

List Of Boys Grows To 51

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yesterday on a charge of assault and battery to gratify sexual desires when he appeared in Municipal Court, Room 10. He is free on \$150 cash bond set by Judge D. William Cramer.

Hacker, who is married and has two preschool-age children, appeared in court with a new attorney, Ernie S. Burke, until recently judge of Municipal Court, Room 3.

Burke was the presiding judge, it was learned, in an assault-and-battery case involving Hacker in 1961 when Hacker taught English at Ben Davis Junior High School, 1159 South High School Road, and was a leader of a Boy Scout troop that met at Mount Olive United Methodist Church, 1449 South High School Road.

Although Burke eventually dismissed the charges after a two-and-a-half hour trial, Hacker was discharged as a teacher in the Wayne Township Schools and suspended as a scoutmaster.

WHEN HACKER applied for a job with the Indianapolis schools in 1962, the Wayne Township system submitted no information on his arrest and trial the previous year, an official in the Indianapolis system said yesterday.

On the contrary, he said, an official of the Wayne Township schools sent a letter stating Hacker's character was above criticism. The Wayne Township official was en route to a national meeting of superintendents at Atlantic City, N.J., yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

The Indianapolis official, who asked to remain anonymous, said Hacker would not have been hired if the local board had known of his arrest record.

THE 1961 CASE against Hacker stemmed from a Scout campout in March, but he was not arrested until July 7, 1961, after some of the boys told their parents he had entered their tents during the night, according to Detective Sgt. Donald Okey of the Marion County Sheriff's Department, who made the arrest.

His trial was held on Aug. 10, 1961. Judge Burke took

the case under advisement and on Aug. 14 dismissed the charge.

Burke explained yesterday he dropped the charges because in his opinion there was reasonable doubt as to whether Hacker was guilty. Under the circumstances, Burke said, he did not want to ruin Hacker's career as a teacher.

After leaving Ben Davis, Hacker taught in the Jackson-Blue River School System at Charlottesville, Hancock County, before applying for a job in Indianapolis and being accepted.

HACKER ALSO was reinstated as a scoutmaster after the trial because there was insufficient evidence of his guilt, Frank M. Chase, executive scout of the Central Indiana Council, said yesterday.

Scout records showed Hacker was assistant scoutmaster of Troop 109, which met at the Franklin Road Baptist Church, 59 North Franklin Road, from December, 1964, to December, 1966. He became scoutmaster of Troop 3, which meets in the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Avenue, in October, 1968 and resigned under pressure about 10 days ago.

Dr. Dwight W. Schuster, psychiatrist and member of the Indianapolis Merit Commission, declared yesterday that "parents need to establish an attitude of openness about sex with their children" to avoid having the youngsters become involved in sex rings.

"The old idea was if your child brought up certain words you washed out his mouth with soap," Schuster said.

"Children need to feel that if they are confronted with an unusual sexual experience they will not be punished if they tell their parents about it."

Deputy Police Chief Spurgeon D. Davenport and Sgt. Marshall said the reason sexual aberrations often are not disclosed for many months is that the adult involved "approaches the children gradually and indoctrinates them."

"The kids have the feeling that what they are doing is wrong, which is characteristic of a sexually normal person, but they are afraid to tell their parents," Davenport said.

Marshall said that problems arise when both parents work and are unable to establish a close relationship with their children.

WARNING SIGNS for parents, Davenport said, include:

- 1 Other adults being "abnormally" affectionate toward their children.
- 2 Other adults taking children to ball games, movies, or car rides, and showering them with gifts, such as soft drinks and hamburgers.

"If a parent has a suspicion that something is wrong, he should call the police immediately and ask for advice on how to proceed," Davenport commented.

Hacker, who gave an address in the 300 block of South Audubon Road, received a bachelor's degree from Marian College here and a master's degree from Indiana State University at Terre Haute.