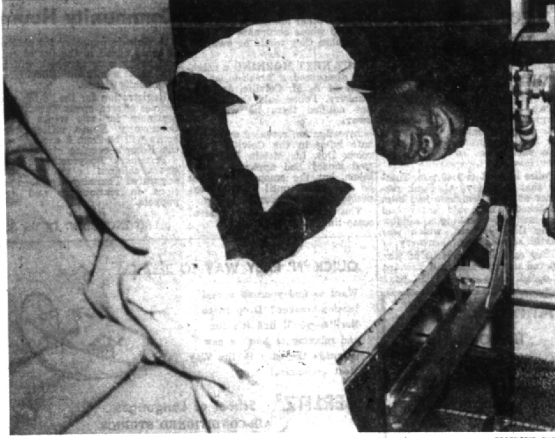




Tools of Trade

Birmingham Detective Lt. Merlin Holmquist displays items taken from the person and car of Ernest Morris, cat burglar captured last Thursday in an unsuccessful local robbery attempt. Detective Holmquist is holding the mask, fashioned from a pair of woman's pants with two eye slots cut, and a penlight and screwdriver used by the burglar. On the desk are the socks used to cover the man's hands. The mask was found in the car.



End of Second-Story Man

Ernest Morris, 46-year-old Detroit native, was handcuffed and lying on a stretcher in an emergency ward at St. Joseph's Mercy hospital in Pontiac. He sustained a concussion attempting to escape from a Birmingham residence when a burglar tried to escape.

Burglar

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Police were unable to determine what the intruder struck his head on. Marks from his shoes were found on the wall of the staircase two feet above the top steps.

Steding's yelling when he first saw the burglar, and his yelling as he chased the intruder down the hall, awakened Mrs. Steding and their 15-year-old son, Tom. A two-year-old daughter, Janet, the Stedings' third child, slept through the whole thing, police sirens and all. Tom stayed in his bedroom.

The husband said he wasn't scared, "just mad at the fellow for being in his house." "He kept yelling at him to get out," his wife added. "He was too mad to be scared."

Mrs. Steding, when first awakened and when she realized what had happened, calmly picked up the lamp next to the bed, took the shade off, wrapped the cord around it and handed it to her husband. She then returned and did the same to the second of the pair of lamps to arm herself.

Steding said when the burglar stood up in the bedroom, he looked like he was 8-feet tall and weighed 400 pounds.

His wife said she picked the

lamps because "they would shatter easily."

She stated her first thought was anger at the man because he was bleeding on her new carpet.

The woman added the man kept his hat on all the time during the burglary and a dark suit. She said the only thing that scared her were the socks he wore on his hands as gloves to conceal fingerprints.

Police found a mask in his car. She said his fall left him with a big goose-egg on his forehead. The fall gave the burglar a concussion and four disjuncted fingers. He became only partially conscious minutes after police arrived.

Mrs. Steding said her husband's yelling reminded her of a "papa bear bellowing." She admitted she screamed once or twice herself.

Two Break-ins In Southfield

SOUTHFIELD — Two break-ins were reported to township police this week. On Aug. 26 John Grayson, 24015 Lee Baker, reported entry into his home by thieves who took \$478 and a watch from a basement safe. That same night burglars broke into Shiwawasse Market, 27105 Shiwawasse and took 80 cartons of cigarettes, three boxes of cigars, \$25 worth of pennies and \$25 in silver.

Seek Man

SOUTHFIELD — Township police are looking for a man about 35 whom they say is accused of indecent exposure in the northern part of the township Aug. 25. The man had on a white sailor hat and tee shirt.

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Burglar. Said the Birmingham detective: "I'm glad in one way this fellow picked the Steding house to rob. Most people would have just laid there in bed scared stiff and let the fellow go."

Ask City to Vacate Part of Dorchester

A request that the city vacate the portion of Dorchester avenue between the Grand Trunk railroad and Elton road has been referred by Birmingham city commissioners to the engineering department and planning board for study. The request was made by Frank C. Newell, 503 N. Woodward, Birmingham, who stated he and his wife own property abutting that portion of the street on both sides. Hearing was set for Monday, Sept. 23.

CORRECTION

In the Federal Merchandise Mart advertisement appearing on page 7-B of this issue, Item Kentile Asphalt Tile, Group C Case of 80 \$5.22, should read \$5.92 Case of 80.

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Find No Objection To Sale of Alcohol

Sale of bottled alcoholic beverages at a drug store at 14 Mile and Southfield would meet no objection from the Birmingham city commission, its members determined Monday night. Commissioners acted in response to a request from the Michigan liquor control commission which stated John S. Shukart had applied for the SDD license at 1998 Southfield, Birmingham.

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