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It started as a joke but then it got out of hand, so WHUB let Jimmy Mosier get on the air for 15 minutes this week to try to straighten out the situation.

Mosier's Beacon Restaurant was closed during Tennessee Tech's spring break this week. It's something he usually does, but when a customer found the doors locked he asked the building's owner, Walter Phillips, what the story was.

Phillips, joking, said offhandedly that the place was closed because "Mosier's been arrested for bootlegging." Things went downhill from there.

Soon, the story was that Mosier was not only a bootlegger, but that he's been taken in for selling narcotics too. He reopened his restaurant this week, but few came. Then he found out about the rumors flying around town and went on radio to explain that, no, he was not up on bootlegging charges. Or on narcotic charges either. (March 19, 1956).

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