

Killing a Man No Way To Gain Fame, Chicago Holdup Hero Says

Chicago—U.P.—Big Ed Vyzral found himself a hero overnight. But for Ed, it was a sleepless night.

"Killing a man is no way to gain fame," he said in his Irish brogue. "I didn't sleep a wink the night after it happened."

It was during the noon rush when the bandit walked up to the cashier's cage of Mrs. Mary Merritt, 21, in the Chicago Federal Savings and Loan office. The downtown office was jammed.

Ed Vyzral, 53, was on duty as a guard. Hands folded, he smiled his Irish smile at old customers.

Before he retired and took the guard job three years ago, big Ed had been a Chicago policeman for 30 years. And he never had to fire a shot in anger.

Experience Counted

But when the time came he made it count.

Thomas Maley, first floor manager, spotted Mary Merritt's silent alarm light signal and strode over to Vyzral.

"I think there's a holdup at cage 3," he said.

"When I got there Mary was smiling a big wide smile," Ed said. "So I figured it was no holdup."

"I rapped the guy on the shoulder and asked, 'what's going on here?' He turned and fired twice. Both times the gun misfired, and by the grace of the good Lord I'm alive today."

Maybe Ed should have approached with his gun drawn, but there were two women at a stamp machine behind the bandit, directly in Ed's line of fire.

Sick and Shaky

"I backed away and ducked behind a post," Vyzral said. "The guy ducked behind a counter. I fired two wild shots on purpose,

hoping to scare him. I hollered, 'why don't you give up?'"

"I didn't fire any more, because each round you waste you are closer to death."

"Then the guy leaned out with his gun in his hand to take a shot. I hit him in the shoulder and there was a funny look on his face. He fell and I fired two more, one in the chest and one in the head."

"I wasn't scared. But when it was over, my knees were a little shaky. And the thought of kill-

ing a man made me a little sick, but thank God I didn't kill an innocent bystander."

'Could Have Been You'

Ed, a genial giant of a man, was always thinking of the "bystanders" during the 30 years he was a traffic cop and something of a landmark on that downtown corner.

Once he saved a deaf woman from being run down by a fire truck. Another time he caught a bandit without drawing his pistol.

Now he was a real hero. His phone jangled until midnight. Old police buddies and important people calling to congratulate. But Ed's wife wept.

"It could have been you," she said.

"It's no way to gain fame," he said.

SHADY COVE Pancake Brunch Planned

BY EVALYN P. WATSON

Shady Cove-Trail—The regular meeting of Our Lady of Fatima club was held Thursday evening, March 21 at the home of Mrs. Carroll Watson of Shady Cove, with Mrs. Frank Selto of Trail as co-hostess.

In the absence of chairman Mrs. Harry Casabier, who is visiting in Kentucky, Mrs. Ernest Segessenman, first vice-chairman, presided over the meeting.

Final plans were made for the sausage, pancake and egg brunch to be held at the church hall on Sunday and further plans for the pre-Easter food sale, to be held April 20, were also made.

Ladies attending were Mesdames Ole Hornseth, Ernest Segessenman, Dale Goodman, Walter Cross, John Galovich, Vic Conover, Arnold Winslow, Bill Leekey and Carroll Watson all of Shady Cove, Fred Morgan, Frank Selto, and Raymond Underwood of Trail and Marie Siere of Central Point.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Dale Goodman of Far Hills ranch Shady Cove, with Mrs. Ole Hornseth as co-hostess. Date of the meeting will be April 18.

A meeting of the Shady Cove Trail Teenage club will be held on Thursday, March 28 at Our Lady of Fatima Church hall in Shady Cove.

A meeting of the Executive committee of the club, comprised of the advisory committee and elective officers, will be held on Tuesday, March 26 at the home of Mrs. Fred Morgan of Trail.

of the worlds foremost pen and ink artists, in New York city. Linden is interesting in meeting any others who are interested in art or painting in the area with the idea in mind of possibly forming a club for get-togethers and discussions of paintings and art work. He may be contacted at the Shady Cove barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Strother of Shady Cove recently made a trip to Portland on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin that they are on their way home to Shady Cove after having been on vacation most of the winter.

Mrs. Buster Akins entertained at her home with a party honoring her son, Eddie Akins on his birthday. Games were played and refreshments served. Guests present were Linda Sandra, Jimmy and Kenny Paulson, Connie, Trecie and Cathie Burnett, Ricky, Debbie and Kenny Bergren, Ronnie Stelle, Bruce Spain, Susan and Pat Mullen, Louella and Shirley Minor, Donnie and Pinkey Jones, Toni and Gail Grow, and Eddie's sister, Ann Akins of Shady Cove, Rodney and Ronnie Sowards and Steve Geary of Eagle Point. Also present were Eddie's aunt, Mrs. Johnnie Minor, of Shady Cove, and his grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Akins of Medford.

Walt Mallory and Ray Hemingway have a shop set up at Walt's home in back of the George Otis place at the junction of the River road and Mallory lane, to take care of battery repair and recharging.

Mary Leekey was the guest of honor at a surprise birthday party given for her at her home by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leekey of Far Hills ranch, Shady Cove. She is 14 years old. There were games and dancing during the evening, followed by the serving of refreshments.

Winning prizes for the games played were Mary Susan Knotts, Eda Larson, Gary Stelle and Dale Lowery. Present were Mrs. Andrew Brown and Judy Watts, Pamela Vanderlip, Eda Larson, Louella Mason, Nancy Blackman, Mary Susan Knotts, Natasha Bulkin, Anna Gusland, Judy Leekey, Ralph Goode, Pat Kelley, Bobbie, Charles Ayers, Larry Britt, Dale Lowery, Bill Pfeifer, Gary Stelle, Kenny Paulson and the guest of honor, Mary Leekey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson and children of Shady Cove have moved to Lakeview where George is starting a sand and gravel business.

Newcomers to Shady Cove are Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Brandhorst and children, of Portland, who have rented the former Cattanch-Jenkins property next to the Old Ferry road, they moved in March 20. Brandhorst is employed as a dental technician at Camp White.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hubbell of Trail have returned from a weeks vacation in southern California, where they visited with relatives and friends.

Word has been received by Mrs. Frank Fagalde of Shady Cove of the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, to George Panich, both of Santa Monica, Calif., at Las Vegas, Nev., on March 9. Mrs. Martin is well known in the Shady Cove-Trail area.

Mrs. Fagalde has also received a telephone call from her grandson, Grant McCulloch, in San Antonio, Texas. He told her that he was joining the U. S. Air Force. Grant has spent considerable time in the summers visiting with the Fagaldes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellar Hutton of Long Beach, Calif., spent several days visiting at the home of Mrs. Hutton's brothers, and families, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sawyer of Shady Cove and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sawyer of Trail. A family reunion and dinner was held on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams have returned from a trip to Bakersfield, Calif., where they visited with their son. They also went to Phoenix, Ariz., where they spent a few days vacationing.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scoville of Shady Cove on the passing of their infant grandson, Paul Henry Nelson, in Medford on March 13. Services were held at the graveside of Siskiyou Memorial park with the Rev. Robert Cull of the Assembly of God church officiating.

Frank Linden of the Shady Cove barber shop has for years been interested in oil painting, especially church scenes and western murals. He has done a number of murals for churches in the northwest, having completed one of the Last Supper for the First Baptist church in Yoncalla and religious murals for a church in Canada.

He studied under James M. Flagg and Franklin Booth, one

Swiss Aide's Death Starts Spy Probe

Bern — (U.P.) — The suicide of Switzerland's chief prosecuting attorney in the midst of an investigation of charges he spied on Egypt for the French has threatened to cause a crisis in the Swiss Civil service.

Rene Dubois, a 48-year-old lawyer who had been this country's chief prosecutor for nearly two years, blew out his brains in the attic of his home here Saturday. His body was found Sunday morning.

Shortly before he killed himself, Dubois walked out of a meeting of officials assigned to investigate reports that someone tapped the telephones of the Egyptian Embassy here and turned over transcripts of the conversations to a French agent.

An official announcement said there are "considerable clues" indicating that Dubois was the spy.



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