

small note-book, which the manager of the station was able to identify as having come from his till.

Finally, at about 9.45 a.m., almost eight hours after they had abandoned their car at Gray, Lagus and Harden were arrested. A patrol consisting of two constables from Regina Town Station spotted the two youths walking along a country road about six miles south of Regina.

Fingerprints found at the scene of the crime and on the abandoned car linked all three men with the offence. Lagus refused to admit any knowledge of it, but Sentes and Harden supplied written confessions implicating Lagus. Sentes, 27 years of age, Lagus, 19, and Harden, 18, all had lengthy criminal records.

They appeared before Police Magistrate E. S. Williams, Q.C. on October 30, and entered pleas of "guilty" to a

charge of breaking, entering and theft. All were sentenced to imprisonment in the Prince Albert Common Jail, Sentes receiving an 18-month term, Lagus 15 months, and Harden 12 months.

The widespread search for Sentes and his companions was also directly responsible for the arrest of three other men. George E. Foulkes, Mike Dermac and Francis Saxby were returning to Regina from Tribune, Sask., where they had broken into the Post Office, when they were intercepted by the same patrol that apprehended Harden and Lagus. They were found to be in possession of over \$50 in silver. At first it was thought that they were the individuals responsible for the Riceton offence. However, the large amount of silver in their possession cast a doubt on this theory and a few hours later the actual source of their wealth became known.

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Double Trouble for John

ON Dec. 11, 1954, four contested Game Act prosecutions were in progress in RCMP Court, Saskatoon. The Court-room is on the same floor as the Police detachment. As witnesses were excluded they, of necessity, had to sit in detachment corridors. A defence witness named John Demoskoff, of Environ, Sask., who was a relative of one of the accused, in company with another Environ district resident, saw fit, without permission, to follow a Saskatoon Detachment NCO into the Police wash-room. Demoskoff, obviously somewhat under the influence of liquor, commenced to expound his views concerning the Game Act prosecutions to the NCO. During the conversation, it was noticed that Demoskoff had a part bottle of liquor hidden on his person, the circumstances being such that he was contravening the provisions of the Saskatchewan Liquor Act.

Upon being asked to hand over the liquor, Demoskoff refused and put up considerable resistance before the liquor was eventually taken from him. He was placed under arrest and on the same day he appeared in the same Court-room before the same magistrate sitting on the Game Act cases, Police Magistrate H. G. H. Gilding of Saskatoon. He was fined \$75 and costs of \$5.50 or in default two months in Prince Albert Common Jail for the obstruction offence, and a further \$25 and costs of \$2 or in default 30 days in jail for the Liquor Act violation. All monies were paid. Demoskoff was represented by C. W. McCool, Q.C., of Saskatoon.

These prosecutions will no doubt have a salutary effect on the accused and others inclined to pursue a similar line of conduct.

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