

Canadian Floods Offer Kozlowski New Thrills

By TOM RISCHÉ

E. A. Kozlowski, of 2619 W. 176th St., found unexpected excitement when he went to the old Cariboo gold town of Barkersville, British Columbia, recently, to look over the Perseverance Mine there, with a view of buying on a syndicate basis.

He was traveling with five business associates, all from Chicago. Traveling by car, the sextet ran into torrential rains which sent surrounding creeks out of their banks and washed out bridges and roads.

Starting to cross the Cottonwood River, the men found a gully 20 feet deep where the bridge approach should have been, and a couple miles of fast water where the road had been. They left their car and managed to get on to the 85-foot-long bridge without swimming, although they were afraid that the bridge would be swept away at any time.

Approach Swept Away
The other approach also had been swept away by the storm, and someone had tied a small rowboat to the bridge and nailed a ladder to join the two. Crossing in the boat by hand, they were forced to cross a steep slick with mud and ford streams to reach the tiny settlement of Cottonwood where a taxi from Wells was waiting for them.

Kozlowski and his companions had the dubious distinction of being the first people through from the Quesnel side of the Cottonwood River since the floods began four days before and the telephone lines as well as the roads went out.

In Barkersville, they found the waters of famous Williams Creek and its tributaries threatening the town. Already the water was higher than street level with only a dike to hold them back. Residents were told that if the fire bell rang every-

able-bodied man was to get out to help save the settlement.

But the bell didn't ring, the telephone lines were fixed, the water began to go down in spite of continuing rain. Williams Creek subsided, but the road to Quesnel and the outside world remained impassable for another four days. The people of Wells set themselves to entertain the 28 stranded Americans and Canadians, including Kozlowski. They put on a band concert for them, got up a square dance, took them out to pan gold in the gulches, and see a gold brick poured at the Gold Quartz Mine. Also, they filled them full of small and tall tales of the golden days of 1861 and later, when Barkersville—instead of 12 quiet families as now—roared with the voices of thousands of lusty miners seeking gold.

More Excitement
Yet even this wasn't excitement enough for Kozlowski and his pals. Driving up to the Perseverance Mine—in Mink Gulch on Jack of Clubs Lake—they had two cases of dynamite in the rented car and one man was holding some fuses in his hands.

The car swerved on the slippery, washed-out mountain road and careened towards the edge of a 200-foot drop to the valley below. The car came to a slithering stop with two wheels over the edge of the cliff and teeter-

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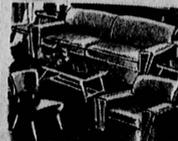
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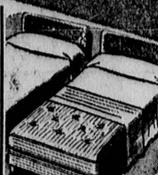
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GOOD FOR A LIFETIME

Gambling Halls Blamed For Dad's Crime Spree

A Carson father of four, arrested Tuesday for four recent holdups and an attempted robbery, blamed gambling losses for his venture into crime.

Charles V. Peterson, 35, of 924 Belson St., admitted robbing two liquor stores in Wilmington of \$200, staging two other holdups in County territory, and falling in a Los Angeles robbery attempt, Police said.

Gambling Blamed

He told Police that he started gambling at the Gardena card tables five months ago, and had lost over \$15,000 during that period.

A street lawyer, Peterson was picked up after the proprietor of a Los Angeles liquor store attempted to rob, took down license number of his sta-



COL. WILLIAM E. KEEFER
... New Assignment

Col. Keefer Assigned to Biggs AFB

Col. William E. Keefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keefer, of 2255 Torrance Blvd., has been assigned as director of Operations of the 810th Air Division at Biggs Air Force base, El Paso, Texas.

His previous assignment was as Chief, Operations Division, Directorate of Operations, Headquarters 15th Air Force, at March Field.

A 1937 graduate of Torrance High school, Col. Keefer entered the service in July, 1941.

After undergoing flight training at Luke Air Force base in Arizona, he served in Europe during World War II. His combat record included 55 missions in B-24-type bombers.

Following the second World War, he served in Washington, D. C., as the assistant executive officer to the Commanding General of the Air Force.

He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Air Medal with seven clusters and the French Croix de Guerre with palm. Col. Keefer resides with his wife, Verna, and two children, Karen and William Jr., in El Paso.

Kansas Picnic Set

The Kansas State Society of Long Beach will have its mid-summer picnic this Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bikby Park, Broadway and Cherry Ave., Long Beach. Registration for all 105 counties and colleges is planned.

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CHARLES V. PETERSON
... Arrested for Robberies

tion wagon. He confessed willingly when picked up at his home at 2 a.m. Tuesday. His wife was near collapse.

No Previous Arrests
A veteran of six years Marine Corps service, he had never been arrested before, Police said. They reported that he made the robberies by simulating a gun in his coat pocket. His wife said he was a devoted father and husband and had led a model life.

A complaint from the Long Beach district attorney's office charging Peterson with robbery will be sought, detectives said.

Brothers' Joke Not Funny to Injured Sister

A 17-year-old Torrance boy says he will know better than to joke with his sister while the two are riding his motor scooter — if she ever climbs on the machine again.

Janice Green, 15, of 1556 W. 226th St., was riding with her brother, Lyle, on the scooter Tuesday near their home. While cruising at 25 miles per hour, Lyle yelled: "I can't stop, you'll have to jump."

So she did.

Janice was taken to Seaside Hospital, where attendants say she has possible fractured ribs and road burns.

Lyle told police he'd never pull such a joke again.

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