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Duty Of Everyone To Serve Country, Judge Tells Jury

Should Not Allow Obnoxious Road Houses To Exist A Day Longer

Opening the regular two weeks term of the Martin County Superior Court Monday, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle based his address to the grand jury on excuses advanced by several of the body members who would have other citizens fill the job. Several excuses were heard, the judge granting only one and that was for a juror to return to his sick wife. The jurist recognized the others and expressed his regrets, but he hastened to point out that the time had come for every one to serve his country to the best of his ability, and that he was quite certain grand jury service ranked as an important duty. One merchant in the upper part of the county found it necessary to close his store, and another said that jury service would interrupt his business. The excuses were not accepted.

Without even suggesting why he was almost an hour late, the judge immediately entered upon his duties. Ten new men were drawn for permanent grand jury service, one of the old group of nine having been ruled incompetent on account of physical disabilities. Addressing the foreman, H. S. Johnson, Jr., of Hamilton, in a low but serious tone of voice, the judge explained that the service would widen the young man's experiences and prove helpful to him. "It has reached the point where no man can familiarize himself with all the affairs of the county in a short time and that is the reason it was established," Judge Frizzelle said in speaking of an approving the permanent grand jury system now entering its seventh month in this county.

Stressing the importance of grand jury service, Judge Frizzelle said: "Under normal conditions everyone ought to be willing and eager to serve his country in whatever manner he is able, and especially when there is an emergency. One should not think in terms of self, but in terms of others and the country as a whole. We must realize we have an opportunity to contribute to the common task. We are sending young men to camps and to the battlefields by the millions, and those of us who will not join the ranks of the military will serve our country best if we recognize our duties as though we were soldiers. You have a task and I have a task, and we cannot and will not shirk that task."

"All of us know these stretches before us a period of strife and hardships, the duration of which no one can see. Everyone will be called on to do his best, to make sacrifices, to give up some of the things we like to do and are accustomed to. We must give our minds and strength to the American government in its trials, and to you members of the jury who are not subject to military duty there is no better opportunity to serve your country during the next twelve months than by serving as a member of the grand jury."

"You must remember that in a period of strain and stress, there is a tendency and a growing tendency to violate laws, and as an aftermath of war and following the cessation of hostilities there have been marked increases in crime. There is a great need now to be vigilant and watchful and to guard against any foothold crime may gain."

Pointing out that the call for grand jury service denotes distinction, Judge Frizzelle declared that the grand jury is an indispensable arm of the courts. No one can be placed on trial in the superior court unless action is first taken by the grand jury. "You are the fountain head of the criminal law of the State, and"

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Many Sign Up For First Aid Classes

Receiving an unusually large number of applications, authorities today stated that plans were virtually complete for conducting two Red Cross First Aid courses in the county beginning next week.

About 25 per cent have signed for the course of instruction in the Jamesville community and beginning next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock the first classes will be held in the high school library there. It is possible that a few persons from Plymouth will attend the Jamesville classes.

Approximately 40 persons have signed for the course in this community. The first classes will be held next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the courthouse. There is room for a few more in each of the classes, it is understood and those wishing to take the special source of instruction are directed to contact J. C. Manning, superintendent of schools, Williamston.

The classes will be held three hours each day for ten days, five next week and five the following week. A special representative of the Red Cross, Mr. Howell, will have charge of the courses, and certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the course.

Small Waste Paper Deliveries Are Reported By Dealer Here

The delivery of waste paper to local dealers for use in the war effort was off to a slow start here over the week-end, according to a preliminary report heard late yesterday. Hardly more than 1,000 pounds of the waste material was delivered to the Williamston Parts and Metal Company on West Main Street, and most of the paper was offered in small lots.

It is understood that collections on organized plans are underway, and that deliveries will increase in number and size within a comparatively short time. School children, in numbers of instances, are delivering old newspapers and magazines to the schools where large quantities will be accumulated and delivered in bulk to the dealer.

Plans are being advanced to organize collection centers in the various towns throughout the community.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Beginning next Monday, all schools in this county will open each morning at 8:30 o'clock war time. When the new war time was adopted, the schools opened at 9:30 a. m.

The change is being made at the request of large numbers of patrons, most of whom are in the strictly rural communities. It is now planned to operate the schools on the new schedule during the remainder of the term.

Tire Rationing Is Growing Problem For County's Board

Applications Pending For Big Number Tires Against Small Inventory

Tire rationing is rapidly becoming a big problem for the board in this county. Chairman C. C. Martin stating that requests for 26 automobile and nineteen truck tires have already accumulated against a now existing quota of seven car and thirteen truck tires. The board has requests for 26 automobile tire tubes and nineteen truck tire tubes to fill from an existing quota of seven car tires and three car tire tubes and thirteen truck tire tubes. It just can't be done, the chairman adding that the accumulation does not take into consideration rejected requests for nine passenger car tires and seven car tire tubes and one truck tire and two truck tire tubes.

At its meeting this week, the rationing board granted certificates of purchase to the following:

Dr. J. T. Llewellyn, Williamston, four tires and four tubes.

Town of Williamston, tire and tube for road machine.

Martin County Transfer Company, Robersonville, two truck tires and two tubes for hauling fertilizer and oil.

H. L. Davis, Jamesville, two truck tires and two tubes for hauling ice and fertilizer.

J. S. Whitman, Robersonville, one

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Small Fire In Tar Heel Apartments

Local volunteer firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Jones in the Tar Heel apartment building last Saturday evening at 7:10 o'clock when a smoldering fire filled the apartment with smoke.

Mr. Jones had been in the chair about an hour earlier and recalled spilling some ashes in his lap while reading a paper. He casually brushed the ashes off and a few seconds later went out for the evening meal. The fire, confined entirely to the chair upholstery and one cross member, had smoldered for almost an hour before other tenants smelled it and turned in the alarm. When firemen reached the room, the fire was about to spread to the curtains. No great damage resulted, but the chair was a total loss.

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SUGAR STAMPS

No definite instructions have been received and no date for the registration has been set, but 28,999 stamp books have been received in this county for use in the sugar rationing system to be instituted within the next two weeks, possibly next week.

Accompanying the stamps were 24,000 instruction sheets for the individual consumers. The supply of stamps was received yesterday.

According to tentative plans, individuals or family representatives will register for the sugar stamps at grammar school houses in their respective districts, the definite date to be announced later.

Youth Sentenced To The Roads For Two Years For Robbery

Judge Frizzelle Censors Father for Neglecting Training of His Children

Opening the two weeks term of the Martin County Superior Court here yesterday, Judge Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, highlighted the first day proceedings of the tribunal when he deplored surroundings and conditions that had developed a boy of tender years into a daring robber and thief. A serious atmosphere pervaded the courtroom as the jurist looked into the eyes of the wayward lad, expressed compassion for him and then sentenced him to the roads for two years, twelve months for breaking into Johnson's store, and twelve months for breaking into Edmondson's store, two Hamilton mercantile establishments.

Willie Taylor, of small size and possessed of a daring character, did not flinch or bat an eye when he heard the sentence imposed on him for breaking into the two stores. And there was some doubt if the full meaning of the judge's words registered on the boy's mind. "I feel sorry for you, my son, for it is apparent you have not had a chance in life," the jurist recalling that the boy had never attended church or Sunday school. Judge Frizzelle turned to the boy's father, and wondered how he could have been so negligent in rearing his family of ten children. He censured him, but later called the father back to the bar of justice and learned that the father had had little or no chance in life, that his labor had been bargained for at another's price, that after trying to feed and clothe his flock the father thought little about Christian training.

Edgar Taylor, in one of the cases with Willie, and Charlie Price, defendant in another case with Willie, were found not guilty.

The court made little progress toward clearing the criminal docket yesterday, and the proceedings were still underway this afternoon.

Proceedings in the court.

Charged with false pretense, Elmer Riddick pleaded guilty of forcible trespass. Solicitor Don Gilliam accepted the plea and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the cost.

No true bill was found in the case charging Charlie Whitehurst with attempted rape.

Charged with larceny and receiving and drunken driving, William Blount pleaded guilty as accessory after the fact in larceny. The plea was accepted and Blount was sentenced to the roads for three years, the court suspending the last year on condition that defendant remain of good behavior for three years.

Pleading guilty in one of two cases charging him with forgery, Bennie Holloman was sentenced to the roads for three years, the court ordering the defendant placed on probation for that period. The defendant was also directed to pay the cost of the case and reimburse those parties defrauded of monies obtained by forgery.

Newsom Boston, colored man who hit and nearly killed his brother with an axe, pleaded guilty, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost and \$40 doctor bill.

Three divorces, all based on two

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N. C. Green Is Quite Ill In Washington Hospital

Taken suddenly while driving toward Jamesville last Friday afternoon, Mr. N. C. Green, local man, continues quite ill in a Washington hospital, according to an early afternoon report from his bedside.

Mr. Green suffered an attack of kidney colic and had to park his car on the side of the road. A motorist picked him up and brought him home. He was later removed to the hospital where the attacks continue to persist, the report today stating that he had two attacks last night and that he was not feeling at all well. It could not be learned whether an operation would be performed.

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Draft Lottery To Be Held Tonight

Beginning about 6:00 o'clock this evening, authorities in Washington will start drawing numbers from a fish bowl in Washington City, meaning that those men who registered on the 16th of last month will get numbers designating the order in which they will be made subject to military service.

Registrants in this county can by exercising unusual care and paying expert attention to the drawing determine their order numbers if they will get their serial numbers from the last issue of The Enterprise and match them with the numbers as they are drawn tonight. For instance, if Number 311 is drawn first, Walter Glen Davis, young white man of Jamesville R.F.D. 1, will have order number "10,001". The Enterprise wishes to state here that in the rush to get the serial numbers into print by address and in alphabetical order, it placed one or two names in the wrong places. The name of Walter Glen Davis was, through error, placed under the Jamesville colored address when it should have been listed with those whose address was Jamesville R.F.D. 1, white. The correction is gladly noted here, and here's wishing everyone gets a high order number.

To be called at the ratio of one to every ten old registrants, the new registrants will start entering the service about June.

Farmers Endorse Soil Conservation District

Farmers Will Vote On Program within Next Few Weeks

Value of Soil Is Aply Pointed Out To Farmers in Meeting Last Friday

The proposed establishment of a soil conservation district in this immediate section of the State was heartily endorsed by approximately fifty farmers in a meeting held in the county agricultural building last Friday night. Expressions heard during and after the meeting indicate that the plan will be approved by a sizable majority in a referendum to be held within the next few weeks.

Addressing the meeting, E. H. Meacham, of the Extension Service in this State, ably discussed the proposed program and outlined plans for creating the service. Briefly stated, the soil conservation program as outlined by Mr. Meacham is designed to hold and build up the soil. It is separate and distinct from the Triple A program, but those farmers attending the last Friday meeting were convinced that its worth will equal if not surpass the value of the Triple A program itself.

"No resource is more valuable than the soil for from it man gets at least 90 per cent of his food," Mr. Meacham said, adding that despite the importance of the soil we are allowing on an average 200 farms of about 40 acres each to wash away every day in the year an estimated cost of 300 million dollars.

"While this action is not troubled to any great extent with what is known as gully erosion, it is experiencing a great loss in what is commonly known as sheet erosion," Mr. Meacham pointed out that erosion can be controlled in this county at very little cost. But that type of erosion is not the only problem facing the farmers of this county, and the creation of a soil district will help solve those problems. "There are four erosion factors such as slope of land, type of soil, rains and use of land. Man has control over one of those factors—use. Around the use of the land, the farmer can solve the erosion and other allied problems. The work plan proposed by the soil district supervisors calls for drainage, terracing, plant and row spacing, row arrangement, winter cover crops, soil tests, livestock distribution, pasture, soil tests and maps.

The program is based entirely on voluntary action. Every landowner may participate in the referendum, and the farmer who votes for it does not have to use the service, and the farmer who votes against it may use the service, provided, of course, the district is established. Of all the plans that have been signed by cooperating farmers not a single one has been discontinued. The program does not impose a burden upon the cooperator for it is advanced on a practical basis. The district will aid a farmer in reseedling his lands by donating the seedlings for at least three acres without cost to the farmer, and will accept one-half the cost for seeding additional acres. Up until the present war emergency presented itself, the service used the Civilian Conservation Corps in advancing the work, but that aid has been discontinued. "However, it is"

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Grand Jury Headed By Young Citizen

The first change in Martin County's "permanent" grand jury personnel was effected yesterday when nine of the members, completing their tenure of office, retired and a tenth one was relieved of further duty on account of his health. New members of the jury are H. S. Johnson, Jr., foreman; J. A. Haislip, R. H. Harrison, T. C. Norwood, J. A. White, N. B. Bland, E. N. Harrell, M. D. Taylor, R. G. Coburn and H. L. Ange.

The grand jury is headed by a young citizen in Mr. Johnson who is serving his first time as a member of the high-ranking body. Only two of the new members had seen previous service; but all of them will get much experience before their terms expire a year from now. Dennis Coburn, foreman of the first permanent jury and one of the ten to retire is being followed by a brother, R. G. Coburn, as a member of the jury.

Mr. J. C. Taylor was excused on account of his health after serving six months. The names of others who have already served that long and who are in line for service during the next six months are: Frank E. Weston, E. H. Gaylord, David T. Griffin, A. F. Lilley, J. Daniel Lilley, L. D. Roebuck, J. H. Crisp and R. C. Everett.

The jury completed its work and submitted its report shortly before noon today.

SEINE FISHING

Seine fishing will get underway at the Fleming fishery, in Jamesville, on Thursday of this week, Mr. C. C. Fleming, manager-owner, announced today. The huge net has been made ready for the season, and the fishery operators plan to make the first "haul" shortly before noon Thursday.

Fish, heralding the approach of spring, are reported in the Roanoke in fairly large numbers. Reports from the sound state that shad are running in greater numbers than in any other season in recent years.

Urged to preserve food in larger quantities than ever before, thousands of people throughout this section are expected to visit the fishery at Jamesville this season and pack increased numbers of fish for home consumption.

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County Young Man At Lubbock Field

Aviation Cadet James D. Walters, of Jamesville, son of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Walters, of Jamesville, has just reported at the Lubbock Army Flying School, Lubbock, Tex., for the final lap of the training which is preparing him for the silver wings and gold bars of an Air Corps flying officer.

At the brand-new Lubbock twin-engine school, commanded by Col. Thomas L. Gilbert, Cadet Walters will complete the training he began last October at Ballinger, Tex., and continued at Randolph Field. Upon his graduation he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and assigned to active duty with an Air Corps unit.

A member of the Golden Knot Honor Society, Cadet Walters is a graduate of the Atlantic Christian College, where he was president of the International Relations Club and vice president of the Boys' Dormitory Council.

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Apparent Lull On War Front As Next Drive Is Awaited

Few Startling Developments On Either Diplomatic Or the War Front

Mopping up its gains throughout the South Pacific, Japan now has the Allies guessing as to which way she will turn or go next. That the Japs will be content with their present gains is out of the question. Some say she will continue to move toward Australia, and it is well founded that much activity is pointing to the country down under. Others say the Japs will move toward India where little activity on the diplomatic front has yet been reported that would indicate the Moslems and Hindus are getting together with the British for a defense stand there. Still others say the Japs may strike at Alaska. And then there is some talk about a clash between Japan and Russia.

Both sides are rushing preparations for taking the war to the other side, and a new and possibly more serious phase of the struggle is near at hand.

In the heaviest fighting of the year on the Russian front, the Red army was delivering mighty blows out of the swirl of blizzards yesterday against three of Hitler's encircled "spring offensive" bases and striving hard to draw the strings on two others caught in deep pockets.

For the second day, the Soviet command said only that "no substantial changes" had taken place—a departure from the communiques of many weeks which have stressed offensive operations.

Any deduction that the Russians had been thrown upon the defensive was belied however, by the Germans themselves, who admitted a temporary breach in their lines somewhere in the center and strong Red army attacks in the Crimea.

The Russians said German casualties were piling up at a rate of thousands a day.

The Germans, bemoaning that winter had set in again after an early March thaw on some southern sectors, told of 13 below zero temperatures in the Crimea, 22 below in the central sector and 31 below in the north, with strong northeastern winds piling up snow so deep that even sledges were stopped in the center and north.

Addressing his people Sunday, Hitler, according to Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles, virtually confessed that the downfall of Germany is imminent, the diplomat giving the Russian armies the major credit for "bringing this to pass."

The transfer of General Douglas MacArthur from the Philippines to Australia where he will be in supreme command of the Allied forces, was announced this morning, the news coming as an electrifying shock to people throughout the world. The general, his wife and son and several members of his staff are already in Australia, but his transfer there does not mean that Bataan is lost. Large reinforcements from this country have reached Australia, and the outlook for the Allies is picking up. However, the general is facing a tough assignment because the Allied fleet was dealt such a heavy blow in the Battle of Java. Already the Japs are said to be sailing southward.

In Burma, the British and Chinese, employing jungle warfare tactics, are successfully battling the Japs, and the battle of Burma is far from won by the invaders.

A late bulletin stated that a German battleship had been spotted off the coast of Norway and that it was

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Runaway Youths Returned Home

Starting out last Thursday from their home in Norfolk for an adventure trip, Linwood W. Bruce, Jr., and William W. Tanner bumped into trouble near here and were detained by county officers for their parents.

After six of their companions had turned back, the two fourteen-year-old youths continued with their faces toward Florida. But their stomachs stopped them near here Sunday about noon. They slipped into Dennis Hassell's home and helped themselves to the colored family's Sunday dinner. Acting after a precautionary fashion and a bit cunningly, too, the lads took Hassell's gun, unloaded it and hid it behind the door. The boys, their meal finished, left the house and were seen. Hassell missed his gun and reported to officers. A merry chase was soon underway. The officers finally overtaking the boys near Beaver Dam Swamp not so very far from Everetts that afternoon after traveling across fields and through the woods.

One of the little rouders explained why and where they hid the gun. Hassell said to the boys when they were returned to his home to check the gun story, "Why didn't you boys ask me for some 'teat', and I would have given you some 'teat'." "You won't home," the boys promptly replied.

The youths were turned over to their parents yesterday afternoon.

SOLDIERS COMING

Approximately 130 soldiers are to locate here within the next ten days, Mayor John L. Hassell announced today.

Making a topographical map of this section, the soldier engineers will be stationed here about six weeks, the mayor said. It could not be definitely learned where the army men will pitch their camp. They have been offered about three acres of land on the Rhodes property, near the high school, but it is possible they will establish camp at the fair grounds.

A number of the young men, working in nearby towns for the past several weeks, have visited here and have expressed the desire to locate here even if their stay will be a temporary one.