

Thief With Keen Mind, Constantly Analyzed Self

LOS ANGELES (AP)—At 24 a success, by some standards, he wanted to start over—to turn the page and become an entirely new person.

That's why he worked so hard at his adopted trade—burglary—says Gordon Ellis Atteberry.

He was good at it. He says he carried off more than 200 burglaries, which netted him \$100,000 or more. He kept three luxurious apartments at once. He eluded officers in almost 48 states, Canada and Mexico.

When caught, he was dropping his last nickel in a Reno, Nev., parking meter.

All through his months of exciting flight from one police trap to another, the keen-minded lawbreaker kept trying to figure himself out.

"I want to see what makes me tick," he said Wednesday on returning to Los Angeles.

Atteberry worked successfully as a professional hypnotist, actor, writer and photographer of nudes. He studied engineering at the Universities of Colorado and Wisconsin. He's described as an expert at electronics.

Still there was something lacking in his life.

"I planned to reduce my age by five years, assume a new identity and eventually enter the University of Florida as a premedical student majoring in psychology," he says.

So he became a burglar.

"I'd been capering (committing burglaries) for at least five or six months," he said. "I averaged four or five jobs a night, very seldom ever taking a night off. I averaged in money about \$100 a night."

Police found \$100,000 worth of loot in his apartments last March. They got onto him after a husband complained Atteberry was stealing his wife.

His confession is sprinkled with hair-raising escapes. In Kansas he shot a policeman—"to scare him"—and swam the Missouri River, then hid in a hollow log for 8 or 10 hours. In Reno he said he decided it would be easy to blow up the jail—but he refrained. In Montana he bluffed through a roadblock. In New England he "pulled a few jobs." He put 40,000 miles on a car he stole in Hollywood.

He was ordered held for preliminary hearing in lieu of \$105,000 bail. He professed to be glad he'd been caught.

"I want to find myself so I can operate successfully in society, and relate myself to society," he said. "Perhaps I can make a few white marks to offset the black ones."

Said Detective Sgt. Tom L. Rogers, who rode with him from Reno to Los Angeles: "He's always analyzing himself."

Charge Names Wagon Boss

BOISE, Idaho (AP)—Rancher Jack Henley Wednesday night said the Oregon Centennial wagon train trespassed on his property. He swore out a warrant for the arrest of the train's leader.

Henley appeared before Justice of the Peace Lynn Sherman in King Hill, Idaho, made his complaint and the warrant was sworn out. The warrant bore only the name John Doe.

The justice later said that Henley told him the wagon train camped Wednesday night on his property without permission.

A sheriff's deputy was given the warrant to serve on the leader of the train. There was no immediate indication when it would be served.

Henley later told newsmen: "They've got a full camp around a tenant house on my property. No one asked my permission. They just moved in and took possession."

The train camped Wednesday night between Glens Ferry and Mountain Home, about 40 miles south of here. The wagons were scheduled to move into Mountain Home for a civic celebration today.

The seven wagons and the 27 persons making the trip are en route from Independence, Mo., to Independence, Ore., as part of Oregon's Centennial celebration.

Tex Serpa of Ashland, Ore., is acting as the train's wagonmaster.

CITY BRIEFS

Baptismal Service—will be held by the Miracle Temple, 3141 Maryland Street, Sunday, July 19, 2:30 p.m. at the white bridge on the Crystal Springs Road, and will be conducted by Brother and Sister Ben Peters. Public is invited.

Maverick Square Dance Gang—will dance Friday, July 17, at Summers School at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Coffee will be furnished, but bring own snack and table service.

Joint Picnic—the Catholic Daughters and the Knights of Columbus will be held Sunday, July 19, at Mallin Park. Free swimming begins at 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Members bring picnic lunch and table service.

YMCA—will hold a family night on Friday, July 17, at 8:30. The affair, which will be a potluck, will be held at Ward Park.

Oldtimers—will not have a dance this weekend at the K.C. Hall.

Northside—Garden Club will meet Wednesday, July 22, at 1 p.m. in the home of Mrs. W. C. Dolan, 121 Lowell. Mrs. Lela Thur-

man will demonstrate fundamentals of flower arranging.

Buffet—There will be a summer buffet for the benefit of NAACP in the Kenneth Lambie garden, 2545 Homedale, Saturday, July 18. Tickets being sold by members are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 13. Phone TU 4-8050 for information.

Card Party—The Midland Grange will have a card party in its hall Saturday, July 18, at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Picnic—will be held by Naomi Shrine No. 5, White Shrine of Jerusalem on Sunday, July 19, at the Rodenberger home, Tulalake. The potluck affair will be at 2 p.m. standard time. Bring own table service. All White Shrine members invited.

CHIP OFF BLOCK

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPD)—It was a case of like father like daughter Tuesday when Mary Call Collins, 16, was elected governor of Florida Girls State. Her father is Gov. Leroy Collins.

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