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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, Teperman & 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 Cumberlidge 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 houses 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.