

Sharp Park Vice Raid; 90 Freed on Bail

Bar Owner Booked

87 Booked on Morals Charges

Ninety persons, mostly men, were booked at the San Mateo County jail and then released on bail yesterday after a vice raid on a Sharp Park tavern suspected of being a gathering place for sex deviates.

All but three of the group were charged with being lewd and dissolute persons or under penal code sections dealing with morals and decency.

LED BY SHERIFF.

Sheriff Earl Whitmore led the raid on a place called Hazel's Tavern in the coast community. He said the resort was a hangout for male sex deviates from San Francisco.

All of those arrested, except four sailors, were ordered to appear before Judge Thomas Bocci in the South San Francisco municipal district court March 1.

It took nearly all night to process the suspects through the county jail at Redwood City.

MOSTLY FROM S.F.

Whitmore said the patrons came from as far north as Sacramento and from Modesto to the south. The majority were from San Francisco, however.

"Several of the men told me that they drifted down this way after the police in San Francisco began cracking down on their old hangouts in the city about two months ago," the sheriff said.

When Whitmore and a crew of deputies, liquor enforcement agents and armed forces police swarmed into the tavern early yesterday they found nearly 300 in the place. Nearly forty officers took part in the raid.

The place had been under observation for almost two months. Only those men and women recognized as regular customers were arrested.

OWNER BOOKED.

The owner of the place, 62-year-old Hazel Nickola, a divorcee, was booked on charges of permitting dancing on Sunday and operating a dance without a permit. She was released on \$250 bail.

Two bartenders and a waitress were charged with serving drinks to a minor and also released on \$250 bail each. The patrons were freed on \$50 bail each.

A 17 year old Santa Rosa youth and a 17-year-old girl from San Francisco were taken to the Hillcrest Juvenile Home until their parents could be located. They had been observed drinking.

ONE TRIES TO FLEE.

Whitmore said the men arrested represented a cross section of occupations, ranging from engineer to barber. Only one tried to flee when the raiders entered. He was caught while trying to escape through a rest room window.

Whitmore said he understood the liquor agents may file additional charges against Mrs. Nickola.



FREE ON BAIL—Hazel Nickola, owner of a Sharp Park tavern hit by a vice raid in which ninety were arrested. She was booked for operating a dance without a permit.