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Hobbs Bandit Hides Out With \$45,312

Civil Air Patrol Hunts Back Roads For Cool Gunman

By United Press
HOBBBS, Aug. 20.—A brazen gunman who robbed a branch bank of \$45,312, was sought today over a wide area, but authorities believed he "holed up" after his daring daylight caper.

Law enforcement officers said they were dealing with a cool, professional bandit. The gunman—wearing mirror-type sun glasses and khaki clothing—yesterday afternoon herded three bank employees into a washroom at the Broadmoor branch of the Lea County State Bank in the north part of the city and then methodically cleaned out cashiers' drawers and vault.

He fled through a bank entrance to a car and disappeared, despite the fact authorities were notified within two minutes after the robbery and threw up an extensive network of roadblocks.

Planes Search Area
Five Civil Air Patrol planes took to the air for a search of the network of back roads in this area.

Police said it was probable the man fled to a hide-out within Hobbs, an oil town near which violence occurred only last month when three persons were shot to death. The triple slayer of southeastern New Mexico still is at large.

The bandit entered the branch bank during a full period just before 1 p. m. and took a seat opposite Assistant Cashier Evan H. Hammett, who was sitting at a desk.

Hammett said that when he put out his hand the man said "I don't want to shake hands."

Pulls Large Pistol
The man pulled a large caliber pistol and ordered the cashier and two other employees against the wall. He then picked up a canvas money bag from one of the cages and emptied two drawers. He forced Teller Robert Murphy, 19, to open the safe and took more money.

All the loot was in cash and in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills. A supermarket had made a sizable deposit less than half an hour before the holdup.

The bandit, who wore a bizarre growth of beard—then forced the employees into a washroom. A customer, Ray McLain of Hobbs, entered the bank during the time the bandit was scooping up cash but was told: "Just a moment please; someone will be with you in just a minute."

Find Friend Of Pattersons

A search for Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patterson, missing from El Paso since mid-March, jumped back to Los Angeles today. Sheriff Hicks and Sgt. John Frizzell located one of Patterson's closest friends in Los Angeles and were arranging to confer with him.

They hoped the friend could help clear up the mystery surrounding the disappearance of the 53-year-old Patterson, owner of Patterson's Photo Supply Co. in El Paso, and his wife, who virtually had managed the business.

Previous tips that turned the search to Los Angeles, Florida and Mexico fizzled out.

Herbert Roth, accountant who employs say is in charge of Patterson's shop, answered inquiries about Patterson today with his customary "no comment."

Roth took over the business on the basis of a telegram received March 15 from Dallas and signed "Pat." The telegram instructed D. G. Kirkland of Lubbock, operator of Duffy's Photo Service, to manage the Patterson shop and to dispose of certain property.

Friends of Patterson who asked the Sheriff's Department to investigate said they still have had no word from the missing couple. Roth and Kirkland told investigators they have had no word and don't know the couple's whereabouts.



You can usually tell if a man is having a good time at a party by the look on his wife's face.



DISCUSS PLUMBING CHARGES—Dean Cole, left, owner of Cole's Plumbing Co. met with City Engineer Gerald Turner to answer charges made about plumbing work.

Contractor Defends Work; Fires Plumber

Plumbers employed by Dean Cole, owner of Cole's Plumbing Co., said today that plumbers employed by him do a lot he cannot control.

He made this statement to City Engineer Gerald Turner.

Mr. Cole met with Mr. Turner to discuss charges made recently about his plumbing practices. Four examples of faulty plumbing were mentioned in the Friday appeal hearing of fired Senior Plumbing Inspector Henry A. Parker.

Fires Plumber
"I can't be everywhere at once," he said. "I have plumbing jobs all over the city. If one of my men makes a mistake, I'm helpless until I find out about it."

Mr. Cole said he did not know of one example of plumbing referred to—installation of a dummy drain trap in a \$30,000-plus home at 3009 Fillmore—"until I read about it in the newspaper."

"Monday I fired the plumber that installed it," he said. In three other examples of Cole's plumbing discussed in the Friday meeting, no sewer pipe "clean outs"—or accessibility ports—were installed. These jobs, installed at 705 Green Cove and 704 and 705 Del Mar, were turned down first, but were covered up before they were inspected finally.

Engineer Disagrees
"The City wasn't supposed to inspect the sewer lines in those houses in the first place," Mr. Cole told Mr. Turner. "Those houses are outside of the city."

Mr. Turner disagreed. "Those pipes should have had clean outs installed in them," he declared. Mr. Cole replied that, "It's a matter of just how you interpret the City Plumbing Ordinance."

The ordinance would apply if the pipe was classified as a main sewer line, and would not if termed a house sewer. Mr. Cole meant those lines to be house sewers, while City plumbing inspectors apparently thought they should be called main sewers.

Mr. Cole said he thought that certain people "are after me. That's to be expected, I guess. You don't get as far as I have in such a short time without stepping on toes."

He has owned Cole's Plumbing for about two years. Cole's Plumbing and Prompt Plumbing were mentioned in the hearing for Parker, who was fired by the City on a charge of offering bribes to junior plumbing inspectors Cortez Martin and Don Naron.

In testimony, the two junior inspectors said that Parker told them (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

E. P. Readies for Mass Adult Polio Vaccination

One of the best bargains in health insurance becomes available to El Pasoans at 5 p. m. tomorrow.

At that time a mass adult polio inoculation program will begin at Lamar School at 1608 Montana street.

For only \$1, adults between the ages of 21 through 40, will be able to start their series of Salk anti-polio vaccine shots aimed at preventing crippling polio.

The program is being sponsored by the El Paso Junior Chamber of Commerce in co-operation with the El Paso County Medical Society and the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Physicians will donate their time to administer the shots. The \$1 charge will cover the cost of vaccine, syringes and other materials needed. Cost of the program is being underwritten by the polio chapter.

Second day in the program will be Aug. 31 also at Lamar School. Second shots probably will be given in late September or early October.

N. M. Major Begins Descent in Balloon

Cruces Unit To Attend Track Hearing

Valley Group Pushing Fight On Racing Near E. P.

Backers and foes of a proposed \$1.5 million race track in the Upper Valley will appear before the New Mexico State Racing Commission in Santa Fe Sept. 17.

W. A. Sutherland of Las Cruces, member of the Dona Ana County Committee Against Horse Racing, said representatives of his group will be heard at 2 p. m.

Proponents will present arguments at 10 a. m.

Ray Edmonds of Albuquerque, representative of Fortuna, Inc., denied in Las Cruces that favorable action on the company's application is "cut and dried." He said applicants have received no promises from state officials.

The Dona Ana County committee is circulating petitions asking the application be refused.

Mr. Sutherland said the track, with pari-mutuel gambling, would be a severe economic blow both to Las Cruces and El Paso. Fortuna, Inc., headed by President L. E. Ruffin of Albuquerque, plans to build a track near Anapra, N. M., four miles outside El Paso, if the application is granted.

U. S. Tourist Says 'Daddy' Hit Her

A Juarez detective was fired and two other men were under investigation today after a Florida tourist complained she was struck in the face by an agent of Mexico's FBI.

Larry Afron of West Palm Beach told authorities that he, his aunt and a companion were returning from Chihuahua City and parked off the road outside Juarez to sleep.

Three men banged on the car and awakened them, Afron said, and his aunt asked for their identification.

Hector Rios, the federal security agent, kept saying, "I'm your daddy," according to young Afron. When his aunt demanded he present credentials Rios took out his wallet, to which his badge was attached, and hit her in the face with it, Afron told Police Chief Domingo Holguin.

The three tourists then came to El Paso but returned to Juarez, where American Vice Consul George Phillips directed them to the police station.

Rios was referred to federal authorities. The Juarez detective, Ignacio Eulloqui, was fired because he was supposed to be on duty elsewhere, Chief Holguin said. Their companion, former Detective Manuel Perez, was released.

Lawyer Says He Okayed Stories On Film Stars in Confidential

Attorney Draws \$100,000 a Year

By Associated Press
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 20.—A New York City attorney, who said his firm is paid \$100,000 a year by Confidential and Whisper Magazines, testified in the scandal publications' criminal libel trial today that he had approved many stories about the alleged indiscretions of movie stars.

The attorney, Daniel Ross, testified he had approved for publication stories about Alan Dale, Billy Daniels, Frank Sinatra, Eddie Fisher, Elvis Presley, Corinne Calvert and Robert Mitchum among others.

He said he did not consider these stories to be criminally libelous or obscene or even on the borderline of obscenity.

Publisher Takes Advice
Ross told the jury that Publisher Robert Harrison of Confidential and Whisper always took his advice about stories and that he Ross "never made a mistake."

Defense plans to send a long procession of movie stars across the witness stand were wiped out earlier.

Judge Herbert V. Walker ruled yesterday that testimony could be introduced only concerning magazine stories already read into the record of the trial.

Judge Walker said this means that Defense Attorney Arthur J. Crowley cannot carry out his intention of calling upwards of 150 celebrities as witnesses. Crowley had said he planned to ask them if stories about them in the magazines are true.

Reiterates Testimony

The ruling came on a day which produced these other developments:

1. Former Theater Employee James Craig reiterated his testimony that Actress Maureen O'Hara and a Latin American male actor (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Fear Russ Plan Mideast Sub Base

By United Press
Official quarters in London said today there is mounting evidence the Soviet Union intends to establish a submarine base in the Middle East as a follow up to its victory in Syria.

A Soviet submarine base in Syria, or one controlled by Russia, would outflank the Baghdad Pact powers, lessen the effectiveness of the American 6th Fleet and would change the strategic picture in the Mediterranean.

The reports coincide with growing fears in the Arab World itself that the Soviets were becoming too well entrenched. Mideast reports said Syrian President Sukri el Kuwaty was being approached for a "last resort" Arab conference to halt the Soviet advance.

Unconfirmed rumors circulating in Beirut, Lebanon, said Russia was pouring in technicians and civilians to speed the "takeover" of Syria. There was no confirmation of these reports in official quarters.

Reds Aggression, Heds Warn Britain

By International News Service
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 20.—Russia warned Britain in the U. N. Security Council today to halt its "aggression" in Oman or face "serious consequences."

Soviet Ambassador A. A. Sobolev, in an obvious play to the Arabs, declared that the Soviet people are in "warm sympathy" with the Oman rebels against the British-backed Sultan of Muscat and Oman.

He accused "British and American oil companies" of promoting the "fully unjustified" invasion of British armed forces" of the Persian Gulf sultanate.

Britain earlier declared that it helped check the recent Oman revolt in order to stop "subversive forces that are so active everywhere" in the Middle East.

Sobolev demanded that the Security Council consider the "well grounded demand" by 11 Arab states that it "take effective steps to end the aggression by Britain," adding:

"This aggression can but complicate the situation in the Middle East and can only lead to serious consequences."

He Leaves 'Ringside Of Heavens'



SINGER TESTIFIES—Mylee Anderson, right, 22-year-old singer, appears in court with Mrs. Marjorie Meade, left, after she testified in the Confidential trial in Hollywood. Miss Anderson admitted she was the girl described in the magazine articles, "That Rug Party in the Girls' Service Office." (United Press Telephoto)

Air Force officials said Maj. David Simons started his descent at 10:15 a. m., after more than 26 hours aloft. Simons had reportedly completed the tests and experiments in his pressurized capsule.

"I have had a ringside view of the heavens—it is indescribable," Major Simons said.

An Air Force spokesman said tracking crews were not certain of the area where Simons would land, for weather conditions were still unsteady.

Lot of Clouds

"He has a lot of cloud coverage to break through yet," the spokesman said.

"Any slight variation in the winds could make a considerable difference in where he lands."

Major Simons had soared to a record altitude for manned balloon flights during his space voyage.

Earlier today, officials ordered him to begin his descent after large cumulus clouds appeared to be shaping up to the west of his original landing area.

However, a wind shift lofted the balloon northeastward about 50 miles from the Sisseton, S. D., area to Breckenridge, Minn. Simons' orders then were changed.

Extensive Reading

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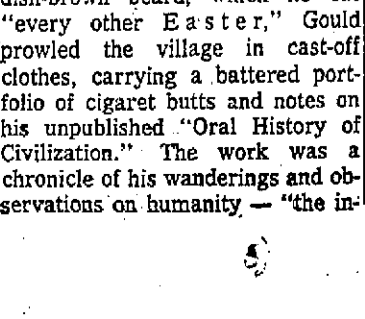
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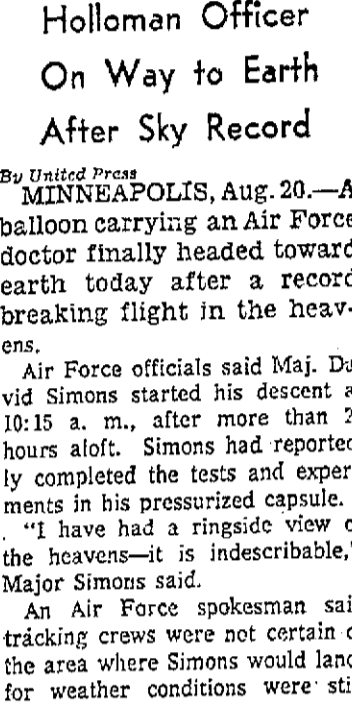
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What Will '58 Car Models Be Like?

What'll they be like in '58?

The exciting new car models are just about ready to emerge from their wraps—and what has been cooking is the industry's most carefully guarded secret.

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