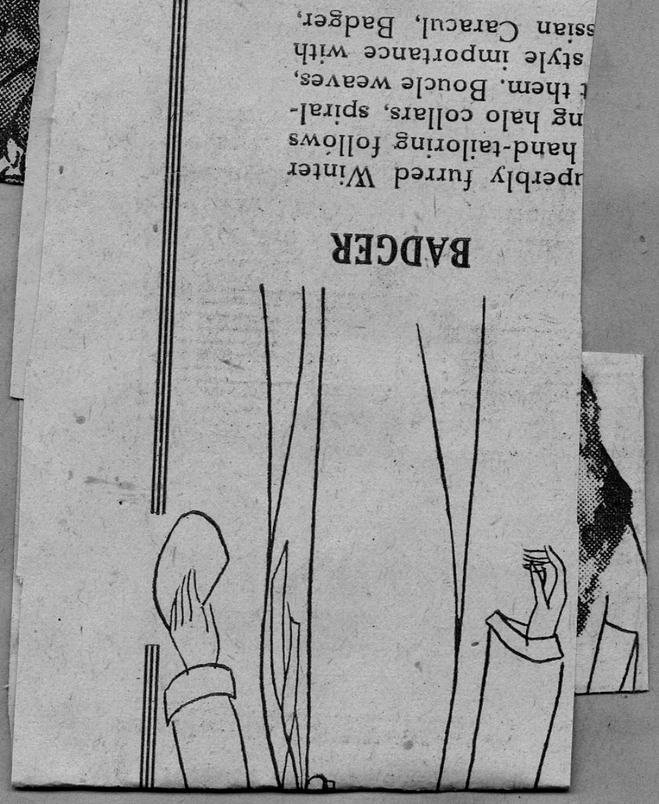

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Brewery Men Put Under Bail

Newark News 11/3/31

Pennington Says William J. Egan Has Power of Attorney for Concern

It will be up to a jury to decide whether a pipe line carried beer from the old Hensler brewery to the "beer" drop" across the way which was raided October 27. This was declared today by prohibition agents who yesterday afternoon at the end of twenty-four days of excavacation in Alyea street, at the rear of the brewery, dug up what they say is sufficient evidence.

As soon as the agents discovered that the pipe eleven feet below the street surface led to the brewery, another of the numerous raids on the old red brick brewery was in progress under government auspices.

Outside the building at the time was Commander John D. Pennington, prohibition administrator for this district. Inside the building Deputy Administrator Lewis J. Tutt found Harry E. Weber, president of the Superior Manufacturing Company; Matthew A. Golden, its vice president, and Frank Knierieman, its secretary and treasurer, and placed them under arrest.

The three were immediately taken before United States Commissioner Holland and held in $5,000 bail for a hearing December 7, on charges of "conspiring to possess, manufacture and transport intoxicating liquor."

Immediately after yesterday's raid Commander Pennington refused to be quoted on the circumstances which led up to it.

"You may say this," he declared, speaking to newspapermen, that "according to records of my office Attorney William J. Egan, 1060 Broad street, Newark, has power of attorney for the Superior Manufacturing Company."

Egan's Reply.

Informed of Pennington's statement, Mr. Egan readily admitted he had represented the Superior Manufacturing Company but not since early in 1929. He became a city commissioner and director of the Department of Public Safety in May, 1930.

"I represented the Superior Manufacturing Company," he said, "in the transfer of a permit from the Hensler company. The transaction required perhaps half a dozen visits on my part to prohibition headquarters, where, I

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First Opposed Entrance.

William Harris, attorney for Paglie, opposed the entrance of the agents into the yard and appeared before Federal Judge Clark to have the search warrant quashed. During the course of hearings he dropped the opposition and agreed to allow the agents to enter the yard and house. The agents went into the cellar and found the pipeline terminated in a coupling on the inside of the wall.

Bricks in the floor of the cellar in a line from the pipe terminal to the front of the house had been removed and replaced.

While the agents had had the street in front of the house opened for 200 or 300 feet they went back to the front again and started going deeper than on the first attempt. They dug down eleven feet before coming on the iron pipe which, they say, leads into the brewery.

The seizure of the brewery affects only the brewing equipment and the materials and not the real estate. It was arranged that refrigerator processes would be kept going in the seized brewery pending subsequent litigation to preserve the materials.

Handle Many Cases In Federal Courts

Newark News 11/2/31

Judges Avis and Bourquin in Ten Weeks Dispose of Work Usually Requiring Year

Figures showing the large number of cases disposed of in Trenton by Federal Judges John Boyd Avis and George M. Bourquin, visiting jurist from Montana, during the September term were announced today by United States Attorney Philip Forman. It was pointed out that the business disposed of had a volume ordinarily handled in a year.

The district attorney said:

"The speed with which the business was dispatched was particularly noticeable in view of the fact that the matters were handled by my office without additions to the legal or clerical personnel. The cooperation of the state police and federal prohibition agents who were constantly on hand when called as witnesses was also gratifying. The United States marshal and the United States Court clerk and their respective staffs are to be congratulated for their like cooperation in the disposal of business."

Mr. Forman said that of the prohibition matters, 372 pleaded guilty, sixty-nine were tried by jury and thirty-nine tried without jury. Eight-five convictions were obtained and there were twenty-two acquittals. Fines totaling $135,525 were imposed. In other matters sixty-eight pleaded guilty, forty-two were tried by jury with twenty-nine convictions and twelve acquittals. Fines totaled $45,479, bringing the total amount of fines to $181,004.

Sentences Imposed.

Sentences imposed in prohibition matters totaled 1,086 months and twenty-five days and in other matters 645 months and fifteen days bring the total to 1,732 months and ten days.

Mr. Forman said the figures included cases and not individuals, with 746 persons facing the court.

In addition to the criminal cases there were 160 padlock cases and other civil matters disposed of by the two judges, who sat for ten weeks.

The November term has begun at Newark and there are indications now that Judge Bourquin has returned to Montana that less attention will be devoted to criminal work in view of the fact only three judges are sitting in the district and that activities in other parts of the country will probably prevent assignment of another outside judge.

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So firm was Judge Bourquin in handling liquor trials that only 22 acquittals were returned as compared with 85 convictions.

Liquor cases alone brought in a harvest of $135,525 in fines and resulted in sentences of 1,086 months and 25 days in jail.

Other criminal cases resulted in 68 pleas of guilty and 42 trials by jury, in which there were 29 convictions and 12 acquittals. In this division a total of $45,479.87 was collected in fines and sentences aggregated 644 months and 25 days in jail.

"The Government business," said Mr. Forman in his report, "transacted at the September term of the United States Court at Trenton before Judge Avis of this district and Judge Bourquin, especially designated here by Chief Justice Hughes, was exceptionally heavy and aggregated as much,

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