

Courtesy Lesson Costs Driver \$200

COOKSVILLE — If Kazys Alisaukas has an open mind, he will probably have come to the conclusion by now that courtesy pays — just like it says in the advertisements.

Kazys was given a lesson in courtesy at the Cooksville Police Court last week, and considering all things it was cheap at the price — \$100 and costs for leaving the scene of an accident, and \$100 for taking a poke at a police officer.

It was a simple story. Reginald John Harvey Radford was driving into the Applewood Plaza in his 1967 Ford Galaxie on Dec. 10, in the afternoon. It was a miserable, drizzling sort of day, and there was a pile-up of traffic at the entrance to the plaza. Being a courteous and considerate young man, Reginald John had been proceeding slowly, and at the entrance, because of the traffic jam, he was forced to stop. But let him tell the story.

"I felt a nudge from behind," he told Magistrate C. Drukarsh, "and then I got another nudge on the rear bumper, and then another, and then the car behind backed up a bit, and came forward again, giving me a real belt."

He got out, intending to introduce himself to the driver of the following car — a Ford station wagon, vintage of '66. But the driver of the station wagon was apparently not in a social mood, for he swung around when Radford tapped on the window, and sped on his way into the plaza. He could not identify the driver — proceedings had been too swift for that. However, he got his number.

Investigation revealed that the belt from behind had damaged his car to the tune of \$180.

Two witnesses in a nearby car at the scene of the — er, onslaught — confirmed Reginald John's story. George David Brown, driver of the third vehicle, said the station wagon had struck Mr. Radford's car two or three times.

"And then he took off very expeditiously," said Mr. Brown, or words to that effect.

He had followed the accused's car round the plaza at 20 or 30 miles an hour and taken the number. William Marshall, who was also in the third car gave similar evidence.

Constable Thomas Richmond told of being called to the scene of the accident,

checking the license number of the station wagon and proceeding to the home of Kazys Alisaukas, the registered owner, on Carletta drive. Mr. Alisaukas was still unsocial — almost anti-social, indeed. When asked if he had hit another car, he told the officer to get out, and get a search warrant if he wanted information.

The officer did just that, and he secured at the same time an order to impound the car. In a statement to the police the accused admitted having had the car out during the period when the accident occurred, but in a different neighborhood. He also mentioned having had a few drinks with his brother during the fateful afternoon.

It was in getting hold of the car in order to impound it that the little tiff occurred which resulted in Alisaukas being charged with assaulting an officer. According to the accused, he was merely demonstrating his good nature, and intended driving the station wagon to the police station. Officer Richmond saw it somewhat differently. He had ordered a tow truck to take the car in, but Alisaukas expressed unhappiness at the thought of it being towed away from the garage, so he got behind the wheel himself and again demonstrated his ability to make an expeditious take-off. He was followed by the officer who finally succeeded in stopping him.

The officer ordered Alisaukas out of the car, but Alisaukas appeared reluctant to oblige, so the officer tendered him some assistance. After being removed from the car the accused, presumably in a spirit of fun, slammed a few hard ones at the officer who succeeded in adroitly covering himself.

"And then a pair-r-son



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who had been watching 'cam' an' offered to help," said Constable Raymond in giving evidence. "an' I told him I wud appreciate his assistance, whereupon the accused flattened the gentleman twice before we cud restr-r-rain him."

A second cruiser appeared on the scene with reinforcements and Alisaukas decided to go along quietly.

"Just a comedy of errors," said his counsel.

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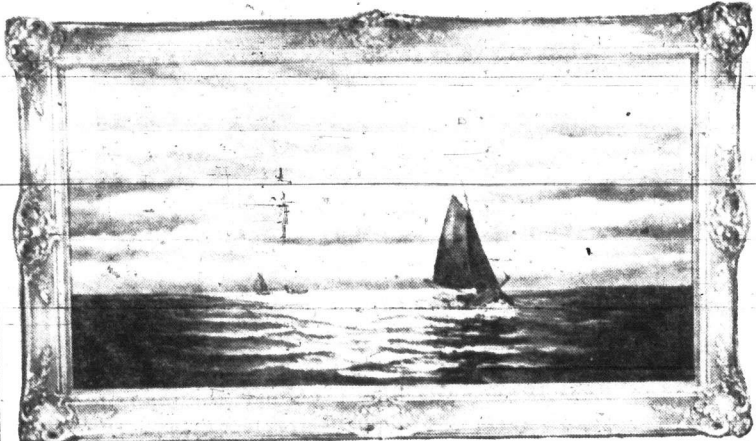
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