

# Check Hospital Rum Receipts

## Grand Jurors Begin Probe in Middlesex to Learn If Any Is Missing

All records of intoxicating liquor received since November 1 last by five hospitals in Middlesex County from Sheriff William S. Hannah are being examined today by the Federal Grand Jury. The alleged disappearance of a quantity of liquor seized by the county official in a raid at Sayreville November 17 has led to the probe.

Thirteen men were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury three months ago for transportation of 300 cases of liquor by motor-boat and truck to a point in the vicinity of Sayreville. Among the list was John T. (Chick) Callahan of South River, who has been in difficulties with dry authorities in rum running affairs for six years. The thirteen are awaiting trial.

When details of the raid were unfolded to the grand jury, it is understood that certain discrepancies arose among the witnesses as to the number of cases seized. One witness, a state trooper, is said to have testified that 400 cases were confiscated. Prohibition records show, it is understood, that 283 cases of liquor were turned over by Sheriff Hannah.

Several cases of liquor, it is reported, were given to each of the five institutions by the sheriff. From the hospital records the grand jury expects to determine how much of the liquor reached these institutions.

The records, under subpoena, are those of the Middlesex General Hospital, St. Peter's General Hospital and the Parker Home, all in New Brunswick; the Perth Amboy Hospital and the South Amboy Hospital.

Sheriff Hannah was praised November 28 last by Federal Judge James W. McCarthy, since resigned, as "one sheriff who is doing his duty," when the court padlocked one of several places which Hannah had raided. Recently Sheriff Hannah has been mentioned for the post of prohibition director for New Jersey.

# Decides Rum Didn't Vanish

## Federal Grand Jury Checks Up Liquor Seized at Sayreville

After examining the records of intoxicating liquor received since November 1 last by five hospitals in Middlesex County and talking with Sheriff William S. Hannah of New Brunswick, the Federal Grand Jury decided yesterday afternoon that there was no truth to the rumor that some of the liquor seized by the county official in a raid at Sayreville November 17 last had disappeared.

The investigation was undertaken after members of the jury had been told by a state trooper who participated in the raid that 400 cases of liquor were confiscated. Prohibition records show that 283 cases were turned over by Sheriff Hannah. Thirteen men indicted after the raid are charged with transportation of 300 cases.

Sheriff Hannah told the grand jury, it is understood, that the seizure consisted of less than 300 cases and that he had given several cases to each of the five hospitals. This was borne out by the hospital records.

## Avis Reported Choice For U. S. Judge Here

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (AP)—Appointment of John Boyd Avis of Camden, N. J., to the United States district court in New Jersey by President Hoover may be expected soon, New Jersey officials here said today.

It was understood that Senators Edge and Kean had concurred in the recommendation, and that the department of justice would forward his name to the White House shortly. Mr. Avis would assume the post left vacant by the resignation of Joseph L. Bodine, of Trenton, to assume a state judgeship.