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'Garage Gang' Gets 3 Years' Probation

The "garage gang" responsible for having 125 to 150 garages in the Birmingham area was sentenced by Judge George R. Hartrick Monday in Oakland county circuit court.

With the exception of one pa-
cified youth who was returned to
Jackson prison, all the youths sen-
tenced were placed on three year's
probation and ordered to pay \$150
in court cost.

Gerald Gravin, 20, of Avon
township, was sentenced to six
months to five years in Jackson
prison. Birmingham Det. Lt. Mer-
lin H. Holquist said Gravin will
have to serve out a previous sen-
tence plus a penalty for violating
his parole from the prison.

NOW FREE ON probation are
two 18-year-olds Birmingham
youths, Allen E. Turner, 18, of 292
Park, and Charles Ray Hill, of 708
Dover. Both pleaded guilty to lar-
ceny in a building.

Also placed on probation was
Jack C. Wells, 20, of 1655 Bates,
Birmingham, who pleaded guilty
earlier to larceny from a motor
vehicle. Holquist said Wells' ar-
rest cleared up the 1956 theft of
a car belonging to Neil Stark, 1275
S. Hope. He said Wells admitted
the theft along with the garage in-
cidents.

A 16-year-old youth involved in
the garage incident is in the cus-
tody of the Oakland county juve-
nile home, where he is to remain
until the end of the school year.

Herbert Kannel, 17, of 1172
Rutner, Birmingham, pleaded gui-
ty to larceny from a motor vehicle
Monday in Oakland county circuit
court, and will be sentenced April
14.

House Gets Second Spring Cleaning

Just after the spring cleaning
was finished, the H. J. Leverances,
of 416 Hawthorne, Birmingham,
went on a trip last weekend.

They arrived home Sunday to
find their house had been cleaned
out by thieves who left only gen-
eral disorder after thoroughly ran-
sacking the house.

Among items missing were \$50
in bills, \$15 in coins, jewelry and
old coins.

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS, a hard-working Birming-
ham volunteer has been traveling to Lapeer to work with a
group of 88 patients at the state hospital for mentally re-
tarded. She's Mrs. Nick J. Sferlazzia, 1851 Mansfield. Cur-

rently she's busy preparing Easter baskets for each of the
88 patients. "They're helpless sick people from 14 to 80 years
old," she says, "and how they seem to come to life when some-
one stops to visit with them, play with them, help them!"
Mrs. Sferlazzia also is helping the hospital nursery to obtain
needed carriages, strollers, clothing and toys. More volun-
teers are needed at Lapeer, Mrs. Sferlazzia adds. And, she
says, "If you cannot go to them, perhaps there is something
you could do right in your own home... letters, cards, books,
anything to lighten their load."

BRACE YOURSELF, MEN! And get out that lawn
mower oil. Beverly school Principal Malcolm Ferguson

says they had to mow the grass in the garden courts at
the school—on the 31st of March already.

MRS. DOROTHY K. ROOSEVELT, 292 Greenwood, Bir-
mingham, will be among those present to hear former secre-
tary of state Dean Acheson address an expected record crowd
of Michigan Democrats at the Party's annual Jefferson-Jack-
son day dinner in Detroit May 3.

To Study Abroad

John A. Kerley, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Kerley, of Pierce
street, Birmingham, is one of a
group of students at Kalamazoo
college, who will be studying
abroad this summer. John will be
studying at the University of Bonn

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