

A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

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Washington — (U.P.)—Not all of the coppers in the country run around dressed in blue, with badges on their chests.



Harman Nichols

Take the unsung heroes of the railroad police. H. S. Dewhurst, secretary of the Protective Section of the Association of the Railroads, allows that the largest privately supported police organization in the world are the cops on the railroads; in fact, the outfit is bigger than the FBI, which is paid for by us taxpayers.

Over 400 railroads use these riders of the rails and they operate in over 1000 cities. They catch a lot of people who think they can get away with something. According to Bill Farley, president of the Association of American Railroads, these are the facts:

Before 1920, losses from thefts of goods were costing the railroads nearly \$15,000,000 a year. That total has shrunk sharply in recent years.

Take Little Things
And what do thieves go for on the railroads?

That adds up to about everything that can be hauled away. Cigarettes, cigars and small truck. Mostly because these things don't weigh much and can be carted off without much trouble in stations and from the trains. In 1922, thefts of these things cost the railroads \$833,409, but in 1934 these losses were cut to around \$41,000.

The railroad police are all over. And they know how to spot a con man or woman. According to Dewhurst, the crooks operate on a pattern easily spotted.

"There is something about their manner, and their dress that we can spot. Seems like somehow these folks look a little guilty. We watch 'em. They'll pick up a bag, but maybe look around before they do it. Or they will look over their shoulders before they dig into a locker that we know never was locked by the owner of the bags."

Switched Suitcases
Right here in Washington, the

railroad police are always on the alert. A senator or a representative can be as careless about his luggage as a scrub woman, and some of the lawmakers are more so.

According to the railroad police some time ago a prominent Democratic senator set his gear down and went over to pick up his Pullman ticket. A lady traveler with a babe in arms had the same idea. She held the baby but set her duffle down. The satchels looked alike.

When the senator arrived in New York and opened his bag, it contained some diapers and bottle of milk. The mother found nothing but a speech about electronics, which she could not understand.

Mama and senator wound up at the same counter, asking for the railroad police.

Turned out both were from the same state. They met, exchanged suitcases. And that year the lady voted Democrat, changing gears.

Blast in Cargo Hold of Airliner Blamed for Crash

Denver — (U.P.)—A "bomb-type" explosion shattered a cargo hold in a United Air Lines DC-6B which crashed a week ago, killing 44 persons, two Civil Aeronautics Board officials said today.

James N. Peyton, investigation chief for the CAB in Washington, said an intensive examination of the wreckage—which is spread over three square miles near Longmont, Colo.—has shown definite evidence of an explosion.

The No. 4 baggage hold was "shattered," Peyton said. Luggage which had been in the No. 4 compartment smelled "like gunpowder, or an exploding firecracker," and this same smell was detected on other parts of their wreckage, the CAB investigation chief said.

No Evidence of Bomb
Jack Parshall, the CAB regional investigator from Kansas City, said Monday that "we have no evidence that there was any kind of bomb explosion."

"We are not far enough along to say what kind of explosion it was," Parshall said.

Parshall also said Monday that "no evidence" had been found of an explosion in the No. 4 cargo hold.

His statements were made in reference to a report published in American Aviation Daily, a trade paper, that crash investigators had discovered definite evidence of a bomb-like explosion in a cargo compartment.

But after Peyton revealed that the American Aviation Daily report was correct, Parshall told United Press:

"I'll have to say that Mr. Peyton's statements are correct. I wasn't at liberty before this to say how much we had found, and we still must await the FBI laboratory reports on the items we have sent them before we can be more definite."

Peyton also said, "There has still been no evidence of malfunction (mechanical failure in the plane), and the rumors of metal fatigue being responsible for the accident are not true."

Oldest Civil War Veteran Reaches 113

Houston, Tex. — (U.P.)—The oldest surviving veteran of the war between the states, "a Confederate naturally," rocked away in a new rocking chair today and accepted the good wishes of friend and former enemy.

Walter Williams, who will be 113 years old on Nov. 14, joined his family in a pre-birthday celebration in Houston Sunday.

Among the many greetings that came his way was one from Albert Woolson, 108, of Duluth, Minn., only surviving member of the Union Army.

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Claude Ray Nichols, disregarding traffic sign, \$5.
Delbert Gene Moore, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Ted Dean Yarnell, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Schuler Leon Miller, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Russell Ryerson Mix, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Martin L. Vorhies, void vehicle license, \$5.
Harris Marion Flowers, failure to stop at a red light, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
E. H. Hewitt, failure to operate on the right side of the highway, \$25. (bail forfeited).
John Clayton Lowe Jr., failure to give hand signal, \$7.50.
Hal Orben Wilson, void foreign motor vehicle license, \$6.
George Gilbert Sikes, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$10.
Lloyd Joseph Faiva, violation of basic rule, \$10.
Verlene Jane Phillips, failure to stop at a red light, \$10.
Everett Elvin Chapman, overload, \$89.
Dick L. Chamberlin, overload, \$62.
Walter Eugene Ritchson, overload \$97; overweight, \$15.
Benjamin Leon Lockwood, overload, \$65.
Harl Merlin White, overweight \$10; overload \$51; overweight \$117.
Carlos Ellsworth Morrison, overload \$62.

CIRCUIT COURT
Irma Carol Rikard vs. Dewey Rikard, divorce complaint.



FORGETTING CONFINEMENT of crutches and braces, Suzanne Quilty joins Associate Justice William O. Douglas in hearty laughter as she presents him with March of Dimes button in Washington. March of Dimes 1936 appeal for corporate contributions and large gifts is launched. (International)

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
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Hollywood — (U.P.)—Hollywood has given restaurants shaped like hats, oranges and hot dogs to the world, and soon it will unveil the world's first round office building.

This latest amazement of movietown has been built by Capitol Records, a block north of the famed corner of Hollywood blvd. and Vine st.

It will be premiered on a network television show next February. Crowds gather daily to stare at the nearly-completed structure. And the singers, song pluggers and TV workers who fill Vine st.—Hollywood's Tin Pan Alley—are busy coining gags about the building.

Samples: "What speed does the building go around on, 78, 45 or 33?" or, "You can't corner girls in a round building."

"We don't want people to think it is supposed to look like a stack of records," reported Glenn Wallichs, president of Capitol Records.

"There's no connection. The architect suggested it because a round building is more efficient, with 85 per cent usable floor space."

"At first I didn't like it. The sketches reminded me of the World's Fair building in New York in 1939."

One lunch counter here is shaped like a hot dog. One of the Brown Derby restaurants remains shaped like its name. But other buildings in the design of doughnuts, fat men, cats and pigs have vanished.

Landmark Someday
"Our round building will last to become a landmark. Like the Empire State Building is to New York and the Eiffel Tower is to Paris," said Wallichs.

The \$2,000,000 13-story buildings is a concrete-and-glass cylinder supported by two rows of columns. The first floor of the cylinder is smaller in diameter than the others to give the illusion the buildings is floating.

There'll be a marble foyer, roof terraces for employees' meals and pipe-in music (their own, of course) in every office.

Small Change Buys Complete Dinner
Chicago — (U.P.)—A fistful of small change is becoming indispensable in this age of automation.

The National Automatic Merchandising association showed why today at its annual convention.

In five years, leaders of the industry expect that the dollar volume of goods pouring from vending machines will double.

Right now, nickels, dimes and quarters can buy a complete dinner on an assembly line basis. You choose your menu by dropping coins and pulling levers. Out can come chicken soup, baked beans, spaghetti, a ham sandwich, cottage cheese salad, milk, coffee or a soft drink, and cookies or cakes and ice cream for dessert.

In Germany there's a vending machine for saving money. The depositor puts the coins in the machine and has a deposit record automatically stamped in return.

Cambridge Students Hear Billy Graham
Cambridge, England — (U.P.)—Some 2,000 undergraduates of Cambridge University flocked to hear evangelist Billy Graham Sunday and 160 of them stayed afterwards to talk about making decisions for Christ.

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