

# CHICKEN THIEVES ARE JAILED AFTER COUNTY DRIVE

### Four Given Long Terms In Circuit Court

### THREE AWAIT SENTENCE

Four of seven persons arrested in a country-wide war against chicken thieves are serving long jail sentences today and the others are awaiting trial. Activities of country authorities under Sheriff Frank Schram are being concentrated on this form of outlawry following the wholesale thefts of chickens from many parts of the country.

Of the four already sentenced, Edward Colburn, 39, Maxwell station, Macon County, and Herbert E. Colburn, 36, 150 Chandler avenue, Highland Park, were sentenced to 18 months each.

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to Jackson prison Saturday morning by Judge Frank L. Covert on five to fifteen-year terms. Frank Kenney, 26, Macon County, and Homer T. Hill, 23, 305 Millon street, Royal Oak, were sent to Ionia Reformatory for the same length of time. The minimum of five years was recommended in each case. All four are married, the two Colburns and Kenney having families. Herbert Colburn's wife is dead and he is the father of two children.

### Await Sentence

Edgar Brooks, Mary DePree and Dendell Moore, all of Detroit, are in jail today awaiting sentence Monday on a chicken thieving charge. Brooks and Miss DePree were arrested Friday, near Wall Lake, as they were about to step into their car, and before they had an opportunity to throw two sacks full of chickens into the machine, according to Deputies Claude Wilson, of Farmington, Elmo McKinley, of New Hudson, Hugh Thoburn, of Oakley Park and Wiley Coe, of Wallied Lake, who made the arrest.

The sacks contained 21 chickens, four of which were already suffocated when the deputies seized the bag, they say.

Brooks and Miss DePree gave their addresses as 2554 Lockwood street, Detroit, and the deputies immediately drove to that address to search the house. It was there that they found Dendell Moore, and also discovered 100 live chickens in the coal bin. Among the chickens were birds that have been reported stolen in the last two nights.

The other four men gave as their reason for taking to chicken stealing inability to get work.

Chicken stealing became an occupation with them, they told the court, after they found out last Thanksgiving how easy it was to get a Thanksgiving dinner. Starting in the coal bin. Among the chickens they had made a regular business of it, using two new trucks. All four came originally from the vic-

inity of East Jordan where they had known each other as boys. Deputies Walter Arnold and John W. Copp of Holly came on the men early this morning. The men were brought in for questioning and finally admitted their participation in the chicken stealing in progress in the country for the past two months. Deputies from the sheriff's office had been making inquiries in the country about the country roads with a hope they would meet the thieves.

### James Deane Protested

"Chicken stealing apparently isn't considered a serious offense in some circles," Judge Covert remarked in passing sentence. "The state law, however, says it is burglary and the law fixes a maximum penalty of 15 years for convictions. Partners are entitled to some protection. The farmer's wife spends much of her time raising a nice flock of chickens and then when they are large enough to be of some value, someone comes along and cleans out the coop leaving her nothing but the farmer's wife to show for all her hard work. It is most commendable that you are doing nothing of the night when there is but little chance of being caught."

"I have had a lot of trouble from this sort of chicken thieving in recent months and the courts have been called on to make some examples of men caught in this business. The sentences have been heavy and are intended as a warning to others. If chicken stealing continues, the men engaged in it may expect sentences that will not make them happy. I am satisfied that the wives of these men were aware of what they were doing."

### Taken Early Tuesday

Three of the men who were sentenced and Glenn Werley, who was with the three, but who was released, were captured shortly after midnight Monday, being taken by Deputies Arnold and Copp after a 20-mile chase.

The men after being grilled Tuesday by Assistant Prosecutor Norman C. Orr and Sheriff Schram finally admitted some of the numerous thefts that have taken place. They were reticent, but evidence obtained from their answers was put together by Mr. Orr and the story finally placed before them. They admitted it, and incriminated Edward Colburn, Mr. Orr and Deputies Bernard Doyle and Walter Alsbach arrested Colburn at his home Tuesday night. Edward Colburn showed up at Isaac Warren, when Mr. Warren's chicken house was raided Jan. 19, just at that time, and obtained employment.

A check shows that the loss of 150 chickens, 27 geese and 10 ducks has been reported since the first of the year, most of them during the time when the quartet now sentenced, was most active.

# REALTORS ENJOY NOVELTY DINNER

### T. B. McCutcheon Is Host At Banquet; Large March Meet Planned

Members of the Birmingham Real Estate Board Monday night at the Chateau Tea Room were given a real treat by T. B. McCutcheon, formerly of Bellaire, and now of Harmon avenue, who had them served with a 24 pound muskellunge which was 44 inches long. The fish was served on an ironing board upon which it had been cooked.

Three Detroit realtors who were guests of the board and business of the association was discussed. Members are planning an unusually large dinner and meeting on March 17 when they will be addressed by John Buys, state president, from Grand Rapids, and J. J. Dolle, state executive secretary.

### Warden McClure Arrested

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# TWO FINED HERE FOR TRAPPING ANIMALS

### Charge Men With Setting Traps In Muskrat Houses; One In Jail

Two men were fined \$50 each for setting traps in muskrat houses by Judge Floyd S. Buck this week. Wilfred LePacy, Auburn Heights, was fined Tuesday after he had been arrested by Deputy Game Warden Robert McClure for having between 16 and 20 traps laid in muskrat houses on Ten Mile road, life paid.

Marcel Melloy is in jail today waiting to obtain \$50, which he said he would pay rather than spend 30 days in jail, when he was arraigned before Judge Buck Monday.

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# SPIRIT OF SPRING AND IZAAK FIRE FISHERMAN

Warm weather has brought out the spring enthusiasts, even to the fishermen. Old Izak Walton's spirit did things; it allowed George Simpson, 29 Church street, Highland Park, to catch about a dozen undersized perch and keep them on last Saturday.

Simpson was arrested by Deputy Game Warden Robert McClure when he was found fishing through the ice on Long Lake and taking in perch about 4 inches long. When the law states that they must be seven inches long to be kept.

Judge Floyd S. Buck fined Simpson \$16 Monday when he was arraigned in the justice court.

# 4 Local Men Buy In N. Y. Exchange

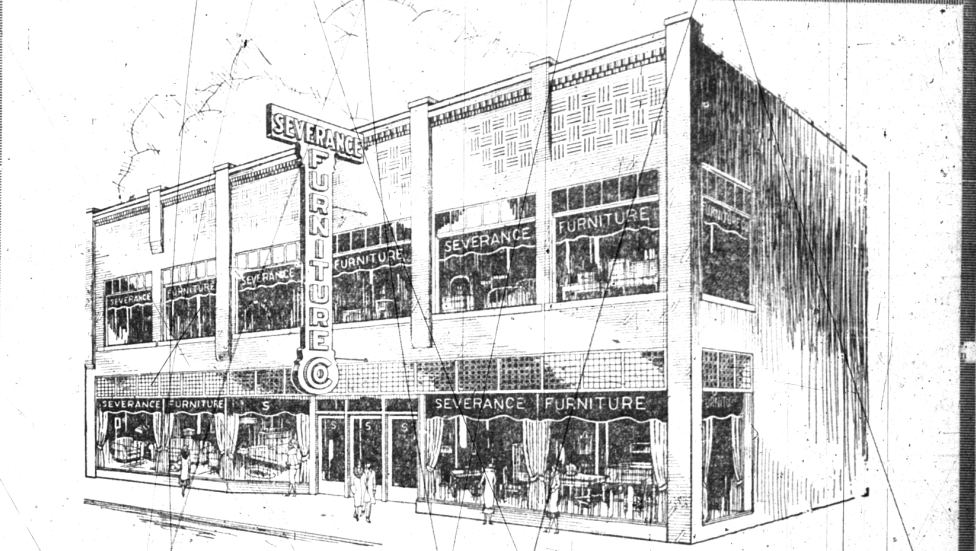
Four Birmingham men in company with three Detroiters announce today the purchase of a seat in the New York Stock Exchange. The four from Birmingham are John W. Walling, William G. Leichen, Joseph Hinshaw and M. J. Stringer.

All are prominent in Detroit business and will carry an investment trade on Congress street, Detroit. The new company will be known as Walling, Leichen & Hayes. It is rumored the men paid \$185,000 for the seat.

# Church Plans Fete For Fathers-Sons

James Schermmerhorn Jr., the son of the former publisher of the Detroit Times, is to be the featured speaker at the Father and Son banquet tonight at the First Baptist Church. The banquet is to be held at 6:30.

The program will be opened with community songs. Raymond Peck will act as toastmaster. Robert Richards, soloist at the First Methodist Church, will give several numbers, and Mr. Schermmerhorn will speak on the "Rising Sun." Mr. Nixon, a magician, will also add his talents to the program.



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