

Man-Hunt Climax Is Interesting To Local Residents

The hunt for the alleged bank bandits and their captures, the news of which has provided headlines for the city newspapers during the past week, has aroused considerable local interest because of the hold-up of the Bradford bank last summer and the possible association of at least one of the captured men with that robbery.

The climax to this interest came on Saturday with the arrest of Edwin Alonzo Boyd. The police hunt was such a determined one that Boyd's arrest was not a surprise, but the place of his arrest certainly surprised Bradford friends of the owner of the building and apartment in which he was caught.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stoddart of Toronto and Bradford, left Toronto last Friday on a trip to Mexico, planning to be away for a month. According to Toronto newspaper reports, they rented their furnished apartment (for the month during which they would be away from home) to a couple, said to have been introduced as a Mr. and Mrs. Hall, the former a writer. From newspaper reports it would seem that this couple were the wife and brother of the wanted man.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart left for their holiday in Mexico on Friday of last week and the Boyd trio moved into the Stoddart apartment Friday night. From newspaper reports it would seem that this would have been a splendid hide-out for the much wanted Boyd but the fact that Toronto detectives had been trailing his wife and brother, knew their cars, and when a "car for sale" advertisement attracted their attention, they followed it up with results which finally led them to the Heath street apartment.

In renting from Mr. and Mrs. Stoddart, Boyd's brother and wife are reported to have sublet the apartment in the guise of missionary-writers, a quiet couple who would cause no disturbance.

Detectives are said to have been watching the Heath street property for two and a half days before they forced the door to the apartment Saturday morning and made the arrests.