

Falls, State Police Arrest Four In Safe Burglary Investigation

Four Seneca County people were arrested Friday by Seneca Falls and State Police on charges stemming from the theft of safes and cash from three Seneca Falls businesses during December and January. The investigation is continuing, and additional arrests are pending.

The arrests, State Police said, resolved three burglaries at the Park Way Party House on Bayard St., Seneca Falls, in which two safes were stolen; a burglary at the Venice Restaurant, Fall St., Seneca Falls, in which cash was stolen, and a burglary at the Stanton Meadows Apartments

office, Rts. 5&20, where a safe was taken.

Three safes believed to be those taken in the burglaries have been recovered, the first found Jan. 8 in the Cayuga-Seneca Canal where the water level was lowered, the other two recovered by the State

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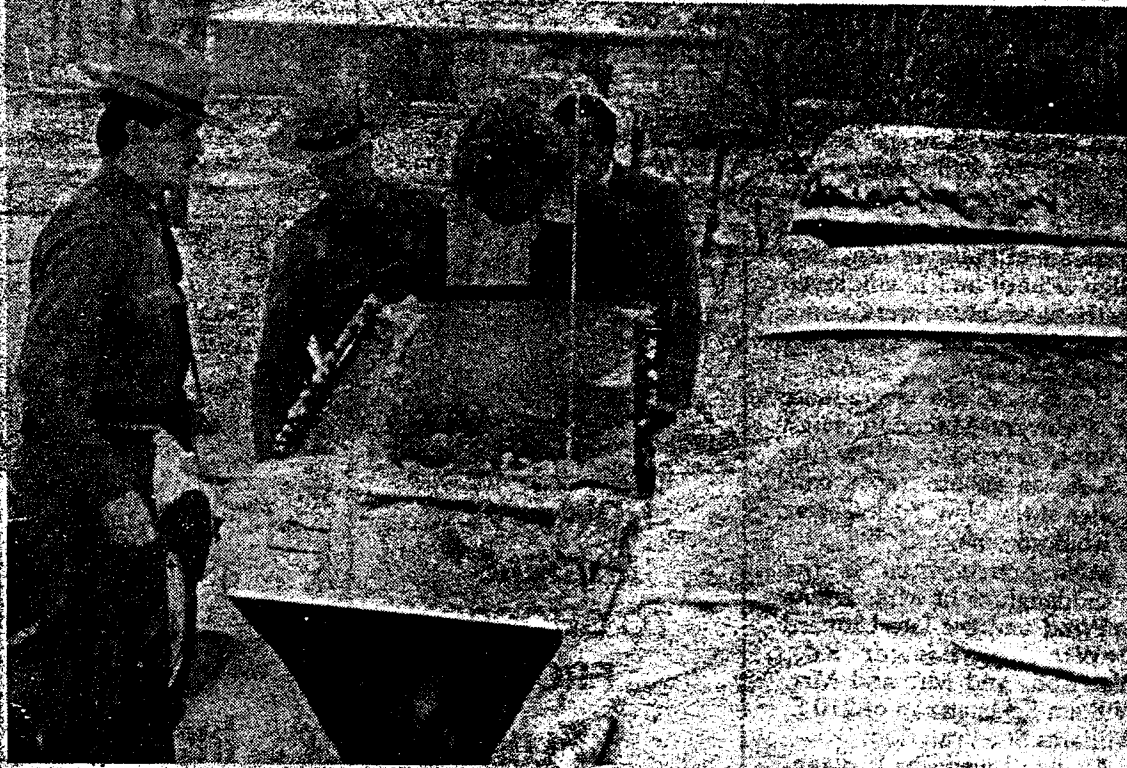
Police Cold Water Diving Team Jan. 13 from the Canal beneath the Armitage Bridge at the Wayne County line.

Being held without bail in the Seneca County Jail is David Osterhout, 28, of 40 Mynderse St., Seneca Falls. He has been charged with four counts of third-degree burglary, a Class D felony; one count of grand larceny in the fourth degree, a Class E felony, and one count of unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation.

He was arraigned Friday morning before Seneca Falls Village Justice Gordon Tetor.

The others were arraigned before Tetor and released without bail to appear in town court at a later date.

Dawn M. Stephens, 21, of 8F Stanton Meadows Apartments, was charged with three counts of third-degree burglary and one count of fourth-degree grand larceny. Nelson G. Brink, 29, of 8476 S. Main St., Lodi was charged with two counts each of third-degree burglary, hindering a third-degree prosecution, a Class A misdemeanor, and of fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a Class A misdemeanor. Linda S. Erb, 29, of the same Lodi address, faces four counts of third-degree burglary and two counts of fourth-degree grand larceny.



STATE TROOPERS David Martek and Steven Kelley escort David W. Osterhout, 28, from the Seneca Falls Police Department, to Seneca County Jail, where he is being held without bail on charges stemming from his arrest Friday in connection with the burglary of safes and other assets from three Seneca Falls businesses. At rear is Seneca Falls Police Sgt. Investigator Fred Buck.