

Washington Report

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CONGRESSMAN WALTER B. JONES

As many of you know, this past week Congress was not in session due to the July Fourth Recess. Therefore, there is no Congressional action to report to you in this column.

Since coming to Congress, one of the most difficult things that I have had to do is to make decisions in the case of Civil Service appointments. I am referring, of course, to postmaster and rural carrier positions. The manner in which these selections are made is a rather intricate one and I believe not too well understood by many. The process is this. If, when a vacancy occurs, a career employee is not selected, then an open competitive examination is given for any and all who desire to take said examination. After this is done, the grades are compiled and all those who make a passing score are then investigated as to personal habits, reputation in the community and other factors. The applicants are then considered as to their service career. All veterans receive five points, which is known as veteran's preference. These five points are added to whatever cumulative score the applicant has received. In the situation where there is a com-

pensable veteran, one who is drawing compensation due to a service connected disability, he receives ten points. Upon the findings of this evaluation, this office is furnished with what is known as an eligible registry. This registry contains three names, giving the Congressional office the right to recommend that one of the three be appointed and later confirmed by the Senate for the permanent position. In the event that a compensable veteran is involved, that name goes to the top of the list automatically, and under the law cannot be bypassed.

All too often when the eligible registry reaches my office, I find the names of three good friends on the same list with very little difference in the grades and each with much support in their own locality. The ideal situation would be to appoint all three, but unfortunately, this cannot be done. As one Congressman so well stated, on these appointments you make one person happy and no one knows how many unhappy.

Another interesting fact regarding these Post Office Civil Service Examinations is the length of time which expires between the date of the examination and the date we receive the final results. Usually this involves a period of eight to ten months. This is due to the growth of the Civil Service system. At the present time, the Post Office Department has 699,921 employees, as of May 31, 1967.

These are truly difficult decisions to make. We attempt to accord each candidate thorough consideration and try to make a final recommendation based on such factors as the acceptance of this individual in the community, the ability he has to perform the services required, and finally, insofar as possible, the feeling of the people in the area in which this service will be rendered.

For my predictions as to the length of this present session of Congress, I have no hopes of adjournment before the middle of October. There is much work left for the committees and there are many controversial bills to be considered by both the Senate and the House. Congress returned to Washington on Monday, July 10, ready to settle down to a long period of legislative work.

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"THE YOUNG WARRIORS" (L.A.)

SERGEANT — James Drury, known for his title role in the long running television series, "The Virginian," is the sergeant who takes a platoon of recruits into World War II battle in Universal's "The Young Warriors," photographed in Technicolor.

Real Estate Transfers

Joseph L. Gwaltney and wife, Anne R. Gwaltney, to Dicktel, Inc. Property on Tryon Palace Drive.

Carl L. Morton and wife, Elma H. Morton, to D. Livingstone Stallings, Robert L. Stallings, Jr., and Elsie Stallings Morris. Property at McArthur Avenue and Fort Totten Drive.

Robert L. Stallings, Jr., and wife, Margaret H. Stallings; D. Livingston Stallings and wife, Evelyn R. Stallings; Ralph T. Morris and wife, Elsie S. Morris, to Carl L. Morton and wife, Elma H. Morton. Property in Miller's Addition to DeGraffenried Park.

Mamie F. Heath to James Alton Whitford and wife, Geraldine G. Whitford. Property in Ernul.

John F. Smith to John F. Smith and wife, Annie G. Smith. Property in No. 1 township.

Samuel Bryant and wife, Lela Smith Bryant, to John F. Smith and wife, Annie G. Smith. Property in No. 1 township.

Lennie Raynor; Clara Ann Scott and husband, Charles Scott, to Raymond T. Willis and wife, Barbara S. Willis. Property in No. 7 township. David Richardson and wife, Eva Richardson, to Willie Mae Richardson. Property in Larksville.

John Beard Mason to John Beard Mason and wife, Karen Dunn Mason. Property on Highland Avenue.

W. B. Jackson and wife, Zelma G. Jackson, to Theodore J. Baxter and wife, Margaret W. Baxter. Property in No. 7 township.

C. W. Fields to A. F. Lee's Sons. Property in No. 2 township.

Wallace M. Booker to James H. Sasser and wife, Mattie G. Sasser. Property on Bern street.

Theodore R. Brinson, Jr., and wife, Peggy J. Brinson, to C. W. Ross and wife, Mary Ross. Property on Helen Avenue.

B. O. Ketner and wife, Rosalyn M. Ketner, to John W. Ballard and wife, Martha J. Ballard. Property in No. 6 township.

James M. Westbrook and wife, Judy K. Westbrook, to Clyde Eble Joyner and wife, Lena Francis Foy Joyner. Property in No. 7 township.

C. Glenn Sawyer and wife,

Betsy I. Sawyer; James H. Sawyer, Jr., and wife, Mildred Sawyer; Lucille S. Harris and husband, Carl V. Harris, to John E. Schmalfeld and wife, Ruby Lee Schmalfeld. Property on Spencer Avenue.

Flavius Alligood, Jr., and wife, Wilma Grace Alligood, to Watt W. Eagle and wife, Dorothy Douglas Eagle. Property in No. 7 township.

George Phillips and wife, Mildred Gaskins Phillips, to Preston Whaley and wife, Peggy Whaley. Property in No. 2 township.

H. J. Crandall to George Boyd, Jr., and wife, Vanda Lee Boyd. Property in Graysville.

Lee Grand Jones to Dixie Realty, Inc. Property in No. 8 township.

Bertha B. Frazier and husband, James M. Frazier, to Robert D. Tew. Property in No. 5 township.

Crocker Insurance and Realty Company, Inc., to Clifford Peggy Blankenship and wife, Mary B. Blankenship. Property in No. 6 township.

Ronald L. Fulcher and wife, Byrtte Rice Fulcher, to Thomas A. Lassiter and wife, Carolyn M. Lassiter. Property in Trent Park.

B. O. Ketner and wife, Rosalyn M. Ketner, Et Als,

to Tryon Realty Company of New Bern, Inc. Property in No. 6 township.

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