

Gambling Club Raided

Swank Pierce County Casino Hit In Surprise Raid; 65 Patrons Post Bail

TACOMA, June 2 (AP)—Sixty-five persons were arrested and approximately \$5000 in cash was confiscated early Sunday as rural Pierce county authorities swooped down on a swank gambling establishment in what apparently was the first series of what one of the leaders described as a one-man war against gambling, bootlegging and other vice conditions within the county.

Constable Clyde Buttermere of Stellanum, who with Constable Cecil G. Brightman of Roy led six other peace officers in the raid against the Star Social club, said last night that "every joint in the

county is going to be knocked over, whether it is a taxi driver or a full-sized and luxurious shop."

"The county has a black name and because of the fact that a large proportion of the population wants these places cleaned up, I am going to do it," he added.

Accompanying the raiders was

Eugene Reardon, one of four "vigilante" patrolmen ousted from the Tacoma force earlier this year for participation in two unauthorized gambling raids. Reardon said he was an "unofficial observer."

The club is located about a quarter mile east of Tacoma on the main highway to Seattle.

Buttermere said chips were sorted into \$500 stacks with one of the five dice and blackjack tables holding \$4000 worth and another loaded with \$1950 in cash.

The 65 patrons, 15 of them women, were several minutes determining whether they were being arrested or held up, as one of the officers, missing his cue, burst into

the room with drawn gun and blurted:

"This is a stick-up."

Bonds Posted

Taken to Roy, a small community 20 miles southeast of Tacoma, each of the 65 persons posted \$25 bond on charges of frequenting a gambling establishment. Many of them, according to C. T.

Dodds, Roy justice who issued the warrant for the raid, gave fictitious names when booked.

Commenting on this phase of the raid last night, Buttermere referred to "one prominent and well-known character" who listed himself as "L. Vickers." The Rev. Loyal Vickers is leader of the Tacoma church element's fight against

what it claims is well-organized vice within the city.

The constable said he planned to ask that the bail bond of those using aliases be increased.

In addition to the cash, the raiders confiscated the club's locked safe, gambling tables and several slot machines. They said

horse racing results and form charts were posted on the walls of the gaming room.

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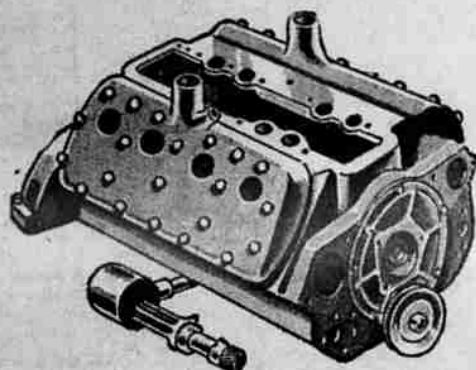


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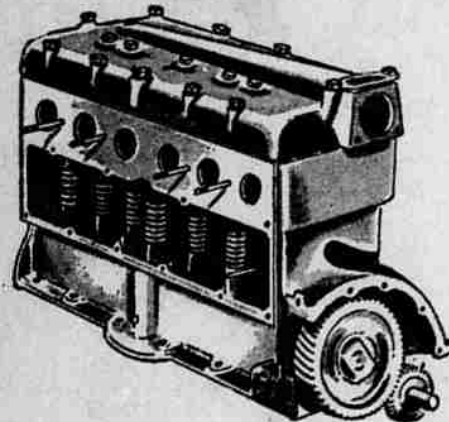
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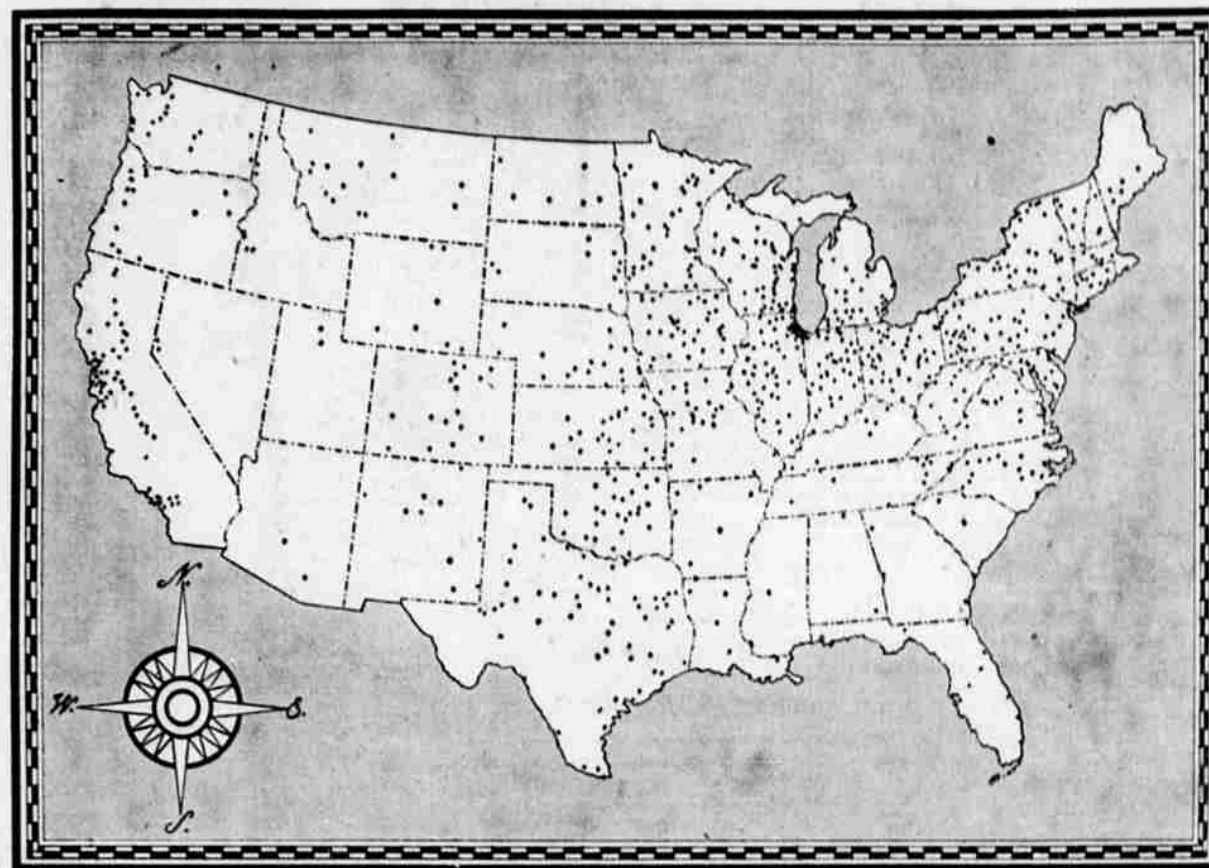
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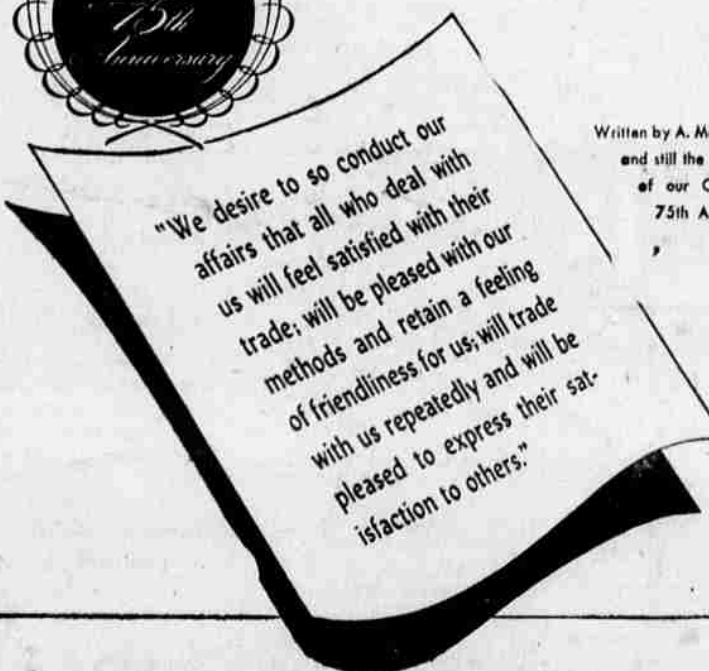
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