

Senator Kefauver Continues Crime In America Series

By Estes Kefauver

In Chicago's teeming Negro district, "policy wheels" — a variety of the "numbers" racket in which are daily drawings for combinations of winning numbers — have come to be big business. An estimated 1.5 billion has been played on them in the past five years. Operations of this magnitude, of course, could not exist without graft being paid to dishonest police for protection.

There is a melancholy moral in this when one considers that the staggering sum is amassed from the nickels, dimes and quarters of the inhabitants of some of the worst slums in America. There are numerous wheels operating — with fanciful names such as the "Roman Silver," the "Calcutta-Green Dragon," the "Jack-Pot Whirlaway-Alabama-Georgia."

One witness we summoned was Edward Jones, a one-time Pullman porter. He was a partner with his wife, mother, brother and two other men in a policy wheel known as "The Maine, Idaho and Ohio." Its net profits, 1946 through 1949, came to \$3,656,968.22.

In 1946, Ed Jones was kidnapped and held until his family paid \$100,000 ransom. Even though five years had elapsed since the kidnaping at the time we questioned him, the ex-porter, who wore a huge starsapphire ring, was exceedingly timorous. He insisted he did not even know whether his abductors were white persons or Negroes because they were "blind-folded" at the time.

Of No Importance

Whether Jones was kidnaped solely for ransom, or whether it was a "muscle" operation whereby gangsters took over part of the business, never has been established. Jones himself denies that the "Main-Idaho-Ohio" has been muscled. However, Ed Jones and his brother, George — though each continues to draw a 20 per cent share of the profits — have lived in Mexico City since the kidnaping.

Our Chicago hearings also provided a case history of how a one-time hoodlum can establish himself in a legitimate business and become enormously wealthy. The case was that of Joseph Charles (Joe) Fusco, 48, now the operating vice-president of Gold Seal Liquors, Inc. (wholesale distributors), a stockholder in four other liquor distributing companies and part-owned of a brewery.

From a sales volume standpoint, Fusco boasted Gold Seal was Chicago's "No 1" dealer. His own net worth was possibly \$1,000,000 and the book value of Gold Seal alone, of which he owns 25 per cent, was \$2,200,000, he told us.

Virgil Peterson of the Chicago crime commission gave us this thumbnail report: "Joe Fusco designated several years ago as a public enemy, during the prohibition era, was a principal lieutenant in the Capone syndicate, handling the manufacture and distribution of illicit beer. He is presently suspected of being the respectable front in the liquor industry for the syndicate. . . It has been stated that the syndicate owns or controls at least 17 per cent of the retail liquor stores in Chicago. . ."

Peterson also identified Rocco De Stefano, with whom Fusco admitted doing business, as an "important syndicate man."

Painfully, with the witness making long speeches at almost every question, Committee Counsel Rudolph Halley extracted from Fusco some details of how he gave away 20 to 25 cases of whiskey as Christmas gifts to public officials

and other friends. Practically every cop in the district came around at Christmas time for a bottle or two, Fusco said. He became belligerent when asked who received his Christmas liquor. "If you were in Chicago," he barked at Halley, "maybe I would send you a case, too."

Halley retorted: "Maybe I would return it to you."

"I don't know," said Fusco, arrogantly, "I have never got any back."

There was an ugly aftermath to Fusco's appearance. Apparently the mob got the idea that he had "talked." Ten days later a black powder bomb went off in the doorway of his Gold Seal warehouse. The newspapers captioned a picture of Fusco inspecting the damage: "He Talked to Kefauver."

Everywhere we went, the committee found political immorality, but in Chicago the rawness was particularly shocking. I previously mentioned Dan Serritella, simultaneously a state senator, scratch sheet operator, and business partner with Greasy Thumb Guzik. We accumulated evidence that proved the connections of the Capone gang with politicians of both major parties. The mobsters played politics strictly for their own interests. When we asked ex-Caponeite Philip D'Andrea whether Capone had been a Republican or Democrat, D'Andrea replied: "He was a Republican when it fitted his clothes, I guess, and a Democrat otherwise."

Capone Grip

The pro-Capone bloc in the legislature included Democrats and Republicans alike. For instance, Virgil Peterson testified that Sen. Roland Libonati, a Democrat, "has been pictured with Al Capone and with 'Machine-Gun Jack' McGurn."

Another bloc member was James J. Adducci, a Republican and for 18 years a member of the Illinois legislature. Mr. Adducci appeared before us and outlined his political philosophy and certain facets of his career. He has been a friend and consort of numerous notorious Capone gangsters, and admitted having been arrested frequently himself on numerous charges — including kidnaping — but never convicted.

Gangster Replies

For eight years, according to Adducci, he has been getting a commission of "between \$5,000 and \$6,000 or \$6,500" by selling stationery and envelopes to the state. He also boasted of having control of about 40 patronage jobs, including 10 men on the staff of the sheriff of Cook county, and a "couple of highway police." Adducci cynically told us that "my conscience made me" oppose the crime commission bill. Asked if he ever had studied the bill, Adducci roughly answered: "Hell, no, I didn't study it!"

"I come from a very funny district," he also told us. "I have every element there is in the world, I guess, in my district, I have the pimp, the pack-roller, the safe-blower, the dope fiend and every other damned thing in there. I mean, I come from the West Side of Chicago, a very poor district. All those elements are in there. Skid Row, you may have heard of Skid Row."

The chairman: "You never have any trouble getting elected, do you?"

Adducci: "No, I don't, Senator." Next Week: Corruption of a Small Town: A Case Study.

FARM QUESTIONS

What size fence posts should be used when they are to be treated with a preservative?

In selecting posts to treat, John Ford, assistant extension forester at State College, recommends that you pick out sapwood posts from 2 1-2 to 4 inches in diameter. Posts of this size, he says, will do as line posts in normal fences. Large

posts 6 to 8 inches in diameter are needed only for corners, gates, and braces. Remember that the bigger the post, the more it will cost to treat it. For example, a post 6 inches in diameter will cost about four times as much to treat as one 3 inches in diameter and of the same length.

As for length of posts, Ford says this will vary from one section of the State to another, depending upon the soil. In loose sandy soils, a longer post will be required than where the soil is stiff, hard, and "clayey." In general, length will vary from 6 to 7 1-2 feet. Here again, cutting down on length will reduce the cost of treating.

LIZARD LICK

The attendance at Hephzibah last Sunday was 200, the goal reached for, and met again. Hold this record up and try to go higher.

The Ordination service for the new deacons will be held the 5th Sunday night with Mr. Lee Pridgen bringing the message.

Homecoming is the second Sunday in October. Rev. M. A. Pegram bringing the message.

Harvest Day is the Wednesday after the second Sunday in October. Make your plans now to be present on these days.

The Junior and Senior deacons met Friday night of last week in a joint session to fill out a budget plan for the church for the coming year. Their suggestions are in the bulletin for your approval. Your comments and thoughts will be welcomed and appreciated by them.

Mr. H. L. Hinnant is sick with asthma. Hope he will soon feel fine again. He is bothered by other complications, also.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fuller of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ray and Miss Nellie Fuller of Zebulon were Saturday night guests of the W. E. Fullers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Horton of near Knightdale called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hinnant Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fuller and Millie were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perry, Jr., and children of near Rolesville visited during the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wood.

Master Milton O'Neal of Raleigh spent Saturday night with Master Tony Alford.

Mr. Sherwood Horton spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Pattie Lou Yancey, of Garner.

Mrs. J. T. Gay, Jr., was hostesses to a group of friends at a Stanley party in her home last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wood have a new grandson. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood, a son, weighing 8 lbs. and 2 ozs., at Rex Hospital at 9:30 last Sunday night. The new arrival's name is Philip Charles.

Mrs. J. B. Carter accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carter of Raleigh to Bernardsville, N. J., to visit her father, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Carter, all this week.

Dr. Roger I. Wall and Mr. Frank Wall called in this section Sunday morning.

Mr. John Carter spent Saturday night by the bedside of his father-in-law, Mr. Joe Moody of near Rolesville. Mr. Moody is in ill health and shows no improvement at this time.

We express our hearty get well wishes to Mrs. Emma Meiden, who is ill in Rex Hospital. She is the mother of Mrs. Hubert Honeycutt. Mrs. Hugie Hinnant is in the hospital, where she will undergo surgery. God speed her recovery.

Mrs. J. Q. Pearce is in Mary Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. Hubert Liles shows no improvement and is still in the hospital.

Mrs. W. E. Fuller and Millie visited Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hinnant Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Alford spent Tuesday in Henderson. They visited Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Parrish while there.

Mr. Jesse Ray Hinnant and Mrs. Graham Lane of Wendell visited their sick father, Mr. Harry Hinnant Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Wiggs returned from Canada Tuesday.

Miss Millie Fuller celebrated her birthday last Thursday. Mrs. W. E. Fuller celebrated her's Tuesday and Mr. W. E. Fuller will celebrate his next Sunday. Mr. M. B. Alford will celebrate his next Saturday.

—Mrs. Polly Fuller

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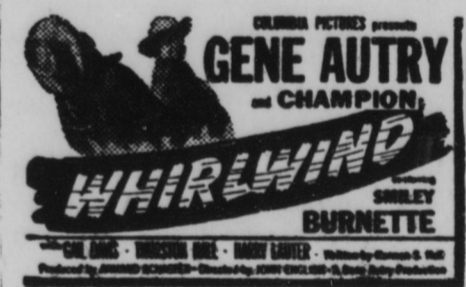
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TODAY and FRIDAY —



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SATURDAY DOUBLE FEATURE



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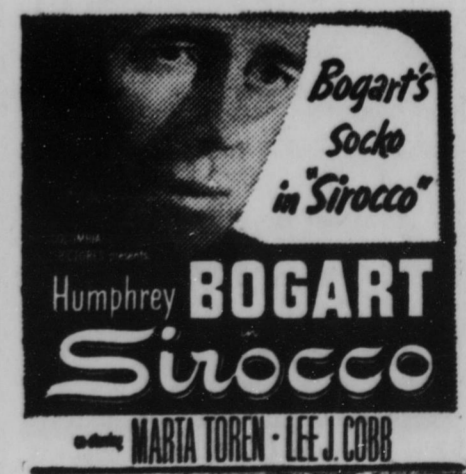
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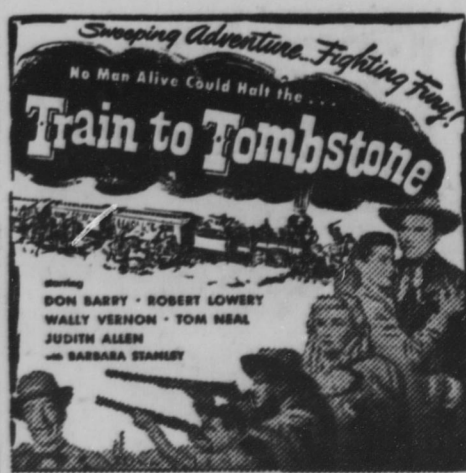


NEWS — CARTOON

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY —
DOUBLE FEATURE



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CARTOON



Bun - Bun GRILL - PILOT

Southern Fried Chicken	.75
Grade A Steaks - Club or T-Bone	\$1.25
2 Pork Chops	.75
Fried Fantail Jumbo Shrimp	.75
Fried Select Oysters	.75
Grade A Hamburger Steak	.75
Fresh Pit Cooked Barbecue	.75
Ocean Perch Filets	.75
2 Fresh Eggs with Ham or Bacon	.60

All above orders served with French Fried Potatoes and lettuce and tomato.