

Rash of entries being studied by police . . .

Night-time business break-ins plague Chapel Hill and Carrboro

Chapel Hill and Carrboro police reported few leads yesterday in their efforts to solve a series of night-time break-ins at local business firms during the last few days.

They said the jobs appeared to be the work of youngsters, or at

least of persons not skilled in the art of burglary. A great number of persons have been brought in for questioning, they said, but no arrests have been made by early yesterday afternoon.

Police brought in bloodhounds

late Tuesday night to track the culprit from Lloyd's Esso Service on E. Main St. in Carrboro, where an attempted entry was made that night. The dogs lost the trail on W. Cameron Ave.

Try offices first

First attempt in the current series was at the Poyell-Ward Building on W. Franklin St. last Saturday night. The offices of certified public accountants Rodenhizer and Corcoran, Retail Credit Co., W. Lea Powell, insurance man Jim Crisp, and realtor Rip Collins were all reported entered, but nothing of significance stolen.

On Sunday night a break-in was discovered at Chapel Hill Cleaners on W. Franklin St. A quantity of money was reported missing.

On Monday night three places in Carrboro were entered. Thrifty Food Store, struck by safe robbers earlier this winter, was entered again. The combination dial was knocked off the store safe, but the box was not opened. Break-ins occurred that same night at the Quality Cleaners nearby and at Konan Oil Co. on Lloyd St.

At produce market

Yesterday morning still another entry was discovered at the Blackburn Produce Market on W. Franklin St. when the store was opened for the day. Nothing of significance was reported missing there, police said.

Chapel Hill will buy 'bargain price' truck for Fire Department

The Town of Chapel Hill will buy a new \$27,500 pumper fire truck at a "bargain" price of \$20,500.

Decision to purchase the 1,000-gallon-a-minute American La France engine was made by unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen at a specially-called meeting last Saturday morning.

Actually bids for the vehicle are being advertised this week and will be opened next Thursday, Feb. 28, to comply with state law. However, the specifications

have been drawn to meet those of this particular truck, and it is not expected that any competitor will be able to meet the offered price.

Change revenue estimates

The Town Board voted to increase the revenue estimates of the current budget by about \$8,000 and to decrease a momentarily un-needed equipment appropriation that had been budgeted by about \$2,400 in order to provide \$10,400 as the municipality's approximate one-half share of the cost of the new vehicle. The University had agreed to pay the other half of the cost, as it has done in previous similar instances.

Town Manager Bob Peck told the Board that he would have asked that an appropriation for the new truck be made in the next fiscal year's budget, to replace a 1942 model makeshift Ford fire truck, for which the State will give no fire insurance.

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Giduz seeking re-election; town elections set for May 7

Chapel Hill Alderman Roland Giduz yesterday announced his candidacy for election to a third term on the Town Board in the May 7 biennial elections.

His seat and those of Aldermen Gene Strowd and Joe Page will be at stake in the election. The aldermanic posts are for four-year terms. Also to be chosen will be the Mayor and the Judge of the Chapel Hill Recorder's Court, each of which is a two-year job. To date no other candidates have announced for any of the municipal offices.

It is likely that a referendum on the levying of a municipal recreation tax of from three to 10-cents additional on the property tax rate will also be held at the time of the May 7 election. In addition, there may be a bond referendum of up to \$650,000 to finance improvements to the Town sewer system.

Town Manager Bob Peck said yesterday it was quite possible that a complete re-registration of all Chapel Hill town voters would be necessary, since the boundaries of most local pre-

dicts have been changed this month to overlap those of the county inside corporate Chapel Hill.

Alderman Giduz was first elected to an interim two-year term on the Board in 1957, and was re-elected in 1959. A Chapel Hill native, he is 37 years old, a graduate of the University here, and Editor of The News of Orange County. He said yesterday that he had no formal statement to make in connection with his candidacy but planned to issue one during the coming campaign.

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