

## Riding Horses Are Impounded

Riding School Operators Missing; So Is all of Equipment

Nine riding horses were taken from the Wagon Wheel riding academy on the South River road Wednesday night under chattel mortgage proceedings against James and Ruth Bell, proprietors of the academy, by Eena company as assignee under the mortgage by Ladd and Bush.

The horses were held by County Sheriff A. C. Burk, and were in the immediate possession of Deputy Kenneth Randall at his barn on the South Twelfth street cut-off to the Pacific highway. Randall reported yesterday that seven of the animals were riding mounts, but that two were unbroken rodeo horses.

The mortgage was said to be for \$450 and covered six riding saddles and 14 bridles as well as the horses themselves. Only the horses were taken yesterday by the sheriff's men, since none of the equipment was found at the riding academy.

Disappearance of the horse accoutrements is paralleled by the disappearance likewise of their erstwhile owners, whose whereabouts is likewise unknown to officers. Charges are expected to be filed against them, though in exactly what terms is not known.

The chattel mortgage was given to Ladd and Bush last June 7, according to documents in the sheriff's office, which this afternoon also held a warrant for the arrest of the Bells on a charge of larceny by bailer, with bail fixed at \$2000 each.

## Midget Racer Is Killed In Crash; Three Injured

DETROIT, July 20.—(AP)—One driver was killed and three others injured tonight in a pile-up of midget automobiles in a race at the motor city speedway.

Bill Mitchell, 24, veteran Detroit racer, was the dead man.

## Hero of River Rescue Gets Police Scolding



Congratulations and a scolding came to Arthur Parker (right), 48-year-old Washington, D. C., government clerk, following his daring rescue of 20-year-old Ella Skak (left), from the Potomac river. Witnesses praised Parker after seeing him lower himself 40 feet from a bridge to reach the struggling woman. The scolding came from police who disciplined Parker for walking from the scene on a no-pedestrian part of the bridge. Parker and woman are shown just after rescue.

## Meteor Reported About Vancouver

VANCOUVER, July 20.—(CP)—Hundreds of reports that a meteor fell tonight in the mountains across Vancouver's harbor reached newspaper offices here, and a group of youths from a Grouse Mountain forestry camp were sent to the area where it was supposed to be.

The boys began their hike through the rocky North Shore mountains when some early reports said the falling "ball of fire" might have been an airplane. Later informants discounted this theory.

The party of four youths returned to their camp just before 10 p. m., PST—three hours after the meteor was supposed to have fallen—and reported they found no trace of it, although they walked more than five miles.

Most distant report of the meteor's fall was received from interior Williams Lake, B. C., 200 miles northeast of here, where an amateur radio operator said he had seen what "looked like a falling airplane."

## Senate Judiciary Okehs Municipal Bankrupt Act

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(AP)—The senate judiciary committee approved today a house bill con-

tinuing the life of the municipal bankruptcy act until 1942, and added an amendment to extend privileges of the law to counties and parishes.

The act permits taxing units to file voluntary petitions in bankruptcy after obtaining the consent in writing of 51 per cent of their creditors.

## California Battles Blazes in Forest

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20.—(AP)—Under a blistering mid-summer sun, more than 1,000 men fought fires from the coast range to the Sierra today, as thousands of acres were turned to blackened waste.

Several of the blazes were believed started by carelessly thrown cigar stubs or matches, and fire wardens pleaded for increased caution from campers, fishermen and picnickers.

In Colusa county, Fire Warden A. J. Atran at Arbuckle called out all available fire fighters and volunteers to help ranch and farm hands battle a blaze which broke out on the 10,000-acre Swanson ranch, swept down a mountainside into Jackson canyon along the Tahoe-Ukiah highway, and menaced farm buildings and livestock. Several thousand acres had been burned over by late afternoon.

The 102-acre estate of Tehudi Menhin, the violinist, was threatened for a time today by a brush fire which burned 75 to 100 acres southeast of Los Gatos, but a crew of 200 men succeeded in getting it under control late today. No houses were damaged.

## 'Bat Man' Plunges 7000 Feet as Air Show Stunt Fails

OTTUMWA, Ia., July 20.—(AP)—Walter "Chief" Thatcher, about 26, Indian appearing as a "Bat Man" performer in an aerial circus, was killed tonight when his parachute failed to open properly as he leaped from an airplane 7,000 feet above the municipal airport here.

Three thousand persons were

## Go-Between



J. M. Brown

J. M. Brown, who acted as contact man between Dr. James Monroe Smith, ex-head of Louisiana State University, and his brokers, was indicted by Baton Rouge Grand Jury on charges of embezzlement. Dr. Smith was indicted on 23 counts, charged with embezzling \$100,000.

watching the act when Thatcher stepped from the plane with his artificial "wings" and plunged downward.

## FDR at Hyde Park

HIGHLAND, N.Y., July 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt arrived here at 9:44 p. m. (EST) tonight on a special train from Washington and motored immediately to his home at Hyde Park to spend the weekend.

## Feudists to Meet At Jury Sessions

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in the controversy yesterday, but both indicated that they were not opposed to appearing before the grand jury.

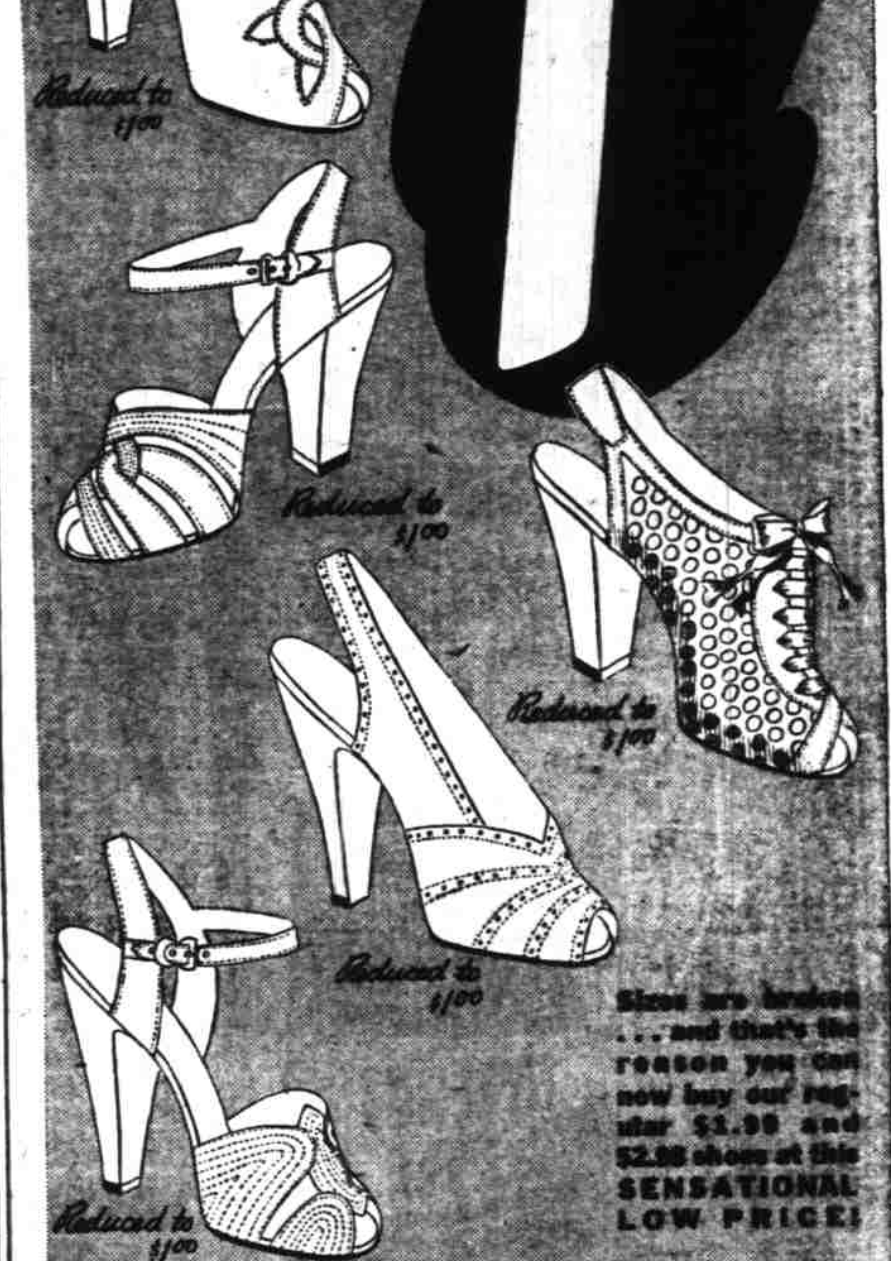
Judge McMahan, in his charge to the grand jury, stressed the need of an investigation to determine whether Marion county departments had been annually audited after a proper fashion. Judge Sigmund's letter to the governor indicated that malfeasance in office might exist in Judge McMahan's department of the circuit court.

In letters written Wednesday, Governor Sprague wrote to Judge McMahan that he did not see why an able and informed grand jury, with the assistance of the district attorney's office, could not make a thorough investigation and report of conditions in the Marion county court. To Judge Sigmund he declared that, "in case a state judicial officer is chargeable with malfeasance in office, proceedings against him should be by the method of impeachment and trial as provided by the state constitution and laws of the state."

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