

Padlock Cases Given Hearing

Ten In Burke County Either Closed Or Allowed Restricted Management

Warranton. — Conducting a business into padlock proceedings against eleven Burke county road-house service stations, Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marlon handed down judgments against ten of them either closing the places for 12 months or allowing restricted operation under different management.

After dismissing one of the 11 cases, Judge Pless not only barred operators of the remaining ten from reopening the same premises but also provided that they could not engage in similar business anywhere in Burke county during the next year.

The hearing came on padlocking orders begun December 15. Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville during an investigation of reported law violations which led to the arrest of a former sheriff and one of his deputies.

Judge Pless lifted the closing order in the case of Walker Boyd, operator of Hilltop Tavern, provided that he operate the business himself. Manager of the place only since August, Boyd was not included in the judgments which fell into two general classes.

Where the owners were also operators, Judge Pless ordered the places closed to all purposes for one year, but where the owners were not connected with the operation which was in the hands of renters or lessees, the Marion jurist placed on the owners that responsibility of seeing that operation for the next 12 months by persons other than the defendants strictly comply with the law, particularly in the elements which constitute a nuisance, the grounds on which the padlocking was ordered: lewdness, assignation, prostitution, gambling or illegal sale of whiskey.

In one exception from the uniform order, Charles Leonard as owner-operator of Green Valley service station was given permission after three months to lease his place to some person of good character, although he himself is barred from operating it for a year.

George Martin and Clyde Martin, trading as the Cape Hickory Tavern, were given permission to conduct their premises into a hosiery mill, and Mrs. Lelia Bradshaw was allowed to let her daughter, Blanche Bradshaw, use a portion of her service station as a residence only.

Premises closed for the year can be inspected by the owner on ly when accompanied by the sheriff of a deputy. Judge Pless ruled.

Each defendant was taxed with the court costs, including \$100 as attorney fees for counsel representing the State, appointed by Judge Nettles at the December court term.

Other defendants in the hearing were: Robert Alexander and wife, Florence Alexander, trading as the Dutch Mill; Luther Mull, trading as Luther Mull filling station; Guy Martin, trading as Cape Hickory service station; W. M. Singleton, trading as the Show Boat; Jack Anderson and John Norman, trading as Jack's Place; James Tawney and L. C. Powell, trading as Mountain View dining room; Trop Williams, trading as Dock's Dug-Out Inn.

Private Smith Nation's No. 1

Chicago. — Private Paul C. Smith, 34, of the United States marine corps was designated by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce as the nation's "outstanding young man of 1942."

He, the fellow of the low rank, plain name and humble beginning who catapulted to national prominence before he was 30 as editor-in-chief and general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle and successful mediator of the San Francisco warehousemen's strike in 1938.

Smith, too, was the \$9,000 a year assistant to Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information, with a lieutenant commander's commission, who resigned late last year, remarking:

"There's nothing wrong with being a lieutenant commander except that I couldn't run a destroyer, which is what lieutenant commanders are supposed to do."

Now he's taking the marine boot training at Parris Island, S. C. He's on leave of absence from the Chronicle.

Smith was one of 10 "outstanding young men" selected by "Fusing young men" of the Junior Chamber's literature. He was then pickled magazine. He was then picked for the top honor by a committee of distinguished judges, the selections were announced at the "Jaycees" annual founder's day banquet.

Heavy Penalties For Delinquency In Draft Orders

"A fine of \$10,000 or five years in prison, or both, is the penalty facing a person convicted of delinquency under Selective Service Act," General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, announced today.

"Far too many men are escaping their obligations under the act because they are delinquent", the State Director said. He further stated that a vigorous effort will be made during the month of January to have delinquents and suspected delinquents report to their local boards to have the charges of delinquency removed. "Those who do report voluntarily to their local board during the month of January, 1943, will be allowed to comply with the obligations, but those who fail or refuse to do so will find that their names have been reported to the Department of Justice for prosecution," the Director said.

To further clarify the requirements, General Metts emphasized these points:

1. Every person who was required to register under any one of the six Presidential Proclamations which have heretofore been issued, except those registrants in the 45-65 years old group, must have in his personal possession at all times a valid Notice of Classification in addition to his Registration Certificate.

2. Upon request, every person required to carry a Notice of Classification must submit his notice to any law enforcing officer, representatives of the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, or any official of the National or State Headquarters of Selective Service, any member of a local or appeal board, any Government Appeal Agent, or any other official designated by the Director of Selective Service.

3. Every registrant between the ages of 18 and 45 should keep his local board notified of any change of address so that he may be sure that he receives his mail at all times with reasonable promptness. The local board will have discharged its duty and fully complied with the regulations if it mails official notices to the registrant at his last known address, and the registrant is presumed by law to receive such notices. Therefore, it becomes most important for the registrant to see that his local board has on file his correct address at all times.

4. Every person who is required to carry a Notice of Classification and who does not now have one should report immediately to his local board and obtain the required form. If a Notice of Classification heretofore issued has been lost, the registrant in question should apply to his local board for a duplicate.

5. Every person who was required to register under either one of the Presidential Proclamations and who has not done so should immediately report to his local board and offer to register. Persons who are otherwise delinquent are urged to do the same thing. It will be fairly easy to have charges of delinquency removed during the month of January but those who remain delinquent after February 1, 1943, will run the risk of prosecution as a delinquent.

6. And person who knows that another person is delinquent, or who has reason to suspect that he is, should report that fact to the local board having jurisdiction over the suspected delinquent's residence.

Coca leaves which have a narcotic content from which cocaine is derived, have been grown and chewed in Peru from early times.

Butcher and Bread Knives Ground! No more sliced bread, so have your knives sharpened to cut neat slices quickly, and to desired thickness. Wrap paper around knives with name written plainly to avoid mistakes when returning. PRICES VERY LOW! H. G. NICHOLS Telephone 319 After 6 P. M.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE Reins Salvivant Mutual Burial Association, Inc.

North Wilksboro, North Carolina

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1942

IMPORTANT! A Message From Your Secretary-Treasurer

It is with much pride that we present this statement to you for your information and approval. If there is anything in connection with this report that you do not understand, please ask for an explanation. The officers of this association are only the guardians of your interests and solicit your advice and criticisms.

Once each year it becomes the duty of your secretary to publish the names of our members to whom we have paid claims. In every case, these benefits have lightened the burdens of a sorrowing family. If you could change places with us and hear some of the many fine things said about your association, you would be even prouder of the part you take in this organization.

The officers and directors of your association are proud of the huge increase in your surplus this year; the cash balance of your association has now reached almost \$70,000.00; we are proud too, that although in the light of adverse circumstances—even though many of the people throughout Western North Carolina have gone to various defense industries in other parts of our nation, and even though thousands have been inducted into the armed forces of our nation—we can still show a gain in our membership of approximately three thousand members, thereby making your association now an organization of more than fifty-five thousand persons in good standing.

For your cooperation and your support every officer and director of your association is grateful, for it has been you and your fellow members who have made it possible to present to you this statement of a Gibraltar—an ever growing and ever helpful organization.

W. K. STURDIVANT, Secretary-Treasurer.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, ASSETS, LIABILITIES. Rows include Cash Balance Shown on Last Report, Total Assessments Collected, Total Receipts, Total Disbursements, Cash Assets, Current Liabilities, etc.

IN MEMORIAM

Large table listing names of deceased members, their addresses, dates of death and birth, and amounts of death benefits paid. Includes sub-totals for White Race and Colored Race.