

Police Solve 35 Crimes By Trio Of Teen-Agers

An intensive police investigation here this week has resulted in solutions to 35 crimes, all committed by teenage youths, who admit to still more offenses they can't remember.

Blond Lad Alters Mind, Decides To Be Peace Officer

CHICAGO (AP)—A small town boy's dream of becoming a big league baseball player was broken by the busy, shrill whistle of a traffic cop yesterday.

Blond crew-cut Tommy Krause changed his mind after watching policeman Carl Willis direct traffic at a busy South Side intersection.

Tommy, 9, spent part of his life savings (\$20) for a train ride from Battle Creek, Mich., to Chicago—without his parents' knowledge—to see the Cubs play ball.

He wandered along 63rd Street until he arrived at the intersection where Willis was directing traffic.

Police told Tommy the Cubs had no game scheduled but they would take him to a Little League ball game while his parents were driving to Chicago for him.

Tom's father Eugene and his mother Mildred greeted their son at the station last night. They said he had never run away before.

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Some six Klamath Falls police officers, since last Sunday, have been questioning the boys involved, checking past crime reports and returning large amounts of the property stolen.

The "break" in the juvenile crime wave occurred early last Sunday morning when the arrest of a pair of teen-agers who ran from a South Sixth Street used car lot when cruising officers approached.

The two taken into custody implicated a third boy who was picked up immediately.

This trio, under patient questioning by police, has confessed they definitely stole 19 cars which they were able to name by make and location from where stolen.

The boys' only apparent motive in taking the cars, officers said, was "joyriding."

The gang stole as many as four cars in one evening, driving each one until they were either tired of it or it ran out of gas.

The same three youths also confessed that one or all of them participated in 11 other thefts, most of them involving the stealing of items from parked cars, such as tools, radios, wearing apparel and auto accessories.

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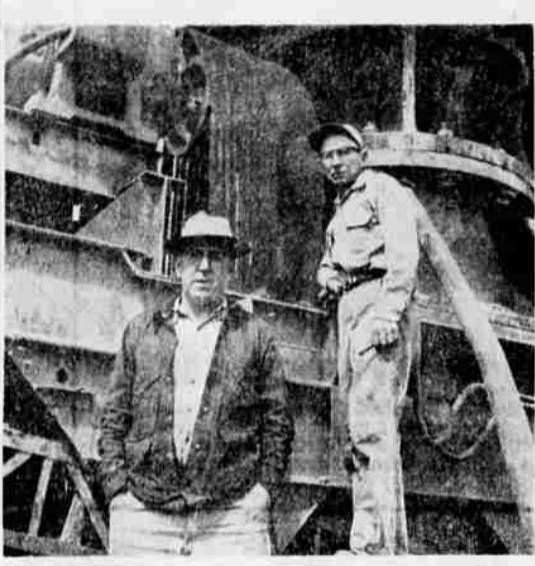
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PAYLESS DRUG STORE employes signed pledge cards to donate pints of blood during the coming visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to Klamath County, June 4-5.



BARNEY HELSER, of Beaverton, left, operates his rock production plant two miles west of Fort Rock with diesel electric generating sets totaling 150 kilowatt capacity, and a 125 horsepower motor powers the eccentric cone crusher.

Road Work Half Done

FORT ROCK—Gravel production for the paving of the Fort Rock road is now about half completed.

Work has been resumed following the construction workers' strike, Barney Helser, Beaverton, has sub-contracted the rock production and paving.

Hauling of the 12 inch layer of natural rock base course, about two thirds completed, is at a standstill due to the partial removal of equipment for use at White Salmon, Washington, during the Oregon strike.

Using seven men for each of two shifts, the rock crushing plant turns out about 400 cubic yards to a shift. The job requires 12,000 yards.

The new roadway mileage is 6.38 compared with approximately seven for the old route. Several tricky curves are eliminated. The new alignment has but four gradual curves, none sharper than two degrees.

Elderly Man, 69, Found Strolling

An elderly man, barefoot and carrying \$899.50 cash in his pockets, was found wandering on Oak Sixth between Walnut and South yesterday afternoon.

When police stopped to question him, Peter Vukovich, 69, clad in a suit coat and hat with a white robe and pajamas underneath, said he had just walked away from Hillside Hospital.

"I want to go to California to get well," officers said he told them.

Police arranged for the man to be admitted to the County Nursing Home, where elderly people are cared for.

Funerals

PETERS — William Conrad YREKA, 68, Yreka, died May 29 at the Siskiyou County Hospital after being stricken with an apparent heart attack at the family home earlier in the morning.

YMCA Summer Day Camp Slated To Begin June 16

A day camp providing all the summer pleasures traditionally sought by boys 7 to 9 will start off the Klamath County YMCA's seasonal program, beginning June 16, Paul Campbell, executive director of the association, has announced.

The "Y" summer program will continue on through September 1, Campbell said, and by that time a resident camp for boys 9 to 14, a special camp for Hi-Y and Try Hi-Y members, and a residence camp for the whole family will also have been held.

The youngsters' day camp, first held in 1953, will cover three different periods. The week of June 16 to 21 is reserved for first time campers.

"Y" Camp Totton, located 21 miles from Klamath Falls, off of the Lake of the Woods Highway, provides facilities for handicrafts, archery, hiking, woodlore and camp cookery, plus safe water fun in nearby Denny Creek.

A bus will leave the "Y" building, 722 Pine Street, for camp, at 9:30 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, returning at 4:45 p.m. There will be an overnight trip on Fridays, with the bus leaving at 3 p.m. and returning Saturday mornings at 11:30.

Campbell, who is camp director, says that all phases of the day camp operation will be conducted under experienced adult leadership.

The camp will accommodate 40 boys at a time. "Y" members pay \$1.50 for a day or overnight at camp, and non-members 25 cents more. This includes transportation, insurance and milk, and the boys bring their own food.

Reservations for the resident camp for older boys, which will be held at the Medford YMCA's site on Diamond Lake, are now complete, which means that 75 boys will spend July 5 to 12 in this beautiful setting, facing Mt. Thielsen, Wayne Plaisted and the Rev. Arthur Johnson are Camp Committee members for the resident camp, which has recently been approved by the American Camping Association.

The special camp for Hi-Y and Try Hi-Y members will be held at Camp Silver Creek, the property of the Salem "Y." This is an annual leadership training conference, to which each club may send one delegate.

The "Y" family camp, which rounds out the summer program, will be held over the Labor Day weekend, August 30 to September 1, at Camp McLaughlin, the property of the Rogue River Council of Boy Scouts, at Lake of the Woods.

Registration for all the camps is on a "first come, first served" basis, and the "Y" has a plan set up to help boys earn all or part of their camp expenses.

As a consequence of its intensive summer camp program, the "Y" itself will operate on a reduced schedule during the season, beginning June 2. The summer schedule is 9 to 5:30, Mondays through Fridays. The building will not be open in the evenings.

The Klamath County YMCA is a United Fund agency.

All interested persons are invited to attend the forthcoming public hearing on the proposed 1953-1954 budget for the Klamath Falls Elementary School District.

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PATRICIA JENSEN, Portland student nurse, Walla Walla College School of Nursing, Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, is in Klamath Falls to observe services of the Klamath County Health Department. Patricia is one of many nurses who spend some time here in the course of their nurse's training.

Officer's Child Struck By Auto

A 7-year-old girl, daughter of a state policeman, was struck by an auto yesterday afternoon while riding her bicycle on Wiard Street.

Driver of the car, Edgar Newman, 2835 Darrow Street, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Taken to Klamath Valley Hospital by ambulance was Barbara Jean Rush, of 1707 Wiard Street. Attendants said she was cut and bruised and suffering from shock.

Witnesses said the car struck Barbara's bike in the rear, knocking the girl off onto the street.

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California Weather

By United Press International San Francisco Bay Area: Fair through Saturday and probably Sunday except late night and morning low clouds; high today San Francisco 65, Oakland 72, San Mateo 73, San Rafael 74; low tonight 53-59; westerly winds slightly above normal.

Northern California: Mostly fair through Sunday but chance of a few showers or thunderstorms extreme north portion; high for on coast; drizzle Eureka northward Saturday; cooler Salinas Valley and Merced northward today; coastal winds northwest 14-28 m.p.h. south of Point Arena and variable 8-16 m.p.h. north of Point Arena.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Mostly fair through Sunday but chance of a few showers or thunderstorms in northern mountains; drizzle Eureka northward Saturday; cooler inland today; high today and low tonight Ukiah 75-82, Santa Rosa 74-50, Napa 74-83; variable winds 8-16 m.p.h. near coast Point Arena northward.

Lad Hurt In Mishap Termed 'Very Poor'

Billy Allen Cantwell, 17, Cassville, Missouri, who was critically injured in an auto accident on the Reno Road Wednesday, was reported to be in "very poor" condition at Klamath Valley Hospital Thursday morning.

Cantwell is the brother of Lee Cantwell, Route 3, Box 406.

Pilot Says Plane Buzzed As Passenger Knowland Dozed

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Sen. William F. Knowland and 61 other persons aboard a United Air Lines DC-7 had a narrow escape Thursday when an Air Force B-47 "deliberately buzzed" their airliner near Salina, Kan.

The charge of "buzzing" came from UAL pilot W. K. Wolfe of Palo Alto, Calif. Other passengers confirmed his story. Knowland was dozing at the time of the incident, which took place at 2:02 p.m. CST.

Wolfe said the plane was flying at 20,000 feet about 10 miles east of Salina. He said his air speed was better than 400 miles an hour.

This was a near miss due to deliberate buzzing," Wolfe said in a report filed after his arrival. He said the B-47 passed from north to south "in front of our plane, at a distance ranging from 500 to 1,000 feet."

Two seconds after it passed, we were jolted by its slipstream," he said.

Frank A. Parker, Menlo Park, Calif., engineering executive, declared the B-47 "deliberately maneuvered around us. It came within about 500 feet."

Knowland, Senate minority leader, was returning to California for the windup of his primary campaign. He is seeking the Republican nomination for governor.

Chamber Heads In Redding Trip

Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce officials Thursday journeyed to Redding in an attempt to get this city's name placed on certain California highway directional signs.

Charlie Schuss, convention chairman, and Ed Brotherhood, assistant manager, were told by the California Highway Division, however, that such a move was contrary to policy.

The two officials sought to have Klamath Falls and Bend placed on mileage and directional signs between Redding and Weed, in an effort to stimulate Highway 97 traffic. The two cities are not currently named on signs in this area.

The California highway authorities said their policy was to include on signs only California cities that are county seats, plus the largest city in the next state. Thus, Portland is the only Oregon city mentioned in the area concerned.

The chamber men, however, did not return without some accomplishment. They stopped in at Redding's KVIP-TV and were assured the local chamber's TV movie promoting tourist attractions there would be shown soon.

Merchants Group To Meet Tuesday

The Klamath Merchants Association will meet Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock at the Chuck Waggon, it was announced by Lew Wayburn, KMA president.

All merchants and business men, whether members of the association or not, are invited to attend the meeting and take part in a planning discussion for a "Silver Dollar Specials" promotion to be held in late June.

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