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## DROP JEALOUSY, PATTON PLEADS

county by T. B. Higdon, Jr., of a leather upholstered judge's chair, replacing the old, uncomfortable chair that has stood behind the judge's desk for many years. He referred to Mr. Higdon as "one of as fine citizens as this county has produced," adding that though he is now an attorney in Atlanta, Ga., "we still claim him up here." Judge Patton appointed all the members of the Macon County bar as a committee to draft resolutions of appreciation to Mr. Higdon.

From the 18 men drawn for grand jury service, Judge Patton selected George Gibson, of Franklin, Route 3, as foreman. The other 17 are:

Ed Cabe, of Highlands, Lee Barnard, Jr., of Franklin, B. W. Justice, of Franklin, Route 4, Curt Wilson, of Highlands, R. E. Norton, of Highlands, Henry B. Cabe, of Route 2, B. A. Baldwin, of Aquone, A. O. Hicks, of Aquone, Ben E. Gibson, of Cullasaja, L. C. Billingsley, of Highlands, Charlie Sondheimer, of Cullasaja, Tally Corbin, of Highlands, Lyman Ballew, of Route 2, G. W. Owenby, of Flats, E. A. Burt, Jr., of Highlands, F. H. Vinson, of Sealy, and Z. V. Cansler, of Franklin.

Speaking before a crowd that lined the courtroom, Judge Patton told the grand jurors that since World War 2 there has been a tendency to "lose the sense of values, to place the proper value on the proper things."

"The men who originally settled Macon County built this county because they were willing to work and to trust each other. They founded our churches, which incidentally are the pillars of this community; they established our school system; and they backed up our law enforcement officers."

"And they placed the dollar value down the line, when it came to a question of values."

"This country", he continued, "is the last outpost of democracy, and if we are destroyed, we will be destroyed by decay from within, rather than from invasion from without."

"When you place a dollar bill above the welfare of your neighbor, above your character, above your God, then you not only are digging your own grave, but you are spading as hard as you can to destroy the democracy our forefathers estab-

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## Saroyan Play To Be Given Next Monday

ance in "The Night of January 16"; Robert Dupree, who was a member of the cast of "The Corn is Green" and appeared in earlier productions; Bud Thompson, who also had a leading role in "The Night of January 16"; and Craig Crantoa, romantic star of "Dear Ruth".

Pointing out that "to really make a play, an efficient technical staff is much needed", Director Allen this week listed members of his technical staff as important contributors to the 1948 success of the Community Theatre:

Arnold Keener, stage manager; Buddy Hall, electrician, Jack H. Wilcox, carpenter; Jonathan Williams, assisted by Anne Stevens, Anne Edison, Shelagh Foreman, and Peggy Potts, painting; Florence Saussy, Marina Cobb, and Kaffy Saussy, hand properties; Peggy Potts, set properties; Jan Chambers, house manager; Paul Price, publicity; Col. Elliott Caziarc, posters; Winnie Eskridge, ticket sales; Virginia Wilcox, business manager; and Elizabeth Newton, assistant to the director.

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## DRAFT SIGN-UP STARTS MONDAY

tain days are fixed for the registration of men of various age groups, and Mr. Long emphasized that those registering are required to register on the days set aside for those of their group. Monday all Macon County men who now are 25, but who will become 26 between August 31 and December 31, are required to register.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, persons born in the year 1923 are required to register, and Thursday and Friday have been set aside for the registration of young men born in the year 1924. Those who were born in 1925 must register on Saturday, September 4, or Tuesday of the following week, September 7.

Men born in 1926 are required to register on Wednesday, September 8, or Thursday, September 9.

Those born in 1927 must register Friday, September 10, or Saturday, September 11.

Those born in 1928 are to register on Monday, September 13, or Tuesday, September 14.

Those born in 1929 will register Wednesday, September 15, or Thursday, September 16.

And those born in 1930, prior to September 19 of that year, will register Friday, September 17, or Saturday, September 18.

Young Macon County men who were born on or after September 19, 1930, are required to register on the day they become 18 years of age, or within five days thereafter.

In announcing the place for the registration, Mr. Long expressed appreciation to E. J. and W. Roy Carpenter for making Room 9 in the bank building available to the draft board.

lished in this country." Judge Patton emphasized his faith in the jury system. Pointing out that there has been considerable "agitation to do away with the grand jury and petit jury, and have the people tried by one or two or three judges", he said he is convinced there is much less danger of mistakes with 18 men serving as a grand jury, and then 12 men as a petit jury, than with three men from outside the county passing on the guilt or innocence of a defendant. He added that in cases of attempted persecution through the courts "a grand jury can smell that just like a blood hound can smell the track of a human being".

Outlining the duties of the grand jurors, Judge Patton told the 18 men that their job, in passing upon bills of indictment, was to find out only two things: "Has a crime been committed? and if so, is there a probability that the defendant charged in the bill of indictment committed that crime."

He also instructed the grand jurors to inspect the public offices in the courthouse, with special attention to proper reports filed in the clerk of the court's office by justices of the peace and accountings by administrators and guardians; to inspect the jail, taking into account the fact that the jailer hasn't much in the way of a jail to work with; inspect the prison camp; and investigate the condition of the school buildings in the county.

"The people of this county are entitled to know that their affairs are run in a reasonably satisfactory manner."

## X-Ray Units

### To Leave This County After Saturday

The two mobile X-ray units now in Macon County will be taken to Haywood County after Saturday, instead of remaining here through August 31, it was announced yesterday. Two units that have been operating in Canton are not functioning properly, and those now in this county will replace them next Tuesday.

One of the two units now in this county arrived in Highlands Tuesday morning and will remain there through Saturday. The other, which was in the Burningtown community Tuesday and Wednesday, will be back in Franklin today, and remain here through Saturday.

The units offer free chest X-rays to adults 15 years of age and older.

Persons who fail to receive reports on their X-ray examinations within a week or ten days are asked to call at the health department here. Some reports, with inadequate addresses, are being sent to the health department by the post office, it was explained.

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## HANNAH GIVEN 1 TO 3 YEARS, WIFE 6 MONTHS

Henry Walker McCall, Clyde Moses, and Charlie McDowell entered pleas of guilty to the charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and were fined \$100 each and the costs, and their drivers' licenses ordered revoked. In the case of Charlie Samuel Russell, pleading guilty to the same charge, prayer for judgment was continued for two years on condition he pay the costs, pay a fine of \$125, surrender his driver's license, and remain of good behavior.

Jesse Hulcombe, J. J. Lyons, Jr., and Thomas M. Jones, who plead guilty to being intoxicated while operating motor vehicles without licenses, were fined \$125 each and the costs.

Harold Griffin and Clayton Mashburn plead guilty to operating motor vehicles intoxicated, after their licenses had been revoked. Mashburn was fined \$225 and the costs, and Griffin was given four months on the roads, capias to issue December 6 if at that time he is not a member of the U. S. armed forces.

James Johnson, Eugene Orr, Henry Lee Hopper, William S. Ritchie, and Charles Don Raby, charged with operating motor vehicles while intoxicated, were called and failed to appear. Their cash bonds of \$150 each were ordered forfeited, and capias were issued. The \$175 bond of Samuel E. Benton, who failed to appear to answer a charge of operating a motor vehicle without lights while he was intoxicated, also was ordered forfeited.

Dee Sanders, Ebbie Tallent, and George H. Novitz, charged with operating motor vehicles while intoxicated, plead guilty to reckless driving and were fined \$100 each and the costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued for two years in the case of Kenneth Bryant, who plead guilty to reckless driving, on condition he pay a fine of \$50 and the costs and be of good behavior.

In the case of Robert Coppening, who was charged with operating a motor vehicle intoxicated, wrecking it, injuring W. Williams, and falling to stop, a fine of \$100 and the costs was imposed and his driver's license ordered revoked. Judge Patton found that he had made full restitution to the injured man.

James B. Moore, charged with reckless driving, failed to appear and his \$100 bond was ordered forfeited.

Luna Watson, offering a nolo contendere plea to charges of being intoxicated and carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and the costs and the pistol ordered confiscated. Similar sentences were imposed on F. N. Elmore and Pearl P. Johnson for carrying concealed weapons.

Dock Gibson and Fred Foster, charged with larceny, offered pleas of guilty of forcible trespass. Gibson was given 90 days, while Foster was given four months, suspended on payment of the costs.

Robert McCracken was fined \$25 and the costs for unlawful possession of whiskey. Willard Womack was fined \$50 and the costs on a similar charge.

Frank B. Shook, given a jury trial on a reckless driving charge, was found guilty and fined \$25 and the costs.

The reckless driving case against Isaac Bradley was dropped, in view of the fact that he had made restitution and that he lost \$200 through forfeiture of bond at a previous court term.

## George Gray Buried Here In Native Soil

Bryant. Sgt. Gray was killed in action April 22, 1944 in England where he had been serving as aerial engineer on a B-24 bomber since his arrival on October 9, 1943. This was his 24th mission.

He was a graduate of Franklin High school and a member of the Franklin Presbyterian church having joined when he was 13 years of age.

Surviving, in addition to the parents are two sisters, Mrs. Ora Berkman of Asheville and Mrs. Frederick Cunningham of Franklin, Route 2, and one brother, Eugene Gray of Franklin, Route 2.

Potts funeral home handled the arrangements and the body remained there prior to the service.

## Norton Appointed Surveyor To Fill Out Dalton's Term

Ray E. Norton, of Highlands, Monday was appointed county surveyor to fill the unexpired term of the late John H. Dalton. The appointment was made by the county board of commissioners, upon motion of Commissioner W. W. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner John W. Roane. Mr. Norton is the Democratic nominee for surveyor.

The commissioners also approved three petitions asking that roads be taken over and maintained by the state. The roads in question are the Clear,

Creek road, in the Highlands section; the Evans road, in Upper Nantahala; and Hall road, in the Rose Creek section.

## Auto Lane

More cars and trucks were rejected than approved, on first examination, by the motor vehicle mechanical inspection lane here Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday.

On initial examination, 187 were approved, and 213 were rejected, C. P. Sawyer, Lane supervisor, said. Of those rejected, however, 167 returned, after repairs and adjustments, and were approved.

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