

State, Plymouth Officers Nab Seven In Arson Ring

With the arrest of six youths and a teenaged girl, State Police and Plymouth Police and Fire officials believe they have cleaned up an arson ring accused of setting fire to five cars and a large trailer-truck dating back to July 17, 1965.

The seven have addresses in Plymouth, Livonia and Wayne, according to reports from Detective Sgt. Orville Rouse, of the Fire Marshal's division of the State Police Post in Redford.

It was a lengthy investigation by Rouse, Fire Chief George Schoennman and Patrolman Carl Berry, of Plymouth, that resulted in charges being filed against the youths.

Rouse and Schoennman indicated the investigation is being continued with the expectation of solving many of the barn and car fires that have plagued the area for the past several months.

Many of the fires have been branded as arson by State Police and local fire officials and the two investigators hope to clear up many of the blazes within a short time.

The seven youths and charges against each include:

- Karen Robinson, 19, 11414 Auburndale, Livonia, conspiracy to commit arson.
- Ronald Fellows, 19, of 40555 Palmer, Wayne, conspiracy to commit arson and burning personal property over \$50.
- Harry Duty, 19, of 1544 Sheldon, Plymouth, conspiracy to commit arson.
- George Bartz, Jr., 19, of 46950 Maben Road, Plymouth, burning personal property over \$50.
- Allen Nairn, 19, of 1298 Sheridan, Plymouth, burning personal property over \$50.
- Douglas Breed, 19, of 1476 Penniman, Plymouth, burning personal property over \$50.
- Michael Wagner, 19, of 13961 Ridgewood Drive, Plymouth, burning personal property over \$50.

Rouse said the charges came from fires to automobiles in Plymouth, Nankin, Livonia, Salem Township and two in Canton Township.

The investigators said the probe stemmed from a fire on Feb. 7 when it is alleged that some of the group set fire to a 1963 convertible owned by Nairn parked in front of his home.

It was while investigating this blaze that Chief Schoennman and Patrolman Berry suddenly became aware that this wasn't exactly a "grudge" incident as first reported but had deeper implications.

Gradually the incidents came to light under questioning with the result that the seven arrests were made before the police and fire officers finally decided they had broken up a ring or at least some part of an arson ring.

Nairn, Breed and Wagner were charged with setting fire to an ancient vehicle in Salem Township. They were ordered into court in Ann Arbor and Municipal Judge Francis O'Brien fined each \$10 with \$11 costs and ordered restitution of \$30 each when all entered pleas of guilty to the charges.

The others were arraigned before Municipal Judge Edward Drangelis in Plymouth and released on \$500 bond for examination on March 21 after standing mute.

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BREAKING GROUND for the new Wesleyan Methodist Church, at the intersection of Bradner and Five Mile Roads, is 11-year-old Barbara Thompson who represented the congregation. Participating in the ceremonies are: (from left) George Huff, president of the Michigan Conference; Barbara and Rev. Keith Somers. The new church will be the 47th Methodist building in the district.

State Osteopathic Board To Review TB Findings

The State Board of Osteopathic Registration will meet tomorrow (Thursday) to discuss the tuberculosis epidemic at the Hansel & Gretel Nursery School in Garden City. The board will be reviewing findings of the Wayne County Health Department which revealed an osteopathic doctor at Farmington's Botsford Hospital signed the health certificate of the suspected woman carrier who infected 18 children with the TB germ, despite an X-Ray report from a radiologist indicating the presence of the TB germ in the suspected carrier.

Dr. John Hanlon, Wayne County Health director, said in his report and X-Ray was taken in August by a certified radiologist indicating a change compatible with tuberculosis.

Dr. Hanlon said the health certificate of the alleged carrier was signed by Dr. John Paver and no indication was given about the X-Ray findings.

After Hanlon made the report public, Mrs. Dolores Marvaso, a widow whose son contracted tuberculosis at the Garden City Nursery, filed a \$150,000 damage suit in Oakland County Court.

Mrs. Marvaso claimed her four-year-old son has suffered permanent injury by contracting the disease from a woman teacher at the nursery.

Defendants in the suit are: Mrs. Marie Gayford, operator of the nursery; the unidentified woman carrier; Dr. L. Steiner and Dr. Paver; and Botsford and Ziegler general hospitals.

State Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has been asked by Doctor Albert Heustis, state director of public health, to investigate the incidents leading up to the epidemic to see if legal action should be taken.

Meanwhile, discussion started yesterday (Tuesday) in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on a bill introduced by Senator Terry Trout, D-Romulus, designed to prevent conditions which could lead to another epidemic.

The House Public Health Committee is also considering a bill introduced by Rep. James Tierney, D-Garden City, which is aimed at plugging holes in existing TB preventive legislation.

Approval of a food handling permit was tabled by Garden City Councilmen at their last meeting pending a written report from the Health Department assuring the City the nursery has met all requirements of the law.

The health permit for the nursery expires on March 31.

Observer Wins Award From Teachers' Group

The announcement was made this week from Lansing that The Observer of Redford Township is the recipient of a 1966 Michigan Education Association School Bell Award.

Deputies Face Trial Monday

Two men suspended as Wayne County Sheriff Patrolmen will face a trial on Monday (March 11) in Taylor Municipal Court on charges of assault and battery.

Alex Robertson and David Roberts were suspended from the Road Patrol by their superior Captain John DeVoss, out-county road patrol head, pending results of the trial.

Robertson and Roberts have been charged by a 17-year-old Taylor Township boy who claims the two men took him to a public area and beat him with their fists.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office recommended a warrant against the two men after all three parties took lie detector tests.

The two men stood mute at an arraignment before Judge Anthony Nicita and bond was set at \$200.

Airman Ends Basic

Alma Jean E. Felzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Felzer Sr., 15648 Sunset, Livonia, has been selected for training at Sheppard AFB, Tex., as an Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

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Meet Your Carrier Boy

Donald Dinkgrave, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dinkgrave, of 20492 Lenane, Redford Township, has been an Observer Newspaper carrier more than two and a half years.

Don, a ninth grader at Pearson Junior High, has been giving prompt, dependable service to Observer readers on Beach-Daily, Glenmore, Olympia, Summer and Lenane between Pembroke and Eight Mile Road.

He is a straight "B" student and lists Algebra, Biology and physical education as his favorite classes.

In his spare time, Don collects coins and builds models. He is a member of the junior high track team, belongs to the church M.Y.P. group. He also was a recipient of an American Legion award.



BOY, CAN they talk! In fact they received awards for their public speaking from the Motor City Speakeasy Club 1660 at Hillside Inn. Robert Hogan, Livonia, club's vice president congratulated club contest winner John Corvi, Livonia; while finalists Donald Pollack, Livonia and William Johnson, Jr. Redford Township and club president give approval. Corvi will compete in area speech contest to be held March 12.



A "HULLABALOO" BAND made up of seminarians from St. John Seminary in Plymouth is shown entertaining the Ladywood High student body during the Vocation Day program.

Long Hair Isn't a Must For a Hullabaloo Band

It was labeled as a "Challenge to Christian Commitment" but for the more than 600 girls attending Ladywood High, the program turned into a combination of a "hootenanny" and a very unusual Vocation Day event.

Nine seminarians from St. John Provincial Seminary, on Five Mile Road near Sheldon in Plymouth Township, presented the program that will be the highlight of the year for the girls.

Did you ever hear of a Seminary "hullabaloo" band? Well, the Ladywood High students know there is such an organization in existence for they heard it.

It was made up of nine seminarians from St. John's who performed in a professional style and also got the message of the "Challenge to Christian Commitment" across at the same time.

The seminarians, under the direction of Garry Shirilla of Detroit, have been "letting off steam" at the seminary with song and "hootenanny" sessions.

When Shirilla, who has a sister at Ladywood, heard of the proposed program, he asked permission of school officials to have his group take over the afternoon activities.

It was the first appearance of the singers and musicians before a group and it was an excellent one.

The singers included: Shirilla, Harry Benjamin of Detroit, Don Downer and Tom Schindler of Grand Rapids and Jim Lothamer of Lansing.

The band listed: Bob Lesinski of Grand Rapids, Jim Andrews of Saginaw, and Jim Wysocki of Detroit with Guitars; Terry Treppa, of Detroit, bass; drummer Jerry Bussek of Detroit and Flinist Charles Kcho of Saginaw.

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