

4 Stabbed in Racial Melee at Fair Here ^{*}

Four white youths were stabbed during a melee with a "large group of Negroes" at the Southeastern Fair during the weekend.

The fighting was only part of inter-racial troubles that began erupting Saturday night. After the fair closed down for the night. Bumper-to-bumper traffic leaving Lakewood Park along Pryor Road SW was bombarded with rocks and bottles hurled from the sidewalks.

Detective L. F. Peaden said he was told by several persons at the fair that the group of Negroes there had grabbed at passing white women and made vulgar remarks.

He said the four stabbed white youths told him they and their friends and dates were attacked twice by the band of Negroes.

Following the knifings police

caught one Negro youth identified as a member of the group. He is Ray Stephens, 19, of 7 Troop St. SE, jailed under an assault charge.

Cut during the melee were James A. Hardy, 20, of 1345 Heatherland Drive. Harry R. Glass, 23, of 1745 Gillren St. SW, Danny Hoggerup, 20, of 1762 Shirley Place SW, and David F. Stewart, 19, of 1935 McAfee St. Northwest.

Peaden said he still had the matter under investigation.

Capt. R. E. Little said there had been numerous reports Saturday night of cars being peppered from sidewalks in Negro neighborhoods along Pryor Street during the worst of the traffic trying to leave the park.