

Skeptical "You Can't Fool Me" Costs Youth \$10 in Allendale

Edgar Nelson of Wortendyke Found Out That the Marshal Was the McCoy

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Youthful skepticism was the cause of Edgar Nelson, 19, of Wortendyke paying a ten dollar fine and listening to a lecture on why it pays to be polite to the police, in Allendale Police Court Friday night. Lecturer was recorder J. F. Rouault.

Nelson was charged with refusing to show a license to operate a motor vehicle, on complaint of Allendale Marshal S. A. Schellenberg.

Nelson and two other youths had been stunting on their motorcycles on West Crescent Avenue and West Allendale Avenue, near the entrance to Crestwood Lake, Sunday, July 6 at 6:25 p.m. "Cutting figure eights" was one of the stunts. Marshal Schellenberg had asked the boys to stop the clowning.

Two complied readily. Nelson was inclined to be obstinate. He wanted to know who Schellenberg was. "I am

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an Allendale Marshal," was the reply. To prove it, Schellenberg displayed his marshal's badge.

Waves License

"Hmph! Anyone can carry one of those things," retorted Nelson scornfully. Schellenberg then asked to see his license. Nelson fished it out, waved it in the air and roared off with the parting thrust, "that's all you'll see of it".

The boy was wrong. Schellenberg got a second look at the license . . . in Allendale Police Court Friday night. Recorder Rouault also had a good look. Nelson had been traced by his motorcycle license number. He received a summons sent by mail to his home. It called for court appearance Wednesday. Nelson obtained a postponement until Friday.

"Just a wise guy," said Judge Rouault levying a ten dollar fine and \$2.50 costs of court on the Wortendyke skeptic. Allendale marshals, Nelson was informed, are hired to protect residents, and to prevent the monkey-shines which led to his appearance in court. Moreover, according to Judge Rouault, "no one is going to make bums out of Allendale marshals," as long as a recorder named Rouault is on the bench.

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