

Court supervision ruled in WS case

Six months of court supervision has been meted out to some 20 area young people who had been charged with improper entry of St. James at Sag Bridge cemetery. The decision was rendered by Associate Judge William Fitzpatrick in fifth district court, Oak Lawn, May 10.

The judge also reminded the youths that the cemetery under surveillance and if they are caught again they would be subject to 30 days in jail and fined as much as \$500.

Levying the charges against the youths was Rev. George Ashenbrenner, pastor of St. James church.

"There is constant damage at the church and cemetery, it is hard to determine just when it is done," said the pastor.

He claimed that trouble had been going on for about three years with "rocks thrown through windows, broken and overturned tombstones, and destruction of religious articles."

The judge's decision was made after a private conference was held attended by the youths, their parents, defense attorney Nickolus Comerford, Rev. Ashenbrenner, and arresting officer, Jim Kasuba, Cook County sheriff's police.

Comerford told the court that he had advised the teens to admit being on the cemetery property but to enter not guilty pleas to charges of property destruction.