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BOYD CAPTURE.

Boyd was arrested in bed with a loaded automatic by his side but he didn't get a chance to reach for it. His brother and his wife were also arrested in the apartment and a satchel containing \$25,000.00 from recent Bank Robberies and other firearms were found. There was'nt a single ~~fire~~ shot fired thanks to good sense and planning by the officers in charge of the raid. Believe me we all sighed with relief when we got the signal that all was clear, the capture had been made. Boyd is now serving life in prison.

Cop Sets Powder-Trap Nabs Young Female Thief

**Specially Dusted Parcel Marks Girl
As Mail Pilferer in North
Toronto Apartment**

FALLING neatly into a trap set by Detective Jack Foster, 19-year-old Jane McEachern was arrested and charged with the theft of a postal parcel containing one towel, the property of Mrs. Emma Steeves of 33 Roxborough West, Toronto.

Mrs. Steeves had complained to the police of No. 5 Division that certain pieces of mail delivered to her address had disappeared and, although she had her suspicions of the culprit, she enlisted the aid of Detective Foster.

Under his instructions she prepared one towel for easy identification by crocheting an edge on it. This, together with an empty "Lady Ellis Shops" box, one piece of green and one piece of brown paper were then taken to the Detective.

POLICE SET TRAP

His next step was to dust the green paper with Genesee violet powder which, he explained to Magistrate S. Tupper Bigelow, is practically indiscernable when used correctly. However, upon contact with a person's body, the perspiration will cause a purple stain, which is difficult to remove. Washing of the hands would increase its efficiency and the stain is so indelible that it practically has to wear off.

The treated green paper was used as an inside wrapping on the box, then the whole thing was wrapped in the brown paper, sealed and addressed to Mrs. Emma Steeves. A letter written to her daughter by the Detective and addressed to the same place was mailed along with the parcel.

The next morning Detective Foster met the postman at Roxborough and Yonge Street and assured himself that the carrier had both the parcel and the letter. The postman was then kept under observation as he knocked at the door of No. 33 Roxborough and handed the mail to Jane McEachern, who also lived at that address with her mother and father.

About three minutes later, the Detective observed the accused girl leave the house with wrappings tucked under her arm which she deposited in the garbage can at the side of the building. She then returned and went inside.

Foster went into Mrs. Steeves' quarters and she told him that she had been down to pick up her mail from the usual place in the hall, but there had been no parcel, only the letter addressed to "Miss Fay Steeves."

Acting upon the Detective's instructions, Mrs. Steeves went downstairs to the garbage pail and retrieved the empty box and wrappings.

HAND-WASHING FAILS

Later Detective Foster identified himself to Jean McEachern at her apartment and was invited inside. The girl immediately excused herself, went to the kitchen and began to wash her hands, making a special effort to try and remove the purple stains from her fingers. She also attempted to dispose of a band-aid which had turned a brilliant purple, but was halted by the detective.

After a short conversation, Jean went into the bedroom and took the crochet-bordered towel from a

dresser drawer. She was taken to No. 5 Station and charged with the theft.

When Mrs. Steeves, who was the first to give evidence, had concluded her testimony, she was questioned by Defence-Counsel R. E. Holland.

"Mrs. Steeves," he said, "you set a trap, so it was your intention for Miss McEachern to get the parcel. Isn't that so?"

The witness pondered for some time as if contemplating just how to answer the question, whereupon Mr. Holland repeated — "It was your intention that Miss McEachern take possession of the parcel?" "Yes," she replied, looking enquiringly towards Crown-Counsel Hogg.

As a result of this answer the defence asked for a dismissal of the charge against his client. "Your Worship," he pointed out, "I submit that the witness by her own words intended the accused to receive the parcel so therefore there could be no theft. There is a judgment here (reading from a rather bulky tome) of a case where goods handed over to an accused as a trap and then he was charged with theft. The presiding judge would not convict. I suggest that although a rather

devious method was employed in the present case the same ruling would apply."

Magistrate Bigelow shook his head. "I believe there is sufficient evidence here to warrant a defence, Mr. Holland."

"I am not calling any, Your Worship, but I would like to present character evidence," the counsel replied.

The girl's parents and the Reverend Smythe all spoke highly of the accused girl. The minister adding that it was his opinion that she was undergoing a period of frustration, both mental and spiritual, and that he did not believe that incarceration would be the answer or any help to her.

"I am finding her guilty," the Magistrate announced, "and she will be remanded in custody for one week for sentence."

Subsequently Jane was given suspended sentence and placed on probation for one year.

DRUGS, BOUNCING CHEQUES & PETTY THIEVING

WILLIAM WINTERFIELD, alias Roy Morrison, age 35 yrs. 324 Wellesly St.

Now here is a guy who really believes that variety is the spice of life. When we got him in we booked him on a charge of Having Drugs illegally, False Pretences, Theft of an auto, theft of a typewriter, a mantel clock, a wrist watch, Jewellery and \$100.00 in money. Here is how it came about:-

Winterfield was wanted for about two months for False Pretences and Auto Theft. We held the warrant for the False Pretences over a cheque he passed at Zellers Ltd. in our Division. While the auto squad held the auto theft warrant.

About 2.30 a.m. the early morning of April 11th. 1956, I was on my way home in my own car travelling east along the Danforth over the viaduct when I had to stop for a red light at Parliament St. Just as the light turned green, a panel truck passed me on the right side and turned south on Parliament St. and I got a quick glance at the driver. His face seemed familiar but I was about a block further east when I realized that the driver resembled Winterfield the wanted man. I had seen his photo in our office on a number of occasions. By the time I turned my car around to follow the truck, it was turning east on Wellesley St. When I reached Wellesley St. the truck was parked on the south side of the street but no sign of the occupants. I jotted down the license number so I could trace it again. At that time I observed a light go on in a third floor front room at 324 Wellesley St. I was'nt sure it was the wanted man driving the truck and decided that in any event, I had the license number of the truck and could check it later, so I continued on home.

When I came on duty the following day, I checked the registration of the truck and found it was registered to a well known drug addict in the east end of the city who worked off an on as a roofer. Checking this address I learned that the owner of the truck was out of town with the truck on a roofing job and casually during my conversation with the landlady, learned that he had a chap working with him by the name of Morrison. This was an alias used by the wanted man so verified my suspicions that he was the man I had seen driving the truck. We watched this house and the Wellesley location for several nights with negative results. Finally about 8.00 p.m. Sat. night April 14th. 1956, Jim Noble and I headed out to check the east-end address again when we spotted the wanted truck parked on the Danforth just west of the Odeon Theatre which was showing a movie entitled "The Man with the Golden Arm" a story about a drug addict. We put two and two together and agreed that the wanted man would likely be in the show as the subject is one in which he would be interested. We watch the truck for two hours and finally the wanted man came out of the show in company with the owner of the truck and his common-law wife. We rushed the truck and arrested the wanted man as he dropped a new hypodermic needle wrapped in Kleenex on the roadway. We had to let the owner of the truck & his gal friend go after searching them and the truck.

Winterfield was then removed to the station where he admitted having stolen his ex-girlfriends car and passing the cheque at Zellers

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WINTERFIELD (CONT)

He also admitted that he was a drug addict. He said he was taking 8 capsules a day but was cutting down. Eight capsules of drugs a day would cost him about \$42.00 per day. He denied having any drugs in his possession and refused to say where he was living. It was obvious that Winterfield was hiding something so taking a chance, we headed down toward the Wellesley St. house where I had seen the light go on the early morning I had seen him in the truck. Before we arrived, he broke down and admitted that he had a room there on the 3rd. floor. A thorough search was made of his room and when searching the pockets of one of the suit coats in the closet, I came upon a bundle of ~~Kleenex~~ Kleenex and unwrapping same, found a hypodermic needle and 2 capsules, one of which later proved to be heroin. Further, we found a number of pawn tickets for articles such as a typewriter, a clock, a ladies wrist watch etc. which he had stolen.

Winterfield appeared in court on May 2, 1956, pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to 19 months in Jail (total) by Magistrate Bigelow.

\$30,000 Theft Count On Lawyer

Leo George Hiltz, 47, Bay st. lawyer, has been charged with the theft of \$30,000 worth of securities, property of the estate of the late Henrietta Jane Parker.

He was arrested by Det. John Foster of Belmont st. station, as he walked along Queen st. E. at 3.30 a.m.

In court, Hiltz was remanded to Feb. 24 for trial by Magistrate Bigelow. Bail was set at \$35,000 property or \$20,000 cash.

Det. Foster recovered \$9,000 in stock certificates, part of the Parker estate.

The stolen securities were made up of General Motors
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Don Grant, Telegram
LAWYER LEO GEORGE HILTZ
Handcuffed to officer, arrives at court

LAWYER

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stock and shares in mining companies.

Thefts, according to police, took place between 1951 and 1956.

Hiltz was ordered to wind up the estate by Mrs. Edith Saunders, Heath st. e., and her son, Robert Saunders, said Det.

Foster. Mrs. Saunders is executrix of the estate left by Mr. Parker, her sister.

When Hiltz failed to do so, warrant was taken out shortly after midnight, charging him with theft.

Married, Hiltz lives on Grovenor st.

DEFRAUDED 2 WOMEN OF \$27,542, LAWYER CAN'T PAY IT BACK

A Bay Street lawyer who defrauded two elderly women of \$27,542 in stocks and securities, part of an estate which he was settling for them, was remanded to April 3 for sentence by Magistrate W. W. McKeown today.

Leo George Hilts, 47, of Grosvenor St. pleaded guilty to the charge. He did not testify in his own defence.

J. J. Robinette, defence counsel, said there was no hope of Hilts' making restitution. He said that the thefts from the estate first occurred when the accused's mother, whom he supports, had a stroke in 1953.

Mr. Robinette said that Mrs. Edith Saunders and Mrs. Mollie Parker could make application to the Law society for compensation for their loss.

Hilts sat and stared at his lawyer while three character

witnesses testified, as to his previous honesty in their financial dealings with him.

Det. John Foster said that Mrs. Parker was about 75 and Mrs. Saunders 68. He said that the two women had counted on the money for their old age since neither of them is in comfortable circumstances.

Det. Foster added that Hilts admitted the thefts to him soon after he was arrested.

Mr. Robinette asked for a reformatory sentence for Hilts, and pointed out that Hilts will never again be able to practice law.

About 12.30 a.m. Feb. 17th, 1954 a Mr. Robert Saunders came into the station, he reported that his mother aged 68 yrs. and his aunt age 75 yrs. were left about \$40,000. in stocks by a sister who passed away in 1952. Leo G. Hilts a lawyer with offices at 330 Bay St. had been engaged to settle the will. Apparently Hilts had been putting his mother and aunt off for the past 3 yrs. claiming he was having trouble getting the stocks transferred etc. but finally on the evening of Feb. 16th. after pressure was put to bear by his mother and aunt, Hilts came to his mothers home and when he could'nt produce the stocks, he had to admit that he had stolen some of the stock

to the tune of \$27,542 and spent the money. The City Hall was closed at this time of the morning of course so the sergeant on duty informed Mr. Saunders that he would have to wait until morning before taking out a warrant for the lawyers arrest. I was working late that night and when I arrived at the station about 15 minutes later and was informed of the case, I immediately phoned Mr. Saunders. When he advised me that he had been talking to the lawyer earlier before going to the station and that the lawyer remarked that he might as well grab up the balance of the estate which included about \$13,000.00 more in stocks and skip town, I decided that this was a case for immediate action. Had the lawyer skipped town with the balance of the estate and we had'nt taken the necessary action, we would have been severely criticized indeed. In order to obtain the necessary warrant I had to phone one of the deputy magistrates and get him out of bed. I arranged to meet him at No. 10 station with Mr. Saunders where a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Hilts. The next job was to find the evasive Mr. Hilts. Mrs. Saunders had two phone numbers for Hilts. One proved to be his mothers home and she did'nt know where he was, the other was an unlisted number where he was supposed to be doing business at the previous evening. I summons the assistance of Dets. Raffan and Brian from head quarters and we checked several places for Hilts and sat for hours watching his apartment. Finally with a little assistance I was able to obtain the address to which the unlisted phone number was assigned. Upon ringing this number, a woman answered but denied any knowledge of Hilts, however I phoned right back telling her it was important.

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LAWYER STOLE \$27,542 TRUST GETS 2 YEARS

A Bay St. lawyer who defrauded two elderly women of \$27,542 in stocks and securities, Leo George Hilts, 47, of Grosvenor St., today was sentenced to two years less a day by Magistrate W. W. McKeown.

Hilts, who pleaded guilty of looting an estate which he was settling, did not testify.

"The accused had \$75 in his possession, which was seized by police," M. M. Kelso, crown counsel, told his worship. "I ask it be turned over as restitution to the complainants."

His worship agreed. At Hilts' trial, J. J. Robinette, defence counsel, had explained there was no hope of his client making restitution. He said the thefts first occurred when Hilts' mother, whom he supports, suffered a stroke in 1953.

However, Mr. Robinette said, Mrs. Edith Saunders, Heath St. E., and Mrs. Mollie Parker, Connecticut, could make application to the Law society for compensation for their loss.

A MEAN CASE (CONT)

The lawyer finally came to the phone and when I told him I wanted to see him, he refused to tell me where he was. Little did he know however that we knew the address he was at and had been there previously but could'nt get any answer at the door. He agreed to meet me at his office but stoutly refused to ~~seav~~ reveal his present where-a-bouts. I informed him that I would check to find out where the phoned was registered and although it was an unlisted number I would have same in about 20 minutes. This had it's desired effect because Mr. Lawyer naturally figured he had 20 minutes in which to pack up and beat it. We jumped into the scout car and raced to the address at Queen & Jarvis Sts. I got out and stood in the doorway just next to the address which was a 3rd. floor apartment above a paint store and was'nt there only 4-5 minutes when Mr. Lawyer came dashing out with his brief case. He got the surprise of his life when he ran right into my arms because he thought he had minutes to spare. This gave us a great deal of satisfaction, out-witting a lawyer.

We took Hilts to his office at 330 Bay St. where we recovered the balance of the estate which he fortunatly had'nt disposed of as yet, and then removed him to No. 5 Police Station where he gave me a written and signed statement admitting the thefts over a period of 2-3 years. He was then placed in the cells along with the rest of the criminals where he remained for about 3 days before he could raise the high bail set.

Finally Hilts was brought to trial, pleaded guilty and sentenced to 2 years less 1 day in the reformatory. J. J. Robinette the most prominent defence counsel in Toronto acted on Hilts behalf.

In my way of thinking Hilts was worse than the man who robs a bank at gunpoint. The banks can afford to loose the money but in this case both of the women victims were elderly women who were looking forward with anticipation to receiving their share of the estate as a nice little nest egg for their remaining years. Both women had litt if any previous experience in legal matters and found it necessary to put their implicit trust in this lawyer and his profession. Hilts took advantage of these elderly women, he is paying his penality so fa as the law of the country is concerned but someday he will have to answer to God Himself for his actions.

IT MAY BE JUNK TO US, BUT IT'S MONEY TO OTHERS.

Shortly after midnight on April 20th, 1956, a Dr. McGoey living at 15 Elm Ave. in Rosedale phoned Number Five. Police Station regarding a truck next to his home, the occupants of which were stealing Junk. No. 12 Glen Elm Ave. next to the doctors was being demolished to make way for new apartments by Tepperman & Sons. Investigations revealed that about a dozen used radiators had been stolen from the lot. The owners, Tepperman & Sons House Wreckers were quite concerned about the loss and I wondered why they were so worried about "a pile of junk radiators" but I was enlightened when I learned that such "junk" if taken to a junk yard, could be sold as scrap for about \$180.00. No wonder there are so many junkers in business.

It was our job to try and locate the thief and the truck. The doctor recalled that it was a large blue panel truck with an orange stripe painted around the back with the name "Landrie" on the side. He was unable to give us the license number, but a check of our observation list revealed that a thief by the name of Lionel Landrie living at 131 Bleecker St. owned and drove a similar described truck.

My partner was off for the day, so I headed down to check 131 Bleecker St. myself. The truck in question was parked on the street opposite the house. Obviously Landrie did not know his truck had been seen at the scene of the crime or he would not have left it so open. I was about to check at the house when Landrie walked out and got into the truck. I arrested Landrie and after summoning the assistance of another scout car, removed him to the station for questioning. Landrie had been in trouble on a number of occasions and would not tell you the time of day so we had to go about to prove our case. To begin with, we had the doctor view the truck which he identified as the truck he had seen. Two of the doctor's maids were able to pick out Landrie in a line-up without any trouble but still Landrie denied any connection with the theft. His only answer was "prove it, that's your job" That's just what we intended to do. The next thing and the only thing left to do was to find the stolen radiators. My partner Jim Noble was back to work the next day so he made the rounds of the junk yards along Eastern Avenue while I began a house to house canvas in the area of Landrie's home in hopes of finding out if Landrie had a garage in the area. While checking in the lanes I met a chap fixing his car and after identifying myself I asked him if he had ever seen a large blue panel truck trimmed in orange with the name Landrie on the side of it using the lane. It paid off, he pointed out a garage about a half a block south in the lane on the Ontario St. side and suggested I check it. I opened the doors of the garage and much to my pleasure, there were the stolen radiators piled up just inside the door. When Jim came back we made arrangements for a truck to pick up the stolen property. We also ascertained from the owner of the garage that Landrie, the man we had arrested, had rented the garage from him. This sewed the case up tight as a drum.

When Landrie learned that we had located the garage and the stolen radiators he gave in and pleaded guilty on May 8th, 1956 before Magistrate McKeown and was sentenced to 8 months in jail.

CHEQUES STOLEN, FORGED & CASHED AT SUPER MARKETS.

TWO CHARGED IN THEFT OF CHEQUES

Two men were charged by detectives last night in connection with a recent theft of company cheques from a Yonge St. office.

George Seniuk, 23, of Huron St., was charged with stealing 22 cheques from the offices of the White Motor Co., while Edward Church, 27, of Cowan Ave., was charged with unlawfully possessing them.

Police said Seniuk was working for an office-cleaning contractor, when he stole the cheques, then ran them through a cheque-writing machine. He gave some to Church, it is charged, and kept some himself. Yesterday, he tried to cash one in a Bloor St. store, but the storekeeper called police and Seniuk was arrested by Dets. James Noble and Jack Foster.

YOUNG DADS HELD ON TWELVE CHEQUE COUNTS

Two young fathers, each with two young children and a third expected shortly in one of the households, are in custody today on 12 charges of passing forged cheques for \$966. Police said the cheques were stolen from the White Motor Co. office and made out on their cheque-writing machine by George Seniuk, 23, of Huron St., who had been engaged with his brother in office cleaning work.

Although both families are in poor circumstances, police said the money was spent freely in a few days and neither of the two men's wives got any of the money or knew about it. Held in addition to Seniuk, is Edward Walton Church, 27, of Cowan Ave. Their families live in rooms.

Police said six cheques were made out for \$76.48 and six for \$84.62. They were cashed at chain stores.

It is alleged that Seniuk returned to the motor company office on the pretence of having some work to do. He is alleged to have removed 22 company cheques from the drawer, put them through the cheque-writing machine. The signature of the president H. J. Nave was stamped on each one.

On Friday, March 15th, 1956, I was detailed to investigate the theft of 22 company cheques from the White Motor Co. of Canada, 900 Yonge St.

Upon arrival I interviewed John Brereton the manager and learned that sometime during the past 3 days 22 printed company cheques in blank form had been stolen from the office. This was brought to his attention when he received a phone call from a Loblaw's store on Bloor St. where an attempt had been made to cash one of the cheques. We took over from there and subsequent investigations revealed that the person who stole the cheques from the office had spent some time doing it as he had taken time to run the blank cheques through the protecto-graph machine which perforates the amount and the company name on the cheque, further he had used the president's personal stamp in order to forge a signature. This was obviously an inside job as a thorough examination failed to show any forcible sign of entry to the office. I started to check the list of employees and came up with no less than three possible suspects, all young chaps who knew where the cheques were kept and to make it look worse, failed to show up for work the next morning. My partner Jim Noble was back to work after a few days off and together we checked out the three suspects with negative results. Finally we got our first break. A young 19 year old lad, Thomas Wils was picked up in No. 11 Div. trying to cash one of the stolen cheques. We questioned this lad at some length and he finally told us the cheque was given to him by a blond fellow who stutters and hangs around the Parkdale district. He claimed he didn't know his name but was to meet him in the Parkdale Hotel that night with half the proceeds from the \$84.00 cheque. The stolen cheques had been made out for amounts of \$76.00 & \$84.00. We covered the Hotel that night but our stuttering friend failed to show up.

Detectives make it a point to know as many criminals by name and description as possible who hang around their prospective divisions. With this in mind we checked with the detectives in the Parkdale area and learned that our stuttering blond friend would likely be George Seniuk, an unemployed character. We picked up a mug shot of Seniuk from our identification bureau and headed back to the White Motor Co. It would appear that Seniuk stole the cheques but the question was "how". Further Seniuk was not the one who cashed the cheques because his speech impediment would give him away. We knew that Seniuk didn't work for the White Motor Co. but felt that he must have some connection in order to get the cheques out of the office. We hit pay dirt when we learned that the suspect's brother had the contract to clean the office floors after hours and the suspect helped him at times.

STOLEN CHEQUES (CONT)

The next thing was to locate George Seniuk alias Stuttering George. No one seemed to know where he was living including his parents whom we located on High Park Blvd. We put his description over our teletype system and in the meantime, every chance we got we checked the hotels and poolrooms in the Parkdale district ourselves. Finally it paid off, on March 21st. Jim & I walked into the Parkdale Pool Room and there was our friend Stuttering George shooting a game of pool with one of the notorious Roach boys. We hustled Seniuk out to the scout car after giving Roach the once over. Seniuk was very silent about the whole matter until he realized that we knew his connection with the White Motor Co. and that we intended to arrest his brother also. This proved to be the right approach because his brother, as we had previously learned was as George described him, "a square guy" who had never been in trouble with the police before. Seniuk agreed to give us the straight goods if we didn't bother his brother. He related how he went to the office building of the White Motor Company the evening of March 15th. 1956 and the pretence he was going to clean the baseboards in the office prior to his brother coming in the polish the floors the next night and when the office staff left for the day he agreed he would lock the doors. When alone in the office, he stole the blank cheques and ran them through the cheque writing machines in amounts of \$76.00 & \$84.00 and stamped them with the presidents stamp. He then left locking the doors behind him.

Seniuk was questioned further at some length by my partner and I before he would reveal who was working with him in cashing the cheques. The description we had of the man cashing the stolen cheques didn't tally in anyway with Seniuk. Finally he told us that a guy named Eddie living on Claremont St. was the 2nd. man we were looking for. Subsequently we checked and found his full name to be Edward Walton Church, age 26, 135 Claremont St. We checked with the C.I.B. and obtained a photo of the suspect, then headed for 135 Claremont St. Eddie was'nt home. We watched the house for several hours but finally had to leave. Upon returning some hours later, we checked but Eddie was still out. We were about to drive away in the scout car when Eddie came walking down the street and when he spotted our car he walked right past the house instead of walking up the walk and giving himself away. We grabbed him on the street after recognizing him from the photo we had.

Subsequent investigations revealed that George Seniuk and Eddie Church realized about \$950.00 in cash in two days travelling about from one Supermarket to another in taxis cashing the stolen cheques after posing as an employee of the White Motor Company. They had little trouble cashing the cheques because they looked quite bonified.

On April 19th. 1956, George Seniuk was sentenced to 1 year in Jail on 1 charge of theft of the cheques and 12 charges of Uttering the stolen & forged cheques. Eddie Church was sentenced to 6 months in jail for his part in cashing the cheques.

**Admits Thefts
But Protests
Exaggeration**

A burglar, who helped police find the owners of goods he stole but who "didn't like people to exaggerate losses," was remanded in custody to May 29 by Magistrate Thornburn today.

Arthur Spitzburg, 37, of Borden st., pleading guilty to 14 charges of housebreaking, said he stole because he had been unemployed for a year and needed "\$2,000 a year to eat." He complained when one victim claimed he had stolen \$400.

"It was only \$200 in an envelope," Spitzburg countered "I don't mind admitting theft but I don't like exaggeration."

Constable J. Foster testified Spitzburg's loof was worth about \$900. "He was very truthful about the thefts," the officer said. "He even helped us find the owners."

CASE OF :- ARTHUR SPITZBURG, age 38.
14 CHARGES OF HOUSEBREAKING

This was a case of a near miss. I was patrolling in the scout car alone about 10.20 p.m. May 2nd, 1952, in the residential area of Bedford Rd. and Lowther Ave. when I observed this man walking south on Bedford Rd. He appeared to be looking up at the houses on both sides of the street as he poked along. I attempted to park the car quietly and keep him under observation in hopes of catching him in the act but unfortunately he spotted me or at least the black scout car and he quickened his pace towards Bloor St. I decided to check on him and stopped him just north of Bloor St. I found a flashlight in his hip pocket and a lady's old fashioned wrist watch minus the strap in his windbreaker pocket. He was quite a glib talker and claimed that he was just out for a walk, that he lived on the 3rd. floor in a parlor room and needed the flashlight to see his way up the stairs when he went home and that the watch was an old one that belonged to his mother and he had intended to take it to the jewellers to get fixed for his sister as a birthday gift. He said his mother had died a year ago. The watch was

broken, had no strap and of little value and he gave a fair excuse for having the flashlight and I was tempted to let the guy go when I saw initials on the back of the old watch. The last initial did not jive with his last name Spitzburg, so I questioned him further on it and took him to the station. Under the suggestion that I was going to search his room at 87 Borden St. the suspect broke down stating that the room was loaded with stolen property such as jewellery, watches, cameras etc. stolen from numerous homes in our district and No. 11 District of recent. A search was made and 3 suitcases of stolen property valued at approximately \$1,000.00 were found and seized.

Spitzburg co-operated with us and pointed out numerous homes he had entered and 30 charges could have been laid against him, however we laid only 14. I recall one case where a Jewish couple claimed that \$400.00 had been stolen at the time their house was entered, at least that is what they reported to the police and the insurance company. Spitzburg was quite put out and he stoutly maintained that there was only \$200.00 stolen. At this time Spitzburg was co-operating nicely and I was inclined to believe the guy. Some people take advantage of such circumstances to collect from the insurance company.

On May 29th, Spitzburg was sentenced to 2 years in Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Thornburn. He had one previous conviction for theft.

Patience Of P.C. Pays Oil, Nail

Patience of an off-duty police officer paid off last night when he arrested John Havelock, alias David La Frenniere, on a charge of house-breaking.

Detective Jack Foster spotted the suspect walking up Bay st. Although he had just finished his work shift, Foster followed the man and watch-

ed him enter a house. Seconds later, said Havelock left the house and stay out."

He charges the suspect several more Cumberland ways before he moved the arrest.

**CASE OF:- JOHN HAVELOCK alias
DAVID LaFRENNIERE
CHARGE:- HOUSEBREAKING WITH
INTENT.**

About 12.30 a.m. May 22, 1952, I reported off duty at No. 5 Police Station and proceeded to walk south on Bay St. to Bloor for a street car. Upon arrival at the corner I observed Johnny Havelock a hoodlum I had had previous dealings with when I walked to

beat in 6 Division about 5 years ago. He just walked out of the snack bar on the corner and proceeded north on Bay St. I knew he was out of his regular stamping grounds and decided to follow him. Dodging from tree to tree and car to car I followed him as he turned west on Cumberland St. where he stopped opposite a house, looked up and down the street and believing everything was clear, he went up to the front door and tried the lock. He apparently found it to be secure and proceeded west trying the doors of several homes on the street. Finally he crossed the street and tried the door of No. 98 and found it unlocked. Opening it quietly he tip-toed in and closed it behind him. Within a matter of seconds I heard a woman scream in the house and closed in grabbing the suspect as he left the house. Investigation showed that he had ransacked all the drawers in the dining room and had taken a portable typewriter and a sewing machine and placed them in the hall by the door ready to take out with him. When I asked him for his name he gave David LaFrenniere but when he realized that I knew him of old he admitted his real name.

Havelock appeared in court on June 5th, 1952 before Magistrate Prentice and pleaded not guilty to the charge, however when the full evidence of my observations and the woman's testimony was heard he was found guilty and remanded to June 12th. at which time he was sentenced to 6 months in Jail.

SAFE JOB AT HOOVER VACUUM CLEANER CO. LTD. 3 MEN ARRESTED AS RESULT OF INVESTIGATIONS.

At 8.00 a.m. March 3rd, 1953, my partner Det. Roy Soplet and I were dispatched to the Hoover Co. Ltd. 1265 Bay Street to investigate a break-in. The manager Charles Watson reported that overnight some person or persons unknown had broken into the 2nd. floor offices by placing a ladder up to the back of the building and breaking a window. A combination fire-proof safe was dragged into a rear hallway where it was smashed open and about \$300.00 in money and about \$1,300.00 in cheques stolen, also a camera. From our investigations at the scene it appeared that the responsible party or parties knew the layout of the offices and was either an employee or had inside information so we commenced to check the long list of employees. There were several possible suspects but each checked out after investigations were made with the exception of one. His name was Ronald J. Jones age 22 of Gilbert Ave. Y.T. He had quit his job with the firm just two days prior to the break-in and the word was that he was in debt and in need of ready cash. Further inquiries revealed that Jones had been in the office the day before the entry to pick up his back pay and there were two other men waiting outside for him in his car. That same evening March 3rd. I went to Jones's home in company with one of the plainclothesman John Bassett. Jones appeared quite nervous when asked routine questions and rather evasive, so just on speck we took him down to the station for further investigation.

I believe some-times that policemen are gifted with a sixth sense because both Johnny Bassett and I, although we had nothing to incriminate this man, felt that he had something to do with the entry. A little bluff goes a long way some-times and in this case it worked. Jones to this point denied any knowledge of the break-in so we devised a plan. Making an excuse to leave the room, I went down to the guard room and summonsed the help of P.C. Alex Ross and instructed him to answer the phone when I phoned down to the office and gave him the license number of Jones's auto a 1949 Mercury Coach Lic. 93-E-91. I then returned to the office and in the presence of Jones I used the intercommunication system asking for the sergeant on the desk. P.C. Ross answered and I asked him who the officer was that was on night duty on the beat covering the Hoover Co. the night of the break-in. I wrote a name down on my pad in front of me purporting to be the officers name and then hung up. I then dialed another number on the bell phone purporting to be the officers home phone number but actually ran the pay phone in the station. P.C. Alex Ross was right there to answer same and with the right answers as pre-arranged. When he answered I ~~asked~~ told him who was calling and asked if he was on duty around Hoovers the night prior, he said he was and I asked him if he saw anything suspicious during the night. He of course replied that there had been a suspicious auto in the vicinity and loud enough that Jones could hear it sitting beside me, Alex Ross repeated Jones's license number which I printed on the pad in front of me. I asked Ross if he was sure and then hung up. You can imagine the look on Jones face when he saw me write down the license number of his car and he having heard the conversation, immediately broke down and admitted he had broken into the premises with two other men but refused to reveal their names. As luck would have it he apparently did use his car the night of the entry. Jones then took us to the vicinity of Duffering and Keele Sts. where the two stolen cash boxes were found containing most of the stolen cheques. The money had been split 3 ways.

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Safe Job- Hoovers Co. Ltd. (Continued)

The following day, March 4th, 1953, my partner Roy Sople and I continued our investigations in hope of apprehending the remaining two shopbreakers. Jones still refused to involve the other two men so we had to start checking out the names of men Jones was known to associate with. Eventually we got a break in learning that the evening before the break-in Jones was seen drinking in a Tavern with two other men namely Joseph Casella and George Britton. We located Britton in his Rosemount Ave. home. He had only recently been released from Reformatory and was'nt very co-operative, however we placed him in the scout car and then headed for Casella's home on McFarlane Ave. Casella was a young Italian from a large family. When I spoke to his mother at the door she became very excited and maintained that her son, although unemployed for some time was a good boy and would'nt be in trouble with the police. Mrs. Casella accompanied us to Joe's room where we found him sleeping. When he was awakened he heartily agreed with his rather large & muscular Italian mother that he was innocent of any wrong-doing. However you should have seen the look on Mamma Casella's face when I pulled a roll of bills out of Joe's pants pocket which represented about ~~133~~ one third of the haul from the safe. I never realized how helpful a woman could be in assisting the police. She immediately tore into her son accusing him of being a thief and a disgrace to the family, telling him in no easy words that he must be a thief because he never had that much money before and he was'nt working. Poor Joe, his goose was cooked, Mamma did a good job for us and before she would let him leave the room with us she shook the truth out of him, so needless to say from there in we had no trouble with Joe Casella. When Britton realized that the jig was up he also made a statement admitting his part in the break-in and helped us recover the camera stolen. We were able to recover about \$150.00 of the loot also.

This was a case of getting a hunch as we call it and following it through, it was a stab in the dark but it worked out well. Everyone was happy including the boss and that's what counts.

On March 25th, 1956, Jones, Casella & Britton appeared before Magistrate Prentice. Jones & Casella being first offenders were given a chance of Suspended Sentence and placed on probation for 1 year. Britton however had a previous police record and was sentenced to 18 months in jail.

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An overheated furnace, con-
 taining a wood fire, caused the
 outbreak, said District Chief
 Eugene Tierney.
 Mr. Gouldby said: "Most of
 the people and children had
 escaped when I heard cries for
 help. I ran across the street.
 Two women were out on the
 ledge screaming. I ran behind
 my house, got a ladder and
 helped them down."
 Mr. Gouldby said he was
 driven back by dense smoke
 from when he attempted to



These stately homes on Jarvis st., soon will be demolished to make way for a new home-away-from-home by cancer patients. The new centre will cost \$700,000 and will be

INSURANCE FAKE DRESS SHOP OWNER

Faked Robbery Of Own Store, Woman Jailed

Mrs. Irene Nash, 41-year-old
 dress shop owner and former
 Toronto alderman's candidate,
 yesterday was sentenced to 18
 months indeterminate by Judge
 Forsyth for helping fake a rob-
 bery of her own store so she
 could defraud an insurance com-
 pany.
 Fred Emmons, 40, a Lord
 Branch heating salesman charg-
 ed with fraud jointly with Mrs.
 Nash, was sentenced to 18
 months definite.
 And while the jury was de-
 liberating its verdict, Judge For-
 syth sentenced John Doyle, a
 trial witness cited for contempt
 of court, to six months.
 Mrs. Nash and Emmons were
 accused of staging a fake robbery
 at the Yonge St. shop in June,
 1953. After the robbery, she is
 alleged to have obtained more
 than \$5,000 from a U.S. insurance
 firm.
 During the trial, the court was
 told by a woman employee of
 Mrs. Nash that goods reported
 stolen in the robbery gradually
 began reappearing on the
 shelves.
 Two brothers, Joseph Cunroy,
 18, and Peter Cunroy, 22, who
 participated in the fake robbery,
 were sentenced previously to
 two and three years, respectively,
 in penitentiary.
 Doyle, named as an accomplice
 in the break-in, was cited for



'COOKED' DEAL PAWNS CHARGE WOMAN, PAL



MRS. IRENE NASH

Two brothers are in penitentiary today serving terms, police said, for a "cooked up" break-in allegedly staged by a ladies' wear shop owner to get the insurance. She and a "silent partner" are under arrest on charges of obtaining money by fraud.

Police claim the brothers, Joseph Anthony Conroy, 19, and Peter Conroy, 22, alias Hill, have admitted they broke the Jack door of Irene Nash Gowns store on Yonge St. near Heath St. along with two other men. According to an arrangement they made, they took no stock, but were chased and caught by police who had kept watch on the store from Christ church.

The reported break-in occurred in June and Mrs. Irene Nash, 40, owner of the store, reported a loss of \$9,000 in stock. She settled for \$5,100. Mrs. Nash was arrested last night along with Frederick Emmons, 39, of Daisy Ave., Long Branch.

Mrs. Nash remained in Belmont police station cells during the night.

Bail was set at \$5,000 each when Mrs. Nash and Emmons appeared before Magistrate J. L. Prentice. Both went into custody and a remand to Dec. 23 was ordered.

Aldermanic Candidate

self as connected with the Women's Progressive-Conservative association of Toronto, past president of the Association of Women Electors, Ward 2; executive Women's Canadian Historical society; executive St. Clair-Yonge Business and Professional Organization; member Business and Professional Women's club; member Toronto Humane society.

She organized tours of the city hall, taking school children on buses and introducing them to the mayor. She was a familiar figure at city council meetings, attending almost every one.

The arrests followed an investigation started soon after the break-in June 5. Det.-Sgt. Alvin Morrison and Dets. James Noble and Jack Foster interviewed the two brothers who are in Kingston penitentiary. Joseph got two years and his brother three. The terms are consecutive to a sentence they received for a break-in for which they were on bail when arrested for the dress-shop robbery.

They were chased and caught by P.C. Ross Semple of Belmont Street station. Earlier police had noticed some men congregated near the store and were suspicious there might be a robbery so officers were stationed on the church grounds

PAIR IN JAIL SAID 'COOKED' DEAL PAWNS

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where they could watch the rear of Mrs. Nash's store.

Back After Duty

Det. Foster, who had kept the store under observation, was so sure something was going to happen that after he had gone off duty he drove by in his own car to be in time for the capture of two of the suspects. A third got away.

John Doyle is scheduled to appear in general sessions today on a charge of shopbreaking arising out of the investigation. A fourth man, said to have arranged the "deal," has fled to the U.S., police said.

Police claim one suspect said he was paid to break into the store.

Chief of Dets. Archie McCathie said Dets. Foster and Noble have been working almost continuously on the investigation since the two brothers were sentenced in October.

William Perry, of the Great American Insurance Co., is listed as complainant in the \$5,100 charge of fraud against Mrs. Nash and Emmons. The latter was described by police as a "good friend" of Mrs. Nash and works in the store.

No. Five. Division.

October 24, 1956.

Alex McCathie, Esq.,
Chief of Detectives,
149 College Street.

Re: The Case of: IRENE NASH, age 40, 1566 Yonge St. and
FRED EMMONS, age 39, 50 Daisy Ave. Long Branch.
Charge: Defrauding The Great American Insurance Co.
of New York of \$5,130.56.

Sir:

The above subjects were arrested on December 17th, 1956 by A/Dets. Jack Foster and James Noble of No. 5 Division as a result of their intensive investigations and observations over a period of some 6 months.

I wish to bring to your attention the facts surrounding the arrests and subsequent convictions of Irene Nash & Fred Emmons, but further I would like to point out the observant actions and the keen interest taken in this case by Foster and Noble resulting in a favourable conclusion.

The following are the facts in brief:

" About 10.15 p.m. Sat. June 4th. 1955, A/Dets. Foster & Noble were driving north on Yonge St. in scout car 52 when they made a turn at Heath St. they observed 2 youths standing on the sidewalk opposite the Irene Nash Dress Shop, 1566 Yonge St. This is the 2nd. shop south of Heath St. on the west side of Yonge St. The officers became suspicious of the two youths as they appeared to be looking up and down Yonge St. and as a result they parked the scout car some two blocks away and took up observation on the youths in question. A/Det. Foster hid in an alleyway on Heath St. and A/Det. Noble hid behind Christ Church on the N.W. corner of Yonge & Heath Sts. They observed that the two men joined another two men who were sitting in an old car parked on Heath St. the license number of which they noted. During the next half hour the officers observed the two men make several trips to the corner of Yonge & Heath Sts. look

around and return to the car. Finally at 10.45 p.m. a Policeman on beat duty walked south on Yonge St. toward Heath St. and the two youth got into the car and all four drove away. During this time the occupants of the car had'nt done anything other than loiter about the corner.

Believing that the car and occupants may return after the officer passed, Further observations were kept on the corner until about 11.45 p.m. at which time Foster & Noble informed P.C. Ross Semple 1071 of their observations and supplied him with the license number of the car (83-496 1955 Plates) and a brief description of the suspicious man. P.C. Semple was resuming duties on foot patrol on the midnight shift. The license number, desc. of car and suspicious man was put over the teletype for observation.

A/Dets. Foster and Noble reported off duty at 12.20 a.m. June 5th. and Foster, driving his own auto decided to pass the vicinity of Yonge & Heath Sts. before going home to check if the auto in question had returned. As he turned off Yonge St. onto Heath St. he observed P.C. Ross Semple 1071 with a man in his custody who later turned out to be a Peter Conroy, age 21, C.A.B. 794/52, of 4209 Long Branch Camp. Briefly Foster learned from the officer that he had been trying the back door of 1564 Yonge St. the first shop south of Irene Wash Ladies Wear Shop when he heard a noise and observed two men (one of whom he had in custody) run from the rear door. P.C. Semple arrested this man after chasing him along Heath St. into a backyard. (P.C. Ross Semple 1071 subsequently was granted a merit mark for his part in the capture)

Having learned that one man had made good his escape and possibly a second man who acted as look-out at the front of the store, A/Det. Foster ran back to his own car and circled the block apprehending a second man named Joseph A. Conroy, age 19, our C.I.B. 1017/55 on Delisle Ave. one block south. This youth was a brother of the man the officer had arrested, and later gave a statement to the effect that he acted as look-out at the time of the break-in.

It was noted at this time that the two men arrested and the third man who made good his escape were carrying nothing when they ran from the shop and nothing was found cached in the vicinity. Further there was no car seen. Entrance had been gained by means of forcing a rear shed door and then removing two bars from a rear window of an insecure window.

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It was believed at the time of the break-in that nothing had been stolen outside of \$1.40 in petty cash and a couple book matches and mending kits attached. However the following Tuesday, June 7th the owner of the dress shop, Mrs. Irene Nash, reported that numerous ladies garments had been stolen from the shop at the time of the break-in and subsequently she supplied A/Dets. Foster & Noble with a list of ladies garments, 111 garments in all and further she made another list of materials which she claimed were stolen at the same time and submitted same two days later. Foster & Noble became suspicious immediately of the actions of Mrs. Irene Nash and began to make investigations into the case.

After some days of investigations with regards to the auto in the vicinity of the shop prior to the break-in, Foster & Noble learned that the owner John A. Giffin, age 22, had a C.I.B. record No. 8 but were unable to locate the wanted auto as the registration was in the name of John Giffin. However, about 10.00 p.m. June 7th, 1956 the officers proceeded to the vicinity of the Parkdale Hotel and Mike's Pool Room, 1290 Queen St. where the Conroys the arrested men were known to frequent. At that time they arrested John Giffin walking along Queen St. at Brock Ave. Giffin having recognized him from the C.I.B. photo. John Giffin when questioned admitted that he had been up around the shop before the break-in but stated that he did not know the Conroy brothers and another man but stated that he did not like the set-up so he backed out. This later checked to be true. Giffin was taken to the Conroys and the 4th man back to the Parkdale Hotel and then home with his car. The charge against Giffin when he appeared on June 31st, 1955 charged jointly with the Conroys for Break & Enter, was dismissed. (Preliminary Hearing) Giffin informed A/Dets. Foster & Noble that it was a put-up job, that the owner of the store arrested for the break-in so she could claim on the insurance, however he did not enlarge on the facts.

The claim Mrs. Irene Nash had put into the Insurance Company had reached what she claimed to be a value of \$9,500.00. Foster & Noble interviewed the Conroy brothers and informed them of her claim and time at the Don Jail. They stated it was a put-up job and nothing



had been stolen and didn't believe that she would get up in the witness box at their trial and claim all of that loss.

On Sept. 30th. 1955, Mrs. Nash gave evidence before Judge Forsythe in the trial against the Conroy brothers that garments and materials to the value of about \$9,500.00 had been stolen during the break-in. The Conroy brothers were convicted on that date and remanded 1 week for sentence. Prior to leaving the court room the Conroy brothers requested that Foster & Noble see them at the Don Jail and they would tell the whole story.

Upon being interviewed the same day at the Don Jail, the brothers informed Foster & Noble that the break-in had been arranged by a boyfriend of the owner of the shop with the 4th. man involved in the break-in who had made good his escape at that time. They refused at that time to name the 4th. man but advised Foster & Noble to contact a Bill Monk who frequented the poolroom at 1890 Queen St. W. who knew about the set-up. Subsequently this man was located by Foster & Noble and named Fred Emmons as the boyfriend of Mrs. Nash who set up the break-in with a John Doyle. John Doyle had no fixed place of abode but was known to frequent the same poolroom. A C.I.B. photo 1202/47 was obtained by the officers of Doyle but it wasn't until October 29, 1955 after numerous visits to the poolroom were the officers able to locate Doyle. When questioned, Doyle refused to say anything.

A/Dets. Foster & Noble had arraigned with the Crown Attorney for three remands re the sentence of the Conroy brothers, endeavouring to obtain sufficient evidence to substantiate a charge being laid against the owner of the store in question, Mrs. Irene Nash and her boyfriend Fred Emmons in order to bring to light the true facts of the break-in before sentence was passed. However this could not be done and on October 21st. 1955, Peter Conroy received a sentence of 3 years and Joseph Conroy a sentence of 2 years. These sentences were to run consecutively with sentences of 18 months and 18 months respectively for a Shopbreaking charge in Long Branch while on bail. Prior to sentence however, Foster & Noble brought to the attention of Bowman Galbraith acting for the Crown, the results of their investigations to that date and their suspicions, but unfortunately there was insufficient evidence at that time to warrant a charge being laid against Mrs. Nash & Mr.

Emmons.

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Endeavouring to obtain further evidence against Mrs. Nash & Mr. Emmons to substantiate the information they already had, A/Dets. Foster and Noble managed to locate a Mrs. Nella Benoist who at the time of break-in had been employed as a designer for Mrs. Nash at her shop & had since left her employee.

Mrs. Benoist was able to furnish Foster & Noble with some very important evidence to the effect that when the Insurance Adjuster came to the store after the break-in, Mrs. Nash had instructed her to agree with everything she said. Mrs. Benoist reported that Mrs. Nash listed materials that had never been in the store. She stated that numerous garments were missing from the store but the same articles Mrs. Nash reported stolen gradually re-appeared on the racks some weeks after the break-in.

On December 15th, 1955, after conferring with Mr. Gibson, Crown Attorney, Foster & Noble in company with a Mr. McKinnison, lawyer for John Doyle, went to the Don Jail where after talking to his lawyer, Doyle gave the officers a detailed statement outlining how the break-in was planned with Fred Emmons with Mrs. Nash's consent.

On December 15th, 1955, after presenting to Mr. Gibson, Crown Attorney the evidence obtained to date, Foster & Noble were authorized to swear to warrants charging Mrs. Irene Nash & Fred Emmons with defrauding the Great American Insurance Co. of New York of \$5,130.36. This amount represented the final claim which the insurance company would settle for. This amount was paid by cheque to Mrs. Nash on November 6th, 1955 after she had threatened to sue the company for settlement.

About 1.00 a.m. December 16th, 1955, after some hours of observation on Nash's dress shop, A/Dets. Foster & Noble arrested Mrs. Nash & Fred Emmons after they drove up in the latter's new car.

Eventually, Irene Nash & Fred Emmons came to trial before Judge Forsythe and Jury. The trial commenced on October 17th, 1956 and 11 trial days later, October 22nd, 1956, the Jury brought in a verdict



Guilty against both accused. Both accused were sentenced to 18 months by Judge Forsythe on that date. Irene Nash was defended by Arthur Maloney, Barrister and Fred Emmons represented by Walton Rose, Barrister.

During the trial 19 crown witnesses gave evidence which included not only the evidence mentioned in this report, but further pieces of circumstantial, but important evidence obtained through investigations by A/Dets. Foster & Noble. "

It is submitted that the actions of A/Dets. Foster and Noble in this case is highly commendable. Their keen observations, persistent and diligent investigations and the intelligent manner in which the case was investigated and presented is exemplary, and, it is felt, worthy of some recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Wright

Harry Wright, Det. Sgt., No. 5 Div.

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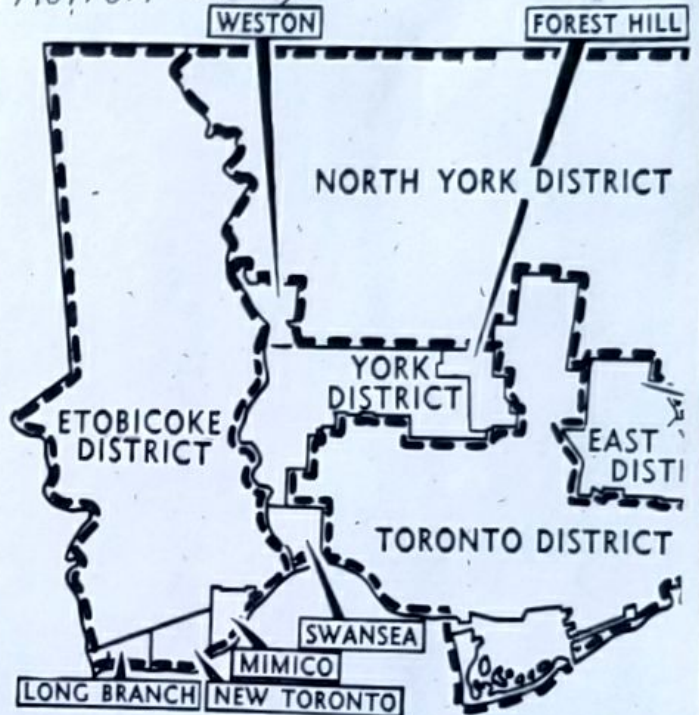


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The Metropolitan Toronto police force, 2,054 strong, comes into six police districts—Toronto, Etobicoke, North York, Scarborough, the largest manpower with 1,300 officers. Mimico, New Toronto while Swansea, Weston and Forest Hill are a part of York district.

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E-W Subway 'Must' In '57, Says Lampport

Toronto Transit Commission Chairman Allan Lampport declares an east-west subway must be started in 1957, even if the government of Metropolitan Toronto decides on a lean year.

He said if an austerity program was adopted by Metro council and applied to the TTC the holdup would be short-

backbone of urban development, he asserted.

Because of the traffic problem on Bloor st., said Mr. Lampport, the TTC is unable to put enough streetcars on the route to handle passengers from routes feeding into Bloor st.

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The chairman said the TTC

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**COLD CASE OF MISSING WOMAN CONTINUED TO HAUNT ME UNTIL
HER BODY FOUND IN AUTO IN TORONTO HARBOR 6 YRS. LATER.**

In 1954 I took a missing report from a man who claimed that his 45 yr. old girlfriend was missing and had taken his car. Investigations revealed that this was very rocky romance as described by several friends and family. Time went by, no paper trail, no sign of vehicle nor the missing woman. To be honest, I tended to suspect the boyfriend of doing away with her and kept the file open all the time and re-interviewed the boy-friend and others frequently. In fact, 6 yrs. later, I interviewed the boyfriend again, just before the car containing her headless body was found in Toronto Bay by employees taking sounding tests. Investigations revealed that she had committed suicide by driving off the dock into 25 feet of water. Her head was never found.

**Headless ^{MISSING}
Woman ¹⁹⁵⁴
Was Suicide ¹⁹⁶⁰**

Metro detectives today ruled out foul play in connection with the headless corpse of a woman found in Toronto harbor late yesterday.

They identified the body as that of Mrs. Audrey Chew Pierce, a divorcee from the Midland district who vanished in 1954. She was then 45. She had threatened to commit suicide.

The major portion of the woman's body was found in a car in 25 feet of water at the foot of York St. when harbor employees were taking soundings.

Police said the car is on the stolen list and a warrant charging Mrs. Pierce with stealing it is still outstanding.

The car is owned by Edward Chisnell of Ottawa, a vending machine salesman.

Det. Jack Foster of Belmont St. station has worked six years on the case. Homicide squad files show the most recent correspondence is dated April, 1960.

Police today will have the harbor bottom searched in an attempt to find the woman's skull.

CLEVER JEWEL RING OUTSMARTED

During the summer of 1956, we had a series of Jewellery Stores victimized in Toronto by a gang of criminals from Vancouver B.C made up of both men and women and Vancouver police supplied us with photos of possible suspects.

We got our break when a uniformed traffic officer, John Shaw recognized the occupants of a car he was checking as two of the male suspects. We joined D/S/ John Gillespie and his crew in the investigations which led to the capture of two more male suspects and a female suspect.

Their modus operandi was: Two or three couples would enter a jewellery store at the same time and keep the sales staff busy while another couple would enter during the confusion, slide behind the counter after holding down the alarm button on the swinging gate-like door and steal the finer pieces of jewellery within reach. In one case, I interviewed the manager of the Ostrander's store on Yonge St. Who told me that the missing ring was on display in the front window and whoever stole it had to by-pass the gate alarm, walk back behind the counter about 30-35 feet, step up and enter the platform another 10-12 feet in order to get at the ring at the front of the display. It was almost unbelievable, in fact the insurance company refused to settle the claim because they didn't believe it either. I was able to get the staff to identify photos of two of the suspects however.

Back at the station when two of the suspects were about to be placed in the cells, I slipped into the cell block without being seen with pen and memo book in hand. There were no other prisoners in the cell block. After the officer locked them in and slammed the outer door shut, as expected, they started to talk to each other using what we call "Jail-House Pig Latin" eg: Reazod (for Rod or Gun) Ceazar (for Car) In any event I gathered valuable information regarding a illegal gun and also a hotel room which the woman suspect had and reference to a chair in the room, hoping we didn't find it. Needless to say, we located the hotel room and hidden in the upholstered chair, we found several valuable pieces of jewellery with the store price tags still attached. Included was the mysterious missing ring from Ostrand's worth several thousands of dollars. They were very happy.

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In co-operation with the 52 Div. Dets. We had built a pretty strong case against all five suspects and also located the illegal gun. A subsequent trial was held. All were convicted of various charges and sentenced. I do not recall what the sentences were but they were substantial enough. Thanks to an observant traffic officer and the co-operation of other investigators, this case was brought to a favourable conclusion.

Aug 7/56

Jewel Ring Charges Against 5

By HOWARD RUTSEY
Telegram Staff Reporter

A traffic officer's memory for faces led to five arrests last night and police believe they have smashed a jewel theft ring which has netted \$25,000.

Detectives recovered \$3,500 worth of rings sewn in the upholstery of a chair in a downtown hotel room occupied by an attractive brunette, Muriel Hall, 20, of Vancouver.

Miss Hall and four men, also formerly of Vancouver, are held on multiple charges of theft, receiving and having an unregistered revolver. The gun was found in a Lake Shore rd. house occupied by one of the suspects.

They were remanded in custody without bail to Aug. 10 by Magistrate Robert Taylor.

Police are seeking two other women, said to have fled to Calgary or Vancouver.

The men charged are: James Robert Stevenson, alias Jackson, alias Ward, alias Paul Sketch, 27, of Sherbourne st.; Glen K. Hjalmarson, 33, Lake Shore rd.; Edward Bier, 26, and Howard Gerry Jones, 21, of Sherbourne st.

The arrests were made after P.C. John Shaw, 28, of Court st. station spotted a car driver whom

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he thought was wanted for investigation.

The driver identified himself as Stevenson and a passenger as Hjalmarson.

Eight hours later, detectives under Sgt. John Gillespie rounded up three other persons.

Detectives from Court st. and Belmont st. stations have been working for weeks to track down a gang that used attractive women to help them rob jewelers during store hours.

Four men and two women boldly entered the Gold Shoppe



P.C. JOHN SHAW

Keen memory led to arrests

on Bloor st. w. and stole \$7,000 worth of diamond rings and bracelets, from showcases.

The Ostranderson store and Grays, both on Yonge st., lost \$5,000 in rings to a smoothly operating group.

"They stole the rings from right under our noses," said A. C. Crawford of the Gold Shoppe.

"While the men kept myself and clerks busy looking over silver, the women, in some manner, broke our burglar alarm system to get at the jewels," he said.

"All doors leading to the showcases and windows have burglar alarms," he said.

"The women either crawled over or under the displays," said Mr. Crawford, who identified some of the recovered jewels as stolen from his shop.

THREATEND

ARREST & CONVICTION OF MEMBERS OF BLACK DIAMOND M. C. CLUB

This is an interesting case where the would-be aggressors were outmaneuvered and ultimately paid the price for their bullying aggression.

It all started the evening of Sept. 10th, 1962 when three outlaw Bikers driving a black Cadillac, made a sharp turn on Heath St. westbound during which they lost one of the hubcaps off the car. About the same time, two young tennis players, namely Henry Cotton and David Thompson were walking home and saw the hubcap on the roadway, and the Cadillac having disappeared, one of them picked it up and threw it up on the lawn so it would be seen. At this point the Cadillac appeared on the scene and the three occupants started to hassle the two young men. A fight ensued during which biker Doyle tried to kick David Thompson in the head. Thompson headed to his home right at hand for help. In the interim Henry Cotton, an athletic football player with great reflexes, managed to send the three assailants sprawling on the sidewalk. Biker Chenette got up, ran to the trunk of the Cadillac and produced a hickory pick handle, engraved "Kill for the Love of Killing" and swung it like a baseball bat at citizen Cotton who ducked the blow and seized the weapon from Chenette. Still under attack, Cotton used the pick handle in defence and in so doing SMUCKED biker Burins on the side of the head. Burins went down like a ton of bricks and his biker buddies dragged him off to the waiting Cadillac and sped away.

When we arrived at the scene, Henry Cotton was waiting for us with the weapon in his hands. After receiving the necessary information and descriptions, we had the info. transmitted over the police radio with instructions to check all Hospital Emergencies. This paid off and all three arrested sometime later at a Hospital seeking medical help for Burins.

During the pursuant investigations, we obtained a Search Warrant for the Black Diamond Headquarters on St. Clair Ave. W. and assisted by Insp. Thomas and Det. Jack Evans, raided the place and seized another twenty (20) clubs and ball bats, some engraved "Black Diamond Justice", "Kill for the Love of Killing" "Bathurst St. Jews" and "Black Diamond Equalizer" Some of the bats had been bored out and filled with lead. (See Newspaper Account)

Subsequently, the case went to High Court and all three were convicted of Possession of a Dangerous Weapon.

Biker, Guy Chenette, 27yrs. old was sentenced to 2yrs. less 1 Day.

Clyde Dole, 24 yrs. was sentenced to one Year.

Michael Burins, 28 yrs. was sentenced to only 3 months but suffered a fractured skull and counted stars for a long time after.

An interesting switch to this case happened when I was walking out of the court room in company with the Prosecutor, the self-styled leader of the Biker gang, threatened my life as we passed him in the hallway to wit: " Foster, you are as good as Dead" Talk about nerve? We stopped and standing almost nose to nose with the leader Sombrero, I told him that was a stupid thing to do, advising