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Crime

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driver Arthur A. Fortier, 51, of 847 W. 11th Mile rd., Oak Park, came to the Groh home and asked if Mrs. Groh had seen the girl and to identify her. (This is where we were in, hearing the words, "knife" and "holsters" called the Birmingham police.)

Fortier had called his dispatcher from the Rowe driveway and the dispatcher called the Birmingham police.

We heard Fortier's story.

JUST AFTER 9:00 a.m. Fortier got a call to pick up a girl at the Top Hat Drive-in, 2800 N. Woodward, Royal Oak. On South-lawn, between Bates and Wash- ington, the girl ordered him to pull into the Rowe driveway. Here, she held him up at knifepoint, taking \$50.56 in bills and silver.

Getting out of the cab, the girl ran across Southlawn and up Bates, entering the home of her in-laws at 1633 S. Bates.

This girl was Mrs. Sharon H. Wells, a bride of one month. Her husband, Jack, has been held in Oakland county jail since Friday, on a charge of hitting the high-way with a bond set at \$200. The bond is high because Wells, a parolee, was with another parolee when arrested.

AT THE TIME of the holdup, Sharon Wells wore a tan raincoat over a black and white striped cotton blouse and black slacks, a red print scarf over her hair, and large-framed dark-lensed sun glasses.

Fifteen minutes later, Birmingham police officers found Sharon in bed wearing pajamas over her underwear.

"This is where we saw her for the first time.

WE WERE TALKING with officers on the lawn when Sgt. Malcolm ("Scotty") Ross called us into the house and upstairs. Two of Sharon's brothers-in-law and Sgt. Ross were in the small bedroom when she entered.

The dialogue read like a third-rate movie on the late-late-late show.

"Why did you do it?"

"I don't know what you're talking about."

"Where have you been this morning?"

"I don't know what you're talking about."

"Oh, how come about 11:30 last night I've been right here in bed, where else would I be? I've walked around the house a little, but I've been right here in bed."

"Raincoat? What's that got to do with it? No—oh, yeah, I've got a raincoat. A tan trench coat. It's in a trunk in Anderson, Ind., and I can prove it."

"Alright Sharon. Get dressed and come on downstairs."

SGT. ROSS looked weary and a little sad. He asked us to stay with the girl while she dressed.

Behind the masked face, traced with a certain defensiveness, Sharon looked weary, too. Getting out of bed, she started to talk almost as if we belonged there, almost as if we weren't strangers from across the street to whom she had never spoken.

"What a way to start a Sunday. Cops!"

"Have you had trouble with them before?"

We felt acutely out of place and never had less to say. But we wanted to be friendly. She was just a kid. It was only in retrospect that we realized she had an advantage of about an inch in height and 65 pounds in weight—and that, within the past hour, she had held a knife point at a man's neck.

"No. Just cops. I don't like 'em around."

She had put her hand in the pocket of her blouse as she buttoned it.

"Humm. One stick of gum left. Guess this is breakfast."

She ran a comb through the dark hair which hung below her shoulders.

"Guess this will teach me not to go to bed without putting up my hair."

It was a crooked little woman-to-

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Newest A&P Supermarket Opens Here on Sept. 16

A super market of early American design to complement the many attractive business buildings in Birmingham will be opened by A & P Food Stores Wednesday, Sept. 16, it was announced today.

The striking super market, one of 100 similarly designed stores A & P is opening this year in celebration of a century of business, is located at Adams and Bowers, across the street from the fire station.

A group of company officials, headed by Vice President M. W. Aldridge and Sales Manager R. J. Murray are expected to attend the opening ceremonies.

AN EXTENSIVE remodeling of the present super market at 210 S. Woodward Ave., a long time landmark of downtown Birmingham, has also been completed.

Early American in styling, the red brick and white trim super market exudes a honey, pleasing appearance that suggests it will provide a new high in shopping comfort and pleasure.

The front of the store features a pitched roof with ornamental metal railing and a cupola topped by a graceful weathervane.

CONTAINING NEARLY 14,000 sq. ft. of floor space, the new super market incorporates virtually all the latest methods in food retailing.

One of the highlights of the new store is a self-service meat department with new-type production line for the preparation of meat items. A total of 72 ft. of refrigerated cases will carry a full line of fresh and smoked meats, poultry and fish.

In addition to departments for meat, produce, dairy, bakery,

To Talk on Atom

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