

Gambols in Paddock to Escape Gambling Police Raid

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**NINETY MEN CAUGHT
PLAYING
'SWY' ON THE SLY**
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The attractions of the game of two-up seem irresistible to the Australian character and with a large section of the public, as soon as idleness presents the opportunity the game is on!

The recent industrial disputes have given to many men, periods of enforced and unaccustomed idleness.

What better way of spending the time than in playing the good old Australian game of two-up? At least, so reasoned about 90 men on the 5th December last, and they accordingly adjourned to a paddock about 500 yds. north-east of Duke Street, Sunshine, known as Morris Bros. property.

Interest in the game became so intense that even the customary 'nit-keepers' attention strayed and allowed members of the Gaming Police to surprise the school and catch the men red-handed.

As a result the names of ninety-one men were called at the Sunshine Court on Tuesday last to face charges of being in a common gaming place without lawful excuse.

First Constable Banks, of the Wireless Patrol, gave evidence that on the day in question, in company with other police, he went to the paddock in Braybrook and saw the men playing a game similar to two-up. As he approached he heard someone shout "50 bob he heads 'em." then the men spied the police and broke and ran. However they were intercepted and after giving their names were allowed to go.

Mr. W. H. Jones, solicitor, who

appeared for all the men, contended on their behalf that they were not doing any harm and were not creating a disturbance as the paddock in which they were playing is enclosed by a boxthorn hedge. Most of the men were locked out from their employment at the time.

About fifty of the men appeared in court and they all pleaded guilty.

Fines were imposed on all the men charged. Those with a previous conviction under the Gaming laws being fined £1/10/- or seven days, and those without a record £1 or 7 days. In all the fines totalled £99/10/-, quite a profitable day for the police.

The men charged, who came from various suburbs of Melbourne, were as follows:—

Benjamin Arons, Leslie Alexander, Charles Aspinall, William Ball, Clifford Bate, Thomas Begley, Desmond Bell, John Baulch, Robert Boyd, Albert Cameron, Arthur Carter, George Clark, George Cooper, William Cox, Peter Coyle, William Coyle, James Cunningham, John Curtin, Leslie Gordon Davey, Thomas Davies, Charles Dawes, Norman Edwards, Arthur Evans, John Farrell, William Flannery, Gregory Gale, Joseph Gordon, Byron Gwather, Charles Harding, Leslie Harding, Alan Hartshaw, Clement Hewett, Michael Hixon, Albert Hill, Leslie Hodge, John Michael Hunt, Robert Irving, John Jackson, Richard Jackson, Arthur James, Cecil Jenkins, Percy Johns, Percy Lawson, Roy McKay, Jack Mathews, Jack McCainsh, Daniel McDonald, Robert Miller, John Morrison, John Duncan Morrison, Arthur Munro, Leslie Norman, Thomas O'Brien, Thomas Omeo, Frank O'Connor, Jack O'Connor, Les Ogier, Frank Peters, John Preston, Laurence Robertson, George Saliba, Charles Sangster, Robert Scott, Harry Shaw, Joseph Smethhurst, Frank Speechly, David Speedy, W. Stafford, A. R. Stevens, I. P. Stevens, Daniel Stevens, D. Stevenson, G. Stivey, Alex Stocking, Arthur Tarr, Don Thomas, Frank Thompson, Albert Torr, Richard Trevarrow, Robert Virtue, Alan Walsh, Fred West, W. White, Percy Williams, Peter

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Williams, Ray Williams, Albert Wil-
son, Joe Wilson, W. Chalmers, J.
Swinton.

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