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# REVEAL HOW LOCAL RAIDS WERE MADE

## Eleven Are on Bond to Appear Before Federal Grand Jury

The eleven alleged bootleggers whose realms were invaded yesterday afternoon by 25 government raiders were out on bond today lamenting the fact that they permitted two ultra-collegiate lads to be included in their clientele.

United States Commissioner Jack Williams of Danville, who also acts as a special correspondent for the Danville Commercial News, held court in the premises of Police Magistrate George James until 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and when the session had ended eleven of the alleged kings and members of their courts had been released on bonds ranging from \$500 to \$25000, to assure their appearance before a federal grand jury in Danville on September 11.

While the alleged bootleggers paraded before Commissioner Williams, the two collegians, Eliot Ness and Sidney Kennedy sat close by, standing up occasionally before the commissioner to swear to a warrant or to testify to a point of evidence necessary to hold the defendants to the grand jury. It was the work of the two college boys which caused the federal agents to descend upon the Twin Cities.

Ness, wearing the official pin of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, one of the most prominent national fraternities, and dressed in clothes that would do credit to the most representative men on the Illinois campus, was the master mind of the affair. Kennedy was much less the collegiate of the two, not having mastered the art of getting the right twist on a striped bow tie.

The two were selected as special agents three weeks ago by Prohibition Director Yellowley's office and told to secure evidence on the bootleggers in the Twin Cities. Having graduated from the University of Chicago, Ness was well fitted for the job.

### Stayed at College Hall

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## Discharged Farm Hand Cleaves Skull of Employer's Wife

(By United Press)

New Berlin, Ill., May 26.—Mrs. Dolly Platt, 45, housekeeper on the Harold Knudson farm two miles from here, who was struck on the head with an axe last evening, is not expected to live thru the day, attendants at a Springfield hospital said today. An armed posse is searching the neighborhood for James Hayes, 25, farm hand who is charged with the attack.

Hayes, discharged from the farm after Mary Platt, 12 year old daughter of the injured woman, complained of his unwelcome attentions, is said to have returned to the farm, where he battered down the door to the room in which the mother and her daughter were hiding and threatened them with an axe. The daughter fled, according to her story, but the mother tripped over a screen in the backyard and was set upon by Hayes. A deep gash was cut in her skull and the axe was found nearby.

The girl told authorities that Hayes had assaulted her yesterday morning in a garage on the farm. She did not tell her mother of this, she said, merely complaining of his attention and asking for his discharge.

## PROGRAM FOR WOODLAWN IS NEARLY READY

Members of the three Twin City units of the National Guard will participate in the annual Memorial Day exercises to be held Monday morning at Woodlawn cemetery, Urbana. They will assemble at the court house square at 9:30 o'clock and will march in the procession to the entrance of Woodlawn, where the Civil war veterans will form in line and march with other organizations and individuals to the Busey peristyle. Exercises will be held there commencing at 10 o'clock.

All Urbana patriotic organizations are expected to attend the services which will be in charge of the joint Memorial day committee of the Busey Fletcher-Stillwell post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Urbana Association of Commerce. Howard Johnson, commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be officer of the day and Harry A. Barr, chairman of the committee, will be presiding officer.

The American Legion drum corps will take part and music will be furnished by the Urbana high school musical organizations. R. E. Winkler

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Locating at College Hall on East Green street, and whirling about the campus in a Jordan eight, the two sleuths had little trouble getting evidence. Collegians, whose names prohibition officers refused to turn in, quickly fell for the ruse and guided the two agents to eight resorts in the Twin Cities. At each of the places ample evidence to warrant a raid was secured and when search warrants were secured the Chicago office was notified and twenty-five raiders were notified to strike at noon yesterday.

The raid caught Frank Smith, better known as "Smitty" to hundreds of students, and also took into tow the operators of the Spencer Johnson place at 209 East Washington street.

"Smitty," who Director Madden said was the real king of all local bootleggers, was bedfast when the dry raiders broke into his house at 304 South Sixth street. None too sturdy to begin with, "Smitty" has been seriously ill for the past week suffering with ulcers of the stomach and Pete Griffith, his good man Friday, has been tending to the business. Griffith was nabbed and charges of sale, transportation and possession were placed against him. "Smitty" was barely able to appear before Commissioner Williams in police court, and seemed relieved when bond was furnished and he was allowed to return to bed.

The biggest liquor haul of the day was made at the Spencer Johnson place, where 200 gallons of whisky mash, which would have been turned into 100 gallons of \$10 a quart whiskey in a few days, was taken by officers. Small quantities of other liquor also adorned the collection of evidence produced against the Johnsons who were out of town when the raid was made.

Mrs. Catherine Gray, who was in charge of the place, declared emphatically yesterday that she was the victim of hard luck. "I don't run the place," the portly colored woman said. "They just left me with the keys and went to Chicago." Mrs. Gray was released on \$1,000 bond after she had been charged with possession.

### Laundress Arrested

Mrs. Cora Sauter, 203 North Fifth street, who told Commissioner Williams yesterday that she took in washings and was too respectable to bootleg, was bound over to the grand jury under \$2,000 bond which was signed by T. T. Taggart. Charges of selling liquor were lodged against the Sauter woman by Ness and Kennedy who alleged that they purchased a pint of alcohol from her last Saturday night.

The two business houses in Champaign which were raided—the Hamil-

ton-Snyder tobacco and soft drink parlor, 20 Taylor street, and the Peter Hagen soft drink parlor, 118 North Walnut street—were charged with sale and possession. Seven gallons of alcohol were found at the Hagen place by raiders. No liquor was found at the Hamilton Snyder resort, but the collegiate Kennedy testified that he had bought a half pint of alcohol there last Saturday night.

Six negroes who were caught at the Whitfield Thomas place were released but the proprietor, Abe Harris, was held to the grand jury under \$2,000 bond on charges of possession. Thomas will be arrested when he returns from Chicago.

Two private homes in Urbana were raided on suspicion but at neither place did raiders find any evidence of liquor. Government agents had not been able to make any purchases from the alleged vendors.

#### Local Druggist Visited

The Urbana Drug company, 111 West Main, was not raided as reported by metropolitan papers but was merely inspected by special agents checking up on the sale of prescription whiskey.

When raiders surrounded the place of Willie Williams, colored, Fifth and Vine streets, they found the family moving out. No charge was placed against Williams since no booze was found on the premises.

Those released yesterday, the charges against them and the amount of their bond is as follows: Mrs. Cora Sauter, sale and possession, \$2,000; Frank Smith, sale and possession, \$2,000; Peter Hagen, sale and possession, \$2,000; Marion Feeley, possession, \$2,000; Charles Feeley, possession, \$2,000; Abe Harris (colored), possession, \$2,000; Pete Griffith, sale, possession and transportation, \$2500; Mrs. Catherine Gray, possession, \$2,000; Horace A. Snyder, sale, \$2,000; Elmer White, sale, \$2,000; Charles Hamilton, sale, \$2,000.