

DOWNTOWN PIGS RAIDED BY U. S.

Two Places Said to Be Favorite Rendezvous for Business Men and Writers.

Federal prohibition agents, staging a series of week-end liquor raids in the downtown section, yesterday raided three alleged blind pigs, two of which are said to be favorite rendezvous for business men, clubmen, actors, writers and professional men. A quantity of liquor was confiscated in each place.

The prohibition agents, under Daniel L. Vaccarelli, assistant administrator in charge of prohibition-enforcement, raided "Cliff Bell's place," 215 East Adams avenue, where numerous prominent clubmen and business men are said to have "eaten a drop" dally, and arrested Paul O'Neil and Patrick Burns, bartenders. According to Vaccarelli, the place is one of the most "exclusive blind pigs" in Detroit. For some time, he said, prohibition agents have been attempting to "make buys" for evidence there, but until yesterday they had failed. Officers confiscated 100 quarts of whisky, a dozen cases of beer and six half barrels of the same beverage.

Another wild raid was staged at 230 West Lafayette boulevard, in the rear, where Charles Salick and Jack Mandel, bartenders, were arrested.

It is understood the resort was operated under the name of "The Silver Fence," and was patronized not only by actors and business men, but by writers. The prohibition agents confiscated 20 cases of beer, 30 pints of whisky, and 79 pints of beer.

The other raid, at 305 East Larned street, yielded a quantity of beer, whisky and gin. Ira M. Long, bartender, was arrested.

All those arrested will be arraigned before J. Stanley Hurd, United States commissioner, tomorrow.