

## Girls, Use That Toe If He Attacks You

NEW YORK — A woman's best defense against a mugging is her scream. Speedy use of spike heels also helps.

"Yell at the top of your lungs," said Edna Fitzgerald, on New York City's force of 249 police-women for six years. "This usually frightens the assailant and brings help. But so many women don't even think of it."

"As for the use of the heel," she continued, "most muggings are from behind. Often a girl can push her foot backward and scrape a spike down her assailant's shin. That's real agony for him, be-

lieve me. It may give the girl a chance to break free."

Miss Fitzgerald, Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm and I were talking about safety of a woman in a big city. Particularly in New York, crowded with women who have moved here from other parts of the country.

**Wave Of Teen-Age Crimes**

The city in recent weeks has had a wave of teen-age crimes, from murder to purse-snatching, giving many of us a case of nerves. In one instance, this week, two young television actresses were attacked by a teen-aged

youth who brandished a home-made weapon called a zip-gun and their purses. One of the girls screamed, the other kicked and clawed, and when the youth ran, both trailed him until they located a patrolman.

Commissioner Arm insisted that such incidents are "sporadic and isolated" in this city of eight million people. "If it is any comfort to the folks back home, their daughters are as safe here, as in any other town. Probably safer," he said.

But he added that crime is on the increase nationally; that felonious assaults, which include muggings, are up everywhere.

Would training in judo help protect the weaker sex?

"I doubt it," said policewoman Fitzgerald, who is sitting in while her boss, Mrs. Teresa Melchione, is on vacation. "Unless a woman

has had extensive training, that is, a little judo knowledge can be a dangerous thing."

**Carry A Police Whistle**

She suggested these protective measures, applicable in any town:

—Don't get friendly with strangers; be careful in choice of new friends.

—Carry a police whistle in your purse. Or make one of those small buzzer alarms part of your purse equipment. When set off, the alarm can be heard for blocks.

—Never hesitate even in a large city to stop at a house or apartment building and ask to use a telephone to call police, if you sense that someone is following you.

—Don't carry large sums of money. And don't let shoulder strap bags dangle. Keep hand on handbag, "else you're an open invitation to a purse snatcher," said

the policewoman.

—Don't travel alone at night. Pair up with a friend even for a short walk home from the bridge club or PTA meeting.

—At home, don't open the front door unless you're sure who is ringing. Miss Fitzgerald said a door equipped with safety "peep hole" and inter lock and chain should be a routine precaution.

"It used to be," she said, "that no woman would be caught out along without a big hatpin. Maybe we should revive it."

**Harrison Baker Buried Sunday**

Harrison Fields Baker, 65, of Route 8, died in Lee County Hospital Friday afternoon.

He was born in Harnett County a son of the late Jack Baker and Nancy Dean.

Funeral services were held at Macedonia Church in Harnett County at 2 p.m. Sunday. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bess Ashworth; one daughter, Mrs. Hurley Ashworth of Route 6, Sanford; five sons, Dewitt Baker of Route 6, Sanford, James Felton, and Leroy of Sanford; Rufus O. and Lomie Jr. of Route 8, Sanford, 20 grandchildren; one brother, Cleveland Baker of Route 1, Holly Springs; and one sister, Mrs. Flowery Tutor of Fuquay Springs.

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**WORLD DEATHS By UNITED PRESS**

MELLS, England — Msgr. Donald A. Knox, 69, a former Anglican clergyman who was converted to Roman Catholicism and won recognition as an outstanding translator of the Bible, died Saturday night after a long illness.

GREAT NECK, N. Y. — Dr. James Baster, 53, chief of the Africa and Middle East Studies Section of the United Nations Bureau of Economic Affairs, died Saturday.

NEW YORK — Willard B. Crosby, 52, a copy editor with the New York Times and a former editor of Collier's and Argosy, died Saturday of cancer.

WASHINGTON — Rear Adm. Paul M. Stewart, 68, retired chief medical officer of the Coast Guard, died Saturday of a heart attack.

TUCSON, Ariz. — Mrs. Helena A. Dickinson, 81, author, lecturer and the first woman to receive a doctor of philosophy degree from Heidelberg University in Germany died Sunday.

**TOUGH ON BETTORS**

EVANSVILLE Ind. — Gamblers here may have to travel a distance to place a telephone call, company to yank out 22 public phones thought used for horse race betting.

**FORGETFUL POSTMAN**

NEW YORK — Postal employe Frank Scherzi was surprised when police woke him up and accused him of stealing a mail truck. Scherzi said he forgot he had left his car at the post office garage and had driven home in a red, white and blue delivery truck.

**STEAL EMPTY WALLET**

STOCKTON, Calif. — Three butter-fingered robbers dropped \$15 and a cigarette lighter in making their escape. All they had left was the empty wallet of cab driver Liesy Cashara.

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