P.) — Dr. James B. Conant believes a sys-

tem of "aptitude tests" may have to replace the conventional tests of "book knowledge" to choose candidates for the unprecedented number of college scholarships to be offered in the United States.

Dr. Conant, for 20 years president of Harvard university and now U.S. Ambassador to West Germany, believes the new scholarship program announced last month is a "very splendid development" in American education. Competitive Selection

Conant was asked for his views on the creation of the National Merit Scholarship corporation which will provide a minimum of 350 scholarships for students selected competitively from the country's 25,000 secondary schools. The corporation, backed by an initial grant of \$20,000,000 from the Ford Foundation, aims ultimately at a target of 4000 scholarships a year.

One of the most significant implications of the scholarship program, in Conant's view, is the necessity to work out a satisfactory method for selecting candidates.

"Because such a large percentage of American youth is enrolled in high schools — a much larger percentage than in most European countries — it may be necessary to devise special methods for selecting scholarship students," he said.

"Instead of using methods which are quite orthodox in Europe, where the examinations are based on the content of school courses, it may be necessary to conduct some form of aptitude tests."

Real Capacities
"Such tests would bring out the real capacities of the student and reduce the hazards of the particular type of schooling methods to which he had been exposed."

Conant recalled that he had proposed a national scholarship program for Harvard university when he made his first report to the board of overseers as president there in 1934.

"The whole idea of providing some assistance to able students from families with limited financial means was given a big boost by the G. I. Bill," the educator said. "Since then much has been done to convince the U.S. public of the importance of supplementing special talents through a period at college."

He said there was considerable worry a generation ago that the privately-endowed colleges with necessarily high tuition fees would find their students limited to sons and daughters of well-to-do families, while state colleges and universities would become institutions solely for students of moderate means.

"This danger was foreseen at least 25 years ago," Conant recalled. "It would have resulted in two separate type of institutions of higher education based on differences in family incomes, which would be very unfortunate."

Broader Base
"The danger was recognized by educational leaders and many of us have been working on it for 24 years. It was this danger that helped give birth to the drive for a broader base for our school system."

Conant does not believe the new scholarship plan will seriously increase the pressure on already overcrowded colleges and universities.

"The number of scholarship students will be too small to add to this problem," he said.

"The big wave of new students resulting from the sharp increase in birth rate immediately after the war will hit the colleges in about 10 years. There will be about twice as many potential students then as there were three or four years ago."

"I believe the way to meet this problem is not to double the size of the existing universities and colleges but to double the number of two-year colleges."

Already, Conant said, about 50 per cent of students leave college anyway. He believes many people who go to college for a general education would get as good a one in a two-year college as he would in a four-year college.

Memory of Boats To Live in Pockets

Niagara Falls, N. Y. — (U.P.) — The two Niagara gorge sight-seeing boats which were badly damaged by fire early this year will live on in memory — and in people's pockets.

The Niagara Falls city council approved a program under which wooden nickels will be made from the remains of the two oak-hulled craft named Maid of the Mist. Both had to be removed from service and replaced because they were burned beyond repair.

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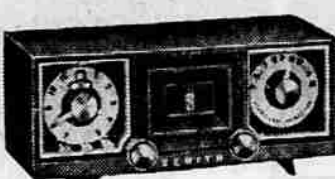


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