

## OUSTED COPPER IS ACCUSER IN LIQUOR TRIAL

Drinking Parties Held at Anderson Police Station, Witness Says.

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ned about alleged drinking in the police station, charging high officials of the department participated.

He hinted bribes were paid, law violators protected, and seized liquor distributed as gifts.

With only twenty-three government witnesses testifying Wednesday, first day of the trial, the case is not expected to go to the jury before Friday.

Government witnesses testified against the twelve defendants standing trial, including Riggs, Rich, Joe Melcher Jr., son of a city official, who has pleaded guilty, and several alleged "big shot" boot-leggers.

Twelve other defendants in the case have pleaded guilty and four have not been arrested. The four include Mayor Jesse H. Mellett, who is seriously ill.

### Mayor Is Accused

Mellett is charged with accepting protection money from bootleggers and with giving confiscated liquor to friends.

Ralph Dailey, city judge, testified that in March, 1931, he declined to accept a gallon of alcohol offered to him by Riggs and Rich, in Riggs' office at police headquarters.

Maraska, who said he drank with Riggs and Rich and patronized speakeasies, testified he was dismissed from the force early this year, after having co-operated with federal dry agents.

He said the charge on which he was dismissed was conduct unbecoming an officer and becoming intoxicated while on duty. He denied imputation of defense attorneys that he also was charged with selling liquor.

### Tells of Raid

He told of a raid in which 386 gallons of alcohol were confiscated and stored in the chief's office.

"I saw the chief give Dr. W. H. Harrison, safety board member, and other friends, cans of alcohol, and asked him for some for myself, and he gave me a gallon," Maraska testified.

He testified that Riggs and Rich were intoxicated "around police headquarters about two or three times a week," adding that the two high officials often held "open house" in the station, serving drinks to policemen and others.

Testifying on the government's allegation that Rich received protection money each Monday, Maraska said Rich seldom attended roll call except on that day.

Several Mondays, the witness said, Rich told him he had to go to the bank.

### Divided Booze, He Says

"I remarked that this wasn't pay day," Maraska testified, "and Rich said it was for him, displaying a large roll of bills."

On another occasion, he testified, he and Rich went to the Boyer filling station to look for Tuffy Ray, suspected bank robber, and outside the station found a can of corn whisky, which he said he paid for.

He said he drank in various resorts operated by defendants in the conspiracy case, and charged that Dr. Stimson, defendant and alleged liquor gang "brains," visited Riggs at city hall several times.

Testifying that on frequent raids ordered by Mellett, all persons found in speakeasies were ordered taken to headquarters, he said that on several occasions he found Blake Gwinn, son of a police sergeant, in raided places, and received orders to "leave Gwinn alone." Gwinn has pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge.

### Says He Was Struck

On another occasion, Maraska testified, a telephone operator told of hearing a woman ask for police, then the sound of screaming and the phone was disconnected.

Going with other officers to the address given by the telephone operator, he said he found Kenneth Riggs, the chief's son, trying to get a girl, in night clothes, to go out with him.

"When I tried to get him to leave, he swung at me and I popped him," Maraska said, adding that he believed the chief became his enemy because of this incident.

Witnesses Wednesday afternoon included several officials from Marion, who told of arresting Ray Boyer and Closser Riggs, defendants, with a car load of beer, and of Melcher's attempt to obtain their freedom and release of the beer, asserting it "belonged to the mayor of Anderson."

### Marion Mayor Is Witness

The witnesses were Mayor Jack Edwards, Police Chief Lewis Lindemuth, officer Roy Cox and T. A. Biddinger, former deputy prosecutor.

E. J. Rood, former Anderson policeman and probation officer, described an incident where he seized two cars at the Boyer filling station when he saw liquor being transferred, and told of interference by Melcher, which resulted in two prisoners escaping.

Shortly after seizing the liquor, he said, he was dismissed from the police force on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer.

"For confiscating a carload of liquor?" Baltzell asked.

Rood, who said the charges were brought against him after he had aided federal investigators, admitted he was accused of contributing to delinquency.

Robert Thrawley, a defendant, told of working at the John Bronnenberg farm still, discovery of which started the federal probe leading to the conspiracy indictment.

He accused several defendants of

## Orphans Hold Open House



## Giant Witness Stirs Chuckles At Booze Trial

Didn't Make Disturbance:  
Just Tore Door Down,  
Says Ex-Copper.

Peals of laughter sounded in federal court today as Ernest Newby, former Anderson policeman, testified for the government in the alleged Anderson liquor conspiracy. Even Judge Robert C. Baltzell chuckled at Newby's testimony.

Newby, a 6 foot 3 inch giant, testified that on one occasion he was called to act as "bouncer" at a meeting at which Mayor Jesse H. (Hick) Mellett, one of twenty-eight indicted by the federal grand jury in the alleged conspiracy, "bawled out" the tax board.

Last Oct. 6, Newby testified, he was at the "booze joint of Raymond (Scabby) Ross," one of the twelve defendants in the case. "And I got pretty tight," he related to the jury, under questioning of George R. Jeffrey, federal district attorney.

### Tore Down Door

"I left Ross' place," said Newby, "and when I was on the street I remembered a gambling joint near there. I went over and rang the buzzer, but they wouldn't let me in. I rang the buzzer again and they wouldn't let me in, so I tore down the door and went upstairs. "Then I went back to Ross' and had few more drinks, and then the cops came for me—I guess there was six or seven—and they told me to come along. I got mad, but I went along."

Newby said he later learned that Ross had turned in a complaint, and Newby admitted he declared he was going to tell all about Ross in court.

"I told Ross to his face," he said, "that he wasn't any good, and that if my testimony would send him to the penitentiary he sure would go."

### No, Not Any Disturbance

On another occasion, Newby related, he was drinking at the poolroom of Albert Abel, now on trial.

"I got sore," he said, "and I called the police myself and went down to headquarters in the wagon."

Attorneys wrangled over the fact that Ross had not been arrested at the time Newby was taken to jail after the gambling house episode, and Joseph T. Markey, attorney for Ross, attempted to bring out that the call to police was merely to arrest Newby for destruction of property.

"Wasn't it a fact," asked Markey, "that the police were called on a disturbance report?"

"There wasn't any disturbance," answered Newby. "I just tore down the door."

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### Parades and Acrobatic Stunts to Feature Event Friday.

Parades, acrobatics, tumbling and music will compose part of the program of the annual circus of the recreational department at the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, Friday night, at Thirty-fourth street and Central avenue.

The event will be presented under direction of James B. Martin, recreation director. No admission will be charged. Some of the acts and features will be furnished by Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. Butler Follies and Warren township school.

Mr. Marple to Be Buried in Bethel Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Catherine Marple, 56, of 1616 Sharon avenue, will be held at 2 Friday in Speedway Boulevard M. E. church. Burial will be in Bethel cemetery.

Mrs. Marple died unexpectedly Tuesday in the Medical Arts building. Heart disease is believed to have been the cause.

Mrs. Marple lived in Indianapolis fourteen years. She was born in Lebanon, Ky.

State Is Caring for 19,678 Persons in Twenty Institutions.

Indiana is caring for 19,678 persons in its twenty penal and correctional institutions and admissions are constantly increasing, according to a tabulation today by John A. Brown, secretary of state charities board.

There were 785 more persons put under state care the first quarter of 1932 than for the same period last year, the Brown report shows.

Mental cases consigned to institutions increased by 312, hospitals and schools 162, and penal and correctional institutions 311.

Total number of mental cases now under state care is 9,977. Of the total there are 5,039 male and 4,938 female.

State wards in the soldiers' home, orphanage, Indiana university hospital, and the school for the deaf and blind number 2,388.

Penal and correctional institutions have a total population of 7,314, there being 6,760 male and 554 female prisoners.

## Opera Star in Hospital for Serious Operation



## FROGS TO HOP IN MARK TWAIN COAST CLASSIC

City Slickers Are Warned to  
Avoid Trickery Against  
County Croakers.

By United Press

ANGELS CAMP, Cal., May 12.—Grizzled miners cast worshiping eyes today on a stable of lean frogs, chosen to uphold the tradition of the Gold Hills in the Calaveras frog-jumping contest.

As marsh croakers began arriving from far and near for the great classic, to be held Friday and Saturday, the man of Jackass Hill realized it was going to be purely a class struggle—the city frog against the country frog.

"We are all pretty sure of our Warty Jim and that tother critter, Yumping Yimminy, over that," a veteran frog trainer from Calabasas opined. "Yumping Yimminy, especially oughts do us proud. He got his trainin' over in them Alps across the big drink, which I reckon accounds for his yodel."

He bit off a mine-shaft portion of cut plug and shifted uneasily.

### City Frogs Lack Stamina

"Nawthin' this side o' Mokelumne kin take the measure of Jim and Yimminy when they gits proper course o' trainin' leavin' from mine shafts," he boasted. "But I hear some city fellers got a passel o' frogs which bin in flivver traffic on the main streets."

"I heard one frog was named Pedestrian account o' how he got so expert like in dodgin' these here autumbeels. Now us boys races our varmints fair and square. We don't aim to take unmatchad advantage of nobody, but I kin tell ye this is strange and you mind it."

"These city frogs ain't got the stamina of our men—jumperin'. They was made for eatin' and some o' the boys under stand most of 'em is rounders and mebbe a mite dissolute."

"The only thing we are on the lookout for is some city trick. Our vigilantes are going to keep things open and aboveboard, and my advice to them metropolitan dudes is to watch their step."

### Drink Beer, Eat Cheese

The pride of the cities, O'Sullivan from Hollywood, and Barley Hops from San Francisco, didn't have much to say, and neither did their trainers. Like in a gang fight, actions spoke louder than words.

While the Gold Hill puddle-jumpers were dining on raw bear steak, topped off with sour dough, their city foes guzzled beer, with Gonzola cheese and crackers.

When Mark Twain started the marsh kangaroo Olympic back in the 80s, the leapers had to shift for themselves. Now they have their own cage and for O'Susanna they imported a harmonica player so she can hear the "Wreck of the Old 97," played as she gathers strength for her big leap.

### Speedy Costly, Boy Genius Learns

By United Press

CHICAGO, May 12.—When Gordon Fairbanks, 14, boasted to policemen he had gone twenty miles in an hour in a home-made automobile powered with a one-cylinder engine borrowed from a washing machine, the officers said he would have to buy a license.

## FILE RUSCHAUPT WILL

Entire Estate Valued at \$6,250, Is Left to Widow.

Entire estate of Charles F. Ruschaup, former part owner of the Indianapolis baseball club, was left to his widow, Margaret L. Ruschaup, by terms of a will filed for probate Tuesday. The estate is valued at \$6,250. The widow was named executrix.

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