

JAMES S. HAGLER DEFIES CAPTURE; STILL AT LARGE!

Deputy Sheriffs Fail in Thirty-Six Hour Chase

HAS BIG DIAMOND

Wealthy Banker and Cattleman Was Wearing It
When He Escaped

IS STILL IN HIDING

Relatives Have Heard Nothing
From Him Since He
Fled Sanitarium

Missing for thirty-six hours, no trace of John S. Hagler, the well-known banker and cattleman, who escaped from a sanitarium at Arlington Heights early Friday morning, has been found.

Deputies Snow and Mansker of the sheriff's office, who hastened to Benbrook Friday morning before daylight in the hope of intercepting him, returned late in the evening after a fruitless search lasting all day.

At the sheriff's office Saturday no further information as to his whereabouts had been received either from persons living in the Benbrook community or from relatives of the missing man who reside in Fort Worth. Two automobiles owned by Mr. Hagler are at the Lewis garage and one of them has been ordered held in readiness to take deputies out immediately if trace of Mr. Hagler is found during the course of the day.

To the deputies who visited the Burke farm Friday Mr. Burke told them that the fleeing patient came to his house about 5 o'clock in the morning, just two hours after he left the sanitarium at Arlington Heights, nearly ten miles away. He remained at the Burke farm but a short time and while there procured a coat and pair of trousers. He told Mr. Burke that he had awakened to find himself walking in his sleep and that his scantily clad condition was due to his habit of wandering while asleep.

Walked Rapidly East

One of the men at the farm stated to the officers that when last seen Mr. Hagler was walking rapidly east in the direction of Fort Worth, but while at the Burke home he did not say where he intended to go from that place.

Cass Edwards, who lives a mile west of the Burke place, told the officers that it was not true that Mr. Hagler visited his farm and that no check was left either with his son or himself, as was reported by telephone to the officers. At the First National Bank a check for \$20 was presented, but the officers of the bank did not know the man who presented it.

"We are absolutely in the dark as to the actions of Mr. Hagler after he left Burke's," said Deputy Sheriff Mansker Saturday. "Strange to say, we could find nobody out in that section of the county who had even seen him and all the information we received came from Mr. Burke."

Is Not at His Home

At 412 West Third street, Mr. Hagler's city home, no one could be found Saturday afternoon, and an effort to locate Mr. Jim Hagler, a brother, or Dave Hagler, a son, met with no success. It is stated that when Mr. Hagler left the sanitarium Friday morning during the excitement occasioned by a small fire he had no clothes except his night garments. He procured a pair of shoes from in front of a patient's room in the hall as he hurried out of the building.

Mr. Hagler for many years has always worn an immense diamond ring and a stud of almost equal size. It is hardly probable that he was wearing the stud, but his habit of wearing the ring at all times leads to the general belief that even tho he is clad only in coat and trousers, he still retains the ring.

The sheriff's office is still investigating the disappearance of the fleeing patient.