

3 Fights Break Out:

Racial Tension Explodes at CHS

Long brewing racial tension at Champaign's Central High School flashed into open violence Wednesday as white and Negro youths tangled in three large scale brawls.

At least seven teen-agers have been jailed and more arrests are expected as city police juvenile officers continue their investigation Thursday.

School officials refused to comment on the disturbances.

The first fight broke out at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday in the third floor hall and reportedly involved 60 boys. The ruckus started, students said, when one youth was jostled and had a book knocked from his arm.

The fight lasted several minutes and ended with the Negro youths winning as police arrived.

Students said the faculty made no attempt to stop the brawl, though a woman algebra teacher was caught in the middle and shoved to the floor. Principal Clint Kelly went home ill.

Several of the combatants flashed knives, chains and other weapons during the fracas, students said. A white pupil was reportedly struck in the eye with a chain and required medical attention.

Kelly was not at school Thursday and his assistant, Carl L. Nelson, refused to discuss the fights with Courier reporters. He said any comments would have to come from Kelly.

The second fight reportedly broke out during the third period, again in the third floor hall, when a white youth is said to have bumped into a Negro girl. It is reported she demanded an apology, he refused and she called on her brother. The brother accosted the white youth, who still refused to apologize, and fists began flying.

Students said some 30 boys were involved.

At least 10 policemen were called in to break up the third fight, which occurred in nearby West Side Park after classes were dismissed.

Third Melee in Park One of the students involved told Courier reporters the melee began when seven white youths blocked the path of three Negro boys and one of the Negroes shoved a white. Within minutes some 60 teen-agers were swinging at each other with fists and tree limbs — in abundant supply due to last week's ice storm.

During the fracas, a brick was thrown through the window of a passing car. When the young woman motorist stopped and got out to "scold" the guilty youth, she promptly received a rabbit punch.

She said she was stunned by the blow but managed to get back into her auto and drive to the police station.

A 17-year-old white youth who was in the car behind the woman reportedly stopped and came to her aid. He was arrested. Two teen-age girls who were in the car with him were also struck by the brawling mob, students said.

Police Scatter Crowd The fight broke up with the arrival of the first police car. Officers said the white combatants fled west and the Negro youths ran east. At least four boys, three white and one Negro, were rounded up, however. All are under 18, police said.

Three more boys, two Negro and one white, were brought to the police station Thursday morning — two of them junior high students who continued Thursday the battle their older brothers started the day before.

Juvenile officers were at the school Thursday morning interviewing all students who could be identified as participating in Wednesday's fights. Officers Dean Dawkins and James Voss said they will also try to talk to some of the youth's parents Thursday afternoon.

The interviews are expected to take most of the day, they said.

Brewing For Years Central High students, some of them admittedly involved in one or more of the fights, told Courier reporters trouble between whites and Negroes has been brewing for years, occasionally erupting into the open.

Wednesday was the most violent day in several years, the students say, though one fight last year involved more youths than any of the three Wednesday. Reportedly, the big battle last year was fought in the gymnasium by some 100 boys.

School officials have preferred to keep the police out of the incidents and when called in, juvenile officers have been reluctant to comment.

Students Suspended? Police say school authorities have been handling the problem by suspending or expelling guilty students. Thursday, Assistant Principal Nelson said the school

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Members of the Champaign Country Club and their guests Wednesday celebrate the 50th anniversary of the club in the Champaign Country Club. From left are Albert Eisner Jr., Fred Jorgensen and Herman Lewis, all 50-year members of the club; Wallace Mulliken, program chairman, and Robert Eisner Jr., club president.

Conried Here in Comedy

'Generation' March 7 in Assembly Hall.

Hans Conried, who more than pleased local playgoers last season in "Absence of a Cello" at the Assembly Hall, will appear Tuesday night, March 7, in "Generation" at the same hall.

The play, a Broadway hit, has been described as "a laugh-studded comedy about a sharp sparring match between the older and younger generations."

Tickets to the public will go on sale Sunday at the Assembly Hall and will continue thereafter at both the Assembly Hall and the Illini Union.

In "Generation," Conried will be seen as a doting father from Chicago who has hastened to New York to visit his just-married daughter and to meet the man she has picked as a husband.

Ruefully regretting that their sudden marriage did him out of walking down an aisle to give the bride away "with champagne, women crying and all that," he is all the same eager to make friends with his new son-in-law.

Tough Job The play's humor rises from the hard-sledding this effort entails, since the son-in-law is a thorny, denim-shirted, scornful rebel.

He has an exaggerated sense of integrity and a battery of instant sneers to fling at his father-in-law and just about every body else who, he insists, has "sold out to The System." The touchy groom even waves off an offered wedding — present check, lest it limit his independence.

One New York critic called this conflict of the brash-versus-mellow generation "a combination of polished farce and serious social comment."

The genial father is abruptly called upon to defend his conventional way of life, to stand up for his ideals of getting along with the world as it is and achieving comfortable living arrangements, cleanliness and respectability.

Playwright William Goodhart provides "many funny moments and many sympathetic observations regarding the differences that divide many parents and their children at the present time."

Supporting Cast Conried's supporting cast will include Tom Lognon as his rambunctious, guitar-strumming son-in-law and Nancy Donohue as his daughter who attended so many fancy schools it's only

About Town

The city manager's office has announced absentee ballots for the Feb. 14 primary election may be obtained at the city clerk's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, through Feb. 10.

The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Feb. 9. Voters in the city primary and election need not be registered.

A reminder that the last day to apply by mail for absentee ballots for the Feb. 14 city of Urbana and Cunningham Township primary is Feb. 9 was issued Thursday by City Clerk Duane Eckerty. The last day to register an absentee vote in person at the City Building, 400 S. Vine St., is Feb. 11.

The official presentation of the Harlan Bartholomew & Associates updated parking and traffic survey will be made to the City of Champaign at a meeting at 7 p.m. Friday at the First National Bank building in Champaign.

Among those present at the meeting will be the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Downtown Champaign.

The report is expected to provide guidance for the city in the development of future programs in these two crucial areas.

City Manager Warren Brown Wednesday said the city landfill north of Champaign on Ill. 47 will be open this weekend for residents who want to haul limbs and branches out there.

The hours will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Use of the landfill is restricted to residents of Champaign, and Brown said the some form of identification may be required.

City workers are hauling limbs from trees on private property in cases where the property owner has placed them in the area between the sidewalk and curb in front of his home.

The University of Illinois Motion Picture Services division will temporarily relocate at 1007 W. Nevada St., Urbana, according to Frank E. Schooley, manager of U. of I. communications stations.

The division suffered smoke and water damage Saturday night in the Bailey and Hines fire. Division offices and equipment were located above the gutted store. Schooley said equipment will be removed pos-



Hans Conried

Gilbert and Sullivan operas, "The Mikado," Monday, Feb. 13, and "H.M.S. Pinafore" Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The international "Porgy and Bess" touring company will stage George Gershwin's folk opera Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20-21.

Rantoul Theft:

Farmer City Man Charged

Rantoul (Special) Robert Wegner, 29, of Farmer City has been charged with burglary and theft by Rantoul police.

He was brought here Wednesday after his arrest by a De Witt County deputy sheriff on complaint signed by the local police. Wegner is charged with entering the Rantoul News Agency, where he was employed, early Tuesday before it opened and taking approximately \$240.

Bond was set by Magistrate Wilbur Flessner at \$2,500 on each of the two charges. Wegner was transferred to the Champaign County Jail in Urbana.

The door of the agency apparently had been left unlocked Monday night, according to Police Chief Eldon Quick.

Police said that footprints in the snow near the building matched boots owned by Wegner. The theft was reported at 8 a.m. Tuesday, and Quick said that the money probably was

Art History F. J. Ro

Frank John Roos Jr., 64, professor of art history in the University of Illinois art department for 20 years, died unexpectedly at 5 a.m. Thursday at his home, 705 Balboa Dr.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Weaver-Henderson Funeral Home. The Rev. Harris J. Mowry Jr., rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Mausoleum. There will be no visitation.

Prof. Roos had been on sabbatical leave the first semester while writing two books. He had taught not only a graduate seminar but also an introductory course in art appreciation. He was the author of "Illustrated Handbook of Art History," first published in 1937.

Headed Department Prof. Roos came to the University of Illinois in 1946, then serving as head of the department.

The son of Frank John and Mary Ellen (Daley) Roos, he was born Jan. 10, 1903, in Chicago. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1927 and was a Carnegie fellow at Harvard University in 1927-28. In 1937 he received his PhD from Ohio State University.

From 1928 to 1936 he was an assistant professor at Ohio State University. Going to Ohio State University in 1936, he had advanced to the rank of full professor by 1946 when he came to the University of Illinois.

Prof. Roos spent 1953-57 in England on a Fulbright research grant, doing research on the background of early American painting.

During the summer of 1959 he conducted a survey of early architecture in the Connecticut Valley for the Historic American Building Survey, National Park Service.

Other Writings In addition to his "Illustrated Handbook of Art History," Prof. Roos was the author of "Writings on Early American Architecture," published in 1943 and was a contributor to professional journals.

He was a member of the American Society of Architectural Historians, serving as secretary-treasurer from 1941-1948; American Association of University Professors, the American Society for Aesthetics, Delta Phi Delta and Alpha Sigma Phi.

Prof. Roos was married to Beatrice B. Adams on 7, 1929.

He leaves his widow and daughter, Mrs. Donald C. Ayler, the former Jane Ayler, of 1119 S. Foley St., his society editor of the Courier and two grandchildren, Albert and John Lay, 4.

He was a member of the Urbana Rotary Club and was an Episcopalian.

Dean Weller Satisfied

Roos as Art School

The death of Prof. Roos is a "severe loss" not to the department of which he had been a member for 21 years but to the whole field of art studies, Dean Albert Weller, of the University of Illinois College of Fine Arts Thursday.

Prof. Roos died early day morning. He had been on sabbatical leave for the past year, Dean Weller said, and was happy on an interim project which had occupied attention throughout his professional life — his bibliography of American architecture which for an entire year has been an essential part of his work as a professor in his field.

Dewey Prather, 68, Dies