

# Arrest Student, 19, With Tear Gas Gun

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A 19-year-old high school student, accused of stabbing another youth after making sure the victim had no weapon, was armed with a tear gas gun and wearing a rubber glove.

He said the glove was to protect his hand from the damp night air.

Jailed after a brief chase on Telephone at 3:30 a.m. was Clarence A. (Lulu) Crouch, who has a record of two previous arrests. His address was listed as 405 Ave. J.

## Charged After Battle

Crouch was charged with assault to murder on Oct. 11 following a battle in the hallway of an apartment building at 2277 Kipling, in which 19-year-old Ben Ellison was critically

Young Ellison "told police Crouch had "crashed a party" the night before and was thrown out by Ellison and other guests. He said Crouch threatened to "get" him and at midnight the following night he showed up at Ellison's apartment accompanied by five friends.

## Circled the Victim

The gang forced Ellison into the hallway "to be sure he didn't have a weapon," police were told, and the friends circled the victim to be sure he didn't escape. Then Crouch drew a knife and stabbed him, Ellison reported.

The gang fled when neighbors aroused. Ellison is still in a hospital in Bryan, his home town, recovering from two deep stab wounds.

Crouch was charged immediately and police had been hunting him.

## Saw Car Parked

Early today Motorcycle Patrolmen W. S. Weaver and T. A. Furlow, members of the special "hot spot" night traffic patrol, saw a car parked near a store in the 5800 block of Telephone. The



CLARENCE A. CROUCH  
Fears damp night air.

car roared away as the officers approached, they said, and they pursued it to the 4000 block before curbing it.

The car was driven by William Ray Clark, 19, of 315 Grace-land, who was charged with driving without a license. In the back seat was Robert J. Wolfe, 22, of 518 Brenda, who said he owned the car and was charged with permitting an unauthorized person to drive.

W. S. Weaver said: "Crouch was in the front with the driver. He was wearing a rubber glove, and in the car we found another pair of gloves, a heavy screwdriver and a wrench handle that could be used as a pry bar.

"Crouch was carrying a tear gas gun shaped like a pencil. It was loaded, but he made no effort to use it. But he also refused to explain why he was carrying it."

In jail, Crouch refused to say anything.