

Cadet's 3rd Arrest in Month Wins Police Chief's Acclaim

Charles Alphonse St. James, 29-year-old vagrant, is in jail today and Police Cadet Jack Foster, 20, has been credited with his third arrest in a month as a result of a smash and grab robbery at Gould's Jewelry store, Roncesvalles Ave., Wednesday night.

Cadet Foster, attached to the license bureau, was returning home when he was attracted by the sound of breaking glass. Spotting two men running from the scene, he gave chase and after a 100-yard dash, arrested St. James. An accomplice escaped.

A week ago, Foster spotted two men in a car lot on Roncesvalles Ave., one of them in possession of a screw driver, which police said, was used to force open a car. Over-

powering the pair, Foster turned them into Cowan Ave. station. A month ago Foster chased and captured a housebreaker in the same neighborhood. The culprit was sentenced to three years on the charge.

Chief Constable John Chisholm, when advised of the young cadet's latest arrest, paid him high tribute. "He is certainly a credit to the department," said the chief. "He has become a one-man auxiliary for the Cowan Ave. station. His father was a well known police sergeant, too."

MAGISTRATES' COURTS

JAILED THREE YEARS FOR JEWELRY THEFT

City Hall).

("C" Court—Magistrate Prentice,

Cadet John Foster was commended by the magistrate for the able way in which he apprehended Charles St. James, who was sentenced to three years in penitentiary for receiving stolen goods.

Cadet Foster was driving home from police headquarters at 2 a.m. June 19, when he became suspicious of a man loitering in front of a jewellery store at 101½ Roncesvalles ave. He drove around the block and switching off his lights approached the store a second time to hear the breaking of glass and see the man run from the store.

Giving chase Foster apprehended the accused and found four wrist watches and two cigarette lighters in his possession.

CADET ARRESTS THIRD SUSPECT WITHIN MONTH

All Captures Made While on Way Home From Duty —Praised by Chief and Others

Jack Foster, 20, a police cadet working in the headquarters license bureau, was commended today by Chief Constable John Chisholm after making his third major arrest within a month while on his way home from work.

"The cadet is certainly a credit to the department and a chip off the old block, for his father was an outstanding police sergeant," said a senior police official. "He has become a one-man auxiliary force for Cowan ave. station.

While driving home last night, the cadet became suspicious of two men loitering in front of a jewelry store at Roncesvalles and Galley ayes. Foster circled the block and as he turned south on Roncesvalles he heard the noise of a window being broken and saw one of the men hurrying northward.

The cadet jumped out of his car and ordered the man to halt. Instead, the man turned about and raced south on Roncesvalles. The cadet overtook him within 100 yards. A struggle ensued, but the cadet quickly overpowered his quarry.

Meanwhile, a citizen had phoned Cowan ave. station and Patrol Sgt. James McNaughton and Constable James Nugent were dispatched to the scene. They assisted Foster in removing the suspect to the station. In his pockets, police charge, they found three ladies' wrist watches, one man's wrist watch and two cigarette lighters.

The suspect, giving his name as Charles St. James, 29, was charged with shop-breaking.

One week ago Foster spotted two men in a car lot at Roncesvalles and Marmaduke st. Upon investigation he found one of them in possession of a screw driver, which, police said, was used to force the glove compartment of a car. The men gave their names as John Hale, 28, and Irwin Hale, 19, and were charged with attempted theft.

A month ago the same cadet captured a housebreaker in the same neighborhood after a chase and battle. The housebreaker was sentenced to three years.

"We are extremely proud of the work of these young cadets," said Inspector Herbert Harrison of Cowan Ave. Station.

Case of- Charles Alphonse St. James, age 29 Charge - Shopbreaking

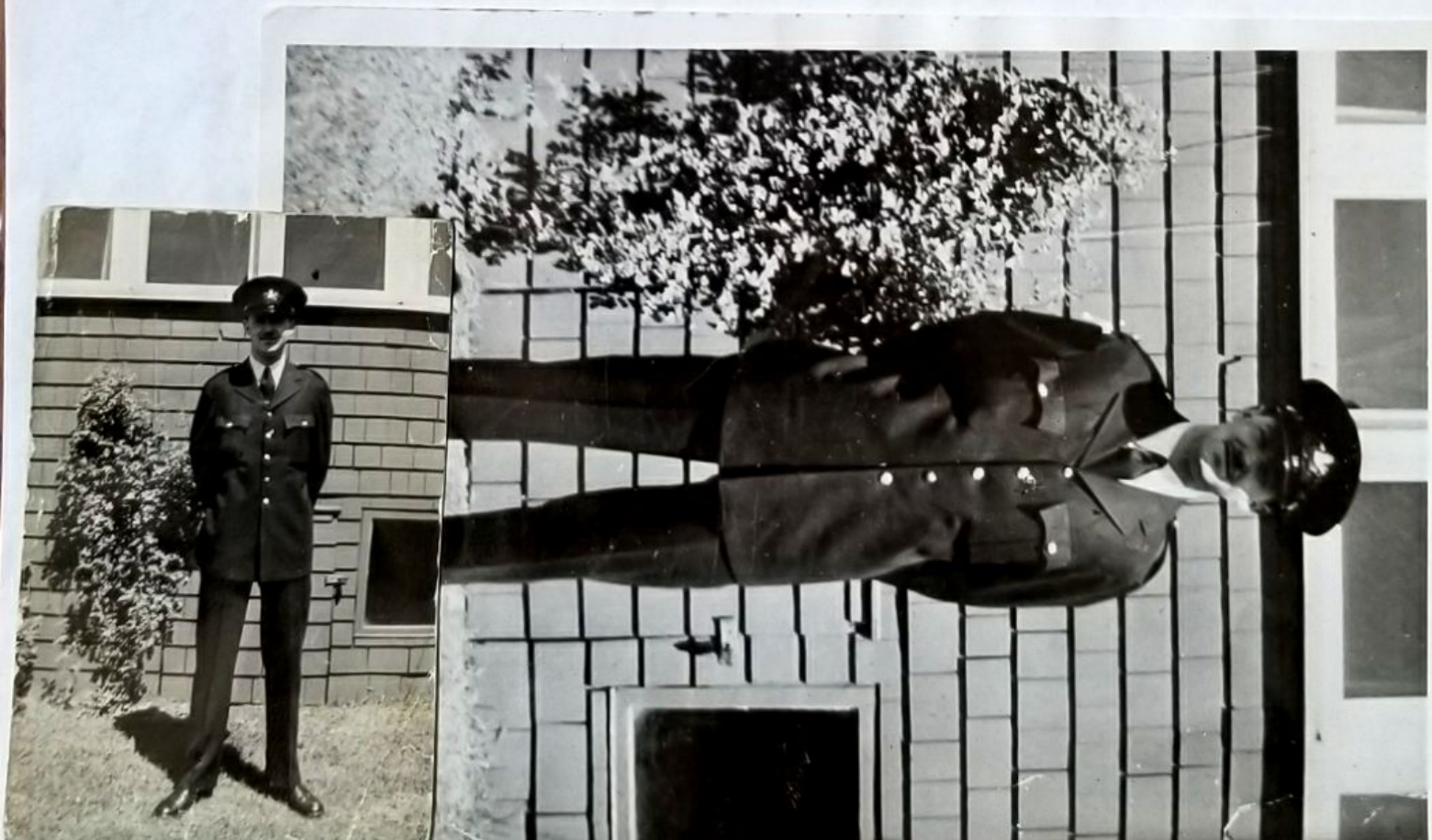
It was about 2.00 a.m. in the early morning of June 19, 1947. I had just finished work at Headquarters and was driving south on Roncesvalles Ave. in my old 31 Durant, while on my way home. At Galley Ave. I spotted two men standing on the corner. Being of a suspicious nature, I circled the block and stopped the car on Galley Ave. where I could watch them. They apparently spotted me pull up so, as a bluff, I got out of the car, pretended I was locking up and walked directly toward one of the houses as if to enter, however I sidestepped into the alleyway. A few moments later they started to walk north on Roncesvalles Ave, out of my view. I got back into the car and circled the block on the east side of Roncesvalles. I was just pulling out onto Roncesvalles Ave. again when I heard glass breaking and spotted St. James running north. I jumped out of my car and chased him down the centre of the roadway for about ½ a block before catching him. A struggle ensued during which several blows were struck. I pulled out my billy and let him have it several times, however St. James was doped up and it didn't have too much effect on him. Just then Scout Car 61 pulled up and the crew, P.S. McNaughton and P.C. Nugent assisted me remove him to #6 Police Station where he was charged with Shopbreaking. Upon searching St. James we found several watches and lighters in his pockets. Investigation showed that he had thrown a piece of concrete through the plate glass window of the

Case of- St. James. Charge Shopbreaking (continued)

Roncesvalles Ave. and evaded capture.

St. James later appeared in Court before Magistrate Prentice and was sentenced to 3 years in Kingston Penitentiary. He had a long criminal record consisting of everything from Car Theft, Shopbreaking, and Escape Custody, and was escaped from the Reformatory at the time I arrested him.

On August 15th, 1947, I was granted a Merit Mark to carry with it 6 months toward promotion for this arrest along with other previous cases. I was still a Cadet at the time so it was made to take effect when I was sworn in as a Constable at the age of 21 years.



CASE OF- MICHAEL BOSIAK, 21 YRS, WINDSOR, ONT.
CHARGE - (2 CHGS. HOUSEBREAKING & BURGLARY

About 5.00 a.m. in the early morning of May 23rd, 1946, I was on duty as driver of Scout Car 92 in company with P.C. Homewood 419. A message was transmitted over the radio Re: Prowlers in the vicinity of 10 Radford Ave. We sped to the scene and were informed by a lady across the street that two men were prowling around No. 10 Radford with flashlights and may be in the house. I ran up the alleyway just in time to see two men jump out of the rear window and over the back fence. I gave chase, jumped the fence and took after one of the men who led me on a merry chase over back fences, back yards etc. I finally caught up with him, and cornered him between two houses about a block away. He dared me to come in and get him so, I took out my billy and started in after him. As I approached him he made a dive for me, I swung high with my billy and landed one square on his head. Much to my surprise it didn't take the necessary effect and a scuffle took place during which I had to strike the culprit several times. Bosiak was a husky young man of Ukranian origin, and I later learned that he had just completed a sentence of 3 years in Rocky Mountain Penitentiary for the same offence. Perhaps this is the reason for his violent effort to resist arrest. He didn't give in until reinforcements arrived and he was overpowered.

Upon retracing the route Bosiak took during his flight, a long silver antique dagger was found, which he fortunately dropped while running. Also found was a Ladies Fur Muff which was stolen from the Radford house and a bottle of liquor, which we later learned was stolen from a house at 39 Oakmount Rd, that he had entered early in the night. The dagger was also stolen from this house. Bosiak was locked up at No. 6 Police Station and charged with Housebreaking & Burglary.

On June 6th, 1946, Bosiak appeared before Magistrate Prentice who after reading the accused man's long criminal record, sentenced him to 3 years in Kingston Penitentiary on each charge, to run concurrently.

ROOKIE LEAPS FENCE TO CATCH SUSPECT

Hurdling fences and racing through lanes at the rear of homes on Radford Ave. today, Police Cadet Jack Foster captured one of two men said by police to have entered the home of William E. Spittal.

Surprised by police who had been called by neighbors who saw men with a flashlight walking through the ground floor of the Spittal home, the two men, police said, jumped out a rear window. They had forced it open to gain entrance to the house. A silver fox muff was found in the back yard. It was the only thing taken from the house, occupants said.

Michael Bosiak was remanded to June 6 for sentence after admitting breaking and entering the dwelling of Frank Williams, Oakmount rd., and stealing some silverware and a bottle of rum; and the home of William Spittal, Radford ave., and stealing a fur muff.

BOGUS SWEEPSTAKE TICKET RACKET

ARREST OF- ELLIOT SHAPIRO AND CECIL CHERNICK

It was about 10.45 a.m. on the morning of Sept. 25th, 1949 when my plainclothes partner Jim Mudge and I took up observation on a room in the Gladstone Hotel. We had received a tip off that a sharp-looking character had rented the room and had a large quantity of Sweepstake Tickets in his possession. About 2.30 p.m. our friend came back into his room and we walked in on him. He was a smooth looking guy and looked like a Chicago gangster with his big fedora, drape suit and green suede shoes. He had registered under a phony name but later admitted that his right name was Elliot Shapiro. He was taken to #6 Station and held on a charge of Having Sweepstake Tickets. Found in his room was a briefcase containing thousands of sheets of blank receipts for the Cambridgeshire Sweepstake Race. Knowing that these receipts are filled out and sent from Ireland only, led us to suspect that they were phonies. Samples were sent to the Hospital Trust Fund in Ireland and we were informed that they were definitely counterfeits. So began a long and tiring investigation which lasted for about two months. We made several trips to Hamilton and vicinity, Oshawa, Whitby and Ajax where we interviewed several persons who bought these tickets, apparently not knowing that they were phonies and had sold them to their friends and relatives. This was a touchy investigation owing to the fact that it is illegal for any person to have, sell, manufacture or distribute these tickets in this country. However we assured them that no action would be taken against them and they co-operated with us to the fullest. Shapiro was identified by several persons as having left books with them and later dropped around and picked up the money. During our investigations a number of persons gave us the license number of a car used by these swindlers. Upon checking the registration, we found that it belonged to a well know Toronto criminal, Cecil Chernick, and subsequently he was also arrested on Oct. 13th. after several persons had also identified him as being a distributor.

It was quite apparent that there was a large scale ring operating and we knew who the big shots were, however the necessary evidence could not be obtained to justify their arrest. They had a smooth racket, and here's how it worked:- One of the distributors would knock on your door, when you answered he would inform you by name that you had been recommended to them to sell Sweepstake Tickets. They would leave four or five books of tickets with you. All you had to do was sell the tickets and he would drop around later and pick up the money. There was 12 tickets in each book and you were allowed two tickets from each for selling them, or \$4.00. Each ticket sold for \$2.00. He would drop around a few weeks later and pick up the money and unsold tickets. Most people figure that, if they get a receipt back it must be on the level. These raketters figured on this and had blank receipts printed to match the ticket, however the receipts were just as phoney as the tickets. They would then return to the hotel room where Shapiro and others would make out the receipts and pocket the money.

The possibility of a charge of Fraud or False Pretences was discussed, however after confering with the Attorney General it was decided against. In order to prove that these tickets were Bogus, witnesses would have to be brought from Dublin, Ireland to give expert evidence, so we proceeded only on the Charge of Conducting a Lottery. This was a long drawn out case

Sweep Tickets Flood Toronto Feared Bogus

Telegram-Sept 26/49

Indications the city is being flooded with sweepstake tickets, came over the week end with the arrest of a man police said was in possession of 30,000 ticket receipts.

Described as "quite a distributor," Elliot Shapiro, 24, was arrested in a west-end hotel room by Constables James Mudge and Robert Foster. He has been charged with illegal possession of lottery tickets.

Police of No. 6 division are investigating the possibility the receipts seized are bogus and a large gang of counterfeiters are at work.

The receipts found on Shapiro are for the forthcoming Cambridgeshire stakes and police said if one man had sold 30,000 by himself, or with agents, then there must be "a few hundred thousand dollars worth floating around."

BOGUS SWEEPSTAKE RACKET



BOGUS TICKET



BOGUS RECEIPT



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Evening Telegram- April 4, 1950

Sold Sweep Tickets Jail One, Fine One "Were Tools," Plea

Elliott Shapiro, 24, of 610 Rushton rd., and Cecil Chernick, 27, Markham st., termed "tools for others" pleaded guilty to selling Irish sweepstake tickets, today. Judge Ambrose Shea sentenced Shapiro to one month in jail and a fine of \$1,000 or an additional six months. Chernick was fined \$1,000 or six months.

Tickets valued at about \$15,000 were found by PC Albert Foster at the hotel room where Shapiro was registered under an assumed name, Sept. 25.

The officer testified he found 5,208 blank receipts. "These receipts are received normally from authorities running the sweepstake after the stubs have been sent in," pointed out H. H. Bull, Crown counsel. "They represent \$13,020 in value."

Constable Foster said in addition there were 771 stubs with names and addresses of persons who bought tickets, representing about \$2,000 in value. He found 44 sealed envelopes addressed to different persons throughout southern Ontario.

"This offense is probably violated by more people than any other in the Criminal Code," said Norman Borins, counsel for Shapiro. "Any purchaser of tickets is a party to the offense."

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Sold Tickets For Sweep One Jailed

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"The winners and purchasers are listed in newspapers. They must have bought the tickets and yet nothing is done. Without a purchaser there would be no sellers. These men were tools for others."

He said Shapiro had served as a dispatch rider overseas and was wounded in Holland and termed him a "neurotic."

C. L. Dubin, counsel for Chernick, said he was a steady worker.

"One of the main reasons for prohibiting the lottery is that it is fertile ground for the breeding of more serious crime," said the Crown. "The sale of these tickets is being conducted by past criminals." Both accused had records.

"A fine would only be a license fee," said the Crown. "If it is to be stopped, the punishment has to be a definite deterrent."

Mr. Borins replied that the statistics show less crime per capita population in the British Isles than anywhere else in the world, and that bookmaking in England is legal.

Evening Telegram- April 5, 1950

Sweepstake Racket Province-Wide Gyp Find On HQ Checkup

A province-wide sweepstake ticket racket in which thousands of citizens have been victimized was disclosed by Toronto police today following the conviction of Cecil Chernick, 27, and Elliott Shapiro, 34, on charges of selling sweepstake tickets.

Police charge that thousands of citizens who bought tickets from Chernick or Shapiro or other agents were to have received bogus receipts. Police believe these receipts were printed in the United States.

"We checked with the trustees of the Hospital Fund for the Irish Sweepstake and found these blanks were phony and had not been sent from Ireland," said a senior police official.

Shapiro, arrested last September in a raid on a Queen st. west hotel, was found to be in possession of \$15,000 worth of Irish sweepstake stubs and 5,208 blank receipts. In addition, police found 771 stubs bearing the names of persons who had bought tickets, and 44 sealed envelopes addressed to people throughout Southern Ontario.

Chernick, police claim, was one of

the distributors of the sweepstake tickets and sold them in Port Credit, Hamilton and other cities.

Shapiro was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one month in jail. Chernick was fined \$1,000 or six months.

Police are combing the city for other suspected agents in this racket.

In warning citizens of this sweepstake racket Toronto police officials pointed out that anyone in possession of a sweepstake ticket can be arrested or summoned.

"If a police officer finds anyone with a ticket it is his duty to arrest or summons him," said a senior official.

HAD \$15,000 IN SWEEP STUBS, TERMED 'TOOL' FOR THOSE WHO BUY

Daily Star—Apr. 4, 1950

Elliot Shapiro, 24, of Rushton Rd., and Cecil Chernick, 27, of Markham St., termed "tools for others" by counsel, pleaded guilty to conducting a lottery by selling Irish sweepstake tickets, in court of general sessions today.

Judge Ambrose Shea sentenced Shapiro to one month in jail, and imposed a fine of \$1,000 or an additional six months. Chernick was fined \$1,000 or six months.

Tickets valued at about \$15,000 were found by P.C. Albert Foster at the Queen and Gladstone Sts. hotel room where Shapiro registered Sept. 25 under an assumed name.

Seize Receipts

The officer testified he found 5,208 blank receipts. "These receipts are received normally from authorities running the sweepstake after the stubs have been sent in," said H. H. Ball, crown counsel. "They are worth \$13,020."

P.C. Foster said in addition there were 771 stubs with names and addresses of persons who bought tickets. They represented about \$2,000 in value, he went on. He said he found 44 sealed envelopes addressed to different people throughout southern Ontario.

The officer returned later that day and found Shapiro in the room, and took him to Cowan Ave. station. He said after further investigation it was learned both Shapiro and Chernick sold the tickets. Chernick was arrested Oct. 18.

'Tool of Buyers'

"This offence is probably committed by more people than any other in the criminal code," said Norman Borins, counsel for Shapiro. "Any purchaser of tickets is a party to the offence."

"The winners and purchasers are listed in newspapers. They must have bought the tickets and yet nothing is done. Without a purchaser they were tools for others," he said.

He said Shapiro had served as a dispatch rider in the European

campaign, and had been wounded in Holland. Mr. Borins termed Shapiro a "neurotic."

C. L. Dubin, counsel for Chernick, said he was a steady worker. "All that is known is that he participated in the sale and barter of \$100-worth of tickets."

One of the main reasons for prohibiting the lottery is that it is fertile ground for breeding more serious crime. "The sale of these tickets is being conducted by former criminals," he said. Both accused had records.

"A fine would only be a license fee," said the crown. "If it is to be stopped, the punishment has to be a definite deterrent."

Mr. Borins replied statistics showed less crime per capita in the British Isles than anywhere else, and bookmaking there is legal.

\$1,000 Fine, Month Jail For Sweep Ticket Seller

Globe & Mail—Apr. 5, 1950

In an effort to make the penalty severe enough to stop the sale of sweepstake tickets in Toronto, Judge Shea yesterday fined two men \$1,000 each and sent one of them to jail for a month.

Elliot Shapiro, 34, of Rushton Rd., in whose room at a Queen St. W. hotel police found \$15,000 worth of Irish Sweepstake ticket stubs, was fined and jailed. Cecil Chernick, 27, of Markham St., was fined \$1,000. The option in both cases is six months in jail if the fine is not paid.

Demanding more stringent penalties in such cases, Crown Counsel H. H. Ball told the court: "The sale of these tickets is being conducted by former criminals. One of the main reasons for prohibiting the lottery is that it is fertile ground for breeding more serious crime." Both Shapiro and Chernick had records.

"A fine would be only a license fee," said Mr. Ball. "If it is to be stopped, the punishment has to be a definite deterrent."

P.C. Albert Foster told of visiting a room at a hotel at Queen St. W. and Gladstone Ave. There he found 5,208 blank receipts which, the Crown said, were worth \$13,020.

In addition, police found 771 stubs bearing the names of persons who had bought tickets. They were val-

ued at about \$2,000. Also in the room were 44 sealed envelopes addressed to people throughout Southern Ontario. Shapiro was arrested later in the room.

For the defense, Norman Borins declared that those who bought the sweepstake tickets all were parties to this breach of the Criminal Code. The accused, he claimed were merely tools for others.

C. L. Dubin stated that Chernick's only connection with the wholesale sale of lottery tickets was that he had helped sell \$100 worth.

Think Buffalo Phony Bills Ticket Source

By CAREY WILBER

Buffalo, N.Y., April 4 (S. U.S. Secret Service and agents are joined here in for a counterfeiting ring which flooded this country and with bogus \$10 and \$20 counterfeit Irish Sweepstake tickets.

Both the counterfeit Canadian and U.S. money as well as sweep tickets are believed to have been printed in the United States.

It is believed this city is a center of counterfeit activities and Toronto is a Canadian terminus for receiving the bogus notes from manufacturers.

A U.S. postal inspector has stated that until a few weeks ago U.S. mails were flooded with lottery tickets and that from their sale were being sent to Toronto addresses.

On the other hand it is stated that the flow of profit from counterfeit Canadian currency headed south. According to investigating officer manufacturing the phony Canadian bills ceased—profits from them were eaten up by American money exchange rates.

That Buffalo is close to the center of counterfeiting activities is indicated in the arrest several months ago of Richard Gunn, a former Cincinnati, in Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Gunn, who was wanted by postal authorities, was seized with \$20,000 in counterfeit Canadian bills, \$30,000 in bogus American \$10's and \$20's and a large quantity of the counterfeit sweepstake tickets.

Officer Punched, Rush 2 to Aid Nab Four in Street Free-for-All

Three policemen were needed early today to arrest four men, two of them brothers, after a free-for-all at a Dundas St. W. restaurant near Sheridan Ave.

Two are charged with assaulting police. The other pair are charged with obstructing officers.

The trouble, police said, began as an argument inside the restaurant. Employees called police of Cowan Ave. station and succeeded in getting the four men to the street before help arrived.

When P.C. Elmer Honsberger tried to arrest one of the men, he was attacked and punched several times.

A second man attacked him before the restaurant proprietor could call for additional help. When P.C.'s Burt DeGreer and Jack Foster arrived, the second pair were milling around the crowd that had gathered and refused to get out of the way, police said.



SAY 4 MEN, WOMAN FOUGHT WITH POLICE

Four men and a woman were held by police early Sunday on charges of assaulting officers after two altercations on Toronto streets. In one of the brawls, police said, Cons. Jack Foster was seized by the arms by a woman who held him while two men struck him.

The three were taken to Claremont St. station. Charged with assaulting police were Benny Szdwitz, 35, of Gorevale Ave.; Joe Pasowacz, 29, of Queen St. W., and Annie Dardzinski, 39, of Queen St. W.

Two soldiers, refused admission to a tavern, became involved in an argument with a doorman and later fought Cons. Robert Friend, who was taking them to the station. Pte. Fenwick Steeves, 20, and Pte. Dennis Crawte, 19, of Camp Borden were charged with assaulting police and with consuming liquor while under age.

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CLUBBERED ME WITH
HER PURSE.

2 FINED \$100 FOR ASSAULT ON POLICEMAN

Third Is Assessed Similar Amount and Fourth \$25 For Obstructing Police in Restaurant Row

"There is absolutely no justification for this type of lawlessness," commented Magistrate Elmore, before fining two men \$100 and costs for assaulting Police, a third \$100 and costs for obstructing police and a fourth, \$25 on the latter charge.

Fined \$100 on assaulting charges were Donald Davidson, 23, and Charles Bowmont, 39. Bowmont's son, Stanley, 22, and Walter Sawchuck, 19, were convicted on obstructing charges. Sawchuck was fined \$100 and costs and Stanley Bowmont \$25 and costs.

The brawl between police and the four accused took place in a restaurant at 1566 Dundas W. Ann Semeniuk, an employee, told the court.

3 Months Jail Over Damage Done In Church

In sentencing Albert Moss, 35, to three months in jail on a charge of maliciously damaging statues and other sacred articles in St. Helen's Catholic Church, Dundas st. west, on July 4, Magistrate S. Tupper Bigelow stated he could not treat the case lightly. "The evidence shows it was sacrilegious and might have been arson," he said.

Defense counsel pointed out that the accused was a war veteran and that his wife left him with four children. "He is looking after them. What will happen to them?" he questioned.

"I am being very lenient," replied His Worship.

Father Frank Voorwerk stated he was in the church about 7.15 p.m. when he came across the accused. "He was shaking a large electric fan and when he saw me he took a swing at me and missed. I went for help."

The witness said that when he returned he heard a window smash and saw accused running down the street and enter a tavern. "The police came and I identified the accused."

Continuing he stated that later he entered the church and found that statues had been damaged, as well as a vase and that gowns were torn and an attempt made to burn them and a large number of sacramental wine glasses were broken.

PC Robert Foster told the court that Moss was sober. Counsel for Moss contended his client was drunk and did not remember anything about the incident. "There is no excuse for him doing this," he asserted.

Church Vandal Suspect Held

A man walked into St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church at 1688 Dundas st. w., last night, tore an altar boy's cassock and knocked over candles near a side altar.

When Father Frank Voorwerk entered the church and saw the man, he told Msgr. John O'Connor, parish priest, to call the police. His arrival frightened the intruder who smashed a side window and fled just as a police plainclothesman and a constable arrived. Police gave chase and caught him in the lobby of a nearby hotel.

Charged with malicious damage was Albert Moss, 35, of Vermont st. He appeared in court today and was remanded one week.

INTRUDER AT ALTAR ATTACKS PRIEST, NABBED IN TAVERN

Mon. July 4/49

Police are holding a 35-year-old man on a charge of maliciously damaging St. Helen's Roman Catholic church, Dundas St. W., last night. He was picked up in a nearby beverage room after being pointed out by citizens who heard a smash of glass and saw a man crawl out of the church.

There was a danger that the church may have taken fire, police said. Upright candles set fire to the altar cloth which was burning when Rev. Frank Voorwerk returned with Msgr. J. M. O'Connor.

Det. Sergt. William Mulholland said there might have been considerable damage if Father Voorwerk had not arrived at the church. He came in to pray and saw a man at the altar. The church was not open and he thought it might have been one of the workmen doing renovations.

As he approached the altar, police said the intruder took a swing at him. He ducked the blow and the man fell on the floor. Getting up, he tried to pick up a fan weighing 150 pounds and throw it at the priest.

Father Voorwerk hurried to get

help and to call police. While he was gone vestments taken from a cupboard were torn up and candles upset. A brass candle holder was thrown at a statue, knocking a piece out of it.

Persons walking past the church saw a waste-paper basket come through a window at the front of the church and then a man crawl out and run toward Lansdowne Ave.

Plainclothesmen Jack Foster and James Mudge of Cowan Ave., station responded to the call. They were informed by Father Voorwerk that the man appeared to have been drinking. Accompanied by the persons who saw the man crawl out the window, the officers went to the beverage room where the man was pointed out as the suspect.

He vigorously denied being in the church but was charged with malicious damage.

Sergt. Mulholland said about 25 glass candle holders were smashed. A remand will be sought and the crowd will be consulted on the possibility of laying a charge of arson against the suspect, who police said is a hospital orderly.

ACTION SAID 'SACRILEGIOUS' MAN, 35, GETS THREE MONTHS

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Case of- Albert Moss. Charge- Attempt Arson & Malicious Damage to Church.

It was about 7.20 p.m. July 4th, 1949, and Jim Mudge, my plainclothes partner and I were patrolling in Scout Car 61 when we received a call to go to the Catholic Church at Dundas and St. Clarens Ave. Upon arrival we were informed that a man had attempted to set fire to the church and had done considerable damage. He had escaped and was last seen heading toward the Lansdowne Tavern. We searched the Tavern and found Moss standing by the side entrance. The priest could not identify Moss so it was necessary for Jim and I to make a door to door canvass of the neighbourhood for witnesses who saw Moss jump out of the window in making his escape. We were fortunate to find two persons who had seen him running away from the Church, also we had a large floor fan which he had attempted to throw at the Priest examined for fingerprints and also a canister used for Holy Water. Moss's prints were found on the canister which he had thrown through

Suspect Shot In Legs Nab 3 Others, 2 Flee In Safecracking Bid

Felled by police bullets in both legs while attempting to escape from a Lansdowne ave. knitting factory, early today, Albert Renzetti, 20, of Lappin ave., and three other suspected safecrackers were arrested by police after a chase in the Lansdowne-Davenport rd. district.

Charged with shopbreaking and being in possession of burglar tools, Renzetti is in St. Joseph's Hospital under guard. The bullets passed through both his legs below the knees. One bullet fractured the right leg.

Other suspects held on the same

charges are Robert Hendry, 20, of Franklin ave.; Mitchell Simko, 17, of Algonquin ave., and Edward Torosian, 18, of Bloor st. w. Two others escaped but police know their identity and an early arrest is expected.

The four accused were remanded in custody by Magistrate Browne to Feb. 10 for trial.

Detectives said the accused are members of a Lansdowne-Bloor gang suspected of a series of west-end (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Suspect Shot Nab 3 Others After Chase

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safecrackings. They will be questioned on at least four safe robberies.

Constable Joseph O'Rourke, of Ossington ave. station, was checking factory doors at 12.45 a.m. when he noticed five youths inside the Tease Knitting Co., 895 Lansdowne ave. They made a dash for the rear door, but the officer beat them to the exit. As he entered, the group ran toward the front of the building. The officer fired a warning shot.

Four of the youths raced out of the front door and a fifth dove head-first through a large plate glass window. A sixth raced towards the cellar.

The officer reached Lansdowne ave. as Renzetti was running across the roadway. He ordered him to halt, fired a warning shot in the air, then took aim at his legs and felled him with two shots.

Within a few minutes other officers arrived. Constables Foster and Mudge of No. 6 station nabbed Simko running along Lappin ave. Constable Hemming apprehended Torosian on Bloor st. and captured him at gunpoint.

Detective-Sergeants William Bolton and Jack Mullen searched the interior of the factory and found Hendry hiding on a storage ledge.

Police said the safe had been dragged from the office to the cellar landing and was about to be rolled down on top of a layer of sweaters when police arrived. Crow bars and sledge hammers were found on the floor nearby.

Renzetti was carried into the home of Lillian Thompson, Lansdowne ave., and given first aid.

On Feb. 3rd, 1950, my Plainclothes partner, Jim Mudge and I were patrolling in Scout Car 61. About 12.50 a.m. we received a call to go up into #7 Division and assist a policeman at Lansdowne and Lappin as he had several men in a building. We sped to the scene at speeds between 70 and 75 miles an hour and upon arriving we were informed that two of the men had run south on Lansdowne Ave. I turned the car around and drove south on Lansdowne and west on Wallace Ave. when we saw two youths running toward the railway tracks. I accelerated the car and pulled up beside them, jumping out and grabbing Simko before he could reach the tracks, but unfortunately the other youth got as far as the tracks and evaded capture by my partner Jim who was chasing him. Jim could have undoubtedly downed his suspect with a shot but under the circumstances he withheld, not knowing the full circumstances of the case. However we removed Simko to No. 7 Police Station where he was charged with Shopbreaking. Another youth was shot in the legs by P.C. O'Rourke at the scene of the crime, another was arrested on the tracks and a further was arrested still hiding in the building. An attempt had been made to smash the safe but apparently the policeman checking the building distrubed them. Simko appeared in court along with the others and received a 6-month sentence. for Shopbreaking.



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SHOOT ONE, NAB 3 OTHERS TWO FLEE POLICE BULLETS

Police brought a safebreaking suspect down with bullets in both legs early today and rounded up three others in a hail of gunfire in the Lappin Ave. - Lansdowne Ave. area. Two other youths escaped.



Albert Renzetti

Albert Renzetti, 20, of Lappin Ave., was shot by Motorcycle Officer Jas. O'Rourke

after the suspect leaped through a pane of glass in the office window of the Tease Knitting Co., Lansdowne Ave. Thirteen police cruisers, responding to a call for help put in by O'Rourke when he saw the gang in the office moving the safe to the rear of the building, blocked off the area. Shots awakened residents as police chased the suspects.

Renzetti is under guard in St. Joseph's hospital. The bullet entered both legs below the knees. The slug crashed against the bone in the left leg, fracturing it. He is charged with shopbreaking and having burglar tools.

Rounded up in the chase after Renzetti was felled were Robert Hendry, 20, of Franklin Ave.; Michael Simko, 17, of Algonquin

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SHOOT ONE, NAB TRIO TWO ESCAPE POLICE

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Ave., and Edward Torosian, 18, of Bloor St. W. Police said the four arrested youths are members of the Bloor and Lansdowne Ave. gang.

Hendry, Simko and Torosian were remanded until Feb. 10 when they appeared today before Magistrate R. J. Browne. Crown Counsel Henry H. Bull suggested no bail be granted. "Further investigations are to be made and other charges may be laid," he said.

Detectives began a search today for two others who escaped over fences and through back lanes. Every police car in the west end responded to Radio Dispatcher Dave Cowan's alarm. Hours after the four were rounded up, police officers with drawn guns were still searching.

Sighted By Lookout

At 12:45 a.m. Motorcycle Officer O'Rourke looked in a window of the knitting company and saw someone move. Crawling to the window he saw the safe being moved and telephoned for help. Then he returned to the plant to guard the doors. He was sighted by the lookout who yelled a warning. As they started to come out the back O'Rourke fired a shot and they ran to the front of the building, some going out the door and Renzetti jumping through the glass.

O'Rourke chased Renzetti and fired two more shots in the air and then the other shots that brought him down. He reloaded and emptied his gun again at the others.

Simko was chased along Wallace Ave. and arrested at gunpoint by Constables Jack Foster and James Mudge of Cowan Ave. station. Constables David Linton and William Hennings of Ossington Ave. station chased Torosian along the railway tracks behind the plant. He surrendered after more warning shots were fired.

Det.-Sergt. William Bolton and Det. John Mullen responded to the call. Sergt. Bolton went to the cellar and a youth jumped from a shelf and made a break to run up the stairs. Bolton told the suspect he would shoot if he didn't stop. He threw up his hands. Police identified him as Hendry.

Used Sweaters On Job

Police said the 500-pound safe had been shifted from the office. Piles of sweaters were put on the stairs to deaden the sound. Stolen railway crowbars and sledgehammers were found in the basement.

Today a St. Clarens Ave. resident found a bundle of sweaters in his backyard.