

Jury finds Mayville man guilty of assaulting policeman

Donald D. Taylor of Mayville was found guilty last Wednesday by Circuit Judge Norman A. Baguley of charges of assaulting a police officer and felonious assault while armed with a dangerous weapon.

At the conclusion of the two-day trial, the judge continued bond until sentencing March 10.

Taylor, 22, of 1650 Ambrose Street, was found guilty of the two charges in connection with an incident Dec. 24, 1978, in Fostoria, in which he sprayed a gas from a "gas ejecting device" into the eyes of state police Trooper Oren Johnson while the latter was seated in his patrol car, writing an accident report.

In cases Monday before Baguley:

Michael G. Parker, 21, of 144 Andy Street, Vassar, was

sentenced to 16-24 months in the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson for unlawfully driving away an automobile. He was credited with 224 days served.

He pleaded guilty to the charge May, 1979, after which sentencing was delayed. Normally, the charge would have been dismissed after one year, had he complied with all the provisions of his probation.

The charge was in connection with his having taken a car in Vassar in October, 1978.

Kenneth G. Robinson, 32, of 6332 First Street, Mayville, pleaded guilty to receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100. His plea was accepted and sentencing scheduled March 24. Bond was continued.

The charge involved purchase of a stolen motorcycle

from William Payea last September in Vassar township.

Robinson was charged in connection with a multi-county theft ring operation. In January, Payea, of Vassar, was sentenced in Crawford County Circuit Court to 6-10 years at Jackson prison on charges of breaking and entering for his role in the operation.

Ronald L. Capling, 24, of N. State Street, Caro, pleaded guilty to a charge of malicious destruction of property under \$100, in a plea bargain with the prosecution. He had been charged with destruction over \$100, in connection with damage done to a building in Caro Nov. 15.

His plea was accepted, after which sentencing was delayed one year. He was ordered to pay \$200 court costs and \$221 restitution.

At a pretrial hearing, Larry Spencer, 35, of Otisville, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of liquor (2nd offense). His plea was accepted and bond continued until sentencing March 24.

He was arrested on the charge Nov. 22 in Indianfields township.

He was arrested on the charge Feb. 7 in Koylton township by sheriff's deputies.

Timothy G. Phillips, 74, of 4533 West Street, Cass City, was placed on probation Monday for driving under the influence of liquor, and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. The first 30 can be spent in the Saginaw county alcohol unit, with the final 30 deferred. He was fined \$100 and assessed \$150 court costs.

Phillips pleaded guilty to

the charge Jan. 28, for which he had been arrested by Cass City police Jan. 13.

Helen Jean Boyce, 39, of 5714 River Road, Cass City, pleaded guilty last Thursday to a charge of careless driving. Her plea was accepted and she was fined \$37 and assessed \$23 court costs.

She had been cited on a charge of driving under the influence of liquor after an Aug. 11 accident in Vassar township. The charge was reduced to careless driving in a plea bargain agreement with the prosecution.

Citizens of Tomorrow



Jack, 8, Jody, 6, and Melanie, 2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Joles, 5864 McAlpine Road, Gagetown.



Paul, 14, Laurie, 13, Angie, 10, and Karissa, 23 months, children of Mr. and Mrs. John McIntosh, 4409 Brooker Street, Cass City.



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Erica, 3, and Jessica, 7 months, daughters of Nora and Gordon Frederick, 6704 Main Street, Cass City.



Jim, 11, John, 8, and Scott, 7, children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vandembosche, 2321 Dodge Road, Cass City.



Tom Jr., 6 months, and Mindy, 6, children of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fulcher, 4759 Hospital Drive, Cass City.



Harold IV, 2, and Timothy, 10 months, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Spencer III, 6249 Barrett Road, Kingston.



Christina, 7, Tim, 9, and Matthew, 4, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mozden, 1520 N. Kingston Road, Deford.



Shooting termed justifiable

Tuscola county Prosecutor Artis Noel has ruled the Dec. 28 fatal shooting of a would-be robber by John Kuzma of Vassar township was justifiable homicide.

Without such a ruling, criminal charges could have been brought against him.

Killed was Ronald Vader, 31, of Flint, who had attempted to rob Kuzma and his wife at their Saginaw Road home. After he and his wife were both struck by the bandit, Kuzma grabbed the sawed-off shotgun away from Vader, pushed him out the back door and fired.

The would-be robber died five days later at Saginaw General Hospital. The prosecutor had issued a warrant charging Vader with assault with intent to commit armed robbery and possession of a firearm during commission of a felony, but he died before he could be arraigned.

"You have to look at this from the point of view of the victim (Kuzma) at the time of the occurrence," Noel said, in explaining his decision that Kuzma's action was justifiable.

Factors considered in making his decision, according to the prosecutor, were that Kuzma was not the initial aggressor, Vader had pointed his sawed-off shotgun at him with intent to rob, the incident took place in and outside the victim's home and that it was dark outside.

The ultimate question, Noel said, was whether Kuzma's action was reasonable under the circumstances and he concluded that it was.

Wood stove heat can injure tissue

The energy crisis has brought back a medical problem that went out of style years ago. More and more people today are depending on wood stoves and fireplaces as alternate energy sources.

According to Dr. Robert W. Goltz, President of the American Academy of Dermatology and head of Dermatology at the University of Minnesota, dermatologists are seeing more of what used to be called "hot water bottle rash" — called this when it was common to use a hot water bottle to warm a cold bed.

This damage is far more serious than a mere reddening of tissues. When bare skin is exposed to intense direct heat, it damages the elastic tissues. It creates an unsightly brown fishnet pattern on the skin, and often takes years to fade away. In some cases, dermatologists have found the heat-induced damage to be pre-cancerous.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." If you use this type of alternate heating, you should be aware of the potential danger and make a point of keeping areas of bare skin a safe distance from direct heat.

If your skin does become damaged, consult a dermatologist. If skin becomes red and dry, try using a good, heavy cream.

UP ON THE ROOF -- Elkland township firemen Chuck Hughes, seen here, and Gary Diebel, climbed on the roof of the Robert Becker home Tuesday night in order to drop a chain down the chimney to knock off the burning cinders.

Minor fire loss

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the attic, he said, the heat of the fire blew out the mortar. Smoke then came through the gaps.

The chimney extended all the way to the basement and will need replacing if wood is to be burned again.

Firemen were at the scene about two hours. The Becker family was home when the fire started.

in an estimated \$1,000 loss Sunday at the home of Mike Gaszczynski, 4441 Ale Street.

Elkland Township Assistant Fire Chief Jerome Root Jr. said the fire broke through the chimney into the studding and started it on fire. Firemen had to pull off the front of the fireplace to get all of the fire extinguished.

In addition to the direct damage from the flames, there was also smoke damage.

Firemen were at the scene about a half-hour. They received the call at 4:05 p.m.

CHIMNEY FIRE

Burning creosote in the fireplace chimney resulted



IN THREE MINUTES Mrs. Gerald Dean of Bad Axe swept up \$94.42 worth of groceries as the winner in the savings spree sponsored by Cass City IGA. The total could have been higher but Mrs. Dean opted for less expensive canned goods.



HARRY LENDA AND his wife, Mable, prepare to get Mrs. Gerald Dean started on a 3-minute free shopping spree Saturday. The saving spree winner was given a ham and turkey before taking home all she gathered from the store's shelves in the allotted time.

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