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ONE NABBED IN STANKE STICK-UP; FINGERS PAL

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By Captain Aaron Stout

About 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 17, 1954, two men attempted the armed robbery of Albert Stanke, driver of Kennedy Laundry truck. Mr. Stanke has given service to the people of Robbins for the last twenty-five years and is loved and respected by those whom he has served.

Stanke, jokingly called "Stinky," by his friends, is a man 62 years of age, but despite the weight of years elected to fight off his attackers with the only weapon at hand — a battery cable.

Though the police do not condone taking one's life in his hands, we can not help but admire the courage and fortitude of Mr. Stanke.

Now for what actually happened:

About 2:15 p.m., Mr. Stanke was delivering on his route in the vicinity of 136th & Homan avenue, when he was accosted by two men, namely, Roosevelt Baker and Freddie Johnson. Roosevelt was armed with a fully loaded .38 calibre revolver and Johnson with a knife. When told that "this is a stick-up," Stanke grabbed a battery cable which he used to fight off dogs, and went into action, slashing and beating the arms of his assailants until he became panicky and began to run. Johnson, who was armed with a knife, pursued Stanke to the front of a house and stabbed him in the left side, piercing his kidney.

Badly hurt, though he was, Stanke drove his truck to the police station and reported the incident. Thanks to radio, within



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Greater Robbins Elks Lodge No. 1272 held a musical tea last Sunday, February 21, 1954 at Lincoln Memorial School, 139th and St. Louis avenue, starting at 4:00 p. m.

They presented a wonderful program, composed largely of local talent. Mrs. Anna V. Hensley, one of the teachers at Lincoln, was the gracious and capable mistress of ceremonies.

The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Weaver of Harvey, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Cox of Robert S. Abbott Elks Lodge of Chicago Heights, Illinois.

The Pride of Robbins Temple No. 915 was there with the usual helping hand, with Dtr. Ruler Carlena Harvey directing and lending assistance where needed.

Mayor Theodore Hendricks gave a very interesting talk on "Co-operation." Trustee O'Dell Anderson also gave a brief and interesting talk. He lauded the firemen for the excellent work they are doing and the record they have made. He stated that they couldn't lose with the help they are getting.

Mr. Paul Cochran, Exalted Ruler of Greater Robbins, gave Mr. M. L. Smith, chairman of the Trustee Board of the lodge, the honor of presenting to the Robbins Fire Department, the Resuscitator that was given by the lodge to be used for humanity, regardless of race, creed or color.

Mr. Edward Willett, treasurer of Greater Robbins Lodge and Chief of the Robbins Fire Department accepted the resuscitator in the name of the Robbins Fire Department and thanked

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five minutes there were four squads of police from the sheriff's office working with Robbins police. The buses were alerted, all surrounding police were notified and the assailants described from the meagre description garnered from the public.

Baker was picked up in Harvey and turned over to Captain Stout.

After returning Roosevelt Baker to Robbins, Capt. Stout interrogated the prisoner and after hours of questioning the

subject "broke" and signed a written confession, involving Freddie Johnson as his accomplice and the actual wielder of the knife in the stabbing of Mr. Stanke. Stanke positively identified Baker as the man with the revolver.

Baker is now in the County jail under \$5,000 bond; Freddie Johnson is still at large, but his apprehension is expected momentarily.

Mr. Stanke's condition is now considered favorable.