
Man, 43, Faces 6 Arson Charges

Following two Spadina Ave. fires Saturday morning when 19 persons had to leave their homes, police arrested Harold Lorne Smith, 43, of Spadina Ave., on six charges of arson. He was later remanded without bail until Feb. 24 by Magistrate Browne.

The fires, at 397 and 381 Spadina Ave., were started by burning paper thrown beneath the stairways in the buildings. Flames cut off escape through the front, but the residents fled to safety down fire escapes and out the back door.

A series of mysterious fires in the same district last October led police and fire marshal officials to an investigation. Shortly after firemen extinguished the Saturday blazes, Smith was arrested in his bedroom by Sgl. of Det. Edmund Tong, Det.-Sgt. Roy Perry and Fire Captain Sam Hill.

Several Spadina Ave. merchants have reported incendiary attempts in the past few weeks.

Walking on Road, Youth, 17, Injured

Weston, Feb. 19.—Lloyd Bates, 17, of Rosethorn Ave., York Township, received an injured right leg and face cuts when struck by a car on Jane St., Saturday night. Driver Eric Greenwood of Cliff St., Mount Dennis, told police he did not see the boy until he was right in front of the car. Bates had been walking south on the road. He was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.
