

# 1947 Thieves Prove Versatile Bunch Of Men Who Can Steal Anything From A Bridge To A Box Of Rattlesnakes

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And the gunmen had their share of hard luck. One stickup artist in San Francisco pounded his victim over the head with a gun. The gun went off, wounding the pounder's pal. In another part of San Francisco, a gunman fired a warning shot as he made his get-away; the bullet ricocheted off a wall and hit the fleeing bandit.

### Poe Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kester are in Portland, where Mrs. Kester is recuperating from a major operation. Friends wishing to write may send mail to St. Vincent's hospital. During their absence, Mrs. Olson is staying with the Kester boys.

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snatched a box from a parked car, quickly dropped it when he discovered it contained three live rattlesnakes.

Some of the boys suffered from conscience pangs last year. A man in West Point, Mass., received a cashier's check for \$50 from the thief who stole his watch in Louisiana 36 years ago. At Springfield, Mass., a safecracker stopped right in the middle of a job, called police, confessed his crime and waited for the cops to pick him up.

An assistant bank cashier in San Francisco spent a week convincing employers she was telling the truth about embezzling \$10,000. But she had invested the money so well she was able to turn back \$15,000. The judge awarded her the \$5000 profit.

Some Ponca City, Okla., thieves look the trouble to return a set of hubcaps they had stolen. The reason: "They didn't fit our car."

### PTA Notes

#### Pelican

The shift of population to the west and Oregon affects the schools and the state of Oregon has increased 40 per cent in population. Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of schools, when speaking before Pelican PTA on Wednesday, January 21. The mounting birth rate, as well as the increase in population creates the need for additional classrooms and more teachers in the near future. Mrs. Gralapp was also a visitor.

Two piano duets were played by Mrs. Leigh Penning and Mrs. Lois Lind. The association voted to sell tickets of admission to the February

### CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Ya mean youse would let a lousy nickel stand between me and a cup of that roaster-fresh, shade-grown, sealed-in goodness?"

Frolie, February 13, 25 cents will purchase a family ticket, or 10 cents per person. There will be a home-made candy booth, cooked food, popcorn and fancy work booths; a penny arcade, fish pond and a rummage sale. More booths will be announced soon. Funds raised from the Frolie will help purchase a back-

drop for the stage of the school auditorium.

Refreshments were served by third grade mothers with Mrs. Scott Warren as chairman. Mrs. Agnes Lagerson's third grade also won the room count award.

### The Doctor Says—

## Sleeping Pills Dangerous

By EDWIN F. JORDAN, M. D.  
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Far too many people are given to the dangerous practice of taking a pill or drug whenever they have difficulty in sleeping. In fact, this practice involves so many people and is so hazardous that at least 34 states have laws regulating the sale of sleeping drugs.

Most of the sleeping drugs in common use are called barbiturates. These are various combinations of chemical substances called barbituric acid. They have real uses in medicine and the only objection to most of them is that they are often misused.

The barbiturates can cause acute poisoning. A group of 13 hospitals, for example, collected 643 cases of poisoning by these drugs. These patients had taken large overdoses and were sick enough to have to go to a hospital. Undoubtedly, there were many others who had taken a little too much and had merely been slightly sick.

Some people are especially sensitive to the barbiturate drugs. Such persons can get reactions from only small quantities. It is also a matter of concern that some people become addicted to barbiturates. They develop a habit and liking which is difficult to throw off and, of course, may produce harm if it is too.

People who develop the barbiturate habit start by using the pills for sleeplessness. The habit usually takes several months or even years to become established. Gradually, victims have to take larger and larger quantities, while the results are less and less successful.

Chronic poisoning is a possible result. One woman, who had taken

barbiturates for several months, became mentally incompetent, lost control of her elimination, lost weight, and had to be fed with a spoon.

Sleeping drugs should be taken with caution. They act on the nervous system and on other parts of the body. They should be avoided, except when there is some real reason for using them. Even then the use of sleeping pills should not be continued without the advice of a physician.

**The Doctor Answers**  
QUESTION: What causes perspiration on my nose and forehead while I eat?

ANSWER: A few people complain of sweating while eating. The cause is probably a nervous reaction, connected with stimulation of the "sympathetic nervous system" by the act of chewing or by the food. It probably is nothing to worry about.

### Pioneer Community

T. G. Clemmens is again working for Clyde Laird at his stock ranch on Fall creek.

Mrs. Ralph Johnston returned recently from Harbor, Ore., where she

was called by illness of her father, B. E. Kerns, former pioneer of our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Laver are the parents of a new baby girl. This is the second grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Herrick Sr. since the new year.

Much interest seems to be shown for the home extension meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Johnston this coming Friday. James Randall spent Saturday in Klamath Falls attending to business. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Everhart visited at the W. L. Frain home Wednesday evening. They are also planning on spending a few days in Ashland very soon.

Mrs. W. L. Frain and Vera Clemmens attended installation of officers of Rebekah lodge last Thursday evening.

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