

RACKETS

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I know Pickert and Frahm and several other officials personally.

and they're all good men. It seems to me that they can take care of it.

"We've made a few arrests in the last few weeks," says Chief Hackett, "but there isn't much racket here. People who really bet the numbers, in my opinion, are usually not local residents; they come in every morning and go out again in the afternoon. I may be wrong, but there is no numbers racket here now. For one thing, this town isn't big enough for anyone to make any money at it. It wouldn't be worth the trouble of trying to start a handbook, here. Eventually we'd hear of it and stamp it out. And I know that through our prosecuting attorney we could ban any situation of that kind in Birmingham."

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Chief Hackett tagged at his pipe, then lit it again. "Yes,"

"You know, gambling has taken the place of the blind pig. When prohibition was repealed, the blind pigs died out. Maybe if gambling was legalized, the bookies would also die out. Understand me,

wonder if that might

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