

## BIG STILL RAIDED NEAR DIME BOX

### THIRD LARGEST CAPTURED IN CENTRAL TEXAS

Federal prohibition officers silently came upon a still in operation 3½ miles north of Dime Box Friday morning of last week and put it out of commission. Only 440 gallons of whiskey were found on the premises, besides 1850 gallons of mash and many other articles, all of which are listed below.

The still was located on the farm owned by J. W. Gray, who does not live in Lee County. It was in a small creek back from the road less than a mile, and the location was reached by going east through Old Dime Box, past the point where the road turns off to New Dime Box, then taking the first left-hand lane, and following it to where a small bridge over the ditch was built out of saplings. The location was fairly well hidden but Uncle Sam's men had no trouble in getting there.

Three men were arrested, Royale C. Cravey, Steve Blaha and Carl Blaha. The Blahas are sons of a long-time family resident of Dime Box. All three men were placed in jail in Austin Friday and the last report the Giddings News had early in the week, was that they were yet in jail. Bond in the amount of \$1,000 each was in process of being given.

This is the third largest outfit that has been captured in the Central Texas District, and the product was pronounced extra good alcohol, by test. The 60 cases of liquor (440 gallons) were destroyed, along with the other articles, except one half gallon of white whiskey which will be used as evidence.

The following-listed property was found on the premises and

was destroyed:

300 gal. copper still.  
50 gal. copper apron.  
50 gal. copper vapor dome.  
50 gal. copper thumper  
2, 6-ft. 4-in. copper lead pipes.  
1 cylinder type copper condenser, 5 ft. 8 in.  
2 copper tail pipes, 12 in. long.  
300 gal. cooling tank, galvanized.  
200 gal. pot tail vat, galvanized.  
1850 gallons cane sugar and corn meal mash.  
440 gallons whiskey.  
5, 5-gal. charred oak kegs.  
8, 15-gal. charred oak kegs.  
15, 10-gal. charred oak kegs.  
1, 50-gal. copper whiskey vat.  
60 cases of ½ gallon fruit jars, 720 jars in all.  
30 ft. high pressure rubber hose.

1 brick furnace (still stand), 4 ft. high, 4 ft. wide, 10 ft. long, with 16 in. smoke stack, 10 ft. high.  
1, 5-gal. glass bottle.  
1, 12x14 ft. tent.  
1, 18x20 ft. tent.  
1, 50-gal. barrel.  
400 lb. sugar.  
1 oil drum heating stove.  
1 sheet copper, 4x8 ft.  
2 cords wood.  
2, 5-gal. buckets.  
2 shovels.  
1 axe.  
2 funnels and strainer.