

# 'JOINTS' IN CITY RUN WIDE OPEN

(Continued From Page One.) as the Basin Street and the Honey-suckle Social Clubs. There are south of Yesler Way.

They find the places empty, but casual passersby will tell them that a man can get a drink if he's thirsty and has the money and goes to such and such an address.

It isn't difficult to find your way, once one has the general locality—there are so many expensive cars parked nearby. One notices a considerable amount of activity in a back entrance somewhere, a light on where ordinarily a light wouldn't be, and a door swinging open and shut with the regularity of a clock as customers come and go.

Those Under 21 Barred Places like the 87 Club, where a man was killed two months ago, and 410-B are padlocked and marked CLOSED, but the others show an eager hum of life.

Anyone who can't easily pass for 21 years of age need not try to get in. Speakeasy proprietors get the "patrol" when they see juveniles trying to get a drink. There are strict laws against serving juveniles.

"Sorry, mister," is the comment. "But we don't serve children here." The door is closed—and that's that. It happened that way at one place Saturday night when some University students attempted to "crash" a joint.

They're a transient crowd, these "speak" customers. They wander from one spot to another as the night wanes into dawn. And they're proud of their ability to get "cock-eyes" on liquor by the drink in defiance of the duly constituted authorities. So they pass the good word along about where they've been and where they're going from here.

Drink Prices Vary The drinks run from 25 cents for Scotch and water to 35 cents for the same drink, depending on whether you're drinking it in a place with a juke box and tables made from broken-up packing crates or in fine "clubs" with hardwood dance floors and soft lights, a "hot" band and floor show.

There's a comradely feeling of good fellowship in these places that prevents the average customer from "peaching" to the officers. And when that's combined with a couple of eagle-eyed doormen whose job it is to keep the "in and the law" out, there is an interesting problem in enforcement for the Police Department and Liquor Board.

The Scotch is good, even in the most "inexpensive" places. It bears either a Liquor Board seal or the label of one of the better distilleries.

In some of the spots the entertainment is furnished by talented young men and women who'll tap out syncopation on spoons, trumpets or pianos or on the dance floor as long as you'll applaud—and buy them a drink each round.

They Remember Well Except for the gambling "joint" near the 410-B, this speakeasy world seems to be a compact little town. They have a line of their own, like baseball fans. And they're as good at remembering the names of famous Pacific Coast entertainers as the average baseball fan is at recalling what Ty Cobb used to do.

The ticket of admission to these places seems to be a knowledge of trumpet players, dancers and piano ticklers, bouncers, waiters and a total disassociation with anything that might be connected with "the law."

Most blatantly open spot is the gambling place near the 410-B. No doors are closed. The traffic up and down the stairs leading to the "big game" is constant and virtually unchecked—except to the "juveniles" and men too intoxicated.

'Amateurs' Scared Out The tables were so crowded Saturday night and yesterday morning that the customers were waiting their turns in chairs provided for that purpose along the opposite wall.

After 5 o'clock in the morning, business was on the wane. The rule was, "No bets less than 50 cents" after 5 o'clock. Even 50-cent bets were frowned on. So the town's virtually wide open, and the speakeasy experts say the chief benefit of Chief Kimsey's clamp-down order was to scare away the "amateurs"—the trade that had no business gambling or buying liquor by the drink, anyway.

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# Chief Kimsey Defends 'Rookie' Officer, Whose Shot, Meant for Robber, Hit Woman



PATROLMAN H. W. JOHNSON Didn't see bystanders

Police Chief Herbert D. Kimsey announced today he believed Traffic Investigator H. W. Johnson behaved in a "prudent manner" in attempting to capture a hold-up man at 11 o'clock last night despite the fact that Mrs. Eva Walker, 33 years old, of 1058 N. 36th St., a bystander, accidentally was struck in the neck by a bullet from the policeman's revolver.

Several shots were fired by Johnson when he sought to capture the robber, one of two men who held up the Fremont Drug Company.

Veteran police officers warmly praised the two "rookies" for the way they conducted themselves: "They were prompt in responding to their radio call regarding the hold-up; they arrived at the store before the robbers had gone; instead of rushing in, they showed good judgment in waiting outside the store, one on each side of the door."

"If the 'rookies' had rushed in, there would have been desperate shooting and both the policeman and many other persons might have been injured."

Mrs. Walker, mother of two children, was recovering today in Harborview County Hospital. She was waiting for a bus at North 34th Street and Fremont Avenue when the hold-up and shooting occurred. She was shot by Traffic Investigator H. W. Johnson, who was firing at one of the two men, who had taken \$92 from the drug store at 3423 Fremont ave.

One of the fleeing men, a bartender, 38 years old, was captured and is held without charge in the city jail.

Owner Counting Money Jacob W. Lough, owner of the store, said the two hold-up men, wearing handkerchiefs over their faces, approached him while he was counting the day's receipts. One carried a .38-caliber revolver and both walked directly to the cash register at the back of the store, Lough said.

"This is a stickup," one of the men said. "Don't make any false moves and you won't get hurt. Get in the back room."

Lough's son, Lieut. George Lough, 22 years old, of the 205th Coast Artillery (anti-aircraft), Fort Lewis, was waiting for his father to close the store for the night when the hold-up men entered. Unnoticed, he went out the front door and across the street to the Queen City Drug Store, 3424 Fremont Ave. The proprietor, Hans Schuett, telephone police.

A radio call from police headquarters reached Traffic Investigators Johnson and E. A. Meyer, who were parked in a police automobile at the intersection of Fremont Avenue and North 35th Street to stop motorists who had been ignoring a traffic signal at that corner.

Policemen Warned The officers left the car and started across the street, where they met Lieutenant Lough, who warned them the robbers were armed and told them the front door was the only exit.

The officers stationed themselves on each side of the door. Lieutenant Lough stood behind a utility pole. The three then waited for the robbers to emerge.

Meanwhile, in a room at the rear of the store, the robbers asked Lough for narcotics. When Lough said he had none, the hold-up men ordered him to lie face-down on the floor and bound him with strong rope. When a telephone in the store began ringing, they fled.

Outside, the men turned left and started north in Fremont Avenue. "Stick up your hands!" Patrolman Meyer shouted, and the bartender surrendered. The other robber, carrying the pistol and loot, turned suddenly and ran past Johnson.

Heard Woman Shout Meyer told Captain Ralph Olmstead, officer in charge of headquarters last night, he did not shoot because Johnson was in the line of fire. Johnson said he waited to make certain the street was clear, then fired two shots at the fleeing robber. As the man continued his flight, Johnson gave chase and fired three more shots. Johnson said he didn't see Mrs. Walker until he heard her say: "My God, I'm shot in the neck!"

Although Johnson said he saw no one in his line of fire, Mrs. Walker said another pedestrian, a man, also was waiting alongside her for a bus. Johnson told Captain Olm-



BERTHA (left) and ALVIN WALKER Their mother did not come home last night



MRS. EVA WALKER Recovering in hospital



JACOB W. LOUGH Forced into back room

stead he believes he may have hit the robber, who staggered before he turned the corner, running west in North 34th Street.

Johnson quit the chase when he saw Mrs. Walker had been wounded. He returned to the store to summon an ambulance. Mrs. Walker was taken to Harborview. Attendants said her wound is superficial. Mrs. Walker's children, Alvin, 12, and Bertha, 11, were not informed of the accident immediately.

N. C. Marsaveller, proprietor of a confectionery at 3400 Fremont Ave., said the fleeing robber appeared to zig-zag as he ran.

"The robber looked like he was running thirty miles an hour," Marsaveller said. "Maybe he was running forty miles an hour. I was a runner once myself, you know, so I know when a man is running fast. He was running fast like anything, with his shirt-tail hanging out."

Lough, who has operated the store since 1903, said he had not seen the hold-up men before. They seemed nervous, he said, and one of them said, "Let's go!" when the telephone rang.

"I was quite concerned about my son when I heard the shots outside," Lough said. "But he soon came in with the officers and helped untie me."

The captured suspect, who had \$6.50 in his pockets, was to be questioned today.

Chief Kimsey said his investiga-

tion of the shooting virtually is completed.

"Johnson was in a difficult situation and handled it admirably," Chief Kimsey said. "I couldn't have done any better myself in the same spot."

"I understand the officers didn't see the woman. They were not on a crowded street. They were attempting to stop a desperate gunman. They did the only thing they could."

Chief Kimsey cited the training new patrolmen receive before they are put out on a "beat" or patrol.

"They showed the results of their training," the chief declared. "It was unfortunate the lady was hit, but that is one of those things that could happen to any policeman."

Chief Kimsey said he does not intend changing the present system under which two new patrolmen are assigned together in a patrol car.

Meyer and Johnson joined the Police Department last April 28. They were assigned July 1 to traffic duty because, records show, they displayed aptitude for that work.

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# FLOOD MENACES VALUABLE MINE

BISBEE, Ariz., Monday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Veteran mine workers were placed on an "around-the-clock" schedule today as the Phelps Dodge Corporation sought with every scientific means at its command to control an underground flood threatening its \$20,000,000 Copper Queen mine.

A dynamite blast in a drift half a mile away released a body of water early yesterday at the 2,700-foot level in junction shaft, and despite the manning of every available auxiliary pump, the water rose almost 200 feet within twenty-four hours.

Harrison M. Lavender, general manager of Phelps Dodge properties in Arizona, said the result of the flood would remain "undeterminable" for probably twenty-four hours.

Meanwhile, workers sealed the shaft at the 2,433-foot level and company officials said hopefully "it should hold unless some thing unforeseen occurs."

Jobs 'Going Begging,' Says Work Office

Jobs are "going begging" for young men and women, officials of the Junior Employment and Counseling Service announced today as they issued an appeal for young persons wishing employment to register at the Washington State Employment Service, 514 Fourth Ave.

The Junior Employment Service is operated by the Seattle Public Schools in connection with the state office. At present, there are more than 100 positions listed for persons 18 years old or older. Salaries range from \$60 to \$90 a month for beginners. Duties vary from office work in retail and wholesale firms, banks and insurance companies, to light factory work and skilled-trade training.

Gene Dils, manager of the Junior Employment and Counseling Service, said the shortage of workers for these positions has resulted because so many persons are employed in defense industries at higher pay.

Dils said the jobs offered through his office should appeal to the far-sighted young person who wishes to establish himself permanently in some business, where he will be assured of employment when defense jobs no longer are so readily available. Each position, Dils says, offers unusual opportunity for advancement.

Schoolgirls of Japan are holding contests in operating the soroban, the computing device consisting of beads strung on wires.

# Dance to End N. W. Japanese Meet Tonight

Events ranging from discussions on economics and agriculture to the singing of "The Hut-Sut Song" were on the program for today's closing sessions of the sixth biennial convention of the Northwest District Council of the Japanese American Citizens League in Seattle.

More than 500 delegates and their wives are in Seattle for the convention, which opened Saturday morning and will close tonight with a banquet and farewell dance. Delegates and their wives spent yesterday at church services, a golf tournament and a boat cruise.

Sessions today in the Seattle Chamber of Commerce included panel discussions on economics, agriculture, social activities and civics and an oratorical contest followed by a "pep" luncheon and more discussions.

Both the adjournment banquet and a "Sayonara," or farewell ball, will be held tonight in the Masonic Temple, Harvard Avenue and East Pine Street. The banquet will begin at 6:30 o'clock; dancing at 9. At midnight the Japanese American citizens will sing "Auld Lang Syne."

Teacher Lack May Hinder Some Schools

DENVER, Monday, Sept. 1.—(AP)—Defense industry has thinned teacher ranks to such a critical point in several western states that delayed school starts are in prospect for many districts.

In some instances, classes and schools may have to be consolidated, officials said.

In addition to many young men who have been drafted for Army training, and an exodus of mathematics teachers, engineering and shop instructors and rural teachers with office experience are finding more lucrative employment in private industry or in government work.

# SURPLUS FOODS LISTED BY U. S.

Foods available during September in the Surplus Marketing Administration's food-stamp plan were announced today.

The complete list of foods which may be bought with the blue stamps:

Fresh pears, plums, prunes, apples, oranges and peaches; fresh vegetables (including potatoes); corn meal, shell eggs, raisins, dried prunes, hominy (corn) grits, dry edible beans, wheat flour, enriched wheat flour, self-rising flour, enriched self-rising flour and whole-wheat (graham) flour.

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