

PORTERVILLE (CALIFORNIA) EVENING RECORDER
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Saturday, December 21, 1968

Youth Chooses Whipping Over 5 Years in Prison

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI)—A 17-year-old youth stripped to the waist yesterday in an Oklahoma City court room and was lashed 20 times on his bare back.

A leather whip was used on Scott Browning Grandstaff, Jr. He picked the whipping rather than spend five years in prison on conviction of receiving stolen cigarettes.

The beating brought "big tears" to the youth's eyes and bright red welts to his back.

District Judge Carmon Harris ordered the whipping and told Grandstaff that he would be sent to prison if he breaks the law again. The judge then suspended two concurrent five year prison sentences.

Grandstaff was given the choice of prison or a whipping.

Grandstaff was convicted of possessing 16 cartons of cigarettes taken in a grocery store burglary. He said friends had given him the cigarettes to sell. He had been given a suspended sentence last month for stealing.

In court, Judge Harris called on Grandstaff's brother-in-law to lead in later the whipping before the judge and other court officials.

Harris said, "He probably hasn't ever had any kind of corporal punishment but what he needs is a good whipping."

The whipping over, Judge Harris suspended sentence and sent the boy home. Then the judge talked about the punishment he had merited out.

He said, "I have tried deferred sentences and suspended sentences but this does not seem to do any good."

According to Harris,

PORTER THEATRE
10 EAST MAIN AVENUE
PHONE 354-0975
FOR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

LAST TIME TODAY
Candace Performance
From 1:30 P.M.

WEST SIDE STORY
Production "ROMEO & JULIET"
To be shown by United Artists
Phone 354-0975
7:30 and 9:30 P.M.

STARTS SUNDAY
THREE HAPPY DAYS!
CONTRIBUTOR BUREAU
FROM 1:30 P.M.

ELVIS PRESLEY
When you have to
LIVE A LITTLE
LOVE A LITTLE

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN MERRY LONDON
Mrs. Brown's Boys
The lovely daughters

HERMANS HERMITS
SANDY HOLLOWAY

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good state of dormancy. As far as Valencia is concerned, growers feel that if they were hurt they will have a chance to grow out of it.

Estimates of navel-harvest from area to area vary from 10 to 18 percent picked.

Meanwhile, the prorate has been lowered since the Christmas market has been supplied and harvest will now slack off, according to E.O. Mankins, county agricultural commissioner.

The California Highway patrol says Highway 99 between Grapevine and Gorman is now open in both directions and no chains are required. It had been closed by snow.

In the south, Los Angeles recorded the lowest temperature in 17 years for the date with 33.

More cold is expected today in Southern California with high ranging from 54 in Los Angeles to 28 mountain resort levels. Gusty winds will put added bite in the nippy weather.

Increasing cold is expected tonight with the mercury plummeting as low as 10 degrees above zero in upper desert areas. Los Angeles will have a low of 32 with highs ranging from 29 to 34.

Elsewhere, the second heavy snowfall in the state threatened the central plains today as sunnyprepared to fade to winter.

Winter doesn't begin officially until 2 p.m. (EST) this afternoon but it already is making itself felt. A storm of near blizzard proportions has parts of Arizona struggling and "winter warnings" are in effect.

Named as defendants are Marcus Rodriguez, 37, of Delano who was driver of a two-axle truck and trailer owned by Gibson's Concrete Pipe Co. of Delano, the company and five other drivers, Thomas Dunlap of Bell Gardens, Walton D. Rowe of Piedmont, Raymond A. Lee of Long Beach, Thomas L. Schoderbeck of Mountain View and Frank R. Keeran of Riverside.

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Trash Pickup Schedule Set
City officials, who yesterday advised local residents that trash pickup in all residential areas will be carried out Tuesday morning and then halted until the day after Christmas, have added to the pickup schedule.

Commercial pickup for stores along Main street and other areas of the city will be between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. There will be no pickup Christmas day.

Regular service will begin again Thursday morning.

Cupid Has Been A Busy Fellow
Records compiled by the Tulare county clerk show that more marriage licenses have been issued during 1968 than in any other year in Tulare county history.

By 5 p.m. Friday, a total of 1,501 licenses had been issued, breaking the record of 1,463 set in 1967. When records first were kept in 1915, 344 licenses were issued.

VEHICLES COLLIDE
A car operated by Melvin Charles Fossett, 17, 1903 East Crabtree, was picked up by Joseph Allen Davis, 38, 69 South Cottage, on Collins at South Main and Orange last night, during moderate damage to both vehicles. A citation to Fossett is pending for failure to yield right of way.



SANTA'S HELPERS—Sheriff's Lt. Lloyd Elmore and Matron Edna Chism of the jail division of the sheriff's department inspect dolls and stuffed animals restored by female inmates of the county jail in time for Christmas delivery to underprivileged children in the county. More than 100 will be distributed.

\$300,000 Suit Filed Over Crash

A suit seeking more than \$300,000 in general damages has been filed in Tulare county court today by the outgrowth of a 25-vehicle pileup on Highway 99 near Avenue 144.

Tipson last Dec. 26, Frances Hardesty of San Francisco, driver of one of the autos, and two of her passengers, Miguel Bordon and Frances Bordon, are plaintiffs in the action.

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Crash Claims Ninth Victim
A fatal crash which took the life of Ralph Daniel, 21, of Porterville, near El Centro on Wednesday has claimed its ninth victim.

Juan Vasquez, 19, of Calico, died in Pioneer Memorial hospital at Brawley Thursday night. He was the seventh person in a car bound for Blythe from Mexicali in which all were fatally injured.

The only survivor is Vernon Shaffer, 19, of Fremont, who was riding with Daniel and Theodore Rice, 17, also of Fremont. Daniel and Rice were killed. Shaffer is reported in fair condition at the Brawley hospital.

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POST URGES SUSPENSION OF EXPOSITION

SACRAMENTO (UPI)—Legislative analyst A. Alan Post has urged the legislature to consider suspension of the financially shaky California Exposition until it makes basic decisions on the project's future.

Post told an assembly government organization committee hearing yesterday in Sacramento that the state would be pouring what he called "good money after bad" if it continued to operate the attraction.

The exposition ended its first season this year with a \$1.5 million deficit. Visitors complained the unfinished expo was not worth the \$1.50 admission charge.

Post told the committee if the exposition runs a second year in 1969, it will be just "an expensive state fair." The exposition was billed as a "glittering showcase" when it was built to replace the 114-year-old State Fair. Post said Cal Expo could recover some of its investment if a Sacramento area convention center is built on the exposition grounds.

But representatives of the City of Sacramento told the committee that they believe such a center should be located downtown.

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Employees Honored At Party

A total of 13 city employees were honored last night during the annual Porterville City Employees' Christmas dinner and party held at the El Centro room.

President John Grayson presented five year pins to Bob Krager and Bill Voss; 10 year pins to Jim Henshaw, Will Layne, Walter Rutledge, Clarence Clark, and Lloyd Benton; 15 year pins to Reggie Slusser, 20 year pins to Max Farris, Francis Torgian, Dave Jambo, and Chester Slusser; and a 35 year pin to John Hulse.

Although he was a couple of months short of serving the city for five years, a special pin was awarded to Roy Pederson, city manager, who resigned recently.

Pederson was also honored with Maurine Staab and Clarence Clark who are also retiring or leaving city employment. Melba Laving presented gifts to the departing employees.

About 150 city employees, their families and guests attended the session which featured Santa Claus and Kenneth and David Slusser's magic act for the children.

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Explaining the export acreage feature of the cotton program, Rogers said a total reserve of 187,500 acres has been established for the 1969 upland cotton crop. A farmer is eligible to apply for a share of the reserve if he is operating the same farm in 1969 as in 1968 and if his farm had a cotton allotment in both years. For the 1968 crop year only 30,450 export acres were used by farmers.

The chairman said that a producer who requests and receives a share of the export acreage may plant this additional acreage without being subject to marketing quota penalties. The producer's acreage, however, to export all of the farm's cotton production, or price support will be available for cotton produced on the farm. Also, the cotton from any other farm in which the operator with export market acreage reserve has a substantial or controlling interest will not be eligible for upland cotton program payments or loans.

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A grower planting export acreage will post bond to guarantee that all of his cotton production will be moved into the export market without benefit of any price support. Failure to export the cotton would make the producer subject to damages at the marketing quota penalty rate of 50 per cent of the parity price for the amount of cotton not exported.

Bomb Scare Reported
Another bomb scare was reported yesterday, this one at Burton school. Secretary Julia Simpson told sheriff's officers a man telephoned at 2:30 p.m. and hung up after saying "There's a bomb hidden in your school."

Most of the pupils and teachers already had left the grounds to start Christmas vacation.

Deputy Larry Weeks said a thorough search disclosed nothing out of the ordinary.

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