

Texan Gets Apology After Chicago Officers Probe Suitcase Of Quarters

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Somewhere tonight there is a trusting Texan with nearly \$1,000 changed into bills from quarters.

And in Chicago there is a judge who will return \$10 bail bond to the lean stranger if the latter will write him.

It all started when James W. Carter, 42, of Dallas walked out of a Loop hotel, gave a cab driver a suitcase containing the quarters and asked him to take it to a bank and have the silver changed to folding money.

"How do you know I'll come back?" asked the driver.

"We Texans trust people," was the answer.

The trust wasn't misplaced. The driver brought the green stuff back to Carter and received a \$20 tip.

Hotel bellhops, impressed by the Texan's exploit, told him detectives and they thought it was so funny they would notify city detectives and let them laugh too.

Detective Emil Smickles popped into Carter's room in minutes and began to rile the Texan with questions.

Pretty soon Smickles was asking Carter questions in the detective bureau.

"What's your business," snapped Smickles.

"My business is none of yours," drawled Carter.

Carter was booked on a disorderly conduct charge, freed on \$10 bond, returned to his hotel and checked out, suitcase and all.

Said Judge Gutknecht in dismissing the charge and ordering the bond forfeited: "Our police shouldn't be so rude to a stranger. The suitcase of quarters was his own business."

"I apologize publicly to Carter for the city, and, if he will write me, I will return his \$10."

III Of Rare Malady, Kansan Owes Life To Borrowed Blood

Stanley Hughes, 16-year-old Belle Plains, Kansas, youth, is living literally on borrowed blood. By the end of August he had received over 250 blood transfusions.

Stanley is suffering from a rare blood disease—purpura—which causes him to bleed internally.

Four years ago, when Stanley's trouble began, he was hospitalized for several months, receiving about 26 blood transfusions to keep him alive.

"Then," he said, "my family had a hard time finding donors with the right type blood for me." Today it is a different story. The blood Stanley needs in his battle for life is supplied daily through the Wichita Regional Blood Center.

On the road to recovery after his first illness, Stanley returned to his home, but his progress was retarded by an attack of spinal meningitis. This time he has been in St. Francis Hospital, Wichita, almost continuously since January.

His parents and two sisters are regular blood donors through the Red Cross National Blood Program. In addition, other relatives and friends regularly donate blood through the regional center or when the bloodmobile visits their home county.

Between transfusions Stanley likes to listen to the radio, play records, or weave table mats.

Extension work has become a motive force for greater agricultural production and better rural life in many countries around the world.

Boosted Coffee Prices Described At Hearing, 5th

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senators looking into why coffee prices jumped to the sky were told today that one Washington chain store marked up some of its old coffee stocks nine cents a can when wholesale prices started booming.

Chairman Guy M. Gillette (Democrat, Iowa) of a Senate agriculture subcommittee, promptly accused some retailers of raising prices on stocks on hand as soon as they learn of a rise in manufacturers' prices.

If they would be as quick to follow-up on a price decrease, he commented, "maybe things would equalize."

Mark-Up Testimony
The mark-up testimony was given by George McLaughlin, 80-year-old retired government clerk, as the subcommittee opened its investigation into skyrocketing coffee prices. He said he watched a clerk in a Safeway store mark up the price of Borden's Instant Coffee from 42 cents to 51 cents a jar. He submitted the jar's lid as evidence.

J. Arnold Anderson, Washington "price maker" for the chain, admitted the mark up, but said it was made three weeks after the manufacturer raised his price above Safeway's retail price.

Asked About Bureau
Subcommittee Counsel Paul Hadlich interrupted testimony by Edward G. Cale, deputy director of the State Department's Middle American Affairs Division, to ask Cale about the Pan American Coffee Bureau of New York.

Hadlich wanted to know what the department would do if it were determined the bureau "is in fact a cartel operating to create artificially higher prices in coffee." Cale said he could not reply because there was no precedent.

Coffee-Dumping
Hadlich then said bureau officials will testify next Monday and will be asked about reports

of coffee dumping and other expedients to keep prices up. John C. Gardner, president of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, blamed the price rises on "scare buying" by housewives who, he said, were frightened into hoarding by "inflammatory" newspaper stories.

Fraud Charged Filed Against College

Charlotte, Dec. 7.—The FBI today announced that fraud charges has been filed against Southeastern Peoples College of Charlotte in connection with claims for GI tuition.

Charles W. Brown, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office, said the charges of fraud and conspiracy to defraud the government named the college and two of its officers, Mrs. Marion Poplin Leggett and Mrs. Virginia Lanier Lovin.

About 1,200 veterans are enrolled at the school under the GI bill. The school offers business and secretarial courses.

The defendants will be given a hearing before a U. S. commissioner here Monday.

The amounts of the alleged frauds were not listed.

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