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Two Youthful Soldiers Get Stiff Sentences For Crime Spree Here

Two 17-year old soldiers from Fort Bragg were given stiff sentences in Moore Recorder's Court Monday as the culmination of a spree of what Judge J. Vance Rowe termed "crime on a wholesale basis."

The two, Jack C. Henry of Kentucky and John Newman of Nashville, Tenn., were arrested by Southern Pines police officers earlier this month and charged with a variety of offenses, committed while they were AWOL in this area. Both, according to the testimony, had spent some time here before the trouble started and had become familiar with the town.

Henry, who was recently transferred to Fort Rucker, Ala., received a total of seven months on the roads; Newman received 60 days. Probable cause was found against both for breaking and entering.

Neither had completed their first year in the service.

According to testimony given by Sgt. Gerald A. Wright of the police force here, the two were rounded up after reports had been received that two young boys had been registered at hotels here under assumed names and had skipped out without paying their bills. On further investigation, the officers found that the boys had stayed at not one, but two hotels, and had not paid their room rent at either place.

Also, it was reported, a radio and a blanket had been stolen from the Jefferson Inn, articles that were later discovered to have been in the boys' possession.

Officers attempted to pin a recent break-in at the Jewel Box on the two. In that robbery the back door had been pried open and a quantity of money and cigarettes had been stolen.

Both boys were later discovered to have large amounts of change on them.

Henry was found guilty of registering at the Jefferson Inn under an assumed name and jumping the room rent of \$48.45; of larceny of a radio and blanket from the Jefferson; and of registering at the Belvedere Hotel and not paying his bill. Probable cause was found against him on the charge of breaking and entering the Jewel Box.

Newman, who appeared in court without counsel, was found guilty of being an accessory after

the fact of larceny (in the theft of the radio and blanket) and also of being an accessory after the fact of breaking and entering the Jewel Box.

In passing sentence, Judge Rowe said he was unable to understand why boys of that age could deliberately set out on a life of crime. "Henry, it appears, is well started; Newman is fast catching up and the situation for both looks bad," he said.

"If these boys, and others who choose to act as they did, are not checked they will get into serious trouble," he said. "I am going to let the moff as light as is consistent with reason, but at the same time make them realize the seriousness of their action."

"These boys, and all others, must be made to realize that their age does not give them impunity from punishment."

Both defendants appealed to Superior Court. Bond for Henry was fixed at \$1,100 and for Newman at \$500.

Other cases disposed of: Charles H. Ott, at request of prosecuting witness pays the costs.

Jesse L. Needham, Route 1, Carthage, public drunk, resisting arrest, \$25 and costs.

Charles A. Sheffield, Route 1, Robbins, unlawful possession of illicit whiskey, \$15 and costs.

Preston McCrimmon, Cameron, speeding, accident, \$25 and costs.

Clyde R. Horner, Eagle Springs, driving drunk and on wrong side of road, driving through red light, 90 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$125 and costs, license revoked 12 months.

John Robinson, Jr., Cameron, driving without operator's license (second offense), failure to give proper signal, 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs.

Charles E. Harrington, Robbins, driving without operator's license, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Earl Ransom, Southern Pines, speeding 65, driving without operator's license and on wrong side, prayer for judgment continued on payment of \$25 and costs.

Richard Dale McCrary, speeding, 70, \$20 and costs.

George McCrimmon, Vass, speeding, accident, \$25 and costs.

William A. Collins, Jr., RFD,

Carthage, driving with expired license and no registration card, costs.

Charles William King, Cameron, speeding 66, \$10 and costs.

Thaddeus McCray, Pinehurst, unlawful possession of tax paid whiskey, public drunk, resisting arrest, 30 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$10 and costs and on condition he remain of good behavior 12 months.

Taft Richardson, Pinehurst, unlawful possession of tax paid whiskey, costs.

William Edward Wright, Route 1, Seagrave, speeding 70, \$25 and costs.

Isaiah Thomas, Southern Pines, driving without operator's license, costs.

Jimmie Allen, Cameron, disorderly conduct, careless and reckless driving, driving drunk, 60 days on roads, suspended on payment of \$125 and costs, license revoked 12 months.

Paul B. Wallace, Eagle Springs, careless and reckless driving, accident, capias issued, returnable next Monday, bond fixed at \$50.

Clyde Thompson and William Luther Thompson, Cameron, larceny of auto valued at \$1100. Warrant amended to charge trespass. State takes nol pros on larceny charge, defendants given 30 days on trespass charge, suspended on payment of costs.

Ernest A. Butt, Jr., Fort Bragg, careless and reckless driving, accident, injury, \$25 and costs, defendant appealed to Superior Court, bond fixed at \$100.

Clarence Stanback, Southern

Pines, careless and reckless driving, driving without operator's license, six months on roads.

James W. McCaskill, Carthage, public drunk, trespassing, guilty of public drunk, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Joe C. Davis, Sanford, speeding 75, \$25 and costs.

Louis Williamson, RFD, Robbins, abandonment and non-support of wife and child and failure to provide adequate support. Not guilty of abandonment of wife, but guilty of abandonment of child. Fined \$1 and costs and ordered to pay Clerk of Court \$7 each week for support of child until further notice. Defendant filed notice of appeal to Superior Court, bond fixed at \$200.

Henry D. Garner, RFD, Carthage disorderly conduct, assault. Guilty of public drunk, but not of assault. Prayer for judgment continued two years on payment of costs and that he be of good behavior. Defendant later said he could not pay costs and was sentenced to 30 days on roads.

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