

Curfew to Ring at 9 P. M. for Five Boys Who Stole Cookies From Store

Because they broke into a store and stole cookies and ice cream, five Pawlet boys, ranging in age from 14 to 16 years, must be in the house by 9 o'clock every night over a period of several years unless Deputy Sheriff Caspar L. Leach of Pawlet gives them special permission to be out later.

This was one of the terms laid down yesterday afternoon by Municipal Judge Harold I. O'Brien when he turned the lads over to Probation Officer Charles B. Costello and gave them suspended sentences in the Vermont Industrial school at Vergennes.

The youthful offenders were in court on a serious charge—burglary in the night-time. This offense might have sent two of the older ones, Howard Moore and James Buxton, both 16, to states prison as they are of an age which gives the Municipal court jurisdiction in their cases. The other three offenders, Manley and Stanley Fifield, 15, twins and Morris Frulla, 14, were before Judge O'Brien as juveniles.

The boys were charged specifically with breaking into the general store of Clark & Cook at Pawlet on May 25 when Russell Clark, senior partner, saw one of the lads enter the place. It developed that one or more of the members of the youthful gang had helped themselves to cookies and other foods. While the others had not entered the establishment, they had knowledge that their pals had done so and were willing to eat some of the stolen dainties.

States Attorney Jack A. Crowley recommended probation. Attorney Angelo J. Spero of this city, who appeared in behalf of the boys, told the court that the lads had told straightforward stories of their short comings and had not tried to hide anything.

Judge O'Brien explained to the boys the seriousness of their offense and emphasized the fact that such disregard of the property and rights of other people led to criminal careers.

Deputy Leach took the boys into court.

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