

JUST A THIEF

An Editorial

An issue of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin included an article that tells in considerable detail about a breed of criminals that prey on every honest consumer and retail distributor—the shoplifter. Shoplifting is big business, and shoplifters unlike other law violators “— come in a wide range of ages and represent every walk of life. They use dozens of techniques to steal merchandise from stores varying in size from the small corner grocery to the largest retailer in the country. They steal anything from a 5-cent candy bar to items with price tags in the thousands of dollars”.

According to the Bulletin, theft in the retail industry has been estimated in billions of dollars per year. Retailers in one city with a population of nearly a million estimated shoplifting losses at a million dollars a month. Since many stores, notably large volume supermarkets, operate on a slim one per cent of net profit, a dollar lost to shoplifting means that \$100 in sales must be rung up to offset the loss. It takes no expert to figure out that with shoplifting running into the billions of dollars annually retail distributors have no choice but to cover part of the loss with higher prices.

Through some weird mental process, shoplifters do not consider themselves thieves. In the words of the FBI Bulletin, shoplifting is considered by many, otherwise well intentioned people, as something other than larceny, sneak thievery, stealing, or a criminal violation. Perhaps the best way to curb shoplifting would be to brand a practitioner of the art in the eyes of society for what he is — a thief.

LIFE'S BIGGEST BARGAIN

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The St. Louis County (Mo.) Medical Society Bulletin presents an interesting comparative study of the financial side of a doctor's life. “Sixty years ago when the life expectancy was about 45 years — it is now about 70 years — a doctor could open his office for about \$1,000 and operate it for a whole year for probably another \$1,000. Now any doctor having any kind of office space would pay more than that for rent alone. Many doctors have an overhead of \$24,000 per year or \$2,000 per month — bills that must be paid before the doctor can begin to earn anything for himself — On the basis of increased costs of operation, and present prices, doctors have not increased their charges as have bricklayers, plumbers, barbers, yard men, or carpenters. Doctors' charges today are lower by comparison with the living cost index than they were in 1907, 1927, and 1947”.

Another phase of the doctor's financial life that should be kept in mind is the time in training. Most doctors spend ten years or more of their lives acquiring the skills of their profession. Their investment in education runs into many thousands of dollars. It is largely because of this that the average person can now enjoy at least 25 more years of useful life than he could have looked forward to 60 years ago. If human longevity has any monetary value at all, the dollars we spend for medical care are life's biggest bargain.

THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS BASIC TO ALL YOUR AMERICAN FREEDOMS! Only as your Newspaper is free to print the facts, can you be free to know them. Only as you know the facts, can you act wisely in the best interests of your Community, as you see them. In America, there is plenty of room for opinions. **THERE IS NO ROOM FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO KNOW THE TRUTH!**

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50 YEARS AGO

August 2, 1918

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Dr. and Mrs. C. W. O'Donnell of Church Street welcomed a daughter at their home Monday. Miss Francis Beebe has accepted a position with the General Electric Company of Erie, Pa.
Mrs. Mike Dougherty and Miss Della Lynch of Andover spent a few days last week at the Lynch Homestead on South Hill.
Mrs. Ellen Conwell of Bradford and Mrs. Anna Gray of Sedgwick, are guests of their sister, Mrs. P. A. Dean and family of South Hill.

Mrs. Mary Snyder of East Valley went to Belmont Sunday where she will visit with her son, Henry Snyder and family for some time.

Miss Evelyn Pardon of East Valley, went to Elmira Tuesday for a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. Edythe Snyder has been spending a few days in Buffalo.

Mrs. Dell Hawkins was a guest of relatives in Wellsville Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Caroline Hinehart of New York City is passing her vacation with Andover friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harvey of Almond visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Strait Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bassett of Whitesville was a week-end guest at the home of her son, D. M. Green and other relatives.

Miss Maude Lee has returned to her duties in Dansville after spending a three weeks vacation with friends in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Babcock of Fulmer Valley were week-end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nobles.

Mrs. Erma Smith left Andover Friday for Washington State where her husband is located with the Aviation Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. David Brown of Wayland were guests at the home of U. W. Stratton Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Carrie White of Washington, D. C., arrived in Andover Thursday, called here by the serious illness of her father, R. C. White.

A mail route has been established between Canisteo, Greenwood and Rexville. The driver will make two trips a day.

40 YEARS AGO

August 3, 1928

J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers
Miss Augusta Elizabeth Will of Elm Valley and Leon S. Phelps of Saratoga Springs were united in marriage Monday, July 30th.

Mrs. W. S. Calhoun has purchased the Brundage residence on Pleasant Avenue.

Miss Gertrude Beebe has signed a contract to teach the seventh and eighth grades at the Bradford, N. Y. High School for the coming year.

Miss Wilda Burdick of Elm Valley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Waite of Rushford.

Doris Burdick is at her home in Elm Valley after spending several weeks with relatives in Hilton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaddock and three children of South Carolina, were guests of W. E. Densmore of Independence the past week.

Miss Rose Green of Tip Top is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. M. Crandall of Independence.

Mrs. Charles Dreher and daughters, Helen and Marianne of Grantstown, W. Va., are guests of her sister Mrs. John Illig of Independence.

Virli Kelly has been engaged to teach the Mead District No. 7 the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Meade visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hawks of Genesee, Pa., over Sunday.

C. H. Watson returned last Friday from the North where he had been on a trip with a Canadian Patrol party.

Miss Dorothy Snyder returned Wednesday from several weeks



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Senate and the Democratic - controlled Assembly during the session which ended a little more than a month ago.

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The other bill simply prohibits any county from cutting off emergency welfare aid to migrants. The bill merely states what was already law.

On one bill the politicians who see something in migrant laws for themselves tried to have it both ways.

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On May 22, the Senate passed a similar, but not identical bill (the distinction is important in the technical rules of both houses) and sent it to the Assembly, where it died in committee.

The result is no increase in state aid to educate migrant children.

During the last week of the session Rockefeller sent a special message to the legislature asking it to raise the minimum wage for migrants. This request was ignored. So were other bills raising the minimum to \$1.40 an hour — they died in committee.

There were no bills dealing with the filth and run-down conditions many have come to associate with migrant camps.

One bill would have required migrant farm owners to pay migrants their hourly wage during a machinery breakdown. That bill was killed.

So was a bill permitting persons to visit migrant camps during "reasonable" hours, and a bill requiring pay telephones to be installed.

A bill was killed which would have prohibited persons from bringing migrants into the state unless they had a health certificate from the state from which they came.

And another would have prevented migrants from coming into the state unless the "crew leader" had signed contracts with the men he hired in the state in which he hired them.

Still another bill would have changed the present law which says that any camp with four or less workers is exempt from public health provisions — the change would have made the law apply to all migrant camps.

That bill passed the Assembly on March 20. It was sent to the Senate, where it died.

Prof. and Mrs. Leon Cook and daughter of Rawleigh, N. C., arrived Friday to pass some time at their cottage.

Mrs. Emily Swain who has been visiting relatives in Canaseraga and other places, returned home Friday.

Mrs. A. M. Wood and daughter, Margaret, spent from Saturday until Monday with Miss Bell Loring of Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Horan of Schenectady are visiting his father, Henry Horan and other Andover relatives this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker and daughter, Ella, returned Friday from a vacation spent in Quebec and Calander, Canada.

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