

Wooster Farmer Struck by Pail

Argument Over Trespassing On Property Ends in Assault Charge

John Hoppa, a Wooster farmer, sustained severe cuts and bruises about the face, requiring several stitches to close, last week when a neighbor allegedly assaulted him with a 10-gallon galvanized bucket.

According to Chief of Police LeCrone, who was called out to the Hoppa farm, E. M. Davis, a neighbor, had been trespassing on the farm and refused to leave the property in spite of repeated remonstrances. Finally the owner attempted to push the trespasser off his place with a shove. Davis swung the bucket he was carrying and struck Hoppa on the head, cutting his right eye. When he was taken to a local surgeon's office, it required two stitches to close a gash in the eyelid.

A warrant was made out for Davis' arrest on a charge of assault and battery but when Officer LeCrone went out to serve it Thursday, he was informed that Davis had checked out, presumably for Nebraska where he makes his home part of the time.