

From The POLICE BLOTTER

Police discovered evidence of a break-in at Prince's Seafood Market on South Main Street early Wednesday morning.

Officers found that a rear window of the building had been broken and \$145 in cash had been stolen. Also missing was a small pistol which had been taken from the store.

According to Chief L. W. Stanton the case is still under investigation.

According to the Raeford Police Dept., two unidentified children have been vandalizing vacant houses in Robbins Heights and on East 6th Street.

In addition to this destruction of private property, local youths have been destroying stop signs and street markers at an unprecedented rate.

Chief Stanton has announced that when these vandals are apprehended their parents will be held responsible and prosecuted.

Real Cost of Insurance

NEW YORK—In real terms, the cost of basic automobile liability insurance actually has declined, the Insurance Information Institute reports. Based on the median national family income in each of the respective years, the cost was equal to 1.38 per cent of annual income in 1947 and to 1.03 per cent of annual income in 1967.



GIRL SCOUTS — Girl Scout day last Saturday was a big success, according to leaders. It began at 10:30 a.m. with a parade down Main Street. The parade was for girls, but this little boy either had a girl friend or a sister in the line-up and he kept pace from beginning to end.

First Transcontinental Railroad Set Off Nationwide Celebration

"The last rail is laid, the last spike driven," a telegraph key clicked. "The Pacific railroad is complete."

The news from Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869, thrilled the Nation. Bells rang in Washington, D. C. A magnetic ball dropped from a pole atop the Capitol dome. A four-mile-long parade wound through Chicago. "San Francisco annexes the United States!" California boasted.

From coast to coast, cannon fire hailed the linking of two rail lines at Promontory—one from the Missouri River and the other from Sacramento, California. The first transcontinental railroad was complete.

Legislation signed by President Abraham Lincoln on July 1, 1862, authorized the Union Pacific Railroad Company to build westward from the Missouri and the Central Pacific eastward from Sacramento, the National Geographic Society says.

The companies faced identical problems: Too few laborers and too many Indians. Both lines filled the labor shortage in colorful fashion.

Union Pacific hired Irish immigrants, ex-convicts, and war veterans. Central Pacific imported pig-tailed Chinese from Canton. Criticized for using such puny-looking workmen, construction boss Charles Crocker retorted, "They built the Great Wall of China, didn't they?"

Hostile Indians posed a more delicate difficulty. Central Pacific found an ingenious solution. Collis P. Huntington, one of the company's "Big Four," later explained:

"We gave the old chiefs a pass each, good on the passenger cars, and we told our men to let the common Indians ride on the freight cars whenever they saw fit."

Union Pacific's tactics proved less successful. As General William T. Sherman recalled, the crews futilely tried to distribute "enough whisky to kill all the Indians within 300 miles."

After feverish work across Sierra granite and Nevada flats, the two lines met in western Utah in early 1869. Neither admitted it. Anxious for government land and loans that accrued with each mile laid, the crews kept constructing-right past each other for

225 miles. Rival crews traded pot shots, rolled boulders at each other, and blasted opposing grades. Then Congress intervened.

The companies finally agreed to meet at the shack town of Promontory. The ceremony, a historian reported, was a "scene of low comedy" where "oratory and whisky flowed in about equal amounts."

A raucous audience of crewmen and spectators greeted the customary speeches. Then a golden spike—now enshrined at Stanford University—was inserted into a hole punched in a tie of California laurel. Central Pacific's Leland Stanford swung a silver sledge at the spike—and missed.

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Memorial Presbyterian Church in Southern Pines. The Chorale along with the Raeford Boy's Choir presented a sacred concert.

Some members of the EKOH annual staff accompanied by Mrs. Al Bruketa and Mr. Jerry Thompson went to Winston-Salem Tuesday, to watch the publishing procedures of a yearbook. This will help the annual staff to understand all the work that goes into publishing a yearbook.

Be sure to go out to the Hoke High Gym, Friday night at 7:30 for the Beta Club Talent Show. Admission is: Adults \$.75; Students \$.50; and Freshmen \$.25.

Hurricane Tragedies
NEW YORK—Eighteen Americans lost their lives in hurricanes in 1967, the Insurance Information Institute reports. Hurricanes have killed more than 5,000 persons in the last 50 years, including 1,856 in 1928, the worst year on record.

Teen-Age Thievery
NEW YORK—Two out of every three persons arrested for car theft are under 18 years of age, the Insurance Information Institute reports. Although many teen-agers are said to steal cars for joy-rides, almost a third of all recovered cars have been stripped and badly damaged.

From The SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

James L. McRae of Rt. 1 Shannon has been charged with a felony in the unlawful burning of a tenant house belonging to Alfred K. Leach.

According to the Sheriff's department, McRae was in a drunken state Saturday when he decided to burn some trash inside the dwelling.

When he had finished burning the trash it is alleged that McRae decided to put the building itself to the torch.

Insofar as it can be determined at this time, McRae was alone in his efforts.

In connection with another incident which was reported Saturday night, Bennie Bandy was charged with unlawfully assaulting his wife, Janie Bandy.

According to Sheriff Dave Barrington, Raymond Simmons of Rt. 1 Raeford claimed that he shot himself in the jawbone early Sunday afternoon at his home.

When sheriff's deputies were summoned to the scene, Simmons explained that he and some "friends" had been scuffling with a loaded 38 revolver when the weapon fell to the floor and went off, mysteriously wounding him in the cheek. The incident was the result of a "playful" quarrel.

The bullet lodged at the back of Simmons' jawbone on the right-hand side and had to be removed. He was not hospitalized for the injury however.

No charges have been made in connection with the mishap.

Insurers Assure Safety

NEW YORK—Safety engineers of the American Insurance Association check the fire defenses of more than 1,000 cities every year, the Insurance Information Institute says. To make cities safer, these insurance engineers observe fire departments in action, examine their equipment and city water supplies, and check for fire hazards in built-up areas.

Sunday School Lesson

"Most of us die of something," L. P. Jacks has written, "of disease, accident, old age. But occasionally there appears in our midst a man who resolves to die for something..." (L. P. Jacks, The Inner Sentinel, Harper & Bros., 1930).

Such a man was Jesus of Nazareth. He did not die of something so much as he died for something. His death, tragic as it was, was not a tragedy, but a triumph.

Still, we ask, why did Jesus have to die?

Was it because he wanted to die? Was it because God desired his death? Was he simply the helpless victim of a terrible fate that overtook him? These are important questions, for how we answer them tells us much about the meaning of his death for us and the significance of the cross for our own lives.

A look into the garden of Gethsemane on the night in which he was betrayed may give us some clue to these dilemmas. We do not have to guess what went through his mind that night. Mark tells us that he "began to be greatly distressed and troubled." (Mark 14:33) This may surprise us for we may have difficulty in envisioning that Jesus could feel pain as we do, could be troubled as we are, could know the same inner anguish that we know. Mark, however, tells us plainly of his struggle in Gethsemane and records for us these revealing words: "My heart is ready to break with grief; stop here and stay awake" (Mark 14:34 - New English Bible).

Why should Jesus feel his heart filled with "grief"? These may have been some of the troubling thoughts that disturbed him that night: My mission is at an end and yet so much to do...

My disciples seem to understand so little myself and my mission...

One of my dearest friends will betray me this night...

Before me—the disgrace and pain of the cross...

Will this really fulfill the mission for which I came?

Perhaps you can think of others?

Obviously, Jesus did not seek death. There was in him the same will to live common to all of us. He did not seek death any more than we would. Yet, he knew how closely death hovered over him and how little time he had with which to choose to either face it or flee.

Jesus reached out to two kinds of fellowship on that crucial evening:

"And he took with him, Peter and James and John..."

"And he said to them, 'My soul is very sorrowful... remain here and watch.'"

Jesus, the most self-sufficient man who ever lived, reached out to human fellowship that night. He faced the terrible hour with his friends, not asking them for advice, but for their presence in his time of need. Often it is this same kind of human fellowship that we are challenged to give. We are not asked to say something so much as to be something, to "stand by" with someone when they need us.

He sought another fellowship as well: "He fell on the ground and prayed... 'Abba, Father'... Even in these moments he could still address God as 'Father.' No matter how grim was the hour before him, Jesus knew he remained in the Father's hands.

From the fellowship of that night there came the reaffirmation of his commitment to his mission: "...not what I will, but what thou wilt." (Mark 14:36 RSV) There was only one way that the "cup" could be taken from him, to abandon his mission. That was a price he would not pay. His mission came first. Not even death on a cross could change that.

NOT A HANDOUT

Local governments pay an average 22% of CARE's costs under self-help contracts to build schools, clinics, water systems and other community resources. Villagers give any materials and labor they can. Contributions to the CARE Self-Help Program, New York 10016, are then used to buy whatever else is needed—work tools, cement, roofing, pipes, hardware, doors.

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