

# Man Uses Iron Table Leg On Intruders in Apartment

A Gonzales Gardens man, awakened by his wife at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, used an iron table leg to bat two intruders on their heads when he caught them burglarizing several apartments, according to Columbia police.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old youth at his home a short time later, charged him with four cases of burglary, and his bond was set at \$20,000 in City Recorder's Court. Police records showed he was being held for the State Parole Board.

A 17-year-old youth showed up some time after the incident at the Columbia Hospital for treatment of a gash on the back of his head. He was hospitalized, under police guard. The hospital last night described his general condition as "good."

Fred DuBois of AE 6 Gonzales Gardens, a Columbia Bible College student who hit the two intruders, was quoted by officers as follows:

About 5 o'clock yesterday he was awakened by his wife, who heard a door closing inside their apartment. He got up and went downstairs into the living room, where he saw evidence the apartment had been entered. He picked up a heavy metal table leg and followed the intruders into the hall.

He watched the pair, who had a bunch of keys, enter and apparently ransack two other apartments. As they left the second apartment, he ordered the two to stand against the wall.

The 17-year-old attempted to run and he struck him, with the piece of metal, on the back of his head.

The 18-year-old was struck on the left side of his head, and began to struggle with Mr. DuBois, finally breaking away.

Mr. DuBois went to police headquarters and from photographs identified one of the intruders.

Police soon picked up a suspect identified as Jerry Elmer Taylor, 18, at his residence on Germany Street. He was treated at Columbia Hospital for a four-inch gash on his head; then he was taken into custody by police. Later a 17-year-old youth identified as Pat O'Shields of H-4 Gonzales Gardens came to Columbia Hospital for emergency treatment of a head wound. Police placed him under guard.

Police listed the following apartments as being entered: AE-6 and AE-4, from which nothing was reported missing; AA-5, from which a pair of pants, identifica-

tion cards, and \$4 were missing; and AC-8, from which a man's wallet and a woman's purse were missing.

All the missing items from Apartment AA-5 except the \$4 were recovered, police said. The contents of the woman's purse from Apartment AC-8 were scattered about the yard, but the purse was found on the lawn. The briefcase was found in the front yard and everything was intact except for \$1, police said.

Officers said the 18-year old Taylor previously served time in the penitentiary on a housebreaking charge after a local store was entered.

Investigating yesterday were Detective Harry Snipes, Sgt. J. C. Joyner, Officers R. E. Luther, J. E. Dennis, and Traffic Officer J. D. Gibson.

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