

\$123 'PILLOW THEFT' CHARGED TO YOUTH

A 19-year-old youth was arrested last night as a suspect in the theft of \$123 from George Shepler, 605 Cherry Street.

Mr. Shepler reported the money was stolen from beneath the pillow upon which he was sleeping last night. The money was found on the youth's person, Patrolmen Clarence Schroeder and Harold Stevens said.

GIRL BANDIT AIDS IN STORE HOLDUP

Pair Bind Manager, Clerk,
Two Children in Grocery;
Loot Cash Register

A pretty, 20-year-old girl bandit and a man accomplice Monday held up a Kroger store at 1608 Cherry street, bound and gagged the manager, Lawrence Dunn, a clerk and two children, took all the money in a cash register, and fled out Cherry street.

The girl entered the store first. Nonchalantly brandishing the revolver, she ordered the manager, the clerk and the two children into a corner and commanded them to be quiet.

Her accomplice then entered the store and, as scores traveled up and down Cherry street, the two tied the four so they could not interfere with the robbery.

The girl and man then went thru the cash drawer hurriedly and extracted all the money. An accurate check could not be made directly after the holdup occurred.

Freeing himself and obtaining a revolver, Dunn ran from the store, sighted the holdup pair, and chased them up Cherry street. Police were called and joined in the chase.

FAMILY BANDIT GROUP ESCAPES IN STOLEN CAR

Man, Woman and Child Are
Principals in Daring
Holdup of Store

FLEEING CAR CRASHES

Pretty Companion of Robber
Wields Gun as Baby
Remains Outside

With a happy Christmas for their 4-year-old boy as their evident incentive, a man and pretty 20-year-old wife Monday held up a Klinger grocery at 1608 Cherry street and took \$90.

The bandit couple, with their child, escaped by forcing Henry Vehon, 155 Islington street, to lend them his car after their auto had crashed at Cherry street and Franklin avenue.

Police failed to overtake the robbers.

GUNS ARE DRAWN.

The woman entered the store first, leaving the man and the child outside in an auto police say was stolen Nov. 13 in Wheeling, W. Va. In a few minutes, the man entered, ordering cigarets and celery.

As L. W. Drumm, 2103 N. 14th street, store manager, reached for the celery, the man covered him with a revolver.

Simultaneously, the woman covered Richard Robedeau, 16, of 2255 N. 12th street, the clerk waiting on her. Both were forced into the back room, along with Earl Cole, 9, and his brother Carl, 8, of 717 E. Bancroft street, there to obtain kindling wood.

MONEY UNSATISFACTORY.

After the four had been tied with cord and bound with handkerchiefs, the man and woman opened the cash drawer. They took \$90, and apparently dissatisfied with this amount the woman said to her husband: "Go ahead, shoot 'em!"

The pair fled to their waiting auto and drove out Cherry street. Drumm, freeing himself of his bonds, ran into the street, commandeered an auto and gave chase. Following a zig-zag course which led to Franklin avenue, the bandit machine headed back toward Cherry street in an effort to get out of the city.

BANDIT CAR CRASHES.

At the Cherry-Franklin intersection, the bandit auto crashed into and locked bumpers with the auto of Henry W. Kemper, 44, of 419 Indiana avenue. The bandit flashed a revolver on Kemper, but finding he could not take Kemper's auto, he leveled his gun at Vehon, who was en route downtown and forced him to leave the car.

The bandit pair pushed the child into Vehon's car and drove down Franklin avenue. They were not seen again and it is believed they cut back to Cherry street and left the city by this route.

DOG LEFT BEHIND.

Police separated Kemper's auto from the bandit machine and found in the car a furiously-barking wire-haired terrier six weeks old, two suitcases, an overnight bag and a set of West Virginia and a set of Missouri license plates.

In the suitcases were several articles of clothing for the child, a blackjack and several rounds of ammunition, two watches and other wearing apparel.

The man was about 35 years old and was well dressed. The girl, much younger, wore a fur coat.

BLAMED IN CRIME SERIES.

At the time of the holdup, the car bore Michigan license plates.

Police said they believed the pair had followed a devious route over several states, holding up stores and changing license plates after each holdup. Ordinarily, it was believed, the woman and child would enter a store and act as foil for the man, who would enter and hold up the store.

A gold pencil and \$3 in cash were taken from Drumm, in addition to the money taken from the cash register.

BANDITRY DOG'S LIFE, SAYS DESERTED PUP



A bristling, black and white fur bundle from which peered two plaintive eyes—the dog who wanted his master—was left in the abandoned auto of a bandit who Monday held up and robbed

a Kroger store at 1608 Cherry street.

Forced to flee, the bandit and his wife took a four-year-old boy from the auto, but left the dog. The wire-haired fox terrier shown above clung closely to policemen who took him from the auto.

POLICE FAIL TO FIND BANDIT FAMILY CLEW

Man, Woman and Child Escape After Store Robbery

Police Tuesday said the auto abandoned by a bandit family when it was wrecked as the family escaped after holding up a Kroger grocery at 1608 Cherry street Monday, had failed to furnish clues to the identity of the robbers.

Suitcases and West Virginia and Missouri auto license plates were being checked Tuesday, but police had abandoned hope of capturing the bandits thru these. The auto was stolen Nov. 13 in Wheeling, W. Va. A 6-week-old wire-haired terrier was left behind by the bandits when they wrecked their own machine and forced H. L. Vehon, 155 Islington street, to give them his car.

The bandits, a young woman and a 35-year-old man, left a 4-year-old boy in their car when they entered the Kroger store. They held up L. W. Drumm, 2103 N. 14th street, store manager; Richard Robedeau, 16, of 2255 N. 12th street, a clerk, and Earl Cole, 9, and his brother, Carl, 8, of 717 E. Bancroft street.

GUN GIRL'S WORK HERE IS CHECKED

Two Store Robberies Traced to Daring Gun Girl Seized in Arizona

Toledo police began a thoro check Wednesday to determine the exact number of holdups staged in Toledo by Mrs. Irene Schroeder and the blond bandit's male companion during their brief but violent career of banditry in this city.

The cool-headed gunwoman is known to have taken part in at least two Toledo Kroger store robberies only a few days before the fatal shooting of Corporal Brady Paul, the Pennsylvania state trooper. A number of other holdups were staged in Toledo and nearby towns by a man and a woman about the same time and detectives are making inquiry to determine if any of these could be added to the long list of crimes charged to Mrs. Schroeder and her companions.

AIDED IN ROBBERY.

In one of the holdups here, in which the woman assisted in tying up the victims, she urged her man companion to "bump off" the proprietor of the store. This holdup was staged while her small son played with his pet puppy in the bandit auto outside the store.

Lawrence Lenfesty, 708 Fernwood avenue, manager of a Kroger store at 1156 Dorr street, which was held up by the couple, Dec. 20, said Wednesday that a receipted bill of the Northwestern Ohio Gas Co., bearing the name of "Meredith Lenfesty" and found in the abandoned bandit car by the officers at Phoenix, was taken from his billfold during the robbery. Mrs. Lenfesty's first name is Meredith.

Lenfesty was waiting on another customer when the man and woman entered his store. The bandits quietly waited until the patron had left and then, with sneers on their faces, drew revolvers. They took \$62 from the cash register and searched Lenfesty's billfold, which contained nothing but the receipted bill. The bandits left Lenfesty bound and gagged in the rear storeroom.

The other holdup occurred two days before Christmas in a Kroger store at 1608 Cherry street. Two customers, a clerk and the manager, L. W. Drumm, were ordered into a rear room and bound by the woman, while the man stood by with a pistol covering the victims.

When Drumm made a remark to the woman she turned to the bandit and exclaimed: "Why don't you bump this guy off?"

CHASES BANDITS.

As soon as they had left, taking \$90 from the cash register, Drumm managed to squirm out of his bonds.

He gave chase to the bandits in his own auto and overtook the fugitives after their car had collided with another auto at Cherry street and Franklin avenue.

As Drumm rushed up, the woman, with the utmost self-possession, produced her revolver and held him at bay. Her companion then stopped an auto driven by L. H. Vehon, 155 Islington street, and forced him out of the machine. The 4-year-old boy, who had been left in the disabled bandit auto, was snatched up by the woman and the couple escaped in the stolen car.

SHOOT TROOPER.

It is believed that, after this exploit, the couple fled from the city. Four days later they shot Corporal Paul down near Butler, Pa.

When the bandit car was abandoned here, the man and woman left a small black and white puppy. The dog was found by the police and taken to the animal pound.

Toledo police believe now that Mrs. Schroeder's brother, J. W. (Tom) Crawford, may have been the man who took part with her in the Toledo robberies as he apparently had been in Ohio recently. One of the slips found in their car at Phoenix bore the name "J. W. Crawford, Concord, O."

BANDIT QUEEN, SEIZED BY POSSE IN ARIZONA, ADMITS HER IDENTITY

'Sure, I'm Irene Schroeder,' Says Daring Gunwoman Wanted in Toledo for Robbery, and in Pennsylvania as Murderess

INDIAN CHIEF TRACKS HER TO LAIR

Bloodhounds Aid in Capture of Woman, Two Men Accomplices in Desert Ravine; Murder Charges Are Filed

By United Press.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 15.—Three transcontinental fugitives, one of them Irene Schroeder, "family bandit" leader, fleeing from murder charges in Pennsylvania, came to the end of their trail in jail here Wednesday, the victims of a relentless Indian chief tracker.

The woman, captured in a mesquite wilderness with her two men companions after a running pistol battle with deputy sheriffs, admitted Wednesday she is wanted in Pennsylvania on charges of murdering a highway patrolman at Butler

"Sure I'm Irene Schroeder, but I don't know anything about any killings," she was quoted by Charles Wright.

"One of the men is Glen Dague my husband, and the other is Joe F. Wells, a fellow we picked up in Texas," she said.

FACE MURDER CHARGE.

Wells at first was thought to be J. W. Crawford. Irene Schroeder's brother, but Sheriff Wright said he

For pictures dealing with Irene Schroeder's Toledo holdups and escapades, see first page, second section. Additional details on Page 2.

believed that Wells was identified correctly as a former Texas convict who was released Christmas day.

"My brother is long gone," the woman said, "they'll never catch him."

CAPTURED



Irene Schroeder.

Pittsburgh authorities telegraphed that the woman, Dague and Crawford are charged with the murder of Corporal Brady Paul, state highway patrolman, after a holdup at Butler, Pa., on Dec. 27.

Sheriff Wright said the woman contended she and Dague were married, altho Pennsylvania reports described Dague as her sweetheart.

IRENE EXHAUSTED.

The woman and two men, dusty and almost exhausted after their flight across the country, ran into a barricade of western peace officers in this territory and were brought to the Phoenix jail Tuesday night when they were captured after a battle in the desert near Laveen, a small settlement.

All the ancient and modern methods of man-hunting were brought into play before the trio was captured. First sighted at Chandler, Ariz., the trio shot its way across the desert in front of possemen, kidnaping a deputy, wounding him and another before they finally were cornered in the underbrush.

CHIEF FINDS TRAIL.

Bloodhounds were called from the state penitentiary, airplanes droned over the desert and possemen rode in fast motor cars. Leo Sandust, Pima Indian chief, picked up their trail and followed it relentlessly along a ravine. A nickel-plated pistol, in the hands of one of the trio from the east, flashed in the sun and Sandust pointed the posse toward a glint.

The trio fired a few times but surrendered when the futility of fighting desert men with short-barreled nickel-plated pistols became apparent.

DOG DESERTED HERE BY GUNWOMAN HAPPY



OUT in the late west in true frontier fashion, Mrs Irene Schroeder and her two bandit companions had been captured Wednesday.

But here in Toledo an innocent companion of their bandit exploits licked his chops, wagged his tail and begged for more dog biscuit. He is "Curly" mascot and pet of the blond trigger woman who is held for the murder of a Pennsylvania state policeman.

"Curly" was abandoned in an auto used in one of the two Toledo hold-ups. On that occasion little "Curly" had been left outside a Kroger store with Connie, the trigger woman's small son, and they played together while the mother and a male companion robbed the grocery.

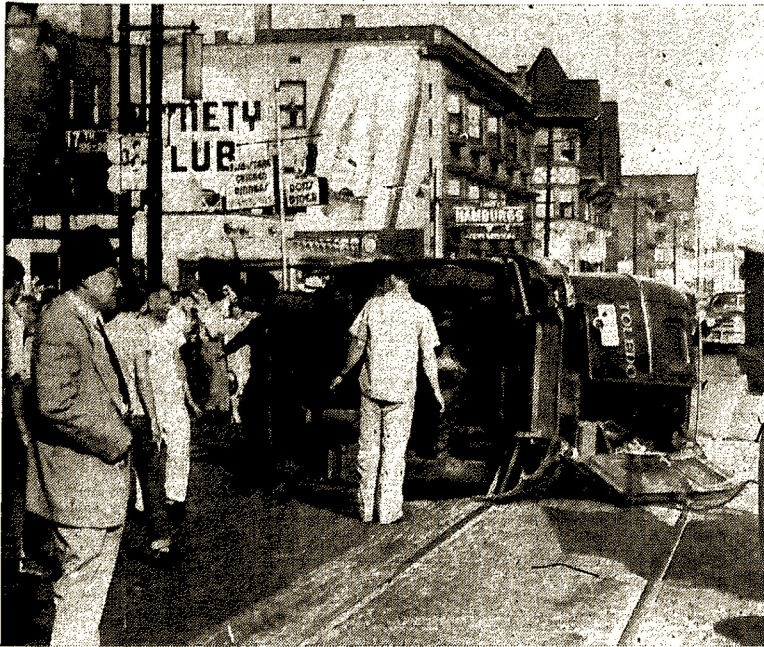
But "Curly" has a real mistress and a new master now, and he loves them better than he ever could anyone else. They are Eileen and Bobby Stevens, shown in the picture with the dog. They are the children of Patrolman Harold Stevens of 819 Euclid avenue, who took "Curly" home after finding him in the gun-woman's car.

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PATROLMAN REINSTATED

Harold Stevens, former city patrolman, who was dismissed by Safety Director John Price July 16 on a charge of failing to make box calls was given a modification of sentence today by Civil Service Commission. The commission changed the sentence to a 60-day suspension. Stevens will return to work Sept. 16.

Two Die, Trio Hurt In Police Car Crash



—Times Photo

Two persons were killed and three were injured yesterday when this police patrol car, on an emergency run, collided with an automobile at Monroe and Seventeenth Sts. Patrolman Harold Stevens, 52, of 722½ Main St., driver of the patrol, and Phillip Doss, 27, of 1520 Collingwood Blvd., a passenger in the other car, were injured fatally. Both vehicles overturned at the intersection.

Patrolman Killed On Emergency Run To Hospital

Two persons were killed and three injured yesterday when a police patrol car on an emergency run to Mercy Hospital collided with a passenger car at Monroe and Seventeenth Sts.

Dead are Patrolman Harold Stevens, 52, of 722½ Main St., veteran police officer of 26 years who was driving the patrol car, and Phillip Doss, 27, of 1520 Collingwood Blvd., a passenger in the other car.

Injured were Patrolman Louis L. Cichy, 52, of 131½ Pinewood Ave., who was riding in the rear of the wagon with Thomas Odom, 36, of 9 Erie St., a cutting victim; Mrs. Ruby Doss, 25, of 1520 Collingwood Blvd., and Curtis E. Caudill, 19, also of 1520 Collingwood Blvd.

Driver Arrested

Patrolman Cichy suffered an arm injury and was treated at Mercy Hospital and released. Admitted to the hospital were Mrs. Doss, who



PATROLMAN STEVENS

suffered head injuries. Mr. Caudill was arrested on a charge of failing to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle and as a material witness. Bond was set at \$5,000.

The two patrolmen had answered an emergency call at 717 Monroe St., where they found Mr. Odom sitting on the curb bleeding from a knife wound in his throat.

En route to Mercy Hospital the police vehicle collided with Mr. Caudill's car. Both vehicles overturned after the impact. Patrolman Stevens was thrown from the patrol

Two Dead

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car. His skull and neck were fractured when the car fell on him, Deputy Coroner Irvin McConnell said. Mr. Doss, who also was thrown from the vehicle in which he was riding, died of a fractured skull and internal injuries, according to Dr. McConnell.

Cutting Suspect Held

A pumper from No. 8 Fire Station was dispatched to the scene to flush spilled oil and gasoline from the pavement.

Mr. Odom was admitted to Mercy Hospital. William Massey, 20, of 9 North Erie St., where the cutting occurred, admitted wounding Mr. Odom and is being held for investigation in the Safety Bldg., police said.

Patrolman Stevens was appointed to the force March 16, 1922. He won the praise of his superior officers in February, 1946, when he chased and shot a car theft suspect in the 1900 block of Erie St.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marion Stevens; his son, Robert Stevens, and two daughters, Miss Eileen Stevens, a student nurse at Riverside Hospital, and Miss Ruth Stevens.

The body is at the Worth Clegg Mortuary.

Mr. Doss's body was taken to Bernard Day Mortuary.