

Who Took the Door Handles Off Tewksbury's Police Cruising Car?

TEWKSBURY—Bewitched, bothered and bewildered are police here today. And flabbergasted, too.

All because a game of hare and hounds ended up with the hares in the hounds' hair. And likely to remain there for a spell.

The police record for the town listed three crimes overnight, a healthy state of affairs for any municipality but particularly for a town of this size. All three crimes took place within a small radius and are believed perpetrated by the same man or men.

First reported was a break in a lunch wagon in the center of town. Later an automobile, owned by H. Louis Farmer, Jr., and parked out-

side a local garage, was set afire when its theft was attempted. Wires in the car were crossed to start it. A fire resulted, burning out the wiring system, cracking the windshield and melting plastic fixtures.

The crowning indignity came later. Police in a prowler car stopped off, according to custom, in the town hall for a snack early this morning. When they returned to the car, they found that they could not get in because door handles had been broken off.

Police Chief Cyril L. Barker was reported more worried by the loss of the door handles than anything else. His priority rating isn't so high and door handles—like criminals—are hard to get.