

'Bright spot' — two weeks respite

Bootleggers trials to continue Aug. 15; 15 heard, convicted

It was bootleggers day at the courthouse in Hillsboro Monday.

Victims of the July 22 mass raids by the ABC forces, their friends and curiosity seekers filled the courtroom to overflowing throughout the day as trials of the 61 defendants began.

Bright spot for them was the two weeks despite three-fourths of them got when their cases were not reached by closing time and were continued until 2:30 p.m. Monday Aug. 15.

Sixteen were tried or partially tried, fourteen pled guilty and were sentenced, one was judged guilty but sentence was held in abeyance until the Aug. 15 sitting, while another, Jehue Edwards, whose booze was alleged to contain lead and therefore poisonous, was much in the record while in absentia himself.

First case called

His was the first case called by Special Prosecutor A. H. (Sandy) Graham, attorney for the ABC Board, to enable the hearing of SBI Chemist William S. Best, Jehue himself didn't bother to come to court, but his attorney, James R. Farlow, pled him not guilty and the hearing proceeded.

Best, after being qualified an expert witness under the prodding of Defense Attorney Farlow, said he had found lead in the sample of Jehue's liquor submitted to him and in his opinion "the lead would be poisonous and detrimental to the human system."

He agreed under cross examination he did not make a "quantitative analysis" and therefore did not know the exact amount of lead included but estimated it was one or two micrograms per milliliter (a minimum of several parts per million). "Any quantity of lead is poisonous," he said.

Asked copias

At the conclusion of this testimony, Mr. Graham asked Judge L. J. Phipps for a copias and increased bond for Edwards. He got no answer until later in the day when Edwards, still in absentia, was granted a continuance until the Aug. 15 resumption, without change of bond.

Thereafter the trials continued for guilty pleaders.

Negro agents testify

In each case, one of two neatly dressed Negro men, the ABC undercover agents who made the purchases, took the stand. ABC Officers Burch Compton or Charles Talbert selected the evidence

from a table full of bottles and jars neatly labelled, and told about the defendant's record or reputation. The witness told when and where he made the purchase and how much he paid for it.

'Often resentfully'

Defendants except in one or two cases did not take the stand, most of them questioned the witnesses, often "resentfully," about details of the purchase.

Early in the proceedings Attorney Dalton L. Linn, representing Mag. Satterfield of Cedar Grove unsuccessfully sought to employ the entrapment theory and asked for a non-suit in the case against his client. This maneuver, if allowed, would have brought dismissal of most or all of the cases.

Judge Phipps however denied the motion, found her guilty on two counts and continued prayer for judgement until September.

Get suspensions

Five other defendants were guilty on two counts and each was fined \$75 and costs and given six months prison sentences which were suspended for two years. They were Freddie Breeze, Cedar Grove, Roscoe Alston, Bill Burnett, Peggy Clark and Susie Smith of Chapel Hill.

Seven defendants (each with only one charge against them, were fined \$50 and costs and given six months sentences suspended for two years. They were Jesse Brooks and John Henry Thompson of Hillsboro, Claudia Poteat, Cedar Grove, Elizabeth Foushee, Cremon Headen, Ernestine Lassiter and Jesse Lyon of Chapel Hill.

Moses Snipes of Alamance County, who had no record and no reputation for whiskey, got off with a fine of \$25 and costs with no jail sentence.

The witness said Snipes had merely bought some booze himself for a party while visiting in Orange County and agreed to sell the undercover man a pint. No mention of entrapment was made at this point.

27 pints and 5 fifths —also 30 cans of beer 'all for wedding party'

Henry Whitted, said to be the operator of a Hillsboro spot known as the Key Club, was involved in one of the contested cases of the day.

Officers testified they went to the club with a search warrant and found 27 pint and five fifth bottles, almost all with unbroken seals, in bags, along with 30 cans of beer. They quoted Whitted as telling them it belonged to other folks and had been purchased for a wedding party at the Club.

Attorney James R. Patton unsuccessfully sought to quash the evidence on grounds the search warrant was improper. But in the end Whitted was found guilty of illegal possession and sentence was left open until the Aug. 15 resumption of trials.

ABC Board grants raises to entire staff

The Orange County ABC Board Monday granted salary increases to all personnel, following similar action taken by the County last week.

County Manager Carl C. Davis was raised from \$5,000 per year to \$5,500.

Chief ABC Enforcement Officer Burch Compton was raised \$35 per month and his assistant Charles Talbert \$15 per month. Previously they were paid \$350 and \$340 respectively.

Store managers were increased by \$15 per month and all other employees got \$10 per month raises.

The scale for managers now begins at \$300 per month with \$15 per month increases after six months and one year's service. Thus, a manager who has been in the job a year now gets \$345 per month.

Store clerks begin at \$250 and are raised \$10 per month at the end of six months and one year's service. Under the new scale, therefore, clerks who have had a year's tenure are now paid \$280 per month.

drunk, \$5 and costs;

Helen Gordon West, speeding, \$10 and costs; Fred Amer Boone Jr., speeding, \$15 and costs; James Edward Hall, stop sign, \$10 and costs; Zilmond Irvin Stroder, following too closely, \$10 and costs; Luther Roger Brown, improper equipment, costs; John Nicho's Beard, speeding, \$10 and costs; Jessie Frank Payne, public drunk, \$5 and costs; Henry Bryant Lankford, exceeding safe speed, costs; Donald W. Terrell, stop sign, \$10 and costs;

Clyde Owen Johnson, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; William Phillip Perry, passing on hill, \$10 and costs; Ira Long, public drunk, \$5 and costs; Carr Villines, public drunk, \$5 and costs; Thomas Raeford English, speeding, \$10 and costs.

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LAW TEAM FOR ORANGE—Newly-appointed Chief Deputy for the Orange County Sheriff's Department is Edgar Sykes (left), 37, shown above with Sheriff Buck Knight. A former Mehane, Burlington, and Alamance County law enforcement officer, Sykes has been with the Orange department for the past six months. He will specialize in criminal investigation and act in the place of the sheriff in the latter's absence. (News Photo)

271 are eligible . . .

Carrboro Annex vote set Tuesday

The annexation of a 275-acre area to the north and west of the rectangular-shaped Carrboro town limits will be decided in a special referendum for suburbanites next Tuesday.

Registrar Calvin Burch said that 271 persons registered for the election—three more than the total that were eligible to vote March 22 when the referendum was defeated 133 to 126.

The polls will be open in Mr. Burch's woodworking shop on the Old Hillsboro Highway from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Assisting Mr. Burch in conducting the election will be judges Shelton Sparrow and Benson Ray.

Carrboro municipal officials yesterday expressed confidence that the proposal would pass this time, noting that the move for the second referendum sprung spontaneously from residents of the area, several days after the first election failed.

However, considerable individual sentiment is known to remain against the annexation. There has been no organized opposition as there was in the March vote. The Town Commissioners, who authorized the referendum, have taken no official stand on it this time.

The area proposed for annexation is almost the same as that for the previous vote, except for a tiny sector off Weaver Rd., that was left off.

Other cases heard in court

Other cases heard in the County Recorder's Court Monday were:

Arthur Reed, public drunk, \$5 and costs, notice of appeal given; Edgar Preston Thompson, driving under influence, \$100 and costs, four months, suspended; Johnny Wall, public drunk and illegal possession, \$5 and costs; Elmer Riley, non-support, prayer for judgment continued from month to month, pay \$80 per month for support of children;

Dave Burnett Penney, failing to grant right of way and no chauffeur's license, \$25 and costs; Glenn Thomas Dodson, driving under influence, \$100 and costs, four months, suspended; Kenneth Edward Joyner, reckless driving, \$50 and costs; Daniel Parrish, inadequate support, no pros and Homer Ronega Debran Jr. following too closely, \$10 and costs.

Gene Kelly Jones, no operator's

license, \$25 and costs; Nanette Harris, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; Bernard Lou Patterson, speeding, \$10 and costs; Horace Herbert Johnson, speeding, \$15 and costs; Simon Fennell, expired chauffeur's license, \$25 and costs; Frederick John Sabeby, speeding, \$10 and costs; Charles Gilbert Campbell, failing to stop at stop sign, \$10 and costs; Jesse Earl Lee, speeding, \$10 and costs;

Ruth Marquis McCracker, speeding, \$11 and costs; Joseph Wells, public drunk, \$5 and costs; Henry Truman Harris, speeding, \$10 and costs; Elizabeth Hughton Carter, speeding, \$10 and costs; William Carl Costner, speeding, \$10 and costs; Sam Wesley Farrington, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; James Edward Foust, allowing an unlicensed person to drive, \$25 and costs; Leonard Hicks, public

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