

SHERIFF HAS A CLOSE CALL IN LIQUOR FRACAS

Bill Short Pulls Gun On Sheriff Jennings, But Finally Surrenders Without Shooting—Short Held in Jail Under \$11,500 Bail.

As a result of a premature liquor raid Wednesday on the part of Sheriff Ralph Jennings and Clatus McCredie, a local federal prohibition officer, William Short, 26, of Applegate, alias Shannon, is a prisoner in the county jail facing three charges with bail set at \$11,500, together with Roland Read, 16, and Agnes Read, 18, who are being held on a bail of \$1500 each. The latter two are charged with transporting liquor, while Short is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, transportation of moonshine and possession of a still.

Short was captured at the risk of the sheriff's life, who would have been made the target of Short's high powered rifle which was leveled at him from a distance of 15 feet, had he made any false move to arouse the alleged moonshiner's trigger finger to action. After a suspense of 30 minutes, the rifle was lowered and the would-be killer voluntarily surrendered to the officer. He was promptly taken to Jacksonville, after which the sheriff returned to arrest the boy and girl.

"We had planned to raid the Short place with the assistance of several officers," said the sheriff today, "and in order to have our plans carry successfully, the federal officer and I came to the scene Tuesday evening to watch the place, which we did until 2 o'clock the following morning. For a few hours we slept in a barn until daylight when we resumed our vigil from an advantageous point. We watched Shannon take the still, a large copper cylindrical tank from its ingenious hiding place in a brush covered hole, to a creek nearby. Noticing that a car was being loaded with booze, we changed our position to the main road in order to await its arrival from the farm house.

"After an hour they had not arrived. Tired of waiting we walked to the house, a half mile away. Upon our arrival Denny Short, a brother of Bill, started to run. When I said, 'Hold on Denny, I want to see you,' he did not stop, but kept on running and yelling to Bill Short, 'Don't Shoot.'

"At this time my attention was so centered about the fleeing man, that I did not notice the intent of Bill's actions as he reached into the car to do, what I thought, destroy the booze, but instead leveled a high power Savage rifle at me. With his gun pointed at me, he said, 'Well, let's go. Raise that gun,' which I had drawn when I attempted to stop Denny, but which then was hanging at my side.

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5 AUTO CRASHES IN CITY, ONLY TWO PEOPLE INJURED

Two persons lie injured today as a result of five auto accidents in the city yesterday. Jack Boyl, 11-year-old son of Robert Boyl, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, suffered bruises about the legs when struck while riding a bicycle near the intersection of Oakdale avenue and Main street. Peter Ingram received painful injuries when struck while crossing South Riverside avenue two blocks from Main street. His left leg was severely lacerated, right leg bruised, and possible internal injuries.

According to the attending physician, Dr. R. W. Sterns, Ingram returned from work last night from the Bear Creek orchards with Ralph Kline, who stopped across the street from Ingram's house. Ingram was walking across the street when E. Barnes, a local man, was driving south. Barnes swerved to the side in a vain effort to miss the man and

had anything to do with the moonshining, was not placed under arrest, nor Short's wife, or uncle, who I believe were not directly connected with the operations of the still," concluded the sheriff.

According to Sheriff Jennings, Short now claims as an alibi, that he was under the influence of liquor at the time he held him at bay with the rifle. The bail of this particular charge was fixed at \$7500 when arraigned before Judge Roe at Jacksonville yesterday afternoon. If convicted Short can receive, it is said, a sentence of life imprisonment.

Preliminary hearings of the three are being held this afternoon at Jacksonville, commencing at 2:00 o'clock.

It is still fresh in the memories of many that Short, under the alias of Shannon, together with several others, who included Chris Sorenson, wrestler, who was in the city with a carnival last June, were fined \$1000 on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

Short, together with his brothers, have lived in southern Oregon for the past two years, coming here from Los Angeles, Calif. They purchased a place in the Applegate country 20 miles from Jacksonville. It is said, for carrying on their illicit operations. The Read family are recent arrivals, coming to the Applegate country with Denny Short, a few weeks after the first arrest was made.

It is reported that Short has a six year sentence behind him, which he served in San Quentin.

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as he had also stepped back in the same direction in his effort to remain out of the car's path, Ingram was struck.

Ingram was carried to his room, where he was given opiates to deaden the extreme pain he was suffering. He will be incapacitated for work at least two weeks.

Jack Boyl was struck by a large sedan driven by Mrs. Dan Collier at a very slow rate of speed, while he was watching for traffic on Oakdale. His bicycle was completely wrecked, and for a time it was feared the boy had suffered broken bones, but later X-ray pictures proved the fears to be groundless. As today is his 11th birthday he had planned a swimming party.

Other collisions which occurred caused no injury or serious damage to the cars involved. At the intersection of Main and Front streets, William Thurman struck a car driven by W. L. Taylor at 7th and 17th streets. H. E. Elhart struck a car driven by A. M. Akers and on North Central, Charles Franks struck a car driven by Raphael Benson.

U. S. Girls to Get Titles.

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