

Young Vandals Wreck Church In E. Kildonan

Boys, 6 And 8, Admit Smashing Contents, Ripping Books

East Kildonan police Monday night arrested two boys — aged six and eight — as the vandals who entered the John Black Memorial United church, knocked over a baptismal font, ripped up hymn books, smashed collection plates, emptied drawers and scattered their contents.

Rev. P. V. Samson found the litter when he arrived at the Henderson highway and Roberta street building Monday afternoon. Police first believed the damage had been done after the Sunday evening service, later decided it had been done at noon Monday.

Police Chief Chris Einfeld, of East Kildonan, said the children admitted they caused the damage on their way home from school. They were turned over to their parents who were ordered to pay the costs of replacing the damaged articles.

Several gifts to the church in memory of former members were smashed or damaged, Mr. Samson said.

A fern was pushed over and the flower pot smashed. Each desk in the study had been rifled and papers littered the floor, but nothing was stolen, Mr. Samson said. No estimate of the damage was available.

Police Chief Einfeld said that two weeks ago 28 windows in a nearby Mennonite church had been broken by vandals. A year ago, wax was poured in the keys of the organ in an East Kildonan Anglican church.