

Check Pals For Clue to Smith Girl

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Smith College girls throughout the nation today were being contacted by police in the hope they may furnish some clue to the whereabouts of pretty Sylvia Plath, 20, brilliant student who vanished mysteriously two days ago. Wellesley Police Chief Robert B. MacVey said there was a small chance the missing girl may have got in touch with some of her school chums.

At the same time, police an scores of volunteers combed a five-mile stretch of woods that runs from his vicinity of the Plath home on Elmwood st., Wellesley, to the Weston line. Sylvia, a senior who topped the list of juniors last year, disappeared after leaving a note for her mother, Mrs. Aurelia S. Plath, Boston University professor, that she was "going for a hike." In the message, Sylvia said she would return on the following day.

SLEEPING PILLS GONE
Officers said they questioned a neighborhood youth who had dated Sylvia occasionally, but found he had not seen the girl for a week.

Fears for the girl's safety mounted when it was disclosed that a bottle of sleeping pills was missing from her mother's room.

Chief MacVey said the girl took no more than a few dollars and only the clothes she was wearing when she left home.

A large group of Boy Scouts joined the search that so far has covered most of the woods in the Wellesley area. Earlier, posses followed state police bloodhounds through the Lake Waban and Morse's Pond areas.

MISS SLEEPING
Mrs. Plath said she believed her daughter's actions were brought off by a temporary nervous affliction induced by her intensive application to literary work.

"She recently felt she was unworthy of the confidence held in her by the people she knew," said Mrs. Plath. "For some time, she has been unable to write either fiction or her more recent love poetry."

"Instead of regarding this as just an arid period such as every writer faces at times, she believed something had happened to her mind, that it was unable to produce creatively any more."

"Al though her doctor ascribed us this was simply due to nervous exhaustion, Sylvia was constantly seeking ways in which to blame herself for the failure, and became increasingly despondent."

OUTSTANDING PUPIL
Mrs. Plath was at first hopeful that her daughter might try to communicate with her sponsor, Mrs. Olive Higgins Prouty, authoress who wrote "Stella Dallas" and other books, but learned that Mrs. Prouty in vacationing in Maine from her Brookline home.

The girl, daughter of the late B. U. Prof. Otto Plath, won two college poetry awards and had stories and poems published in several leading national magazines.

Among relatives and volunteers taking part in the hunt for Sylvia is a close family friend, Col. Rex Gary, a former Army intelligence officer.

US Jets Collide, One Pilot Saved

TOKYO (AP)—Two U. S. F-80 Shooting Star Jets collided today off the coast of Kyushu. One pilot is missing. His name was withheld. Japanese fishermen rescued the other, Lt. Robert Jenks, Romeo, Mich., who bailed out.

"The Little Woman" Is Excited About LUCKY BUCKS

By LUCKY HUNT
WHEN I got home the Little Woman was wearing an expression like the cake fell, the Joneses had a new Caddy and she'd found out about that horse I had—the one that finally won. Oh, oh, here we go, I said to myself.

"What's this money game you're starting in the paper Monday?" she demanded.

"Lucky Buck Treasure Hunt," I said with relief. "I told you about it."

"I didn't pay attention," she said, "but all the neighbors are talking about it. How does it work?"

"Simple. We take the serial numbers from a flock of \$1 bills, put those bills in circulation, print the lucky numbers and folks look at their bills and maybe come up with a Lucky Buck."

"Then what?"

"Then they just cash in their Lucky Buck with us—it may be worth \$200 or \$100 or \$50 or a measly little \$25."

"Imagine that," she sniffed, "a measly little \$25 for all that work?"

"What work?" I said.

"That tiresome, tedious drudgery of looking at the numbers on dollar bills. And you're going to put new Lucky Bucks in circulation every day?"

RIGHT you are, Hon. The Record will put nine into circulation daily and print the numbers showing the cash-in value of each. Then The AMERICAN puts a half dozen more into circulation each day and prints those lucky numbers along with the Record's list, and so on. Then the Sunday Advertiser comes along with 10 more new numbers.

"So in a week's time there'll be Lucky Bucks all over the place."

"All over the place—\$600 worth every day."

"And I might pick one up?"

Oh, oh, I thought. Here's the joker.

"Look, Hon," I said. "We can't play it. I work for the paper and no families of those who work for the paper can play the game. No Lucky Bucks for us."

"That's just what I figured," she said icily. "I knew it would be something like that. Everybody else in town gets to join in the fun and the money and we stand on the sidelines—cheering I suppose."

"I'm sorry, dear. I just can't do anything about it."

"You could if you wanted to," she said.

"How could I? What could I do?"

"You could give up your job. You could go to work on some other paper."

I'm thinking that one over when the door opens and the five-year-old comes in bawling.

"What's the trouble, Timmy, you hurt?"

"Naw," he said. "I wanna play Lucky Buck. Mom says I can't play Lucky Buck."

11 Injured In Saugus Collision

Eleven persons were injured today, one critically, in a two-car collision on Broadway, Saugus, that blocked the highway for two hours in a gigantic traffic jam.

Most seriously injured was Albert Moretta, 17, East Eagle st., East Boston, who suffered head and internal injuries. His name is on the danger list at Lynn Hospital.

Seven other East Boston teenagers, riding with Moretta, were admitted to the Lynn Hospital along with Harry E. Mahoney, 66; his wife, Katherine, 67, and Anna Reynolds, all of Orchard st., Salem.

The other injured youths are: Francis Harrison, 18, Princeton st.; Frank Caecello, 17, Princeton st.; Jennie Pettito, 16, Chelsea st.; Joseph Pompa, Chelsea st.; Annette Zvigliotta, 17, Lubec st.; Tony Bruno, 18, Brook st., and Tony Vitale, 19, Lexington st., all of East Boston.

Police said both cars were wrecked in the crash. They said the accident backed traffic up for five miles and resulted in a bottleneck that kept hundreds of motorists stranded on the highway for two hours.

All available Saugus officers and auxiliary police were rushed to the scene to unsmear the jam.

Police said all of the victims suffered cuts from flying glass as the impact shattered the windows of both vehicles. The crash occurred near the Saugus town farm.

Woman Clerk Foils Gunman

BALTIMORE (AP)—Mrs. Gertrude Peters, clerk in a Baltimore real estate office, won a war of nerves with a gun-toting bandit.

She told police the thug entered the office and ordered her to open the door to the cubicle separating office workers from the public.

"I won't do it," Mrs. Peters replied firmly.

"I'll shoot you if you don't," countered the bandit.

"Go ahead, 'm going to call the police," announced Mrs. Peters.

And when she picked up the telephone, the bandit fled.

Two Venice Visitors Robbed of \$57,000

VENICE (AP)—A Milan industrialist and a French film producer were robbed of \$57,000 worth of jewelry in separate thefts, police said today.

Industrialist David Aaug, director of one of Italy's biggest metal firms, told police \$57,000 worth of jewels were missing from his hotel room when he returned from a film festival. Emile Sefert, a producer from Paris, said his room had been looted of about \$7000 worth.

DAILY ALMANAC

Fair tonight, lowest temperature in middle 60s. Tomorrow fair, hot. Moderate southwesterly winds.

FLYING CONDITIONS
All flights were operating on schedule at Logan International Airport.

BOSTON TEMPERATURES

8 p. m.	67	2 a. m.	62
9 p. m.	68	3 a. m.	63
10 p. m.	69	4 a. m.	65
11 p. m.	67	5 a. m.	65
12 mid.	67	6 a. m.	65
1 a. m.	66	7 a. m.	65

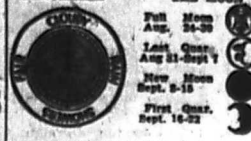
Highest this date was 69 in 1948; lowest 50 in 1942.

TEMPERATURE DATA

Maximum yesterday	70
Mean yesterday	66
Departure from normal	+4
Departure this month	+4.8
Departure this year	+5.9

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Sun rises 6:02; sets 7:29.
Moon rises 8:11 p. m.
High tide 11 p. m.; height 11.1 ft.
Low tide 7:14 p. m.; height -1.5 ft.

BOSTON PRECIPITATION
Total 24 hours ending at 8:00 p. m. T
Total this month ---.78
Departure from normal ---.78
Total this year 27.37
Departure this year +12.11

For later Weather Reports see the Daily Record on sale tonight.

Return 200 Korea Dead

SAN FRANCISCO (INS)—The US Marston Victory arrived with the bodies of approximately 200 Americans who lost their lives in Korea.

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