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**ESCAPED CONVICTS
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Five convicts were captured Thursday morning on the highway between Carmine and Round Top. They were driving Alfred Foerster's automobile and he had been kidnaped at Paige as he was carrying the mail early Thursday morning to the postoffice. He is a rural carrier out of Paige. The convicts left the car they were driving at Paige, out of gasoline. They had taken that automobile in Caldwell Wednesday night after they had entered a cafe, eaten something, then held up the proprietor and robbed the cash register and kidnaped him and his wife, who were released a few miles west of Caldwell Wednesday night.

The convicts showed up at Paige the next morning and after leaving Paige, went through Manheim and were next heard of near Carmine. The peace officers, including Sheriff Burttschell of Giddings, were on the alert and soon notified state police, who by means of short wave radio, summoned several squads of motor police who came in on the fleeing convicts from both directions of the highway. The convicts knew what was happening and had thrown their guns away.

A group of convicts was working on a building on one of the state prison farms where trucks were coming and going with material. A strange truck showed up at the building and two convicts jumped into the truck to make their get-away. Five other convicts also caught the same truck and the seven convicts and two other men got away from the farm. It seems that the truck made the trip to the farm for the purpose of rescuing the two convicts. The truck with the nine men proceeded and the group of five were released somewhere near Madisonville. They probably footed it into Caldwell.