

INSURANCE MAN TO THEATRICAL STARS HELD FOR FORGERY

Admits Diverting More Than \$300,000 of His Clients' Money to Own Use.

New York.—John J. Kemp, member of the Million a Year Insurance club and other organizations, friend and broker to a host of theatrical and radio stars, was arrested here on charges of forgery and grand larceny.

Arrested in his office at 551 Fifth avenue, Kemp, fifty-one years old, and distinguished looking, told detectives: "I've expected this for seven years." He admitted that during that period he has converted more than \$300,000 of his customers' money to his own use. He said that he had spent the money in lavish living, denying that he had lost it in gambling or speculating.

Charge Rogers Forgery.

The specific charge against Kemp was that he forged the name of Mrs. Betty Rogers, widow of Will Rogers, to a dividend check for \$1,245.11, made out to her by the Equitable Life Assurance company, in which her husband held four policies totaling \$285,000. The check was issued June 20, 1934, and was sent to Kemp's office, although it was made out in Mrs. Rogers' name. Detectives said that that had been the procedure for years, as the humorist had unlimited faith in Kemp. Among the autographed photographs of stage, screen, and radio celebrities which lined the walls of Kemp's office, the largest was a picture of Will Rogers, bearing the humorist's inscription: "To my good friend, John J. Kemp."

Kemp admitted, according to the police, that he cashed the Rogers dividend check after he had indorsed it and used the money himself. He said he regretted his actions and told the police he had reported to larceny only because he was in financial difficulties.

Opera Star a Victim.

Another check transaction, involving Vivienne Segal, light opera prima donna, led to Kemp's arrest. Miss Segal sent Kemp a check some time ago directing him to use it to pay a premium on her insurance. The company informed Miss Segal it never received the money. Detectives then investigated Kemp's business affairs and discovered his other peculations.

Kemp had been in business for 20 years and was widely known on Broadway and in Hollywood as the "actors' insurance man." Will Rogers had paid tribute to him in a newspaper article published shortly before the humorist's death.

The Million a Year club to which he belonged is an organization of insurance brokers who sell a million dollars' worth of policies in a single year. He is also a member of the Lambs, the Friars, the New York Athletic and Westchester Country clubs, the National Democratic club and the American Federation of Actors.

Even Thieves Read Ads; Like Beagle Hounds, Too

South Bend, Ind.—Harold Miller saw a classified advertisement offering a Beagle hound for sale and called at the home of Samuel Caprell to see the dog.

They went out to the garage to inspect the dog.

The garage, however, contained no dog, but stuck up in a prominent place was a clipped copy of the advertisement.

Steal Monument

Little Falls, N. Y.—If the thieves haven't a conscience to weigh on their minds, their loot weighed heavily enough, James Hallinan opined when he reported stolen a 1,000-pound granite monument.

DODSON

Mrs. Mary McGowan, who has been ill for the past week, is feeling so much better that she entertained her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McGowan, of Portland, at dinner Sunday. Mrs. McGowan plans on going into Portland Thursday to visit until Sunday with the younger McGowans.

Ed Eade of Portland has been visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eade.

Mrs. Arthur Eade and son, Howard, motored into Portland Monday.

Mrs. Richard Nance, former resident of the district, was a visitor Thursday. She attended the regular meeting of the sewing club.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandercock moved into Portland Sunday night.

M. M. McGrady was in Portland Sunday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Correll spent Thursday visiting in St. Helens. The Corrells lived there some time ago, so on this trip they renewed many old acquaintances.

In honor of her sixth birthday, Betty Correll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Correll, entertained a group of her playmates at a birthday party last Saturday. Those present were Walter and Dorothy Van Meter, Carol and Lillian Bucher, Joan and Jimmy Lash, Mary Lou Sams, Lois Ballin, Betty and Goldie Palmer, Connie Correll, and Virginia and Gladys Lee Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. Ted Abbott, Mrs. Eva Ennis and Mrs. Lila Mathews, all of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hale and son, Elton, of Hood River, enjoyed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Gunter.

One of the largest crowds to turn out for some time for a sewing group was present at the last meeting at Mrs. Lee Murray's home last Thursday. Mrs. Joe Bucher found out that it was Mrs. Sams' birthday and surprised her with a beautiful birthday cake. Those present were Mrs. Joe Bucher, Mrs. Harold Van Meter, Mrs. Arthur Eade, Mrs. Jim Lash, Mrs. Harold McShatko, Mrs. William Sandercock, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Tom Morris, Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Clyde Kimbrough, Mrs. M. M. McCrady, Mrs. John Karg, Mrs. Charles Robertson and Mrs. Richard Nance. Plans were made for the Christmas party to be held at Mrs. Clyde Kimbrough's on December 18.

Warrendale

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pingree of Portland spent Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kimsey.

Mrs. Hugh Klingbiel returned Sunday night after spending a week housekeeping for her father while her mother was recuperating from a major operation in the hospital at Vancouver. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wright, of Camas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Butterfield were dinner guests Tuesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walls.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stiner motored into Portland Monday night to attend the ice carnival sponsored by the Shriners.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Baty moved into one of Stiner's cabins during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ericson were dinner guests and enjoyed cards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Cook Sunday, the occasion be-



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ing Mr. Cook's birthday.

Mrs. F. W. Crocker entertained the sewing circle of the Lively addition last Friday afternoon at her home. Those present were: Mrs. B. F. Carter, Mrs. T. B. Beck, Mrs. C. D. Cook, Mrs. J. C. Kimsey. The sixth member, Mrs. David Donaldson, was unable to attend.

F. W. Crocker was called to Westport for another week or two of work so Mrs. Crocker has gone into Portland while he is away.

Mrs. B. F. Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Ash Gaudin motored into Portland Saturday to take care of some of their Christmas shopping.

Whiskey is dropping in price, but is never cheap whiskey. It is dear to its users, in more ways than one.

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NORTHWESTERN ELECTRIC

Court Sentences Itself to Help Out Old Vagrant

Montreal.—One of the most amazing sentences on record in Montreal's recorder court was handed down in chambers by Recorder Plante.

He condemned "the bench" (himself), Louis LaPointe, clerk of the court; five lawyers present, two constables and two newspaper men to pay 25 cents each. The "fines" went to an aged, homeless vagrant before the court.

Police brought in a disheveled, bearded old man named Paul Cleron, charged with vagrancy. He was picked up on Champ de Mars and pleaded guilty.

"I have no home," he said when questioned.

Recorder Plante eyed those in the court room, then said:

"I sentence you all to put 25 cents each on my desk; we'll help out this poor old man. And sentence applies to the bench, too."

Recorder Plante put the money in the old man's pocket, saying: "Go."

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Mrs. Ruth Ostrum recently gave farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reynolds, who have moved to Los Angeles to make their home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. William Randles, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and Claude Thayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nichols entertained at chicken dinner Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Sid Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Braund.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Nieberg attended a big family dinner in Portland Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Nieberg's brother Fred Libell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Collins visited from Monday to Thursday with Mrs. Collins parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Michaels at Grand Coulee.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mathis visited in Portland Thursday with Mr. Mathis' mother, Mrs. E. W. Mathis.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Braund and as their uests on Thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAlpine Vancouver and Mrs. Anna Free-an of Portland.

Mrs. Virgil Wilson entertained honor of Mr. Wilson's birthday Sunday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blackman and daughters Betty and Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Van Kirk of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Snyder.

Krogstad, R. F. Bennett, J. W. Prudeen, D. E. Powell, O. M. Hansen and F. H. Mathis.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONS GIVEN BOY SCOUTS

At the Cascade Locks Boy Scout troop meeting last Thursday night, Scoutmaster M. L. Morgan presented the two first class scouts in the troop with special commissions. William Morgan received the certificate of senior patrol leader and Robert Morgan received the certificate for junior assistant scoutmaster.

Noble Hyde, Harrison Wade and Kenneth Piper were appointed as permanent patrol leaders for the forthcoming quarter. Richard Kinney was appointed scribe.

The Locks troop now boasts of 21 members, all of whom have passed their tenderfoot tests. There are four second class and two first class scouts in the troop at the present time. Morgan anticipates having eight more ready for their second class court in the near future.

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