

were to take place, the proprietor of the hotel at Kyle, Sask., telephoned the RCMP corporal there advising him that four men and a woman had driven a car behind the hotel and had departed from it. Taking all their possessions out of the vehicle, the five had split up, two walking north from Kyle on No. 4 Highway while the other men and the woman headed south on the same road. The manager, Thor Helsa, said the abandoned car bore North Dakota licence plates. The corporal immediately checked the licence number and found it corresponded with the one reported stolen by Mr. Youngdahl in Swift Current.

Mr. Helsa phoned back a minute or so later to say that the two men who had gone north had returned and were now heading south, while the three who had previously gone in that direction had been picked up by a passing motorist.

The corporal knew that a highway patrol car from Swift Current was en route to Kyle to assist in the bridge opening and by radio he advised personnel of that vehicle to set up a road block. About the same time a Saskatoon patrol car arrived at Kyle for the ceremonies. The Police in this car were informed too and immediately drove to the hotel where they requested a waiter who had seen the quintette to accompany them. A short distance south of the city limits, the waiter pointed out two men who were part of the group. They were arrested and taken back to Kyle and the patrol headed south again. Arriving at the site of the landing bridge, the hotel waiter pointed out the other two men and the woman, and so Police rounded them up and drove back to Kyle once more. The five were identified as Clarence Andrew Bratlee, Kenneth Orval Campbell, Roy Joseph Birmingham, Gerald Cann and Florence Morberg.

The waiter then mentioned to Police that he had observed two of the men carry a large carton from the abandoned car and walk about half a mile north of

Kyle. When they returned, they no longer had this carton. A search of the area produced the box and it contained two mantel radios. The other three prisoners each had a radio among their effects when arrested.

Swift Current City Police were notified that the stolen car had been recovered and later that afternoon the five were driven to that point and handed over to the City Police. Cann admitted stealing the car in Swift Current, subsequently driving to Calgary, where he met his four companions. Then they drove back to Kyle en route to Saskatoon. Campbell and Bratlee made statements to the effect that they had stolen the five radios in Calgary.

Cann appeared in City Police Court July 10 and after pleading guilty to the theft of car, was sentenced to a term of one year at the Regina Jail. His three male companions each received terms of 15 days at the same location for vagrancy and Miss Morberg was handed a similar term in the Prince Albert Jail.

Meanwhile, Lethbridge Sub-Division issued a radiogram containing information concerning the theft of the six radios at Redcliff, and when Swift Current City Police received news of this, they telephoned Lethbridge advising of the arrests. Descriptions of the radios were checked and when found to tally, Lethbridge Police requested that the prisoners be interviewed in jail concerning the offence at Redcliff.

On July 16, Campbell was interviewed by the NCO in charge of the C.I.B. Section in Regina, and he confessed to breaking into the repair shop at Redcliff and stealing six radios. He remembered disposing of one at a service station at Gull Lake, Sask., as payment for gasoline. At the same time, he assumed full responsibility for the offence, clearing his companions of any blame. The missing radio was recovered in Gull Lake on July 18.

Campbell was picked up in Regina