

Hit and Run Party Nabbed Here

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FIVE TAKEN AS CROWDS MILL ABOUT

Prisoners En Route Here to Face Sentences in Liquor Prosecution

POLICEMAN VICTIM, METUCHEN REPORTS

Ten minutes after Trenton police had been asked by Metuchen authorities to be on the lookout for a sedan containing five Negroes, the men were arrested at State and Broad Streets.

The men are being held at police headquarters to await the arrival of Metuchen police, who accuse them of running down a policeman at 8 o'clock this morning. It was about 10 o'clock when they were arrested here.

The prisoners are: James Ferguson, 24, driver of the car; Large Court, 32; Buster Morrison, 27; Willie Wycoff, 20, and Oscar Tyner, 24, all of Newark.

Immediately after the hit-and-run car had disappeared, word was flashed by Metuchen police to all the principal cities in Central Jersey.

As the car sped through Highland Park, police of that place attempted to stop it but failed. They then notified authorities at New Brunswick, who also were foiled in their efforts to capture the men.

In the meantime word had been relayed to Trenton and Detective Lieutenant William A. Haney was notified that the car was speeding in the direction of Trenton.

Haney informed Lieutenant Heber at the First District and a few minutes after, at roll call, the traffic policemen were ordered to keep a strict watch on all cars entering the city.

Ten minutes later as Traffic Policeman John Daly was directing traffic at North Broad and Perry Streets, he noticed a car that tallied with the description of the hit-and-run vehicle.

Speeds Past Signal

Daly turned the traffic sign against the driver, who ignored the signal and continued across the intersection and then sped south on Broad toward State Street.

Daly commandeered an automobile, clinging to the side of the car and blowing his whistle in warning. His signal was heard by Traffic Policeman Hyde, stationed at Broad and State Streets, who halted the machine.

The capture, occurring in the heart of the down town district, caused a furore and hundreds of pedestrians blocked the intersection as the officers maneuvered to halt the machine.

A lane was opened with difficulty and the five prisoners taken to police headquarters. There they were quizzed by Lieutenant Heber and Detective Briest and then placed in cells.

Later it was developed when two Deputy United States Marshals appeared at headquarters, that three of the prisoners were to face sentence before United States Judge Clark in the Federal Court here on charges of illegal transportation of liquor.

These prisoners, Morrison, Wycoff, and Tyner, were handcuffed and marched through the central section to the Federal Building.

The men pleaded guilty before Judge Clark last week to charges of violating the Prohibition Act. Anthony Baraso, involved with them, pleaded not guilty and announced today that he is ready for trial. The three Negroes were held at the Federal Building to act as government witnesses against Baraso. Baraso's trial will probably be held this afternoon, after which Morrison, Wycoff and Tyner will be sentenced.

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Jeffers Is Slated For Federal Post

Morristown Man Succeeds Herrigel on District Attorney's Staff

Horace C. Jeffers, Morristown lawyer, was slated today as assistant United States district attorney to succeed Fred Herrigel Jr., who will return to the practise of law. The appointment will be made in Washington by the United States Attorney General.

It is understood that the appointment meets with the approval of United States Senators Edge and Kean and Jesse R. Salmon, chairman of the Essex County Republican Committee. The appointment needs no Senate confirmation and it is expected that Mr. Jeffers will assume his new duties at once.

United States District Attorney Phillip Forman spent yesterday in Washington in connection with Mr. Herrigel's resignation and Mr. Jeffers's appointment. Three or four men were considered to succeed Mr. Herrigel. Two of these were Palmer Bradner and Charles W. Chadwick, both of Essex.

Mr. Jeffers was admitted to practise as an attorney in 1921. Three years later he was admitted to practise as a counselor. He is a master in chancery. He is a member of the law firm of King & Vogt in Morristown.

Mr. Jeffers was born in Central Falls, R. I., where his father, Horace Jeffers, still resides. He is thirty-two years old, a graduate of Brown University and took his law course at New York University. He was attending the latter school when the United States entered the World War and went home to enlist in the field artillery. He was discharged from his outfit as a second lieutenant.

Mr. Jeffers has never taken a prominent part in politics and has held no political office. He has been practising in Morristown ten years. He is unmarried.

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JEFFERS IS APPROVED AS FORMAN ASSISTANT

(Washington Bureau of the Times)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Senators Edge and Kean, of New Jersey, today made a joint recommendation to the Justice Department that Horace Jeffers, of Morristown, be appointed Assistant United States District Attorney for New Jersey, succeeding Fred Herrigel, of Newark, who is resigning to practice law. Edge and Kean concurred in the recommendation, made by District Attorney Phillip Forman.

The Justice Department approved the recommendation and the appointment will be made immediately.

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EX-JERSEY DRY CHIEF TAKES BUFFALO POST

(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Andrew McCampbell, prohibition administrator at Buffalo, was appointed today by Commissioner Doran as chief of special air headquarters at Washington.

Edwin S. Ross, of Boston, former administrator in New Jersey, was appointed acting administrator at Buffalo to succeed McCampbell.

Commissioner Doran also announced that William C. Calhoun, acting administrator of New Jersey, has been made administrator.

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AGENTS IN CHARGE OF ALCOHOL PROBE

Truck, Driven Less Than 100 Miles, and Cargo Seized By Police

Joseph Lucidi, 30 years old, of 845 Chambers Street, arrested last night by Motorcycle Policeman Harold Soden after he found alcohol valued at \$2,200 on his truck, will be turned over to the Federal authorities. The alcohol, as well as the truck, which had been driven less than 100 miles, was confiscated.

Lucidi was driving on Franklin Street when the policeman halted the vehicle and asked what he was carting. "Nothing," replied Lucidi.

Soden raised the curtain of the vehicle and found 95 five-gallon tins were the cargo. He asked what the tins contained.

"Alcohol—say can't we fix this up?" Lucidi was quoted as saying.

Soden ordered the man to drive to the Second District Station, and Lucidi promptly complained of feeling ill.

"Leave the truck here and rush me to a hospital—I'm going to die," Soden says the man declared.

The policeman assured Lucidi that he would soon recover and took him

to the stationhouse with the truck. Lieutenant Sigafos was notified and quizzed Lucidi in an attempt to learn where the booze came from and its destination. The man refused to make any statement, however, and Sigafos called in the Government agents. They will arrive here today to assist Sigafos in a further probe.

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NEW U. S. ATTORNEY



HORACE C. JEFFERS of Morristown has been appointed an assistant to District Attorney Phillip Forman to succeed Fred Herrigel Jr., who resigned to practise law.

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KANTOR FINED \$500 ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Heavy Penalties Imposed on Dry Offenders in Federal Court Here

A fine of \$500 was imposed on Michael Kantor, of the Bordentown-Chesterfield Road, on a charge of operating an illicit liquor plant by Judge William Clark in United States District Court yesterday. It was the heaviest of several fines imposed by the court yesterday. Short jail terms were given others on similar complaints.

Kantor's place was raided last March 16 by Federal and State police who claim they found a 3,000-gallon still, with equipment valued at many thousands of dollars, which was confiscated. Kantor pleaded guilty to the charge.

Charles Treftz and Samuel Cochran, of Lambertville, alleged still operators and previously confessed liquor law offenders, were both placed on probation by the court yesterday.

Angelo Pasucci, of Trenton, and Salvatore Deluca, of Passaic, involved in the same case, pleaded not guilty to the charge of operating the plant. Their bail for arraignment fixed at \$1,500 each was raised by Judge Clark to \$2,500 each, pending trial.

A prisoner in the county jail here in default of bail since July 12, awaiting sentence, George Raymond Frace, who had admitted he transported in interstate commerce and concealed stolen automobiles, was sentenced to 100 days. The time he had already served, however, is to be counted as part of his sentence, leaving six more days to serve.

Action was deferred yesterday in the cases of two groups of Trentonians to have been heard, Rocco Capria, Joseph Maruca, Joseph Grillo and Anthony Peracichilli were to have pleaded, but will appear on October 28.

Vincent Bendetti, Frank Carabelli, Paul Pontani and Arthur Bartolozzi, who were arraigned to retract previous denials of guilt in alleged operation of a still, were told to appear in court next Monday. Police raided the old Lockwood Farm last March 14, on the Pennington-Lawrenceville Road, which this quartet is said to have operated, and reported finding a 1,000-gallon still.

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Owner of Inn Gets Jail Term

Singac Man in Contempt, Testifies Dry Man Had

His Own Liquor

Found guilty of contempt in that the Colonial Inn at Singac continued to violate the prohibition law after the court's modification of a padlock decree, Frank Donato, owner of the inn, was sentenced to ninety days in the Passaic County Jail today by Federal Judge Fake. An appeal was taken by George R. Sommer, counsel for Donato, and the latter was released in \$10,000 bail.

The inn was raided last spring, and April 22 consent to a padlock was filed. Several days later the decree was modified on condition the bar fixtures be removed and the place operated as a restaurant.

Prohibition Agents Russell E. Smith and Norman Griess testified they went there August 15 and were served gin rickeys and beer. The rickeys, it developed, were non-alcoholic, but the beer was 4.34 per cent.

Yesterday it was testified for the defense that Smith had become drunk on liquor he carried into the place and was so noisy he attracted the attention of the patrons.

Smith and Griess were so insistent in demanding liquor when they visited the inn that they were served with non-alcoholic gin rickeys, it was testified by Donato.

Frank's brother, Nicholas, employed as a waiter, corroborated the testimony and said that when two girls who sat with the agents refused a drink from Smith's flask Smith poured two drinks for himself and drank them.

The agents denied the story and Smith said the only liquor he drank was what he obtained at the inn.