Driver Holds Up Holdup Suspect

Said to have been made, at gun point, to drop his own revolver while in the act of holding up another man, William H. Workman, 25, of 223 Spring Ct., was held under $7,500 bail, Thursday, to face grand jury action.

Central District police charged Workman with an attempted robbery and the possession of a revolver.

Baffles Bandit

Bertram S. Lafferty of Woodstock, Md., told officers that as he drove out Orleans St., early Wednesday, he saw one man stricking a pistol in the side of a pedestrian jammed against a building near East St.

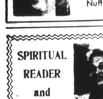
The motorist said he parked his car at a nearby filling station and while a friend notified the police he stole up on the suspected holdup man and covered him with his own revolver until the arrival of officers.

The near victim was identified as Fred Tull of 108 E. Madison St.

Old Gun Alibi Gives Man 'Time' to Reform

"I was taking this gun to a friend, and I just stopped in the bar for a drink," said the defendant.

"Yes I know, that's the usual story," Magistrate Thomas E. Patrick of Northwestern police court shot back at Monroe Cole, 38, of 1559 Leslie St., as he sentenced him to a 90-day jail term for having a deadly weapon.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At right, Mrs. Fernando Jarcios, 1446 N. 12th St., points to hole in chimney running through her apartment. When heater in cellar is lit, smoke fills apartment and Jarcioses have to go out in street to prevent suffocation. With Mrs. Jarcios is her 11-months-old daughter, Josephine. There is another daughter, Carmen, 4. Homes like these are the target of the Co-operative Community Council in North Philadelphia which has called on the Department of Sanitation to end unhealthful conditions.

If you don't think there is need for slum clearance in Philadelphia, have a look at these pictures taken on the Northside. In photo at left, J. W. Harris and his son, J. W. Jr., are standing in front of the outside toilet the family must use. There is a row of 5 toilets like this for the entire court in the rear of the 1500 block N. 13th St. There is no running water in the Harris cubicle or many others. Water is poured down commode to flush it. Note cans at lower left.

Rats, Falling Plaster, Poison Gas Listed by Tenants in Slum Area Complaints

PHILADELPHIA More than 100 members of the Co-operative Community Council, meeting recently in the Co-operative Store, 1126 Jefferson St., registered complaints with the Division of Housing and Sanitation against the owners of slum housing in the North Central area.

The meeting was in line with the current slum clearance conducted by the Department of Health, and tenants have been assured of the full support of the department in prosecuting the owners.

Frank E. Birch, North Central District supervisor, who attended the meeting for Herbert M. Packer division chief, heard one mother tell of the nightly vigil she keeps over her infant to ward off attacks by rats.

Fear Poison Gas

A father of a large family reported that he and other tenants in his home lived in constant fear of serious injury or death from falling plaster, and disease from knee-deep water stagnating in the cellar.

Another mother said that poisoned gas frequently backed up in damaged flue onto the apartments where she lived, making the tenants ill, and leaving them afraid to go to sleep lest they be over-come.

They also deplored the poor sanitary conditions of a small court in the rear of 1526 Marvine St., where several persons are housed in bandbox units dangerous to their health.

Among the worst properties reported were houses at 1442, 1444, 1446 N. 12th St.; 1419 N. Camac St.; 1436 N. 12th St.; 1515 N. 13th St.; 1420 N. Fawn St.; 1526 and 1528 N. Marvine St.; 1401 N. 11th St.; 2056 N. Camac St.; 1424 N. Fawn St.; 1219 Oxford St. and 1505 N. 12th St.

Responsibilities Cited

Lexa Sharp, president of Co-operative Town Inc., pointed out the equal responsibility of the tenant in protecting the property rights of the landlord. Charles Boulden is chairman of the House Committee.

The Co-operative Community Council is headed by Samuel L. Evans. Irvin Price is vice-chairman; Eugenia P. Thornton is secretary, Mary Morris is assistant secretary, Irma Dutton is treasurer, and Viola Camphell, chaplain.

Youth, 17, One of 9 Held in $627 Theft

Pleading guilty to a theft operation worth $627 over a two-week period, a 17-year-old youth was among nine persons held for grand jury action this morning (Tuesday) under $7,500 total bail. The other defendants face charges of receiving the stolen goods which police said were taken systematically from a department store at Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St. and hidden in trash cans until they could be disposed of.

According to Sgt. Leslie Kumer, the youth, William H. Dorsey of the 1400 block Madison Ave. admitted beginning the operation two days after he was employed at the store as a porter.

Dorsey, who reportedly told police he hid the goods in trash cans in the rear of the store until he could sell them for cash or "credit", was held under $2,500 bail.

$1,500 Bail Holds Second

A second youth, George E. Scott, 21, of 1115 Madison Ave. was involved in theft of some $93 worth of the clothing, in addition to a receiving charge. He was held under $1,500 bail.

Seven other persons charged with receiving and held under $500 bail each pleaded "not guilty" through Ernest Perkins, attorney. They were identified as follows:

Brunner Tinker, 30, and Mrs. Christine Tinker, 31, both of 1401 Madison Ave.; Mrs. Freda Dorsey, 36, and John Dorsey 17, of 1111 Madison Ave.; Mrs. Marjorie Scott, 29, of the same address; Robert Biles, 39, of 1521 Mt. Lilloh St.; and Saunders Freeman, 34, of 1111 Madison Ave.

Fighter Lands Heavy Punch, Fined $100

John Eli, 29, of 1609 Lexington St. was fined $100 by Magistrate Romano in Southwestern police court, Tuesday, when convicted of striking Francis Wooden of 1116 W. Lexington St.

Youth Arrested in Store Theft

Police believe they slightly crimped the recent holdup wave with the arrest Friday evening of one of three young men who had just robbed a Carrollton Ave. grocery of $25.

Climaxing a wild chase from the store during which several pistol shots were fired, Officer Walker apprehended a 16-year-old boy who is being held pending investigation.

Search for Pals

A search is being conducted for two other teen-age boys said to have been with the arrested suspect at the time of the holdup.

Officer Walker assigned to watch the store since it was robbed four weeks ago of some $600, and his commanding officer, Capt. William C. Feehley the youths entered the store, Friday, shortly after 8 p.m.

One of them, it was reported, assumed the role of a lookout at the front, while the other two accosted the two proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Klein, wife.

Arrest Described

Just as one of them received the cash, the Officer appeared and sought to arrest them. Two of them ran from the store pursued by the Officer.

Outdistanced during the chase the officer said he fired several shots over the heads of the fleeing youths and returned to the store.

He arrived just as the third man was emerging from the rear of the store where he had gone in hiding, witnesses related. Another chase ensued which ended when the officer culminated with the suspect's arrest several blocks away.

Police on Alert

Police are attempting to link the suspects with others involved in a series of holdup and robberies which have been reported in various sections of the city over recent week-ends.

The crime wave is widespread that many patrolmen have been given plainclothes details to patrol small neighborhoods groceries and detectives have been assigned to special details.

Brother Follows Cripple to Jail

Approximately 12 days after crippled Mickey Johnson, familiar figure along Pennsylvania Ave., started on his trip to jail for leading a mob disturbance in a local nightclub, he was followed on Saturday by his brother, Jerome.

Mickey was given one year in the House of Correction, while Jerome was given 30 days. Both were accused of the destruction of the interior of an Avenue tavern two weeks ago.

Arresting police testified that a mob of between 10 and 15 young hoodlums whom they had observed from a nearby corner literally wrecked the tavern.

Mickey gave his address as the 1100 block Druid Hill Ave. His brother lives at 1415 McCulloh St.

Boy Who Snatched Bag Being Sought

Northwestern District police on Thursday were searching for a young teenage boy who snatched the purse of Mrs. Rosa Moore, 5034 Madison Ave., the night before.

Mrs. Moore told police she was walking north on Madison Ave. shortly before 7 p.m. when a few feet above Presstman St. a young boy slipped up from behind her and snatched her purse, containing approximately $10.

Before the youngster ran away, Mrs. Moore obtained a description which she turned over to officers. The boy appeared to be between 12 and 14 years of age, it was reported.

Delaware Voters Irked by Assignment of Jobs

WILMINGTON, Del.—State and county Democratic leaders were accused this week of "betraying" the colored voters in allocating jobs.

The charges were made by five members of the National Democratic Association who pointed out that while nine colored Republicans had been removed from county jobs, the Democrats had made only six colored replacements, the other three positions going to white persons.

Those who voiced dissatisfaction were Lewis Chipper, Jr., Ed Thomas, Wesley G. Taylor, Albert T. Griffin and Hilbert Keys.

In a signed statement, they asserted that "in the recent victory in the State and county the Democratic Party had 'overlooked the city election which is not far away."

The statement added:

"Realizing that the spirit of democracy and fair play constitutes the basic principles of the Democratic Party, we feel that this situation should be remedied at once or we lose what we have gained and have no issue to bring before the people for a future campaign."

Mrs. Lawson Sidetracked

Sources close to the situation said the statement was directed at Isaac Thornton, chairman of the Sixth Ward, who has been accused of refusing to endorse colored Democrats' appointments while approving continuance of certain Republicans in office. It was said that Thornton even turned thumbs down on Mrs. Irma Lawson, vice chairman of the Sixth Ward, and a prominent Democrat.

Thornton, an undertaker, is serving as deputy coroner. The appointments since the Democrats took over are: Richard Matthews, deputy sheriff; Mrs. Clara Thomas, Thornton's daughter, clerk in county treasurer's office; James Sewell, delinquent tax clerk; Frank Emory, rodman, county engineers; John Pollard, county ambulance driver; and Miss Evelyn Griffin, reception-ist in the Plumbing Inspector's office.

Man Who Asked 'Protection' Gets It—90 Days With Guard

For the next three months, the City of Baltimore will provide "protection" for Allen Watson, 45-year-old laborer, convicted this week on charges of carrying an automatic pistol.

Watson, who gave an address in the 1100 block Low St., said he carried the weapon for "protection." Magistrate Konlosky of Northeastern police court assured him he would be well-protected for the next three months, the term of his jail sentence.

'Sampson, the Seaman' Given Chance to Sail Instead of Berth in Jail

When "Sampson, the seaman," declared in Northwestern police court on Sunday that he would ship out on Wednesday," he was given a suspended 30-day jail sentence for threatening his wife.

However, after 56-year-old William Sampson, of 643 N. Fulton Ave. insisted on describing himself as a sailor, Magistrate Thomas Fitzpatrick said, "I don't care if you are the captain of a boat, you have no right to talk to your wife that way."

Mrs. Lorretta Sampson the wife testified that while drunk, her husband threatened to kill her, took her last $15 and sold nearly all of the furniture at the N. Fulton Ave. address where they both reside.

Charges of disturbing the peace against the pair were dismissed.

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