

## Camera Review of Developments in Mary McElroy Kidnaping Case

**POLICE HEAD THANKS PILOT**—Howard, E. Hall, pilot of the T. & W. A. plane that brought back the McElroy kidnapers, was congratulated by E. C. Reppert, director of police, when he arrived at the airport. The picture shows R. E. Vetterli, chief agent, department of justice; James O'Neil, secretary to the chief of police; Mr. Reppert, Howard E. Hall, the pilot, and Frank Collins, lieutenant of detectives.

**COULD HEAR POLICE CALLS**—The McElroy kidnapers were able to listen to broadcasts by the police department. The short wave radio over which they listened in is shown in the bedroom to the left of the stove on which their meals were cooked.

**HIS HOUSE**—Clarence Click, one of the kidnapers of Miss Mary McElroy, lived in the house on County Line road between Shawnee and Merriam, Kas., in which Miss McElroy was held captive while ransom negotiations wore in progress. Click is 27 years old and was arrested Thursday in Kansas City, Kas. He is an exconvict,

**CAPTOR OF M'ELROY KIDNAP SUSPECT**—W. R. McDowell, chief of police at Amarillo, had Walter McGee and his companions under arrest less than fifteen minutes after Kansas City authorities had communicated with him. He was warned that McGee probably was heavily armed and desperate.

**PET RAT TO HOLDOVER**—Mrs. L. R. Gilbert, wife of one of the McElroy kidnap gang, insisted on taking her pet white rat with her when she was returned to Kansas City by airplane. She is shown here holding the pet while waiting to board the plane.

**DETECTIVE WHO GOT TIP**—R.

K. Cole, one of the city detectives, who obtained the information leading to the arrest of the alleged kidnapers of Miss Mary McElroy, is shown here standing beside T. J. Higgins, chief of detectives, as he made his report. Inset shows A. H. Kessel, partner of Cole, who worked with him in obtaining the information.

**LAY PLANS FOR KIDNAPERS' RETURN**—William Simpson, city detective, who was one of the officers who flew to Amarillo to return the kidnapers, is shown here with H. F. McElroy, city manager, completing plans for their return to Kansas City by airplane.

**THE INEVITABLE ERROR**—Sooner or later every criminal does something to spoil the "perfect crime." This car, purchased by Walter H. McGee, leader of the McElroy kidnapers, in Amarillo proved to be the gang's undoing. A telegram concerning the purchase was intercepted and gave officers the information that led to McGee's arrest.

**PART OF RANSOM MONEY** When Walter McGee and four companions were arrested they had approximately \$9,000 of the ransom money on them. The money, as it was spread out for counting, is shown in this picture after the gang was arrested at Amarillo.

**AIDS POLICE**—Abe Starr, Leavenworth junk dealer, who sold two motor cars to alleged members of the kidnaping ring. Walter McGee and Clarence Click both purchased cars from Starr. It was through a telegram from McGee in Amarillo to Starr that federal authorities put their finger on McGee and his companions. Starr is not suspected of complicity in the ring.