

PREBLE BOOZE RAID PROVES FRUITLESS; PRISONERS RELEASED

EATON, Ohio, Marh 27.—Preble county's first liquor raid since national prohibition became effective, staged Thursday evening by federal and county officials, bursted like a soap bubble when late Friday afternoon those caught in the raid were released from the county jail here.

Sheriff George Jones released the two prisoners upon advice received from two federal agents in Dayton, who stated the action was taken upon advice of the district federal attorney.

John Thih and Mary Ditch were the prisoners released. They were lodged in jail here early Friday morning, after the raiding party had found about 200 gallons of raisin mash, two bushels of raisins and about 10 gallons of "raisin jack" in a house they were occupying in Gratiot township, about nine miles southeast of here.

Failing to unearth a still, it is said the officers remained in the house with the prisoners all Thursday night, in hopes of capturing a third person who it was thought would show up during the night with a still. The night's vigil was fruitless.

No explanation of the grounds on which the case was abruptly terminated was contained in the orders received by Sheriff Jones for release of the prisoners.

Thih and the woman returned to their home soon after being given their freedom.

Local officers incline to the belief that a portable still is used in making the rounds of several places similar to the one raided Thursday.

James Bowman, residing near Camden, was released Friday afternoon from a justice's court here, after a hearing on a charge of cruelty to animals.

Bowman's attorney, H. R. Gilmore, offered a motion to dismiss the charges, declaring the evidence submitted, did not substantiate the charges. The motion was sustained and the case dismissed.

Bowman was alleged to have beaten a mule with a club, but it was proved he struck the animal with branches from a tree.

Two indictments, one for assault and the other for pointing firearms, that had been pending against T. B. Williams, residing near Gratiot, have been nolleed in common pleas court, upon application of County Prosecutor Phil Saylor.

The indictment for assault had been pending since October, 1919, and the other indictment had been pending since December, 1918.

Passion week services will open Sunday at the Christian church and continue until Easter, Rev. Hilley Baker, pastor, announces.

It is expected Revs. McD. Howsare, E. K. McCord and W. H. Denison, all of Dayton; Rollo Boehringer, of Enon, and Virgil Harris of Campbelltown, will speak during the week, but the evening each will appear has not been announced.

Rev. Rice to Preach. Rev. Rice, of Osborn, will preach here Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church, which for some time has been without a regular pastor.

Ice Plant to Start. Within the next two or three weeks the Play Ice company expects to have its plant in operation, according to announcement made by the company.

The company's plant was destroyed by fire some months ago, after which the company purchased the old fax mill property and began at once remodeling the building and installing ice-making machinery.

Suburban

WEBSTER, Ind.—Miss Ida Plankenhorn spent Tuesday shopping in Richmond. Mrs. Delphia Hollingsworth spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Plankenhorn of near Fountain City.

The Ladies' Aid of Friends church met at the aid room for quilting Thursday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. Sam Kem, Mrs. Jennie Borton, Mrs. Jennie Jessup, Mrs. Louise Demers, Mrs. A. L. Baldwin, Mrs. Flora Demers, Mrs. Clara Culbertson, Mrs. Charles Plankenhorn is sick.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet at the church next Wednesday afternoon, March 30. All members are requested to be present.

Alber Stotten spent Tuesday at Dublin visiting his mother, who is ill.

Mrs. Katie Roberts, Mrs. Metta Hendershott were shopping in Richmond Wednesday. Mrs. Lucile Borton of Richmond spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pitts.

Mrs. Iva Borton of Chicago is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tico, also Mr. and Mrs. Joe Borton; she is leaving soon for New York, where Ernest Borton is employed.

Edward Wilcoxson returned home from Richmond Wednesday morning. Mrs. Hannah Jay entertained in a delightful manner the members of the Friends' Ladies' Aid at her home Wednesday. Mrs. Harriet Jay of Richmond, Mrs. Lucile Beeson, Mrs. Mary Palmer assisted the hosts with an elaborate lunch. Those present were: Mrs. A. L. Baldwin, Mrs. Clara Culbertson, Mrs. Laura Hunt, Mrs. Flora Fulton, Mrs. Flora Demers, Mrs. Jennie Bond, Mrs. Fannie Fessel, Mrs. Mary Palmer, Mrs. Lucile Beeson, Mrs. Hannah Jay, Mrs. Harriet Jay of Richmond. The members quitted for Mrs. Jay. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer of Fountain City visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Willis Sunday.

FAIRFIELD, Ind.—Mrs. Thomas Martin, of Everton, Ind., formerly of

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this place, recently underwent a very serious operation at the Connersville hospital. She is improving nicely. Mrs. Mary Campbell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Honeas, at Alquina. Rev. Godwin is now on his third week of evangelistic campaign. He is having good crowds and is delivering splendid sermons. Word received here of the serious illness of Theodore Dickerson at Brookville. Mrs. Bart Whitney and baby and Mrs. Ted Oeschle of Indianapolis, went to Cedar Grove last Friday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. T. Moore. Mr. Whitney joined them Sunday. Herbert Sherwood, living south of town, is suffering with badly cut foot. Dr. Lucas of Brookville, dressed the wound and it was necessary to take three stitches. Miss Angie Godwin, deaconess of the Methodist orphans' home at Greencastle, spent Tuesday night with her brother, Rev. Godwin, and delivered a splendid sermon at the M. E. church. Albert and William Howard, Jr., Eleanor Mills and Helen Logan spent Sunday at Harrison visiting the former's sisters. School will close Wednesday, March 31. The teachers and children are preparing for a playlet, "Closing Day at Hickory Hollow." All patrons and friends are cordially invited. Mrs. Lina Personette and Mrs. Ed Snider were shopping in Brookville Wednesday.

MILTON, Ind.—The ladies of the Methodist Church will have an Easter market Saturday, April 3 at Walter Houseworth's place of business. Mrs. Ida Gause was at Centerville recently as the guest of Mrs. Walter Mathews, who entertained in honor of her sister, Mrs. Ollie Dowell, of Plymouth, Michigan.

M. L. Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Crist were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hussey near Hagerstown, Sunday.

The Christian Sunday School will have an Easter service called "Midway of Mercy" Easter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Doty and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Jones and son, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doty and son had a cooperative dinner party with Mrs. Frank Doty, Sunday.

The orchestra met Sunday afternoon at the home of Ernest Doty. The personal is Albert Newman, leader, Miss Made Harmler, piano; Harry Doty, cornet; J. O. Bragg, bass viol; Walter Tampion, clarinet; E. P. Jones, flute; Gladna Ewers, Lido Ewers and Miss Hester, violins; Olin Davis, traps; Ernest Doty, trombone. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kerlin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerlin and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cramer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Omer Kerlin and family.

Fred Jones, of Muncie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jones and Mrs. Alice Jones.

Mrs. Alice Kewer, Mrs. Wallace Warren, Mrs. Edgaw Beison, Mrs. Katharine Hostiour were club guests when the Embroidery Club met with Mrs. Charles Davis. The next meeting will be with Mrs. F. C. McCormick.

Mrs. Jacob Murley, who spent the winter with her children and grand-children in Virginia and Kendallville, Indiana, has returned to Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kerlin, Miss Blanche Coyne, John Kerlin attended the concert at Richmond last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson, Mrs. Charles Hale and Miss Lulu Fawcett were in Indianapolis, Wednesday to see Ben Hur.

Gentle and family, of Richmond, spent Sunday with Mr. H. Wren Jahn Brown and son. All the women of Washington Township are urged to attend the citizenship school, to be held at Cambridge City. The first meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the Cambridge City school building. The subject of the afternoon will be "Citizenship." The address of the afternoon will be given by Mrs. E. C. Rumpier, state president of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. Dates for the other meetings will be announced later.

Mrs. Charles Kniese and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Crownover. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis and sons were Richmond visitors Saturday. The 500 Club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Tom Ewers of Cambridge City, with Mrs. Tom Ewers, of Cambridge City, Mrs. Flora Vorhes, Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. John Sells, Mrs. Miss Katharine Hashour club guests. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. C. Squier. Mrs. Charles Coffman, of Richmond, was the guest of Mrs. Ernest Doty, Wednesday.

Mr. Lamb, Watson Faucett, Olin Dayton Warren will give a dance Friday night in the Grange Hall. Pryor's orchestra of Eaton, O., will furnish the music. The Seniors of the high school went to Straughn's, Wednesday night and gave their play "The Heart of a Hero" to a crowd of hosts. The music was furnished by Miss Heste, violinist and Miss Harmler, pianist. Several of the teachers and a number of the high school pupils accompanied the seniors.

CAMDEN, O.—The Philomathean club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening with Mrs. James Sizelove as hostess. The following program was given: Vocal solo by Miss Enola Appleby; Current Events, Mrs. Samantha Housher; reading, Mrs. Marian Patton; Items of Municipal and Civic Progress, Miss Georgiana Pattison. Mrs. Ford is with her daughter in Dayton, having been called there on account of severe burns her daughter received from an oil stove.

Mrs. T. E. Davis is spending a few days in Hamilton with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Graham. Miss Mary Tingle spent Thursday evening with James Pierce and family. Dr. Frank Fisher was a business visitor in Cincinnati, Thursday. Supt. G. H. Tullis and family were Eaton visitors Wednesday afternoon. Miss Lina Harris, who was injured by a fall on the ice several weeks ago is much improved. Miss Carrie Bell was entertained to dinner by Miss Agnes Tucker Wednesday. Byron Young, of the Fairhaven schools was the guest of H. T. Scott and family Wednesday evening.

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slack. P. J. Stanley was in Chicago a few days this week transacting business. R. B. Worl made a business trip to Muncie Wednesday. Mrs. Earl Walker of Elwood, spent Wednesday here. Miss Margaret Miller of New Castle was the guest Thursday of Mrs. Ada Thurston and Mrs. Laura Gebhart. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howell of Muncie spent Wednesday here with Mr. Howell's brother, Marvin Howell. Mrs. Elizabeth Thornburgh of Richmond spent Wednesday here. Mrs. Isaac Brumback went to Indianapolis Sunday to spend two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Harris and family. Mrs. John Sells, who has been in Richmond this winter with her husband, fell recently and is unable to walk without crutches. She returned Saturday. Rev. B. A. Hartley will deliver an address on the Inter-church World Movement at Hollansburg, O., Sunday morning and at Coal Town, Ind. Sunday night. The String Quintette, which is composed of: Prof. C. L. Walger, viola; Arthur Reece, cello, Cambridge City; Mrs. A. S. Hnidman, violin; Mrs. J. C. Teeter, violin, and Mrs. Anthony Howler, piano, will play at chapel exercises, Earlham college Friday. The building at the corner of Plum and Main streets, which is occupied by the postoffice is undergoing repairs. New plate glass fronts will be placed in all of the business rooms in the building, and in the Plum street side of the postoffice room. The exterior of the building will be finished in stucco. Mr. and Mrs. Lew Wood went to New Castle Wednesday on account of Arlie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wood, who is seriously ill with pneumonia. The ladies' aid society of the Christian church will meet Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sarah Ball on North Perry street. Mrs. Samuel Stamm, who with her husband spent the winter here with their children, James Stamm and family and Harry Sturels and family has returned.

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