

Man's Confession To Shoplifting Startles Police

Oakland, Calif.—UPI—Police smiled politely when Air Force M. Sgt. Harold L. Townsend said he had stolen an estimated \$12,000 in merchandise from major department stores from here to Sacramento.

But he was so persistent, officers finally sent inspector Eric Gustavson to Townsend's home in Vacaville.

An hour later Gustavson made a hurried call to headquarters: "Send another truck. Mine's not big enough."

Gustavson had found 486 separate items in Townsend's home—including electric organs, chicken incubators, lamps, hi-fi sets, electric belt massagers, whirlpool bath pumps, movie cameras, tools, guns, clocks, typewriters, air conditioners, vacuum cleaners, and swimming pool filters.

... And a Trailer
A pickup truck, panel truck and finally a ten-foot trailer were needed to cart the merchandise back to the various stores from which it originated.

Townsend, 42, married and the father of three children, said he had acquired the loot during the past 12 months. He said he used neither skill nor subterfuge in his shoplifting spree.

"It was easy. There was nothing to it. Some of the items took a little effort to carry, but I had my station wagon outside."

Townsend, who recently was honored by a full dress parade at Travis Air Force base for outstanding work as a flight engineer, said he often devoted an entire day to shoplifting.

"I'm glad I got caught," he said. "I knew something terrible was wrong with me. But I couldn't stop stealing."

Rifle Trick Fails
His downfall came when he tried the same trick twice. On Dec. 12, Townsend phoned a store and asked a clerk to wrap up a .30-caliber rifle and place it by the cash register. He said he was in a hurry and would pick up the rifle in a few minutes. The store agreed—and Townsend added another item to his collection.

Last Friday he tried the same thing on another store. The store, alerted by the first victim, called police. When Townsend came to collect the merchandise, officers allowed him to walk out of the store, then arrested him on a charge of petty larceny.

Mrs. Townsend told police her husband said he had good friends in each of the victimized stores and couldn't afford not to buy because of the "terrific discounts."

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Empire Builders

The regular meeting of the Empire Builders was called to order Dec. 14 by President Dave Foote. Secretary Karen Jossy read the minutes of the last meeting and of the executive council.

Final plans were made for the Christmas party and plans for next summer were started. The meeting was adjourned. A picture was shown on occupations and games and refreshments followed.

Margie Wonderly, Reporter.

Sis-Q Club

Members of Sis-Q club will hold a Christmas party at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Bellview Grange hall.

At a recent meeting of the club, new officers were elected. They are Kenny Stewart, president; Harry Toney, vice president; Nancy Lusk, secretary; Vic Stewart, community chairman; Steve Stewart, reporter; Denny Retter, treasurer.

Dick Isaacs, assistant manager of the Ashland branch, First National Bank of Oregon, presented pins and cards at the annual awards night program.

Janice Torrey was given special recognition for having an outstanding record book in "main dish meals." Sis-Q club members who placed first in outdoor cooking judging were Betty Kerr, Lynn Merriman, Steve Stewart and Jim Waddell. The latter three received medals for being top judges.

Steve Stewart, Reporter.

AGREE TO DELAY

New York —UPI—The federal government has agreed to a 30-day postponement of Rep. Adam Clayton Powell's income tax evasion trial. Assistant U.S. Attorney Morton Robson accepted the plea of Powell's attorney that the defense case could not be prepared by Jan. 7, the day the trial is scheduled to start.

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