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ATTORNEY GEN. MAKES RULING

Arrested Person Should Be Allowed To Communicate With Counsel And Friends—Drunks May Not Be Jailed.

Raleigh.—Attorney General Harry McMullan ruled yesterday that when a person is arrested he should immediately be informed of the charge against him and, except in capital cases, should be allowed to give bail.

The attorney general, handing down a digest of opinions, said the arrested person should be allowed to immediately communicate with counsel and friends but that if the individual is drunk, he should not be released until he is in possession of his mental faculties, but did not say he could be subjected to disgrace of jail.

MacMullan also ruled: A sheriff is not required to act in matters which require the payment of fees until such fees are paid. Therefore, when an execution is placed in the hands of a sheriff to be satisfied out of real property, the fee of the sheriff for allotting the homestead must be paid before the sheriff is required to act. If it be satisfied out of personal property, the fee does not have to be advanced unless the judgment debtor demands that his personal property exemption be allotted.

If a nonresident soldier's car is properly licensed in his home state, no North Carolina license is required.

A married woman having a separate and independent income is entitled to a personal exemption of only \$1,000. If, however, she can qualify as the head of the family, she would be entitled to a personal exemption of \$2,000.

Danbury Naval Boy Home For Christmas

Bob King, or Robert Lee, is home for Christmas here to the delight of his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. R. King, and many friends. Bob is in the navy, having enlisted Feb. 26, 1942, and has seen service over a big part of the world. He came here from New York City. Recently returned from various points in South America, and Australia.

He is on a 30-day leave.

Notice
I am in Dr. Neal's office every Saturday to collect accounts due him. Will appreciate if all debtors will call and settle accounts.

MRS. J. W. NEAL, Jr.
Walnut Cove, N. C.

Ellington To Retain Post

Raleigh.—The State Board of Elections wrote a belated "finis" on its books today after ending the last of its hearings on disputes arising out of the November general election by voting to retain A. J. Ellington as chairman of the Stokes County Board of Elections.

W. A. Lucas, chairman of the state board, said, "There has been some laxness by Mr. Ellington which this board does not condone, but the evidence we have heard here is lacking in strength to justify this board in removing him from office."

Worth D. Henderson, Greensboro, and S. E. Hall, Winston-Salem, attorneys for Stokes County Republicans at the hearings, had charged Ellington made illegal deliveries of ballots during the Nov. 3 general election.

Beautiful Christmas Service At The Presbyterian Church

Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church a beautiful Christmas service was held. The vested choir sang appropriate songs. The pastor, Rev. Ralph Buchanan, told an interesting story and read a poem written by Mrs. Frances Marshall, of Danbury, which was very much enjoyed by the congregation. The candle-light feature of the service was very impressive.

Young Kirby Heard From

D. C. Kirby is in receipt of a letter from his nephew O. M. Kirby, Jr., who is on Tulagi island in the Solomons. Young Kirby writes: "I am fine, still have two good eyes, arms, legs and the same spirit I had when you last saw me. There is not much that I can tell you about my activities."

When he started to tell about a show that the natives put on for the boys, the censor cut it out.

It seems the spirits of the boys are good and they are expecting to be in Tokyo soon.

His address is Pfc. O. M. Kirby, Jr., U. S. M. C., Unit 290-A, care P. M. San Francisco, Cal., for information of those who want to write him.

Mrs. Mina Booth visited Winston-Salem Tuesday.

Alex Southern, Sam Southern, Daddv Ves Fulb, Granny Hayden, food farmers of the Flatshoal, were in town today.

ELLINGTON AND MITCHELL EXONERATED

A. J. Ellington and J. G. H. Mitchell, Democratic members of the Stokes County Board of Election, were duly tried in Raleigh last Friday for "high crimes and misdemeanors" "committed" in the late election in Stokes county, and were duly acquitted.

The hearing was before the State Board of Election, and the charge against the Stokes officials was that they had misused the absentee ballot. Whereupon the complainants asked for the dismissal of Ellington and Mitchell as members of the county Board of Elections.

After a sitting of some 6 or 7 hours, during which the State board heard the reading of a great array of affidavits, the Board retired for about 10 minutes, then returned with a verdict of complete acquittal and exoneration of the two Democratic members of the Stokes board.

The vote was unanimous on the part of the State board for acquittal, and both of the Republican members shook the hands of Ellington and Mitchell, declaring there was no evidence of any serious infraction of the election law, but only carelessness and laxity, which was not considered sufficient cause to oust the two members from their responsible position.

Among the counter affidavits furnished by the defense in the trial were two affidavits given respectively by two former chairmen of the Stokes County Republican executive committee in which the high character and integrity of Ellington and Mitchell were attested. One of the ex-chairmen, who for years was chairman of the Stokes county board of county commissioners, stated that a majority of the rank and file of Stokes Republicans did not endorse the fight made by the small bunch of disappointed Republican office-seekers on the character of Ellington and Mitchell, and were taking no interest in the proceedings.

Worth Henderson of Greensboro and S. E. Hall of Winston-Salem were attorneys for the petitioners, while Hampton Price of Leaksville and P. W. Glidewell of Reidsville represented Ellington and Mitchell.

THE MAN OF FINE WORDS

Few citizens of the world are such masters of rhetoric as old Winston Churchill, the lion of the British empire.

Not only is this Englishman a great statesman, patriot, and soldier, but he can tell his thoughts in language that galvanizes the imagination and burns the heart.

Here is the message he lately sent the emperor of Japan:

"When we have finished with Hitler, the entire forces of the British Empire by land, sea and air will join the great power of America in the Pacific

"The growing power of the United Nations will press steadfastly on until you are stripped of your conquests, punished for your treachery and deprived of your powers of evil.

"Retribution was always sure; it is now growing near."

IF PEOPLE HAD TAILS

When a fellow approaches you with a condescension like this:

"Now, listen, I am your friend. But I want to say" so and so..

You may generally know then he is not your friend.

Our friends don't have to tell us they are our friends.

When a dog approaches you wagging his tail, you may know he is your friend. That switching of the caudal appendage is caused by a reflex from the heart.

If you are my friend, wag your tail. Don't show your teeth. And when you smile, smile with your eyes.

Death Of Mrs. Betty Tillotson

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Tillotson, aged 78, of King, Route 1, who died in a Twin City hospital early Monday morning, were held from the Mount Olive Baptist Church near King. Rev. E. T. Sims officiating. Burial in the Tillotson family cemetery.

Mrs. Tillotson was born in Stokes county in 1864, the daughter of the late Albert and Lucy Ann Tilley King. Her husband, the late John Tillotson, passed away some years ago. The only immediate survivor is a brother, William King, of Hillsville, Va.

Paul Taylor Here

Paul Taylor was here Saturday from Winston-Salem visiting his Whitewater farm a mile west of Danbury. Paul has just closed a fine tobacco year, being connected with an eastern North Carolina warehouse as well as Taylor's warehouse in Winston-Salem. Taylor's is one of the most successful warehouses in Carolinas or Virginia.

Few Fireworks

Very few fireworks have been bought throughout the county at large. After the governor of North Carolina had asked good citizens to refrain from encouraging the boys to shoot fireworks this Xmas, a very remarkable hull in the usual racket is noticed. When so many homes have been in the service far from home, it is not considered a proper time for celebration.

Early Benton, col., working with Alex Southern, was hit by a falling limb while cutting timber Wednesday and seriously hurt. A physician sewed him up with six stitches. He is recovering.

700 STOKES BOYS OFF TO THE WAR

County Does Its Bit For Victory As Ever-Increasing Hosts Enter The Service.

More than 700 Stokes county young men are now in the service of their country. This number of draftees does not include the volunteers.

Splendid soldiers in the great victory parade, the Stokes boys, as their ranks are ever growing and increasing, will give a good account of themselves on all battle fronts.

The people of Stokes county doff their hats to the proud yeomanry who will cast credit for their county, State and nation in the turbulent days to come.

Robert Hedgecock Is Commissioned

Robert A. Hedgecock, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hedgecock, Walnut Cove, Wednesday completed training in 6th class of the medical replacement training center officer candidate school at Camp Berkeley, Texas, and received his commission as a second Lieutenant in the medical administration corps.

Lieutenant Hedgecock was a staff sergeant in the army and a social workers in civilian life. He attended the University of North Carolina and Columbia University, New York City.

Failed To Answer

The following boys have failed to answer questionnaires sent them by the local draft board:

Troy Wilson Carter, Lawsonville; Harold Alton Tuttle, Danbury; Jones Arthur Smith, Westfield.

The Board requests that those knowing the whereabouts of the delinquents will please notify the Board.

Ed Wilson, one of Stokes county's finest tobacco growers, was here today from Route 1. Ed has only one good eye, but he can see more good quality in growing tobacco than many with two eyes.

John W. Pridly was here today from Snow Creek township.

