

Successful Shoplifter Manages To Escape Eyes of Her Pupils

New York — U.P.—Mrs. Mary Dragoti has been shoplifting \$300 to \$400 worth of goods a week for six months and hasn't been caught yet. This saddens her. She wants to be caught.

Mrs. Dragoti teaches salesgirls how to catch shoplifters. As part of the course, she wanders around the store seeing how many items she can snatch from the counters.

Then, in class, she confronts the sales personnel with the stuff that has been thieved from under their noses. She explains to them how she did it. Next week she comes back and does it again.

Mrs. Dragoti's training program includes instructing the employees of the Hess Brothers department store in Allentown, Pa., in the tricks that shoplifters use. The fact that she hasn't been caught in a theft yet is a tribute to her expertise. As a store detective for the last 10 years, she's mastered the wiles of shoplifting.

Mrs. Dragoti wears a face mask in class so that none of the pupils will recognize her as she wanders unmasked around the store doing her shoplifting duties.

It's The Women

What type of person does shoplifting? Well, hang it all, we might as well be blunt. The major guilt is draped, like a great limp dishrag, about an American institution: the housewife. Matter of fact, Mrs. Dragoti says, women out-lift men 5 to 1.

However, during her decade of detecting, Mrs. Dragoti has arrested all types of persons, from children to lawyers to clergymen. Yes, clergymen. She has caught two men of the cloth. Both said they didn't know what came over them. Neither did a very good job of lifting, she says. Amateurs, obviously.

As for the professionals, they do some amazing things. In a New York department store, two men shoplifted a rowboat. At another store, a shoplifter posed as a window display man, picked up a mannequin with a \$5,000 mink coat, and walked it from the window to his waiting truck.

But the common, or house-

wifely, shoplifting employs standard methods which you may want to study. The most common device is the shopping bag. You just get close to the counter and, working quickly, brush stuff into the bag.

Most Common Method

The next most common method is what Mrs. Dragoti calls "wearing out." Thus: "You try on several skirts and then put your own skirt over it and walk out. This is good because there are no packages. You can take several garments; you just look a little heavier, that's all."

No. 3 method is the trick box. Use a box wrapped in the paper the store uses and tied up as if you had bought something. Have a slit cut in one side, big enough to thrust folded stuff into. Hold the box by the cord with the slit toward your body. Work fast.

There are many other devices, such as extra pockets in coats, or putting shower hooks on a belt and hanging loot on them, or "ticket switching." This last involves taking, say, a \$5 price ticket and switching it to a \$20

Journal, Oregonian Strike Authorized

Portland—U.P.—The Portland Newspaper Guild yesterday received authorization for a strike against the Oregon Journal and The Oregonian, Portland's two daily newspapers. Strike authorization was granted by the local's international union, the American Newspaper Guild.

Negotiations were scheduled to continue today in an effort to reach agreement on a new contract between employees and the two newspapers expired June 1.

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Shown above examining plans and a model of Oregon's proposed Science Center are four of a group of men who will direct "Project Science"—a campaign to obtain funds, materials and services needed for construction of a new Oregon Museum of Science and Industry building in Portland. From left they are Robert Welch, vice-president of the Oregon Museum and general chairman of the campaign; Clyde L. Keller, Jr., president of Oregon Building Congress; Harold Halvorsen, chairman of materials procurement committee set up by the Portland Building and Construction Trades Council and Cletis Harris, secretary of the Portland district council of carpenters and vice-chairman of the campaign. Start of construction is set for this fall.

Construction of Science Center In Portland Set to Start Soon

Portland—The biggest "barn raising" in Oregon's history in the interest of science education is scheduled for the coming fall and winter months. Dr. Samuel L. Diack, president of the Oregon museum of science and industry, announced this week.

Dr. Diack said that labor and management in Oregon have pledged support for a major drive to obtain materials and services required for construction of a major science center on a four-acre tract of land near the entrance to a \$4,000,000 municipal zoo now under construction in Portland.

The building site was leased to the museum organization by the city of Portland.

Spearheading Campaign

The museum president, who has been spearheading a campaign to raise \$200,000 needed to assure completion of the central unit of the new youth center, pointed out that \$125,000 already is available. Supplementing the fund drive, however, will be a major effort to obtain the cement, steel, lumber, glass, hardware, plumbing and other items on a gift or cost basis from Oregon business and industry.

Dr. Diack said both the Oregon building congress, which represents the building industry, and the building and construction trades council of Portland and vicinity have pledged support for the construction drive.

The museum plan to supplement its fund drive with a direct search for materials and services is known as "Project Science." General chairman of the procure-

State Republicans 'Make Hay' During Stevenson's Visit

By UNITED PRESS

Democrats stole the show on Oregon's political bill of fare yesterday but Republican office seekers failed to let Democratic presidential nominee Adlai Stevenson slow down their own campaigns.

With most of the statewide Democratic candidates gathered in Portland where Stevenson paid an eight-hour visit yesterday, Republicans set out to make hay in the other 35 counties.

McKay in Klamath Falls

Douglas McKay, Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate, carried his campaign to Klamath Falls yesterday and planned to be in Lakeview today.

Meanwhile, two Portland lawyers, Don Walker and William A. Palmer, went to bat for McKay in the Portland area, criticizing Sen. Wayne Morse's record and what they called the "change" in the senator. In a televised address, Walker said, "Morse once believed in a government of checks and balances, but today he's on the other side—the side of highly centralized government."

Morse himself was busy meeting with Democratic state leaders and accompanying Stevenson.

Robert Holmes, Democratic nominee for governor, found time yesterday to address a Veterans luncheon meeting in Portland. He lauded the Democratic party's stand on pensions, educational opportunities, health programs and welfare and said his party's record proved they were more interested in those problems than were the Republicans.

McKay, speaking before a group of Republican workers in Klamath county last night, elaborated on the Eisenhower theme of "peace, prosperity and progress."

He criticized Democratic attitudes toward spending and called for the divorce of the farm problem from politics.

Garden Notes

By C. B. CORDY
County Extension Agent for Horticulture

Our growing weather is now over for the year so this is a good time to prepare for the winter months ahead. Some of our winter vegetables such as carrots, cabbage and brussels sprouts can be left in the garden during the winter and used as needed.

These vegetables are damaged only in our most severe winters. A little additional protection can be given to carrots by mounding up a small amount of soil against the tops.

Squash should be brought in and stored in a room which is dry and somewhat warm. Dampness and frost will both ruin squash. If the squash is harvested carefully so that the skin is not damaged it will keep until late winter in good shape.

Heated Basement

A heated basement, an attic or burrows in a pile of straw in a shed are all acceptable methods of storage. If squash is placed in the attic it should be placed on several layers of newspaper to protect the ceiling in case one of the squashes should rot.

Some of our tender flowering plants also need protection. Dahlias and gladiolus are very sensitive to winter cold.

In the case of dahlias storage of the tubers is rather difficult so if the soil is well drained they will store much more satisfactorily if left in the ground.

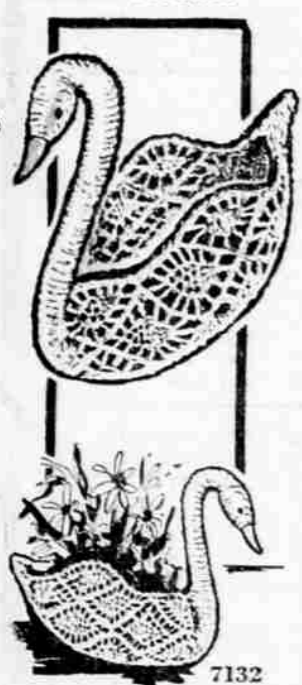
Again, additional protection can be afforded if the hills are covered with a little sawdust or soil.

Gladiolus

Gladiolus should be dug up, dried and stored indoors where they will not freeze. They will dry best with the tops left on. After being dried the tops and loose scales should be removed and burned to destroy diseases. The bulbs can then be placed in a paper sack, one teaspoon of DDT poured over them and shaken so that they will be thoroughly covered. If stored in this manner good control of gladiolus thrips can be maintained.

Plants such as roses and raspberries which need protection in some of the more severe climates overwinter in this area with no form of protection.

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Civil Defense Said To Be 'Make Believe'

Washington — U.P. — Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.) has charged that reliance on evacuation for the nation's civil defense is a "sham and a delusion."

Holifield who headed an investigation of Civil Defense planning this year, said the United States has only "a kind of make-believe Civil Defense directed by well-meaning bureaucrats in Washington." He said they "scurry around with an important air but... don't quite know what they are about."

He said in a speech prepared for delivery before the U. S. Civil Defense Council fifth annual conference that President Eisenhower should "lay the facts on the line to the American people and by positive leadership" work for "a real Civil Defense."

OSC ENROLLMENT UP

Corvallis — U.P. — Fall term registration at Oregon State college has climbed to 6780, fifth highest fall term total in the 89-year history of the college, school officials said today.

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