



CONFUSION REIGNS — Not only do you need a watch and a baseball schedule when you drive near Crosley Field, home of the Cincinnati Reds, but you need to be a fast reader. These signs are meant to speed up traffic but motorists are only confused. (UPI)

Gun Moll May Be Undoing of Gang in Mail Truck Theft

Boston (UPI) — A pimply faced gun moll may prove the undoing of the machine-gun gang that robbed a mail truck of a record \$1,551,277 at Plymouth, according to officials.

Chief Postal Inspector Henry B. Montague predicted eventual capture of the robbers, perpetrators of the largest cash holdup in the nation's history, but he would not forecast an early solution of the case.

"Their chances of a clean getaway are certainly not heightened by the fact that one member of the gang is a woman," he said in an interview in Washington. "We know that a woman in a gang has often caused its undoing."

Tendency To Talk
He said that in past theft cases women had shown a tendency to talk too much, and there was a possibility also that a broken romance might crack the gang internally.

William F. White, chief New England postal inspector, said he planned to pay his first visit to the scene of the crime sometime soon. He said other investigators planned to retrace the route the bandits followed after they hijacked the truck on busy Route 3 then drove it to the intersection of Routes 128 and 28 at Randolph.

White reported that a Massachusetts Department of Public Works "detour" sign, similar to that used by the gang to divert traffic while they looted the mail truck, was found in Boston's Roxbury section. He said he could not tell if the sign was connected with the case. Other signs have been found previously, including five in the trunk of a burning stolen car on the night of the robbery.

White, who is in charge of the investigation, said, "we're running down every little clue we hear about."

Extensive Planning Seen
He said he was not certain that the monster heist was strictly a locally produced affair. "The holdup couldn't have been accomplished without extensive planning. But I don't agree with the theory that it had to be Bostonians," he added.

The mail truck, bound from Cape Cod to Boston, was flagged down by a gang member clad as a policeman. The truck driver and a guard, armed only with .38-caliber revolvers, were bound and gagged and the truck driven northward by the "policeman." At various points the truck was stopped and the bandits apparently dropped off bags of money to accomplices who either followed the truck in separate cars or were stationed along the way. Not a shot was fired in the holdup, which was carried off with stopwatch precision.

White disclosed that the

mail truck, contrary to earlier reports, followed a regular route at a scheduled time on each of its trips. He said the truck that was robbed followed the same pattern each week although other trucks from Cape Cod followed different routes. He did not say whether the truck carried mail in addition to money or how often it ran.

He declined to say what precautions were being taken to prevent a recurrence of the holdup, although he remarked, "I don't think anything like this will happen again right away."

White said one person had been given a lie detector test in connection with the robbery. He did not identify the person but emphasized he was not a postal employee.

He also discounted the story of Albert Arthur Amarose, 37, an ex-convict wanted on a federal warrant for interstate transportation of stolen property. Amarose had reportedly told officials he could identify the bandits, and offered to exchange the information for his freedom.

Many Students Study Via Mail

Just as millions of youngsters are going to start their fall term in classrooms round the country, so too will a lot of students who will have their home as a classroom thanks to the services of the U.S. post office and its trusty couriers.

These at-home students may be housewives who are eager to gain knowledge and more credits; shut-ins pursuing a favorite subject; scholars from the kindergarten through college who for reasons of illness, infirmity or handicap cannot attend regular schools.

Other at-home students may be studying creative writing, painting for pleasure, learning cartooning or commercial art. Would-be engineers, attorneys and accountants can be employed full-time at regular jobs and still study these courses in their free time.

Study-by-Mail
Another large segment of the study-by-mail student body is made up of children of Americans working abroad, government officials, business men, members of the military forces and missionaries.

Essentially most of the schools work on similar patterns. Lessons are sent from the school's headquarters to the student at home; tests are given for review; lessons returned for critique and correction, suggestions given for improvement.

All About Feet

Conservation at Podiatry Meeting Never Got Higher Than the Ankle

By DICK WEST
Washington — (UPI) — In some respects, the American Podiatry association's convention here was like any other convention. They had exhibits, speeches, awards luncheons and that sort of thing. What made it different was that the delegates spent all of their time talking about feet.

Can you imagine five days in which the conversation never got above the ankle? I don't know how they stood it.

I spent about an hour browsing around the convention headquarters and came away feeling that I never wanted to see another pair of feet. Not even my own.

But if you can tolerate feet, podiatry apparently is a good profession to be in. Most people have foot troubles of one kind or another, so business usually is booming.

The 1,000 podiatrists who attended the convention heard papers delivered on

New Exams Listed for Civil Service Jobs

New examinations for several civil service positions are open, according to L. B. Nelson, examiner located at the Medford post office.

Open are the positions of public utilities specialist, department of interior; farm management supervisor; secretary; fishery and wildlife biologist; and dietitian and public health nutritionist.

Additional information concerning the examinations may be obtained from Nelson.

Cuckfield, England — (UPI) — Coroner A. C. Sommerville recorded Monday what he believes to be the first case in Britain of suicide by funeral pyre. Mrs. Jane Duggan, 44, built a roaring bonfire and threw herself on top of it.

everything from telangiectasia to ingrown toenails. I mean the joint was really swinging.

One of the papers was presented by Capt. Rupert Stivers, chief podiatrist at the U.S. Military Academy, who made a study of foot troubles at West Point.

He found that almost half of the cadets he examined had foot ailments and that 54 per cent of the conditions, give or take a fallen arch or two, stemmed from the shoes and socks they were issued.

This, of course, comes as no surprise to anyone who ever wore a pair of Army shoes.

Stivers further found that when black cotton stockings were used at the Point, the number of foot complaints was cut in half.

Too bad that Stivers didn't try white cotton stockings. That might have cleared up the trouble entirely.

Another speaker, Dr. Joseph R. Cinzio of Passaic, N.J., took issue with the

widely accepted theory that picking up marbles with your toes is beneficial exercise for foot contractures. Curling your toes, he asserted, stimulates the muscles that are helping to cause the

pain. The most effective exercise, according to Dr. Cinzio, is a stretching, or as he put it, "fanning" of the toes. I felt it my duty as a reporter to pass this information along, but I'll tell you right

now you're never going to catch me fanning my toes. I couldn't do it even if I wanted to.

I tried it experimentally when I left the convention and the results were unsatis-

factory, both physically and aesthetically.

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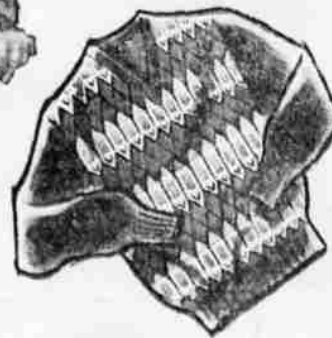
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