

## Vandals Hit Two Coleta Cemeteries, Village Buildings

MORRISON — Vandals heavily damaged two Coleta cemeteries and several village buildings and vehicles early Sunday morning, the Whiteside sheriff's department revealed today.

Sheriff's deputies indicate the case remains under investigation. By Monday morning no arrests had been made.

The vandals tipped and otherwise damaged most of the tombstones at the East Genesee Cemetery southeast of Coleta and did lesser damage to the Peugh Cemetery southwest of the village. A number of road signs were also damaged.

The vandals apparently continued on to break windows at the Coleta Sportsman Club, several dwellings and vehicles. The window of the S and H Service Station was also destroyed.

The sheriff's office places the time of the incidents about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

## Sterling Youths Charged With Criminal Trespass

MORRISON — Three Sterling youths arrested Monday for extensive vandalism in two cemeteries near Coleta and to a number of homes there appeared in Magistrate Court Tuesday for arraignment.

Each of the three, Ronald Stern, Danny Jo Trancoso and Randy D. Tryggstad, all 17, was charged with two counts of criminal trespass to property and received a bond of \$3,000 for each count. Magistrate John R. Erhart remanded the three some to the county jail until such time as they could post bond. As of Wednesday morning all three remained in the jail awaiting hearing.

The youths were arrested by the sheriff's department following a week of investigation into the incident.

## Pair Fined \$780 Each For Damage To Cemetery Property

MORRISON — Charges of criminal damage to property, namely cemeteries in the Coleta area, cost two Sterling youths over \$780 each in Magistrate Court Tuesday.

Magistrate Ivan Lovaas found Danny Trancosa and Ronald Stern, both 17, each guilty of the charge and ordered them to pay a \$300 fine each plus court costs. Lovaas also ordered the pair to make restitution for damages to the amount of \$483 each.

A third youth, Randy Tryggstad, 17, Sterling, was sentenced to a 45-day county jail term and a fine of \$500 for involvement in the same vandalism incidents in Magistrate John R. Erhart's courtroom Monday.

## Three Jailed For Vandalism In Cemeteries

MORRISON — Three Sterling area youths Monday evening became residents of the Whiteside jail after they were charged by the sheriff's department with the Feb. 21 vandalism of the Genesee and Peugh cemeteries near Coleta.

Arrested and charged with two counts of criminal trespass to property each were Ronald Stern, Danny Jo Trancoso and Randy D. Tryggstad, all 17 and all of rural Sterling.

The trio is to appear in Magistrate Court before Magistrate John R. Erhart Tuesday for arraignment and setting of bond.

They are alleged to have destroyed a large number of tombstones in the cemeteries and damaged the Coleta Sportsman Club and the residences of Lloyd Jacobs, James McDaniels and Don Bower. The three are also charged with damage done to Bower's auto, a broken window in the S and H service station, and the destruction of a number of road signs and rural mailboxes in the Coleta area.

## THE DAILY GAZE

## Sentenced To 45 Days For Cemetery Damage

MORRISON—Extensive damage to the Peugh and Genesee cemeteries near Coleta and other vandalism near the —village cost Randy Tryggstad, 17, Sterling, a 45-day term in the Whiteside County jail and a \$500 fine plus court costs in Magistrate Court Monday.

Magistrate John R. Erhart found Tryggstad guilty on one count of criminal damage to property for the Feb. 21 vandalism, but allowed a second count of the same charge to be dismissed on motion by the state's attorney. Tryggstad will receive credit for the two weeks he has already spent in the county lock-up.

Two other 17-year-old Sterling youths alleged to have been with Tryggstad in performing the vandalism were scheduled to appear in Magistrate Court Tuesday on two charges of criminal damage to property each. They are Ronald Stern and Danny Trancosa.