

# "Bummy" Davis Shot To Death In Tavern Stickup

NEW YORK, Nov. 21 (AP)—A prizefighter and a 10-year-old girl were slain today, the latest deaths in the city's mounting wave of violence and crime.

Al (Bummy) Davis, 30, former contender for the world's lightweight boxing crown, was shot to death outside a Brooklyn tavern after he struck one of four men who had held up the place.

The girl, identified by her father as Susan Scanga of Brooklyn, was found dead beside an old shack at the foot of Huron street. Police said she apparently

had been beaten and possibly had been shot while putting up a violent fight against someone who tried to rape her. Beside her body was her school bag, containing notebooks.

**Shot in Throat**  
A physician at Kings County hospital said Davis, whose real name was Albert Davidoff, was shot in the throat and chest.

Police told this story of his death:  
The four robbers had held up five other taverns, 10 minutes apart, taking only the money from the cash registers in four places—and the cash register itself in another. Then they entered the tavern owned by Arthur Polansky, a friend of Davis, at 2:45 a. m. Only the bartender, Davis and four other customers were in the place.

The robbers lined all persons in the place against the wall, and took \$150 from the cash register. There was an exchange of words which began when Davis demanded of the bandits: "Why don't you stop. This place has just been sold. Why don't you leave the fellow alone?"

**Socks Robber**  
Davis struck one of the robbers in the jaw, apparently breaking it. All four bandits opened fire on him as others in the room jumped under tables. The robbers ran out and jumped into their car. Davis followed them and started for his own car. As the robbers drove off they fired again at Davis and then the prizefighter collapsed, dead. Police expressed belief Davis intended to pursue the bandits in his own car.

These crimes came to light as the police department's crack-shot gun teams patrolled New York streets in the city-wide

crime wave which has cost 84 lives in 72 days.

The boxer, who scored one of the ring's outstanding upsets in 1944 with a one-round knockout of then Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery in a non-title bout, met many of the ring's top fighters during his career.

Known as a rough and tumble campaigner, he was subject to the heaviest penalty ever imposed on a fighter by the New York State Athletic commission. In 1940, the state body revoked his license and fined him \$2500 of his share of the gate after his fight with then Welterweight Title-holder Fritzie Covic.

Davis had been disqualified in the second round of the fight for repeated fouling of the welterweight champion.

The athletic commission reinstated Davis in September, 1943.

Meanwhile the police department's crack pistol marksmen, all members of the force's prize-winning gun teams, patrolled New York City's streets in a further step in the city-wide campaign against mounting violence and crime.

## Baby Abandoned On Clinic Steps

SALEM, Nov. 21 (AP)—A Spokane woman was on her way to Salem today to get her 14-month-old grandson, who was found abandoned yesterday afternoon on the steps of a Salem clinic.

The baby, sobbing for "mama" and suffering from the cold, had a note attached to him, saying "Please return Chuck to 3217

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## AAA Voting Slated For Next Week

Klamath county farmers will elect their AAA representatives at community meetings, scheduled for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. They will also help select the practice program for 1946 which is to be administered by the elected committees and discuss the various farm production and marketing programs.

Burrell Short, chairman of the county AAA committee, said that there are 47 practices offered in the 1946 state handbook which offer payments to help provide materials, services, or needed conservation work. Funds for 1946 will equal or exceed those for 1945, but will not be enough to pay for all work farmers and ranchers want to perform.

**Conservation Survey**  
A conservation survey to determine present and future conservation needs of the county will be another responsibility. The local operation of crop insurance, commodity loans, production goals, and price supports which promise to become increasingly important to every farmer in the next few years—these and other programs are administered by elected committees.

Full attendance was urged at the community meetings which have been scheduled as follows: Fort Klamath, Community hall, November 26, 2 p. m.; Henley, Grange hall, November 26, 7:30 p. m.; Merrill-Malin, Merrill Community hall, November 27, 7:30 p. m.; Bonanza, high school, November 28, 7:30 p. m.

**Gen. Patch Gravely Ill With Pneumonia**  
SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Nov. 21 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch Jr., commander of fourth army headquarters, is seriously ill with pneumonia in Brooke hospital here.

Brig. Gen. George C. Beach, commanding general of Brooke hospital center said Patch was admitted to the hospital November 14 and that "his condition is considered very serious."

**OREGON BAR RULING**  
SALEM, Nov. 21 (AP)—Out-of-state lawyers can be admitted to the Oregon bar only if they have practiced law during three of the five years preceding the application for admittance, the state supreme court said today.

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## Local Man's Essay Printed

"Ethics and the Aesthetic," an essay on value, written by Wendell Smith of the Klamath Union high school staff, has appeared in the September issue of Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, a journal published for the International Phenomenological society by the University of Buffalo, Buffalo, N. Y.

The journal is accepted as one of the select philosophy organs published for international consumption and to have an article in the magazine is considered an exceptionally fine honor. Young Smith is head of the English department and a teacher of English at KUHS as well as serving as a counselor on the high school staff. He received his AB degree with honors, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and a graduate of service scholarship, University of Chicago. Smith was graduated from Klamath high school in 1925, attended College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., University of Oregon, from which he obtained his BA and MA degrees, Harvard university at Cambridge, Mass., where he majored in philosophy and English, and the University of Chicago, where he took a major in philosophy.

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