Police Raid Private School’s Fair, Serve Gambling Summons on 7

Several hundred parents who thought they were combining a good deed with a little harmless fun suffered a rude shock a little after midnight yesterday when the fair of the Parents Association of the City and Country School, one of the best known progressive, experimental private schools in the country, was raided by the police.

They had just come downstairs from the auditorium in the four-story red brick structure occupied by the school at 165 West Twelfth Street, after witnessing a series of theatrical skits presented by members of the group, when a squad of plainclothes men from the staff of Inspector Joseph Goldstein of the First Inspection District arrived.

Some of the fathers and mothers were dancing to the music of an orchestra; some were enjoying refreshments at a bar, and some, concededly, were amusing themselves by gambling, with the full knowledge that all their losses would go to swell the scholarship fund, when the police, responding to a telephoned “tip,” broke up the party.

Although many of those in the crowd, which included lawyers, doctors and other reputable business and professional people, tried to convince the police that what had been going on was no more heinous than “a bingo game in a church,” the plainclothes men served summonses on seven members of the association and seized two slot machines and a roulette wheel as evidence.

All the summonses are returnable in Gamblers Court this morning. Those served were Polly B.

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Andrews, who gave the same address as the school, charged with keeping and maintaining a gambling establishment; Philip B. Stephens of 153 West Twelfth Street, charged with operating a slot machine, and five persons charged with operating gambling games: Allen B. Oak of 304 West Twelfth Street, Liston M. Oak of 81 Charles Street, Elizabeth Muschenheim of 302 West Twelfth Street, Charles Shipman of 258 West Twelfth Street and Doris Gessner of 1 University Place.

Mr. Stephens is assistant business manager of The Daily News.

When the police broke in on the gathering, many of the guests protested that the raid was "a terrible mistake." Several large patrol wagons were lined up outside the school building, apparently in anticipation of taking a considerable number of those present to the Charles Street station.

Wagons Sent Away Empty

However, after a considerable delay they were sent away empty. Many children from families that have represented in the past the fair has usually raised about $2,000 for the scholarship fund, and explained that many members were eager to have represented in the student body children from families of interest. Meanwhile, police at the station would not have been able to afford the tuition fees, to keep it an accurate phone calls from persons seeking cross-section of the community.

The City and Country School was founded in 1914 by Miss Caroline Pratt, a leading pioneer of progressive education, who remained its principal until last June, when she became principal at various amusement devices, emeritus. It has an enrollment of 198 children, ranging in age from 3 to 13 years, and its tuition ranges from $275 to $525 annually. It is incorporated as a non-profit-making institution.

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