

Suit for \$10,000 on Contract Breach Claim

Norton A. Mears, of Evanston, who was factory manager for the Balkeit Radio company, last Thursday filed a suit in circuit court under an alleged breach of contract in an agreement to serve the company as factory manager for three years.

The action, taken through Attorneys Hall & Hulse, alleges that the

contract, calling for a sum of \$10,000, was entered into Oct. 1, 1929, and that Mears assumed his duties and remained with the company until January 16 when he was dismissed, according to the Waukegan Sun.

Mears claims that under the agreement he was to receive \$416.66 monthly.

The Balkeit company, that suffered with other radio manufacturing concerns early last fall, has been working under a committee of creditors

for several months. They contend the concern is solvent.

Mears, likewise, explains that the company is solvent and probably worth money in addition but is suffering temporarily.

Fred M. Suydam, of Libertyville, 75 years old, an early resident of Lake county and well known among the older residents of this section, died at Condell Memorial hospital following an operation.

HIGHWOOD CHIEF OF POLICE GETS THIEF

Clever Plot on Part of Officer Results in Arrest of Man Wanted

Shrewd detective work on the part of Police Chief Henderson of Highwood led to the capture late last week of Albert J. Mathiew, who is wanted in North Chicago and Worcester, Mass., for stealing a DeSoto sedan and in Highland Park and Chicago for passing worthless checks that it is believed will total several thousand dollars. The story is thus told by the Waukegan News:

Henderson became interested in the search about three weeks ago when Robert Edwards, 1210 Sheridan road North Chicago, discovered that a DeSoto sedan which he had purchased from Mathiew through the National Motor company of North Chicago, was a stolen car. At the time it was found that Mathiew lived at 346 Central avenue, Highwood. By the time Henderson was apprised of this, however, the thief had moved to Chicago.

Locates Man

By a careful check-up of a few slim clues, Henderson succeeded in locating the Chicago address of his man. But Mathiew proved to be a foxy customer, and the chief resorted to more subtle means of cornering him. Learning by chance that Mathiew was reported to be inordinately fond of wine, ladies and carolling, he obtained the aid of a clever young lady who acted as decoy in the man hunt.

After several near captures, Henderson learned that Mathiew had once been an aviator. Snatching at this lead, the chief got in communication with him over the phone and, impersonating a capitalist in search of a pilot, succeeded in making an appointment with the crafty thief. Just at the last moment Mathiew somehow got wind of the deal and skipped.

Later his love for women finally led to his undoing. He called the lady decoy on the phone. Henderson tapped the wire, traced the call to a drug store at 4400 Broadway, Chicago, and in three-quarters of an hour, with the help of Robert Edwards, nabbed Mathiew as he was making another call in the phone booth.

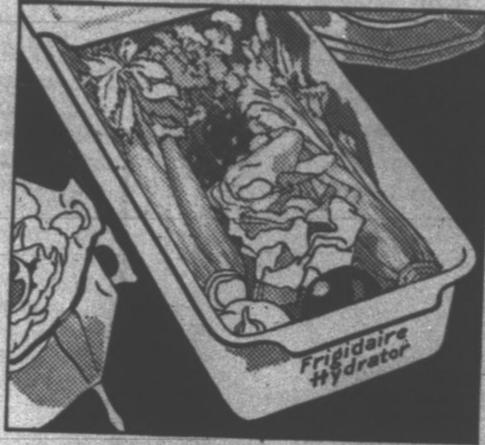
Description Tallies

The DeSoto car was stolen in December from a rent-a-car garage in Worcester by a man who gave the name of Wayne Jackson. The description of this man tallies in every respect with that of Mathiew, who so far maintains that he bought the car from Jackson. Mathiew is wanted for cashing a worthless check on the North Shore State bank in Highland Park, and in Chicago for passing bogus checks at the Hub and practically every other State street department store.

The warrant for his arrest was taken out before Justice Harold Tallett of North Chicago, before whom he was arraigned Friday.

Mrs. Ellen Coyne, 84 years old, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Seamans, of 2225 Waverly place, Waukegan, after an extended illness.

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