

Rev. Joseph Hannan, OSB

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Attempts At Break Ins Fail Here

Two robbery attempts were thwarted here last week. Thieves tried to break into Alderson's Department store sometime Friday night by forcing the store's front door on East Simpson st. and Michigan ave.

The store was robbed Feb. 16 with the burglars using an almost identical method to gain entry. They tried to pry loose a lock on the same door, failed and broke the glass out in the door.

Unsuccessful this time, the thieves were apparently scared away. The attempt was not discovered until closing time Saturday night when Cliff Alderson, store operator, noticed the door had been tampered with.

The robbery last month netted the burglars close to \$1700 worth of clothing. Fifty men's suits, 25 sport coats, 20 shirts and luggage were taken.

The second attempt occurred Saturday night about 9:45 p.m. at the Catholic parish house on W. Simpson st. Rev. Joseph Hannan was in the house when he heard someone trying to get in the back door.

He ran out and saw a man run off but was able to give police a good description of the man. Two Lafayette patrolmen late Saturday night arrested Mike Ramirez, 304 E. Chester st., for the break-in attempt in a local tavern.

Ramirez was sentenced in Barney McWilliams' Justice of the Peace court here Monday night. He received a \$25 fine and was placed on six months probation.

McWilliams ordered Ramirez, about 30, to have a psychiatric examination at Veteran's Hospital in Denver on the advice of a local physician. Arresting officers said that Ramirez seemed to be dazed and unaware of where he was.

No clues were left in the Alderson break-in try and no leads have been reported on the Feb. robbery.

The Highway Drug store was robbed the night of Jan. 21 and the month before Joe's Market here was broken into and several hundred dollars worth of clothing was taken from the Magic Cleaners on E. Simpson st.

The Bungalow Drug Store at Louisville was also robbed late last year and an attempt to crack a safe at the Hacienda Cafe was made Jan. 16.

Father Hannan Appointed Priest Here

Rev. Joseph Hannan O.S.B. has been assigned to the Immaculate Conception Parish in Lafayette, it was announced last week. In 1934 he enrolled at the Abbey Monastery and took his Novitiate at St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison, Kans.

Father Hannan is a native of Proctor, Minn., and was graduated from St. Johns' University, Collegeville, Minn.; was professed in July 1935 and was ordained in Denver in 1940.

Father Hannan entered the Army as a Chaplain in 1943 and saw active duty in the European theater of operation. He was one of the 13 survivors of the 31 passengers in the crash of a C-46 transport near Casablanca, North Africa, in 1944.

He was in the hospitals in Casablanca, El Paso, Tex. and Chicago recuperating from serious injuries. He maintained the rank of captain at the time of his discharge. In 1950 when Father Hannan first came to Lafayette the Parish was known as St. Ida's. A \$95,000 church was constructed under his direction and was dedicated July 18, 1954.



Ordained May 20th, 1940

Was an aircorps chaplain

Seriously injured C-46 Transport crash near Casa Blanca WWII

Stopped a robbery

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