

Ingenious Embezzler Steals Over \$57,000

RIVERTON, Id. (UPI) — Mrs. Lillian Smith, a 40-year-old grandmother, lived in a fine house and was building two more in this little one-time mining town. Her neighbors thought she was an heiress, but authorities said today she was the embezzler of at least \$57,000.

Mrs. Smith has admitted taking the money from the Horace Mann Insurance Company, according to police. She was under arrest and recovering from a heart attack in a hospital in nearby Springfield.

A policeman stood guard outside Mrs. Smith's hospital room and two sheriff's deputies looted outside the pale green Riverton house where she lived with her husband and 10 children and grandchildren.

Mayor Carl Denkert told a reporter "The story was that the family inherited money and may be they did, a little. But this thing is no surprise for sure. 'I thought they spent money rather recklessly,' the mayor said. 'They say that money talks but sometimes it talks too loud.'"

The woman's husband, a laborer who works in Springfield, as do most of the people here, watched from the doorway of the house and told reporters, "You can stick around, but no comment."

The frame-brick house has a two car garage. Neighbors said they believed the family had a total of six autos.

The house is on the edge of Riverton, a town that in the early part of the century buzzed with the bustle of two coal mines which have long since shut down.

Detective Cecil P. Olds said Mrs. Smith would face a preliminary hearing when she is able to leave the hospital.

States Attorney Raymond L. Terrell described the embezzlement plan as ingenious and effective.

Terrell said Mrs. Smith was authorized to sign checks up to \$1,000, payable to policyholders of the firm. He said she issued the checks to fictitious persons or actual policyholders, but covered the original copy of the checks with a blank paper. Thus the typewriter would make an imprint on the carbon, but not on the original check.

Terrell said Mrs. Smith put the carbon copies in the files, while writing in her own name as the payee on the originals. He said she intercepted the canceled checks when they were returned.

De-Smogger Gets Okay For Autos

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A device designed to eliminate auto-causing smog at a cost of about \$15 per car has been tentatively approved, but not officially endorsed, by the State Motor Vehicle Pollution Control Board.

Official certification was withheld Friday because state law requires that the first two devices to pass board tests shall be endorsed simultaneously.

The device is the crankcase type, designed to eliminate hydrocarbons discharged from the road draft tube. Another type device, to control exhaust fumes, also eventually will be required on most vehicles operating in 26 California counties.

The device submitted Friday was developed by the AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors Corp. Its cost, including installation, is expected to range from \$5 to \$30, depending on the automobile and labor costs. Average price would be about \$15.

Board Chairman Dr. John T. Middleton said the AC device already is installed on all new cars.

The board timetable calls for certification of at least two crankcase devices before the end of this year. But the more complicated and expensive exhaust systems are not expected to be ready until 1962.

In other action, the board adopted procedures for testing exhaust devices. Basic criteria provides that there shall be no "undue cost burden" on the public, and that the device hold up for at least 12,000 miles.

U.S. Rocket Sends Talk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A spokesman at the government's Goddard Space Flight Center today said that signals from space being detected at various sites throughout the world probably are coming from a U.S. Discoverer satellite sent aloft Friday.

The Goddard spokesman said that Discoverer 32 contained a tiny transmitter which sent forth signals on a frequency of 20,005 megacycles. This was the area where monitoring stations in Japan, Germany and Sweden detected the signals.

On this basis, the Space Center spokesman discounted speculation that the signals meant that the Russian had orbited a new space spectacular.

"It's highly unlikely that the boys on the other team put up something at the same time," he said.

The Goddard official said he did not know why the transmitting device on the Discoverer was installed. That information, he said, would have to come from Vandenberg AFB in California, site of Friday's satellite launching.

The Postal Radio-Wave Institute in Tokyo, one of the first stations to monitor the Soviet Vostok II Satellite, prompted today's speculation about another by announcing the signals were picked up on the Russian satellite frequency.

Appling Gives Commendation

SALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr. commended employees of his department Friday for cooperation in achieving a savings of \$235,000 from the department's last biennial budget.

"I am now most pleased and gratified to advise you that we will return to the general fund a surplus out of the 1959-1961 appropriations totaling \$231,307," Appling said in a letter to department employees.

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Killer Gets Life Jolt

MARYSVILLE (UPI) — Charles Jolley, a 22-year-old Oregon construction worker, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of Mrs. Ruby Banning, 34, a Marysville cocktail waitress.

Jolley was sentenced Friday by Yuba County Superior Court Judge Warren Steel. He will be eligible for parole after serving seven years.

Jolley pleaded guilty Oct. 5, reversing an earlier plea of innocent by reason of insanity.

The unclad body of Mrs. Banning, the estranged wife of an Air Force sergeant, was found in the Feather River 14 miles south of Marysville July 26. Jolley was arrested five days later and confessed to the killing. He said he had met the victim in a bar a few hours earlier.

Jolley, the father of two children, was divorced.

MACARONI SPORTSMAN

CHICAGO (UPI) — Roger Maris of the New York Yankees has been named Macaroni Sportsman of the Year because he "used his noodle" in setting a new home run record, the National Macaroni Institute announced.

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MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet press, TV and radio are pouring out thousands of words to emphasize that the Soviet Communist party's 22nd Congress opening Tuesday is important to the welfare of the Russians and the world.

Public speakers dwell on the same theme in a campaign that built up pressure this week.

Newspapers daily list one or two foreign delegations coming to the congress, at which a 20-year program of the Soviet party—the first outlined in detail in advance since 1919—will be up for examination.

The program is designed to build the "base" for communism. The U.S.S.R. is now theoretically engaged in socialism, rather than the Communist end product.

As more foreign delegates arrived, Premier Khrushchev met Saturday with the party central committee. The Soviet news agency Tass said the committee unanimously approved the program to be submitted to the congress.

The program calls for introduction of free medical care, rent, education, utilities, local transportation and factory lunches. But Khrushchev has warned that increased military spending in a time of world crisis may force deferment of some of these goals.

The program pledges the Soviet Union will overhaul the United States in per capita production, but calls for peaceful cooperation with capitalist nations.

The hotels are jammed with 4,500 delegates and foreign visitors. In many fields, such as building and home repairs, all work not directly connected with the congress has come to a halt. Painters, electricians and others left other jobs to work on facilities for the congress.

A big new hall of granite, glass and steel has been built within the walls of the Kremlin to seat 6,000 persons. Soviet delegates will number 4,500. The rest of the seats will go to foreign Communists, from scores of countries.

A U.S. delegation headed by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, 70-year-old chairman of the American Communist party, was among the first to check in.

Reports current in the diplomatic colony are that, with many delegations present from other countries, there may be another Communist bloc meeting such as was held here last November, when the Soviet Union won approval for its "peaceful coexistence" program despite Chinese opposition.

The Communist Chinese highly approve the toughest elements in Khrushchev's stand on the Berlin and German issues, so no dispute is likely on that unless he wishes to condition the Communist front for an easier settlement. He might fight a number of countries favoring that because of fear of conflict, but not the Chinese.



ROMANTIC LINKS—Princess Soraya, former queen of Iran, emerges from a car after her arrival in Rome. When the green-eyed beauty was in the Eternal City last, it was amid wild rumors of a romance with Italian Prince Ramondo Orsini. Later she was romantically linked with Germany's Alfred Krupp and with actor Hugh O'Brian—"Wyatt Earp" of U.S. television.

CHAPLAIN DIES

CHESTER, Ill. (UPI)—Funeral services will be held Saturday for the Rev. Henry F. Gerege, 68, chief chaplain at the 1945 Nazi war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany. Gerege died Wednesday of a heart attack.

Rocket Ship Breaks Mark

EDWARDS AFB, Calif. (UPI)—America's rocket ship X-15 has accidentally broken its own world speed record for manned, winged aircraft while breaking its earlier world altitude record.

Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Friday the X-15, piloted by Air Force Maj. Robert White, flew 3,647 miles an hour. The speed was two miles an hour greater than its previous mark of 3,645 m.p.h., set by test pilot Joe Walker.

White had been attempting Wednesday only to break an earlier X-15 altitude record and the plane's speed was scheduled to be about 3,440 m.p.h. He broke the existing altitude mark of 215,000 feet by taking the needle-nosed craft 217,000 feet high (about 41 miles).

White is expected soon to try to fly 3,800 m.p.h. in the craft, designed to fly at speeds up to 4,000 m.p.h. at an altitude of about 100 miles.

COUNSELOR DIES

BRONXVILLE, N.Y. (UPI)—Eugene W. Flack 66, advertising and trade relations counsel of Sunshine Biscuits, Inc., died Thursday.

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