

Plymouth Bank Robbery Attempt Nipped



PLYMOUTH OFFICER Carl Berry leads suspected would-be bank robber out of the First Federal Savings and Loan branch shortly after his arrest.

A lone unarmed bandit failed in a holdup attempt at First Federal Savings and Loan in downtown Plymouth at 10:10 p.m. Tuesday.

Plymouth police have charged 24-year-old Keith Duffield with attempted bank robbery. Duffield is an escapee from Ypsilanti State Hospital since May 13.

Police said that Duffield had been across the street at the National Bank of Detroit office trying to take out a loan but when he discovered that so many papers had to be filled out he told the bank he was not interested.

Lt. Roger Vanderveen, of Plymouth, said that he intends to turn the man over to the FBI because bank robberies fall under their jurisdiction.

Witnesses say the man entered and went to a woman teller and showed her a note demanding money.

"I showed as little money as possible over to him, and rang the buzzer," the teller said.

Branch Manager Paul Reifel said he heard the hidden cameras going and went over to the teller's row of windows and asked what was wrong. The teller nervously handed the note to Reifel, who asked the man to come over and sit

down. HE WAS NOT ARMED as far as they could tell, and the man offered no resistance when

Reifel asked him to sit down, or when police came seconds later. Police officer Carl Berry was the first on the scene, and had

the man in jail before 10 minutes had elapsed from the time the alarm sounded. This is the second such one-man holdup attempt in Plymouth

in less than a year. In August 1967, a daring daylight holdup man hit the National Bank of Detroit, directly across from First Federal.

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The Things One Finds In A Dope Raid



AMONG TWENTY-TWO persons arraigned on charges of violating the state narcotic laws were 13 from Garden City and Westland. Shown being escorted by Dearborn Heights police are: (from left) Keith Ferguson of Windsor,

Thomas Bixler of New Boston, and Larry Larson of Westland. The 22 were arrested following a 10-day surveillance by police of the apartment where the party was held.

GC, Westland Residents Nabbed In Dope Raid

Dearborn Heights Police raided an apartment, arrested 22 persons including 13 from Garden City and Westland, and charged them with illegal possession of narcotics.

Police entered with search warrants after receiving information that apartment six of Parkcrest Villa Apartments, 23774 W. Warren, Dearborn Heights, was being used for the sale and use of marijuana.

The apartment was under surveillance by police for 10 days before the arrests were made on Friday, July 12, at 3:45 p.m.

Arresting officers were Lt. Edward Pilot, special investigator, and Lt. William Zimmer, commander of the Uniformed Division, Dearborn Heights Police Department.

PILOT SAID when he and Zimmer entered the apartment most of the 22 defendants were either lying or sitting on the floor and all appeared to be under the influence of narcotics or drugs. A heavy odor of burnt marijuana was noted throughout the apartment, Pilot said.

Throughout the front room were scattered marijuana, barbiturates and amphetamines. Three of the defendants were sitting at a table in the front room packing narcotics or drugs into gelatin capsules, Pilot explained.

A search of the apartment uncovered more narcotics and drugs plus a loaded 22-caliber revolver which was not registered. Also seized were numerous apparatus used in the sale and traffic of narcotics.

Pilot observed that among the materials seized were some very dangerous drugs. The police laboratory is analyzing samples suspected to be heroin

and others suspected to be LSD.

ALL DEFENDANTS were arraigned Saturday, July 13, before Dearborn Heights Municipal Judge George Wicklund. All 22, including two girls and one juvenile, entered pleas of innocence and were placed on bonds ranging from \$2,400 to \$5,000.

About two-thirds of the defendants did not post bond, Pilot said, and were transferred to Wayne County Jail. Some of the defendants have narcotic charges pending against them in other cities, he added.

They have been charged with violation of the state narcotic laws which for a first offense carries a maximum penalty of 10 years or \$10,000 fine, or both.

An examination is scheduled today, July 17, in Dearborn Heights Municipal Court. The trial will be conducted by the Wayne County Circuit Court. Pilot noted that in the center of the apartment where the raid occurred was a large "Turkish Water Pipe" standing three-fourth feet high. The apparatus sits on a stand and is designed so a person can smoke it sitting down.

GARDEN CITY residents arrested in the raid were: Michael J. Bauer, 25, of 2061 Inkster; Ronald G. Bussinger, 30, of 1119 Helen; David M. DeFord, 18, of 2513 Gilmack; Terry D. Hatten, 21, of 31728 James; Robert M. McLean, 21, of 6541 Burnly; John M. Curley, Jr., 24, of 32545 Pardo; Donald A. Fricker, 22, of 31201 Leona; and Craig R. Wilson, 21, of 31940 Kathryn. Also arrested was a 16-year-old juvenile boy from Garden City.

Westland residents arrested were: Larry Larson, 17, of 31824 Bay City; William H. Shelton, 21, of 31705 Fairchild; Gregory G. Piscopink, 20, of 1074 Susan; and Dennis E. Love, 19, of 2804 Clayton.

The two girls arrested were Marilyn Bell, 17, of Detroit, and Gene Wlodzyga, 19, of Plinkney. Also arrested was a resident of Windsor, Keith Ferguson, 22. Two individuals arrested, Bernard D. Szpara, 24,

and Michael H. Wenrich, 25, were living in the Parkcrest Villa apartment.

Others arrested were: Gerald M. Kane, 19, of Flat Rock; Bruce W. Neffert, 18, of New Boston; Thomas E. Bixler, 19, of New Boston; and Richard A. Knight, 18, of Detroit.

Pilot indicated that state agencies and possibly the FBI could be brought into the case at a later date.

Consumers Power Seeks Rate Hike OK

Consumers Power Company filed application with the Michigan Public Service Commission Monday, July 15, requesting authorization to increase its rates for electric service.

The company filed a similar application with the Commission April 16, requesting authorization to increase its rates for natural gas service. The commission will conduct a hearing on the gas application at a date to be announced.

Consumers Power Company serves more than 1,000,000 electric customers in 1,529 communities located in 61 counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Gas service is provided to 775,000 customers in 127 communities in 37 counties of the Lower Peninsula.

THE APPLICATION FOR revision of electric rates did not specify the amount of the proposed increase. A.H. Aymond, Chairman of the Board, said this would depend on the level

of relevant costs prevailing when the Public Service Commission conducts its hearings in the matter.

Aymond said the Company had been able to avoid increases in its electric rates since 1955. Twice in 1965 and again in 1966, Consumers Power made substantial reductions in electric rates.

However, Aymond continued, the enormously increased cost of borrowed money, higher labor and material costs, higher taxes and the increasing cost of installing facilities needed to generate, transmit and distribute electricity leave the Company with no alternative but to petition for relief in the form of an electric rate increase.

U-M Alumnus Gets Deanship In Virginia

ANN ARBOR--Prof. Roy L. Steinheimer Jr., of The University of Michigan Law School has been appointed dean of the School of Law at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., effective Sept. 1.

Steinheimer, an alumnus of the U-M Law School and a faculty member since 1950, is an expert on commercial law. He also has served as admissions officer for the school for the past several years.

Hamlin Supports Rockefeller Bid

Delos Hamlin, chairman of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, today announced his support of Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller for president.

"It is absolutely essential that the Republican candidate for president have the greatest possible unifying effect upon the Republican Party, but even more important the greatest unifying effect upon the nation as a whole," Hamlin said.

Hamlin stated "Republicans must bear in mind that nationwide, independent voters as well as Democratic voters outnumber Republicans and that the Republican candidate for president must not only have excellent Republican credentials, but equally important he must have the greatest possible appeal to Democrats and independent voters."



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IN EXUBERANT MOODS are three of the individuals arrested by Dearborn Heights police who raided a marijuana party attended by 22 young people. Shown above are: (from left) Mike Curly of Garden City, Mike Bauer of Garden City, Robert McLean of Garden City, and Mike Wenrich who lived in the raided apartment on W. Warren, Dearborn Heights.