

John and Robert Mottley, police day Thurmond and one block of cement was wired across Hart's chest and another across his back. A third block was clamped into the bay.

Under questioning by Department of Justice agents yesterday, Thummond said Holmes struck Hart with a revolver, fired one shot into the victim's back as he struggled in the water and then handed the gun to Thurmond, who climbed down the bridge and fired three more shots in the direction of a surging sound.

His wife, mother of his two children, for some weeks Holmes had been living apart from his wife and was arrested in a San Jose hotel shortly after Thurmond had been trapped kidnapping their victim's father on Wednesday night.

He reported that Wesley Shavers of Campbell, near San Jose, had observed a woman and a man help another man write a mysterious note last Monday.

In this connection was recalled the revelation made exclusively in The Chronicle that took on the day of the kidnaping young Harry Thummond, Thelma O'Brien, 21, had been contacted on the telephone by a mysterious woman who inquired the whereabouts of Hart.

Thummond then making the confession had confirmed the statement that he carried a gun during the kidnaping and declared he had the weapon in Holmes' car. But a search of the car revealed no trace of it. The possibility of the crime as revealed in Federal investigation against Holmes and Thurmond was established with all sorts of circumstantial details.

#### APPROXIMATE CAR

A man identified as Thurmond approached O'Brien's car as he drove from a police station on the first of the O'Brien candy store, reached out his hand to wave the door handle, checked his fuses and disappeared. It was after that that Holmes put in the telephone call to O'Brien, as told in his confession published in yesterday's Chronicle, urging him to drive the dead woman's father, Alvin J. Hart, San Jose department store owner, \$25,000 for the ransom and instruct Hart to pay \$1,000 to the kidnappers for the return of his son.

In a statement to newspapermen Thursday, Thurmond attributed his doubts and those of Holmes in respect to the kidnapping of O'Brien to a particular was frightened with a member of the far set who "had something on him and to whom he was forced from time to time to pay financial tribute."

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Holmes said that the kidnaping was first suggested by Thurmond some two days before the kidnaping Thursday, November 8, after the two had attended a motion picture show in San Jose. At first, he said, they discussed holding the youth for ransom, then Thurmond advised "strongly" that he overheard some "palooka" at the time.

At first, he said, he gradually accepted the idea. Holmes said that the idea of shooting Hart's car as he drove from the parking lot near the Hart store, at first, he said, they discussed holding the youth for ransom, then Thurmond advised "strongly" that he overheard some "palooka" at the time.

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#### SEARCH FOR THE ALVIN POINTS

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# MAN JAILED SOUGHT AS KIDNAP VICTIM

## Bond of \$200,000 Fixed for Suspected Leader of Abduction Gang.

CHICAGO, November 11.—Police tonight said that Henry Bitters, 45, of near South, believed to have been a kidnaping victim, was a prisoner in the county jail on a capias charging larceny by receipt.

The police statement ended a search for Bitters which was organized earlier in the day after a neighbor reported seeing him dragged away in an automobile by two men. Sheriff Oliver Platt of Will County had said the description of one of the men apparently tallied in some respects with that of Jack Kline, University of Illinois graduate sought as head of a kidnap gang reported to have collected half a million dollars in ransom for abduction victims.

Earlier in the day Frank Sander of Decatur, Ill., accused of being a member of the gang which kidnaped James Racker, gambler, and an associate of Kline, was held to \$200,000 bail, which he was unable to furnish.

### SEARCH SEASON FUTILE

#### 100 on Line Scourged by Police in Hunt Kidnaping.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., November 11 (AP)—An airplane dash from San Francisco and an exhaustive search of an ocean liner here proved futile today for police and Federal agents seeking the kidnaping of Harold G. Hart of San Jose.

The Northern officers, assisted by squads of police and detectives here and ship's officers, spent hours scanning every passenger and person aboard the Nevada-bound Matson liner Lurline, looking for two suspicious characters reported passed away on the ship's San Francisco-Los Angeles run. Babe Bath, was the smuggler, and some 100 other passengers were detained while the search went on.

The finding of a wallet, belonging to the wealthy young San Jose merchant, reported to be held for \$40,000 ransom, prompted the search. This was found last night on the guard rail of a first class stateroom located alongside the Lurline in San Francisco Bay. Officers seized the wallet and had it traced to a man on the ship and they faced down Hart on a charge of kidnaping and were awaiting for the Lurline to berth.

Ship's officers reported two suspicious characters observed last evening, whom they believed to be women passenger and the officers had taken the time to leave the ship. This led to the belief that kidnaping suspect had been carried away.

Chief of Police J. M. Black of San Jose was checking a rumor that young Hart had incurred debts of which other members of his family did not know. He said he had found no verification of it.

John Bergqvist, rancher, told police he saw young Hart's motor car, with a man answering the general description of the missing youth, standing beside it alone and apparently tinkering with a headlight, at the exact spot where the car was found several hours after the disappearance. This search was between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 10 miles north of here. Sheriff's report served to disprove the rumor that young Hart had been seen in the area.

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# WALLET NEW CLUE IN HART KIDNAPING

## Starts Search of Ship for Youth Held in \$40,000 Ransom in California.

**SAN FRANCISCO, November 11**—Discovery of a wallet bearing the name and containing personal cards of Bruce L. Hart, who was kidnaped from San Jose Thursday, was reported to authorities here today.

The wallet, on which Hart's name was embossed in gold letters, was found on an oil tanker by San Francisco Rep. Authorities said the tanker had been docked alongside the liner Laurina, which called for Los Angeles at 12:15 p.m. yesterday.

Los Angeles authorities were requested to search the Laurina when it arrives there on the theory the wallet may have been tossed from the liner.

### CONTACT IS DENIED

Members of Hart Family Say Abductors Have Kept Silent.

**SAN JOSE, Calif., November 11 (AP)**—Reports that kidnapers had made contact with members of the A. J. Hart family demanding payment of \$40,000 ransom for release of the son, Bruce Hart, 23, were vehemently denied by all investigators and members of the family today.

Head Vetterli, head of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, San Francisco, said late last night: "Up to the time I left the Hart home a few minutes ago there had been no contact whatsoever with the abductors of Bruce Hart. If there had been such contact, in any manner, I would have heard of it."

The father was as emphatic in denial as were Chief of Police J. B. Clark, Sheriff William J. Reilly, members of the family and close friends, who had been contacted by the police.

The only communication received according to all, is two telephone messages from San Francisco about 10:30 p.m. Thursday. In the message, Miss Marian Hart, 19-year-old sister of Bruce, was informed of the ransom price of \$40,000, that Bruce was well and that further instructions would follow. The girl was warned not to inform the police.

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# PLANES BEGIN HUNT FOR KIDNAPED HART

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 12 (AP). — Airplanes today were used in an endeavor to find Brooks Hart, 22, kidnaped son of a wealthy San Jose merchant. From the San Jose airport, several planes were dispatched during the day by Sheriff William J. Emig.

The ships were piloted by Santa Clara Valley aviators, but contained deputy sheriffs and men from the Department of Justice.

The planes were to scout particularly over the mountains east of San Jose. It was in this general direction that young Hart's car, with lights still burning, was found last Thursday night, a few hours before a voice over the telephone demanded \$40,000 from the abducted youth's father, Alex J. Hart.

The sheriff believes that the missing youth will be found hidden in some of the tunnels along around the Black Mountains, the Calaveras Dam.

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# Ship Searched For Kidnapers

## Rabe Ruth, 160 Others Detained in Coast Police Hunt.

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 11 (AP).—An airplane dash from San Francisco and an exhaustive search of an ocean liner here proved futile today for police and Federal agents seeking the kidnapers of Brooke L. Hart of San Jose.

The northern officers, assisted by squads of police and detectives here and ship's officers, spent hours examining every passenger and person aboard the Hawaii-bound *Maui* son Line's *Laurie*, looking for two suspicious characters reported as slipped away on the San Francisco-Los Angeles run.

Rabe Ruth and his daughter and some 100 other passengers were detained on the vessel while the search went on.

The finding of a letter addressed to the wealthy young San Jose merchant, reported to be held for \$40,000 ransom, prompted the search. This was found last night on the guard rail of a boat that had been lowered yesterday from the *Laurie* in San Francisco Bay.

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# Wide Hunt Fails To Find Victim of Coast Kidnapers

## Liner, Cities and Woods Are Searched in Vain for Brooke L. Hart

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11 (U.S.)—One of the mightiest forces ever assembled for a California man hunt today found itself against a stone wall in the search for Brooke L. Hart, 22, son of a wealthy San Jose merchant, of the men suspected of kidnaping the youth some time last Thursday evening.

The kidnapers have demanded \$40,000 ransom from Alex J. Hart, father of the boy, but have failed to instruct the father how to pay over the money.

### LINER SEARCHED

Today's developments were: 1. San Francisco and Los Angeles police searched the liner Laurine when it docked at Los Angeles today and questioned each of the 120 passengers aboard, but without result. It was believed that the Laurine might furnish some clue to the kidnapers because of the theory that Hart's wallet, found on the tanker Midway, may have been thrown from a porthole of the liner.

2. Radio messages were dispatched to the liner Santa Paula, en route to New York, and the liner President Van Buren, bound for Honolulu, asking that these ships be searched for some clue. Both ships sailed from San Francisco within a few hours of the Laurine's departure.

3. Santa Clara and other county authorities continued to search the hills and wooded sections of their counties for some clue to a kidnaper's hideout.

4. All officials connected with the case said that the finding of Hart's wallet in San Francisco Bay had convinced them that the youth had been kidnaped and had not disappeared or eloped.

### FATHER AWAITES WORD

At San Jose the elder Hart remained beside a telephone in his home awaiting further word from the kidnapers to implement the first contacts in which the kidnapers demanded the \$40,000 ransom. The kidnapers sent no further messages today, the father said.

But as today was a bank holiday, no further word was expected from the abductors until Monday, which would be the first day that the search would be resumed.

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# KIDNAPEE YOUTH SOUGHT ON SHIP

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10 (I.N.S.)—Search for the kidnaper of Brooke Hart, San Jose youth held for \$40,000 ransom, centered suddenly today upon the Matson liner Laurine, due at Los Angeles.

The missing youth's wallet was discovered lying on the guard rail of an oil tanker which had lain alongside the Laurine yesterday morning between midnight and 4 a. m.

Police believed that the wallet had been tossed from a port hole of the liner. They did not believe Hart could have been brought as a captive aboard the Laurine, but declared that either the kidnaper had boarded the ship after leaving him dead or a prisoner with other gang members, or Hart had gone aboard of his own volition.

Aid of Los Angeles police was enlisted to search the ship and its passengers and crew when it docks.

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# CONTACT MADE WITH KIDNAPER OF RICH YOUTH

But Abductors Fail to Give  
Terms or Other Directions  
to Father of Brooke Hart

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 10 (U. S.)—Two new contacts were made today between the kidnapers of Brooke Hart, 22 son of a wealthy San Jose merchant, who has been missing since 6 o'clock last night, and the family of the captive youth.

But, although the kidnapers communicated with Alex J. Hart, father of the victim, both by letter and by telephone, the kidnapers failed to inform Hart of their terms or how they expected him to deliver the \$25,000 they demanded as ransom in the first kidnap message yesterday.

## MAN HUNT IN PROGRESS

The two messages came as one of the greatest man hunts in California history was in progress, with federal state and the police departments of nearly a score of cities cooperating in running down every clue.

Today's first contact was a letter delivered to the palatial Hart home in San Jose. Shortly after noon a young woman rang the doorbell. Hart answered.

The girl handed him a letter addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Hart" in an educated hand. She told Hart that the letter had been handed to her by a well-dressed man of 25, with the request that she deliver it to the Hart home. The letter read:

"This is to verify our telephone call last night. We have Brooke and are wanting him right. No hay speech come to him. If you pay over the money as we will direct you to, and if you did away from mine cops and don't bring them into this. We will get in touch with you later and tell you where to meet the money."

## TELEPHONE CALL

One hour later came the second contact, a telephone call.

"You got our letter and you know we mean business. No Mr. Hart, we want to get this over with as easy as we can. We want money, and we'll tell you how to get it to us. And don't call in the cops. Of course, we know they're working on this and you can't help it, but know them and if you know them and tell you will come to the money. We'll meet you

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# CALIFORNIANS KIDNAPED

## \$40,000 Is Demanded for Youth's Return Man, Woman Held

### Bootlegger Is Pursued Over Desert by Abductors After Raid of Brother's Store, Full

**SAN JOSE, Calif.**—Brother of a Santa Clara University graduate and son of a prominent San Jose merchant, was held by kidnapers for \$40,000 ransom.

The ransom demand was telephoned from San Francisco to the home of Alex Hart, the youth's father. It was Hart's first indication that his son, who had failed to keep an appointment with him yesterday, had been kidnaped.

**WE HAVE YOUR SON**  
"We have your son and want \$40,000 for him. Don't get in touch with police or you will never see your son again & the message according to police."

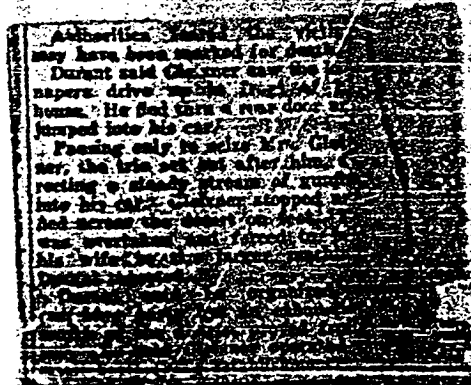
Disregarding the warning, Hart called the police. The call was traced to a San Francisco hotel.

The youth's auto was found early today northwest of San Jose on a country road. The investigation, however, there was no sign of a struggle at the spot, police said.

**LOS ANGELES**—George C. ... a bootlegger and his wife ...

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### Youth's Kidnapers Demand \$10,000

San Jose, Calif., Nov. 10 (AP) — Kidnapers of Brookhart, 22, former Santa Clara University student, who disappeared last night, said to have communicated twice today with his wealthy father, Alena J. Hart. They demanded \$10,000 ransom.

Chief of Police J. N. Black told the United Press he did not believe Hart had been kidnaped.

"We expect to find him tonight or tomorrow near where he left his car," Black said.

Sheriff William Enig and Department of Justice agents renewed activity in the case tonight when Hart said he had received a letter and a telephone call.

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# OUTLAW HUNTED AS KIDNAPER

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 10 (I.N.S.)  
The name of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, notorious Midwestern outlaw, today entered the investigation of the kidnaping for a \$40,000 ransom of Bertha Hart, 22-year-old sister of a wealthy and prominent San Jose family.  
Sheriff William J. Deig said he had received information that the kidnaping for ransom was the work of a gang headed by Floyd. Floyd has been reported seen in various parts of Central and Southern California during the last few months.

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# RICH MERCHANT'S SON IS KIDNAPED

Parents of Young Californian Received Demand for \$40,000 Ransom.

By the Associated Press.  
 SAN JOSE, Calif., November 10.—An anonymous telephone caller who demanded payment of \$40,000 "if you want to see your boy alive again" startled Federal, State and local officers today on an intensive hunt for kidnapers a few hours after the disappearance here of Brooke Hart, 22, son of Alexander J. Hart, one of San Jose's wealthiest merchants.

Hart, a recent graduate of the University of Santa Clara, who had just been made a partner of his father, left the department store shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday to go to a nearby parking lot and drive to his parents' home. The father is to arrive at home on Wednesday and the disappearance of his son aroused the uneasiness of his family. The family said that three men in a large automobile, evidently kidnapers, tried to crowd young Hart's car from a highway three weeks ago but he eluded them.

About 10 o'clock last night, the Hart home was called by telephone, caller said, and a man demanded payment of \$40,000. Officers said no directions were given as to how to locate the kidnapers. The call was traced to a public telephone booth in a large San Francisco hotel.

Early today young Hart's abandoned car was found 10 miles north of here,

the lights burning. Officers began a search of the Casarona area nearby. Fingerprints on young Hart's car were taken.

Hart's mother was prostrated, but the father remained firmly calm. He did not say how he viewed the demand for \$40,000.

Associates of the missing youth said he was of good habits and quiet and was not particularly kind of the company of girls.

Victim on an auto theft, is being held pending trial. Does not admit a hearing for Morgan.

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**IT'S \$40,000,  
Or Else! Is Word  
Of Kidnapers To Father  
Of California Victim.  
Car, Lights Burning,  
Is Found On Road,  
Shortly After Telephone  
Warning To Parents.  
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Of Touby's Gang  
As Thug Who Took Him  
On Abduction Ride.  
Trial Opens In St. Paul—  
Man And Wife Seized—  
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San Jose, Calif., November 10—  
(AP)—Ransom of \$40,000 is de-  
manded of Alexander J. Hart,  
wealthy merchant, for the return of  
his twenty-two-year-old son, Brooke  
Hart, the object of a statewide hunt  
as a kidnaping victim.  
An anonymous telephone caller  
said the money must be paid "if  
you want to see your boy alive  
again," but gave no instructions as  
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One of the most formidable kid-  
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**IT'S \$40,000,**

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than himself.

Los Angeles, November 10—(AP)  
—Deputy Sheriff Ed Durant of San  
Bernardino County, messenger of  
fiers here today that a Mr. and  
Mrs. Gleason, proprietors of a cafe  
at Trona, borax town, 150 miles  
northwest of here, had been kid-  
naped by three men, who fled with  
them in a black sedan.

Durant said Mr. and Mrs. Glei-  
son were seized in their cafe. She  
was flung into the sedan, he said,  
and Gleason, who broke loose, was  
pursued down the road and cap-  
tured again.

St. Paul, Minn., November 10—  
(AP)—William Hamm Jr., in a  
trance Federal courtroom, today tes-  
tified that Eddie McFadden, a Chi-  
cago gangster, resembled one of  
the men who forced him into an  
automobile when he was kidnaped  
here last June 18.

The millionaire St. Paul brewer  
stepped out of the witness box and,  
with a dramatic gesture, walked  
over to where McFadden was sit-  
ting with three co-defendants and  
pointed a finger to within a few  
inches of McFadden's chest.

"This man," Hamm said, "resem-  
bled the other man on my right."

The "man on the right" to whom  
Hamm referred was one of two men  
who picked him up near his brew-  
ery office, unopposed him to enter  
a sedan and took him to some place  
in Wisconsin, believed near Jave-  
ville and Beloit.

McFadden raised his bald head  
and looked the millionaire squarely  
in the eye.

Hamm told the story of his ab-  
duction and identified three notes  
bearing his signature as those he  
signed at the demand of the ab-  
ductors.

**Courtroom An Arsenal**

George H. Sullivan, United States  
District Attorney, beginning his  
opening statement to the jury under  
the watchful gaze of more than 20  
guards armed with pistols and tear  
gas guns, named McFadden, Roger  
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Roger Touby was in the Thorne  
drug store in the suburbs of the  
city June 18 and picked a hole in  
one of the windows through which  
people could see in, said, and the

before Commissioner Lee H. Smith  
would be held tomorrow.

San Jose, Calif., November 10—  
(AP)—An appeal to the kidnapers  
of Brooke L. Hart to establish con-  
tact for negotiations of a ransom  
payment was issued by the missing  
youth's father and mother from  
their home here tonight.

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apparently fruitless examination. San Francisco police said they had no clues, but Charles Dulles, Captain of detectives, said he had "been informed" that the abductors would get in touch with the Hart family later and that his force was awaiting such a development.

Search of the Calaveras Dam area, 15 miles northeast of here, was made in the hope of picking up the trail of the young merchant. His motor car, its lights still burning, was found early today on a road leading to that district, in which many deserted cottages are located.

#### FATHER IS SILENT.

The older Hart remained silent as to the ransom demand and what his course would be. He received a telephone call from San Francisco four hours after young Hart's disappearance, demanding the ransom. The call was traced to a public booth in a large San Francisco hotel, but no one could be found who had seen its originator.

Police said two calls from the hotel to the Hart home brought "line busy" reports before the father was contacted on the third call. Efforts to reach the Hart home by telephone from a San Francisco speakeasy, shortly before the hotel booth calls, also were discovered, police said.

Reed C. Vetterlin, head of the Department of Justice in San Francisco, conferred there throughout the day with Captain Dulles, but neither would discuss whether clues had been located.

#### "PRETTY BOY" IN IT?

Recent reports that Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Oklahoma outlaw, had been seen in Central California were called to the attention of authorities, but there was no indication that investigators considered he may have a connection with the case.

Young Hart, who recently left his studies at Santa Clara University to become junior partner of his father, was last seen departing from the store shortly before 4 p. m. yesterday. His failure to return home by 8 o'clock caused a search to be started. Two hours later the older Hart received the telephone call.

Associates said young Hart was of regular habits and not particularly fond of the company of girls, although occasionally he had attended college functions with Miss Jane Hammond, Sacramento, a student at San Jose State College.

The missing youth has a brother, Alexander Hart Jr., and two sis-

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ing under instruction pushed the money out of the car onto the high-

Sullivan, James Anthony Ashby (brother of the kidnaper's automobile).

Five farmers, two housewives and two other men were chosen jurors. Two alternates were picked.

#### "Just A Crazy Idea."

Dallas, Texas, November 10.—(AP)—Officers said today J. A. Morgan told them just a "crazy idea" impelled him to send letters to Charles F. Urchel, telling him he had lent \$50,000 to Morgan, paid for Urchel's release based on his Wise County farm. "I needed money because the mortgage on my farm was overdue and I am trying to put my two boys through college," police quoted Morgan as saying.

E. J. Dowd, Department of Justice Agent, said Morgan had made a complete statement.

Morgan was taken into custody yesterday at his farm, 14 miles northeast of Decatur, by Frank J. Blake, Department of Justice Agent, and Detective Lieutenant Will Fritz, of Dallas. They went there with Urchel and E. E. Kirkpatrick, Urchel's personal representative who was active in effecting his release from kidnapers July 31.

Blake said Morgan had told them three men came to his farm to hunt squirrels that he had later one of the trees had been converted in the Urchel kidnaping and that he investigated and found the money buried in a pasture. Blake said he told them he would lead them to the cache where he had hid the loot.

"He turned suddenly and said, 'I might as well tell you. I've been lying to you all along. There isn't any money buried here,'" Blake related.

The first letter, typewritten and unsigned, was mailed October 21 at Decatur. It told Urchel the writer knew of the whereabouts of part of the ransom money and gave directions for recovery through a newspaper advertisement.

#### Says Mortgage Overdue.

In response to this letter, the following advertisement appeared in a Fort Worth newspaper:

"Well, Inger, Wise County, Texas: Your letter about glass jars received with appreciate more details as to proposed work. Will guarantee square deal. No publicity and will execute contract to your satisfaction. Owner at present away, but I am his partner and can personally represent him. Address P. O. Box 1146, Oklahoma City, so that meeting may be arranged between us."

"The \$50,000 mortgage on my farm was overdue," Morgan explained today, "and I thought if I could meet Mr. Urchel, maybe I could get him interested in me and get him to help me. I had been reading in the papers about the kidnaping and knew he had a lot of money. It was just a crazy idea. I don't know why I did it."

Morgan said he did not know R. G. Ross Shannon or his wife, Mary (nee) Baker, Kathryn and George (Machine Gun) Kelly, all under life sentences in the kidnaping. It was on Shannon's farm, 10 miles southwest of Decatur, that Urchel was held prisoner.

Police said Morgan admitted having served three years in the Texas Penitentiary on an arson charge, to which he pleaded guilty.

Dowd said a hearing for Morgan

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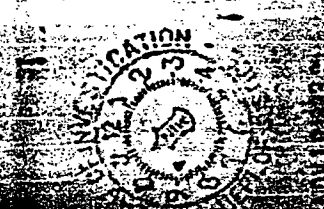
California Police Check New Clues  
in Kidnaping Case.

By the Associated Press.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Nov. 12.—While members of the family of Brooke Hart, missing 12-year-old son of a wealthy store owner, persisted in their belief they had received further word from the supposed kidnapers of the youth, J. M. Black, chief of police today was busily checking new clues in the case.

He sought information regarding "Hardcase" Jack Klutas, middle-western police character wanted for kidnaping in Iowa. Chicago authorities notified Black that Klutas was reported to have been in central California recently.

An airplane flying over the Mt. Hamilton range east of here where young Hart often rode horseback with a companion killed there two weeks ago, gave rise to reports the Hart family had commissioned the pilot to scan the mountain district.



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### Harvey Bailey

From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Influenced by movie melodramas and occasional press stories, the public in general has formed a false picture of the really big gangster type. The popular conception of the public enemy is a man of foreign name and appearance, most likely an Italian, with a loud, brutal, domineering personality, a flashy taste for dress that runs to silk shirts in violent colors and diamond studs, and a general air of underworld airiness that would warn any person in his right senses of the danger of dealing with such an individual. In reality, the man of that type is much more likely to be the cheap racketeer, or at best the "trout" for some more subtle and intelligent criminal.

As a case in point, take Harvey Bailey, who is now safe in the hands of the Federal Government. He is anything but the flashy type of gangster. It has been said of him that he has much more the appearance of a bank president than of a bank robber, and his manner helps to carry out the illusion. His photographs show a face that betrays none of the familiar criminal characteristics. The head is well shaped, the chin square and strong, the forehead wide. The eyes are set well apart, and have neither the lack-luster nor the shifty appearance that is so frequently seen in rogues' gallery photographs. Bailey is a tall man, well built, and his clothes are of sober cut and pattern. His name is straight Anglo-Saxon, and though little is known of his background and early history, he is thought to have been born on a farm in Putnam County, Mo., where his mother still lives.

Such is the man who played a part of crime across the Middle West, and escaped for years without punishment. He is charged with participation in four of the most notorious episodes in American crime history: The brutal St. Valentine's Day massacre which took place in Chicago in 1929, in which a group of men were lined up against a wall and murdered in cold blood; the Union Station massacre in Kansas City last year which resulted in the death of 26 men; the \$5,000,000 robbery of the Lincoln Bank & Trust Co. at Lincoln, Neb.; the largest bank robbery in history, and the Bremer kidnaping case, which finally involved him with the forces of the new Federal Bureau and resulted in his arrest and conviction. Such is the man whom even the experienced criminal probably would not pick as a criminal, and whom the ordinary layman would take for a really respectable citizen.

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