

Teen-Club Operator Admits Trespassing

Jesse Clayburn Stephens, an avowed white supremacist who runs an all-white teen club in Brentwood, pleaded guilty in Prince George's Circuit Court yesterday to a charge of trespassing on a neighbor's property.

Stephens, who says he is East Coast spokesman for the right-wing Minuteman organization, was given six months probation without verdict, after he admitted that he had trespassed at the house of Eleanor V. Sharp, 4524 — 38th St., Brentwood.

Mrs. Sharp had complained to county prosecutors that Stephens had visited her house several times against her wishes and had asked permission to hold a meeting of the "KKK" and the Teen Club at her house, which she said she refused.

Since he moved to Brentwood three years ago, Stephens had been a central figure in racial conflict in the Brentwood area. The town of Brentwood, a mostly entirely white, borders on North Brentwood, which is predominantly black.

When a recreation worker fostered integration of a county-staffed teen club in the predominantly white town, Stephens led the fight that got it closed down. It reopened as a

private club and though Stephens was not named as its director, town officials said he in effect runs the club.

Joseph Bryan, Stephens' lawyer, said Stephens had been concerned about getting a criminal record because he feared that some of the town's citizens might "hold that over his head to get him out of the teen club." The lack of verdict means Stephens will not have a record if he completes probation successfully.

County prosecutors set aside other charges brought by Mrs. Sharp of disorderly conduct, destruction of property and a separate trespassing charge.

Bryan noted after the hearing in Circuit Court yesterday that a condition of Stephens' active probation is that he will not be allowed to own firearms. At the Teen Club, Stephens had formed a rifle and pistol club.

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