



**22 Others Nabbed**

# Mother of 13 Held As Operator of Still

Police and Federal agents broke up what they described as a "chitlin' and potato salad" party at 2425 3d st. ne. yesterday, and when the confusion was all over they had:

- Smashed a 120-gallon "moonshine" liquor still they found in the basement of the neat, two-story brick row house.

- Arrested the 38-year-old home owner and mother of 13 children who said she had been receiving \$150 monthly relief checks through the District Welfare Department for about six months.

- Rounded up 22 other persons, including a Central Intelligence Agency worker.

- Confiscated more than 11 gallons of home-made whisky, some 240 gallons of mash, a hydrometer, a quantity of sugar, funnels and copper coiling, six 60-gallon drums and one 40-gallon drum.

Police Sgt. Samuel W. Stick-

ley said there was a mass rush for the rear exits when police and Federal agents entered the home of the party hostess, Marie Borges, about 1 a. m. yesterday.

Stickley said most of Mrs. Borges' 13 children, ranging from 14 months to 19 years of age, were asleep upstairs at the time.

Mrs. Borges' son, Marcellino, 19, however, fell down the second-floor stairs atop Stickley at one point, but Stickley, only bruised, continued directing the mopping-up operations, police said.

Arrested on nine liquor charges and one count of possessing numbers slips was Mrs. Borges, who said she and her husband separated about a year ago.

Apprehended as he was departing through a rear door was Edward Thomas Whittington,

46, of 1204 D st. ne., who also was booked on nine liquor counts and as the suspected designer of the liquor still.

Booked on numbers slips possession and disorderly conduct charges was Amos Ernest Chriss, 39, of 217 Cromwell terrace.

Police said they found six numbers slips in Chriss' pockets. A card identifying him as a worker for the top-secret CIA was found on a chain hanging from his neck. Chriss surrendered after scampering through a basement window only to find himself at a dead end under the front porch, Stickley said.

Other persons forfeited \$5 on disorderly conduct charges, police reported. Stickley said most of the party celebrants were sitting around playing cards and listening to phonograph records when raiders walked in.

The liquor still was found behind a partition in the base-

ment garage of Mrs. Borges' home, police said.

It consisted of two 60-gallon steel mash cookers capable of turning out 40 gallons of "moonshine" whisky through 20 feet of copper coils encased in a smaller cooling drum, Stickley estimated.

The drums were raised on cinder blocks with six jet burners hooked to a gas line. Fumes were piped out through a garden hose which led from the basement, alongside a driveway and into a storm sewer, he reported.

Stickley and Federal Alcohol Tax Unit Agent Raymond F. Acker, who led the 10-man raiding party, said Mrs. Borges expressed surprise at discovery of the liquor still in her basement.

She had rented the basement space to Whittington for \$30 a month and "didn't know what he was doing down there," police quoted Mrs. Borges as saying.

Police said Whittington was arrested in a raid on a \$20,000 home at 3900 24th st. ne. which turned up an 85-gallon-per-day liquor still in November, 1954. A District grand jury later ignored the charges against Whittington.

Stickley said raiders seized six 60-gallon drums and one 40-gallon drum containing about 240 gallons of mash from Mrs. Borges' basement, along with 11 gallons of "moonshine" and two partially filled gallons of whisky.

Mrs. Borges posted \$4000

bond; Whittington, \$3000, and Chriss, \$500, pending arraignment today.

Whittington and Mrs. Borges were charged with having an unregistered still, keeping whisky for sale without a license, selling whisky without a license, having a still in unauthorized premises, failing to give bond for a still, making and fermenting mash, removal or concealment of spirits and of taxable property, and possession of liquor or property intended for illegal use.