

3 MERCHANTS FREE ON BOND

Chaimsons and Breakstone
Appear in Court on Hi-
Jacking Charge

FIX BAIL AT \$5,000

Milwaukee—(AP)—Two Shawano merchants and their nephew, Julian Breakstone, New London, surrendered today to federal authorities who held warrants charging them with receiving property stolen from interstate freight shipments. With Breakstone were Sam and William Chaimson. Sam Chaimson is president of the Chaimson Mercantile company, Shawano. Breakstone operates a store at New London.

Arraigned in Court

The trio were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Floyd E. Jenkins and posted bonds of \$5,000 each pending their release.

Their surrender brought to six the number arrested in what Lieut. James B. Kerr of the Chicago detective bureau said was a roundup of "the best gang of receivers I have encountered in the last 10 years."

In addition to the three arrested today, Meyer Rubin of Chicago, Oscar Chaimson of Shawano, and Al LeFevre, a clerk in the Chaimson store, have been taken into custody.

With the exception of Rubin, the defendants will be given a hearing before Jenkins on March 30.

Months of Investigation

The arrests resulted from months of investigation by police and federal authorities of the hi-jacking of shipments bound for Chicago from Milwaukee and Kankakee, Ill. Kerr said part of the stolen goods was found in the Chaimson and Breakstone stores.

A shipment of shoes and hosiery consigned by Milwaukee firms was hi-jacked near Chicago last Aug. 27. Another shipment was stolen near Chicago Heights, Ill., 10 days later, at hird near Chicago Jan. 15, last.

Obtain Evidence

Kerr said that with the assistance of a Green Bay insurance company detective, he obtained evidence upon which a raid was made on the Breakstone store last week. Stolen goods was found, he said. While the seizure was being made, Kerr added, trucks were being loaded at Shawano.

"Later we found that the merchandise was taken to Milwaukee but couldn't trace it," Kerr said. "One of the arrested men told me that when he had seen his lawyer he would give us the opportunity to find the merchandise and we expect to uncover it in Milwaukee."

Huge Amount Taken

Kerr said that between \$35,000 and \$50,000 worth of merchandise is missing and that "it is probable that this ring has hi-jacked double that amount."

Kerr said a 10-room apartment, with nine garages in the rear, was used to store four tons of stolen merchandise brought here from Shawano. He said he believes it was transferred later to another hiding place.

Meyer Rubin, Chicago, was described as an uncle of Breakstone. He has been put under bond in Chicago. LeFevre was put under \$1,000 bond last week, as was Oscar Chaimson.