

Boyle's Column

Police Bullet Ends Career Of "Toy Pistol" Boy Bandit

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (AP)—Dead at 25, Thomas Joseph Kavanagh began his brief public career with a toy pistol and he ended it with another toy pistol clutched in his dying hand.



HAL BOYLE

Both times he was trying to bluff fortune in small-scale lone-wolf robberies. But between the two episodes he won six decorations as a valorous doughboy overseas.
The short unhappy life of this hero-criminal is a masterpiece in human irony—a strange jigsaw puzzle with the key fragment missing.
In some ways it holds a clue to all. A challenge to find out about the "why?" behind what he did.

Last Thursday evening Thomas Joseph Kavanagh walked into the Trans-Canada Air Lines office just off Fifth Avenue. His hand was in a brown paper grocery bag and he pointed it at the clerk:
"Here I am again," he said. "This is a stickup."

The clerk immediately recognized Kavanagh as the man who held him up last month and took nearly \$1000. Two detectives were in a back room waiting for just such a return call.
They stepped out of separate doors and as Kavanagh raised his arm menacingly they began firing. One bullet hit him in the head, two in the chest.
He fell dead. When they pulled his hand from the paper bag, they saw clutched in the ex-war hero's fist—a toy pistol.

FUNNY BUSINESS



"I came to give you a checkup—I understand you're presidential timber!"

The only disappointed person in LaTrobe today apparently was five-year-old Larry Dale McElroy. Mrs. Zavada's son by a previous marriage, who had expected his mother to bring him two brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. Zavada's first husband, Harold McElroy, was killed in the Normandy Invasion in 1944. She married Zavada in August, 1946.

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The four infants, weighing a total of 13 1/2 pounds, were born within five minutes while their father, Andrew, 35, napped his brief in a hospital waiting room.

Dr. J. Wiley Hartman, chief obstetrician, who attended Mrs. Zavada aided by four other doctors, said the boy was delivered first, just 15 minutes after Mrs. Zavada had been wheeled into the operating room.
A half hour after their birth, they were christened John Michael, Bernadette Elizabeth, Barbara Rose and Anna Mary.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 500 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only and must be signed. Contributions following these rules are warmly welcomed.

ABOUT LETTERS
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In regards to the letter appearing in the February 13 issue of The Herald and News I wish to state that I have no complaints with the Veterans Administration. That I have not been near this office for the past year. What few dealings I have had with them has been very satisfactory.

I do not know who wrote the letter to The Herald and News with my name attached and whoever did so did so without my knowledge or authority to use my name.

ROBERT C. PRIESEN
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Klamath Falls, Ore.

Editor's Note: Because of the possibility of duplication of names or other difficulties growing out of the publication of letters to the editor, The Herald and News hereafter will absolutely require the inclusion of the CORRECT address of all persons contributing letters. Anonymous letters, or letters signed by mere initials or spurious names, will be rejected. Exceptions to this rule, which will be rare if they ever occur, will be permitted only after personal conference with the editor.

Boosts Unander
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor): Among the recent newspaper reports announcing numerous candidates for state office, I have been glad to note that at least one prospective office holder is a veteran—a young but experienced one, Sigfrid Unander, though he is far younger than either of his two opponents for the republican nomination for state treasurer, has had a great deal of experience, both in the

service and as a civilian, to make him a capable and efficient public servant.
It is indeed a favorable sign when our returning veterans who fought to protect our American system show on their return to civilian life an interest in good government—not just an armchair interest but an ACTIVE interest. And when that interest is accompanied by the ability and qualifications necessary for public office, which Mr. Unander certainly possesses, the returning veteran should be given every opportunity we can give him to maintain the kind of government for which he fought.

Mrs. Allen Bynon,
609 First Street,
Oswego, Oregon.

Extradition Of Tinker Ordered
ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 16 (AP)—Governor Youngdahl today ordered extradition of Robert C. Tinker, 36, to Burns, Ore., on a larceny charge. Sheriff Eldon Sitz of Harney county is here to return Tinker, charged with stealing a \$300 car

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Quads Still "Doing Fine"

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Move On To Buy Company Stock
LA GRANDE, Feb. 16 (AP)—Union county peopies utility district directors have started initial steps in an attempt to acquire property of the California-Pacific Utilities company at Elgin and Island City.

The PUD action in effect asks the Oregon hydro-electric commission to call a special election on the proposed property acquisition.

Directors said an election was necessary since both Elgin and Island City are outside the PUD district. The issue will be included on the regular primary ballot in May, they predicted.

FILES

SALEM, Feb. 16 (AP)—W. E. Moore, Republican, filed today for reelection to state senator from Josephine county.

Charles M. Grayshel, Brookings Republican, filed for state representative from Coos and Curry counties.

Thomas Joseph Kavanagh wasn't killed. But he did get a Purple Heart for wounds in action. Among his other decorations were three that are given only for personal bravery above the call of duty—the Silver Star, the Bronze Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster.

I don't know what he fought the Germans with—pistol, rifle, machine gun or mortar—but he fought them long, hard, often and well. And he learned how to use weapons that were loaded. He must also have seen men die, and gained that protective indifference to the sight of dead men all doughboys have to get or go crazy.

When he came home he left the army with an honorable discharge and a good conduct ribbon.

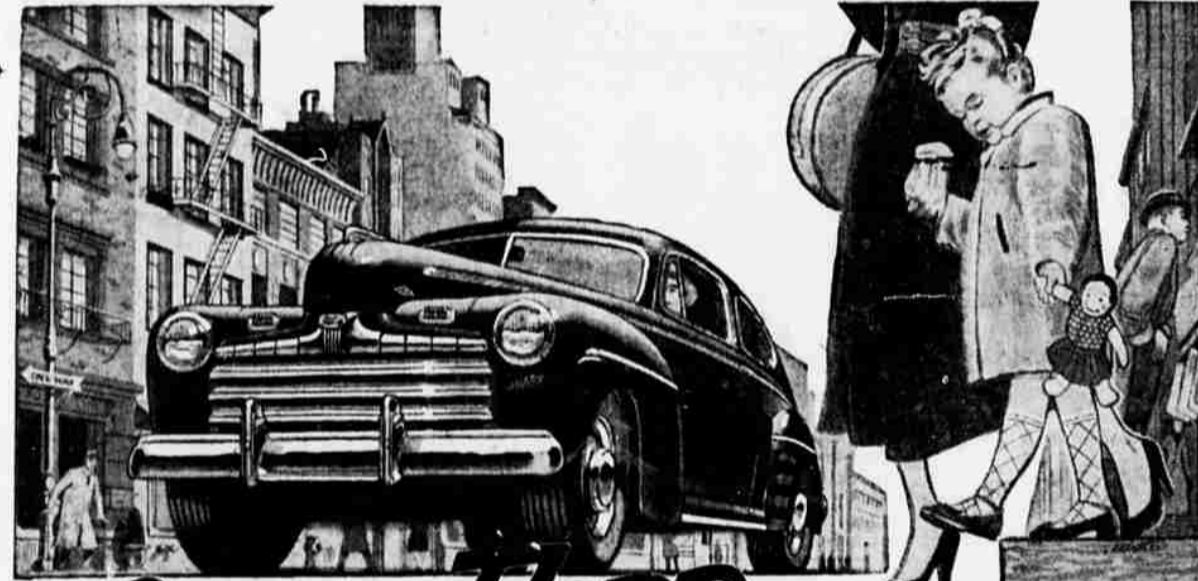
Neighbors said he was rather silent and aloof, but so are many boys back from war.

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