

Keen Perception Is Key to Burglary at Wauconda Saturday

Keen perception by Oscar Pfuge, Wauconda night watchman, brought quick solution of a crime in that community early Saturday morning. Raymond Krell, 21 year old, awaits grand jury action charged with breaking into the gas station operated by Herman Malman at Wauconda.

Krell was on his way home about 12:30 a. m. when he met Patrolman Pfuge, who noticed dirt and mud stains on his trousers.

A few minutes later Pfuge discovered the burglary. He found a window had been broken and forced open, and he noticed marks where the prowler's body had come in contact with the wall.

Pfuge suspected Krell and notified the sheriff's radio squad. The deputies and Pfuge found Krell in bed. When first questioned he denied knowledge of the crime. He later admitted breaking into the place and taking \$3.60 from a vending machine.

Krell was removed to the county jail for a hearing before justice of the peace, Henry F. Wallenwein.

Charges Against His Department Refuted By County Assessor

In a statement made to the press this week, John S. Clark, assessor for Cook county, answered charges that his department was allowing confidential information to be given parties not entitled access to his records. Following is the defense offered by Mr. Clark:

"Word came to my last week that Governor Henry Horner had received a few protests that information contained in certain federal income tax returns had been divulged to persons other than the individual taxpayer. I also received information that District Attorney Michael L. Igoe had received two or three anonymous telephone calls. This news was not surprising to me in the least because a few disgruntled persons who are to be legally taxed for the first time on their valuable holdings still can not understand why their easily concealed stocks and bonds should not continue to be free from legal taxes, as they had been in the past. On the other hand there are thousands of owners of this same class of property who are willing to pay their taxes in accordance with law.

"The federal income tax returns should have been available to me for local tax purposes last year, but again a comparative few were able to hold up this important tax information more than a year.

"We now have the returns and for the first time in the history of Cook County a uniform assessment is being made. It will not produce more money to spend, but will result in a decreased tax rate for this year. Under the program all honest taxpayers will be benefited, for the reason that others who formerly were able to evade their legal share will now be forced to pay. Some of them seem to appear to take it very hard.

"It is unfair to allow a constructive program such as this to be embarrassed by a few people of means who desire the other fellow to pay, in addition to his own taxes, their share of taxes.

"If Governor Horner refuses to allow me to peruse the federal income tax returns of 1936 the harm is being done the honest tax-

payers and the good work now done to equalize taxes in Cook County will be curtailed.

"The charges made are untrue. The information contained in our files is guarded as strictly as it is by the Federal government. My employees are all placed under oath not to divulge the information to any one but the property owner. In addition thereto, any employee of my office, including myself, is subject not only to a fine but also a jail sentence if the federal law is violated.

"On account of the seriousness of these charges I think I have a right to demand of Governor Horner that the names of the parties making these charges be given to both the public and myself. I am willing to face both his Excellency, the governor, and the complaints. I also respectfully request the District Attorney, Michael L. Igoe to investigate my office on this matter so that the public may know as to whether or not the federal law has been violated."

The Heart is Busy

Normally, the heart forces all five quarts of the body's blood through the circulatory system about once a minute. This can fluctuate from four quarts a minute when the body is at rest, and nine quarts a minute during moderate exercise, up to sixteen quarts a minute during violent physical exertion. A drop of blood can make its round trip through the circulatory system in twenty-two seconds. Each hour, says a writer in Literary Digest, the heart swishes a barrel of blood through the body, seven and a half tons of blood a day.

In twenty-four hours the heart performs work equivalent to lifting a one-ton elevator to a height of eight stories.

Poinsettias for Christmas Cheer

By The Master Gardener

It wouldn't be Christmas without our cheerful poinsettias! But don't you often wish you could keep your beautiful gift plants in good condition for a longer time? And would you like to know what to do to carry your poinsettias over for growth another year?

First of all, it's well to know the poinsettia is native to the semi-tropics, having been discovered in Mexico by an American minister to that country, Joel R. Poinsett, for whom it was named. Being of a semi-tropical nature, it consequently requires warmth and humidity if we are to prevent the dropping of leaves caused by the transfer from the humid air of the greenhouse to the dry air of the average dwelling.

The poinsettia needs sun; it needs a warm moist atmosphere, as stated above; and plenty of water when blooming. It thrives best in a temperature ranging from 70 to 80 degrees. It is sensitive to sudden changes in temperature and must never be placed in a direct draft. If the temperature drops much below 60 at night the leaves will begin to turn yellow and drop prematurely.

When you receive your plant, place it in a sunny window promptly. To maintain the necessary humidity in the atmosphere surrounding the plant, place the pot in a saucer of damp sphagnum moss. Water regularly, twice a day if necessary. If the air is dry, sprinkle the top daily.

Remember that the leaves will fall if the plant gets too dry or too cold; also it will lose its foliage if

drainage is not good and the soil becomes waterlogged.

Apply a pinch of complete balanced plant food every two weeks, and water in well.

If cared for properly, the plant should remain presentable all through January. By that time leaves begin to fall, and the plant is entering its dormant state. Allow the soil to dry off gradually, then place the plant, pot and all, on its side on the basement floor, and just forget about it for the following three months. The plant will dry up and to all appearances seem to be without life.

In late April or early May, repot, using a good potting soil, enriched with a half teaspoon of complete balanced plant food per quart of soil; thoroughly mix the plant food with the soil. Also place a piece of charcoal in the bottom of the pot, to keep the soil sweet. Before repotting, wash all the old dirt off of the roots of the plant, and cut the stems back to a height of 4 to 8 inches—one or two joints above the soil. Place the newly potted plant in a sunny window, and give water gradually. When new growth starts, water regularly; also feed every six weeks with a complete balanced plant food.

using about a level teaspoonful for a 6 to 10 inch pot.

When all danger of frost is over, sink pot and all in a semi-shady situation in the garden where plenty of light and good circulation of air, but not too strong sunlight, is available. Keep well watered during the summer, but keep the plant starchy by pruning.

Bring in the house about September 1, as the poinsettia is very sensitive to cool nights. By bringing indoors early, the plant also has a chance to acclimate itself to the indoors atmosphere gradually. Keep in a sunny window and out of drafts, and water well; spray the leaves with clear water every 4 or 5 days. If the pot is

sunk in a larger pot filled with peat moss, and this peat moss is kept moist, it will provide the moist atmosphere needed. Feed every two weeks with a pinch of a complete balanced plant food. Late in November, the "flowers" or colored bracts should begin to show, and by Christmas the plant should be in bloom.

Ohio Once Had Many Snakes

Snakes once were so numerous in many sections of early Ohio that the settlers would organize snake hunts. Armed with clubs, axes and guns, the farmers would comb a section of the forest from morning to night, leaving hundreds of poisonous serpents dead in their wake.

The Well-Balanced Diet must consist of protein, carbohydrates and fats, with adequate vitamins and minerals. A person engaged in mental work needs about 2,500 calories per day. The diet should contain animal protein, either eggs or meat, some cereals, as bread; fats, as butter and cream; with fruits and a variety of vegetables to furnish minerals and vitamins.

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