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## Judge Patterson Urges Investigation Of Law Violations Throughout The County

| Judge. B. W. Patterson of the 88 th district court in empaneling his grand jury for the March term Monday, charged that body to look into purported violations of various laws he later named, and, whether they found evidence to support indictments or not, to make recommendations that might be used by the public in efforts to either have such laws enforced, changed by the legislature, or erased entirely from our statutes books. <br> Judge Patterson, it seems, was fearful that the existing flagrant violation of so many laws was leading the people in a careless disregard for any and all laws. <br> The following excerpts are from Judge Patterson's charge and recommendations to the grand jury: <br> It is not only the purpose of Grand Juries to inquire into the commission of crimes and of finding indictments against supposed offenders but also for the purpose of receiving reports and making investigations. Under our form of governiment, so far as I know Grand juries are the only official bodies whose duties are to make investigations of the matters $I \mathrm{sm}$ now about to call to your atten- tion. What I shall say is not in a spirit of unkindness towards any person or body of persons nor is personal criticism of any law or of the enforcement thereof by our peace officers, and I trust you will so consider it. I am prompted solely by a sense of my official obligation and that I would be dereliet in my duty if I failed to do so. <br> After you shall have disposed of the criminal matters before you and especially of any cases pending against parties now in jail, I wish you | would take into consideration these matters and after due deliberations determine what you think best and offer such recommendations as you deem proper. <br> First, I wish to direct your attention to the general violations of our Sunday laws and the apparent indifference of the public generally as to their enforcement. You probably have observed the news report of the sudden enforcement of what is known as the "Blue Law" in the State of Delaware. These laws have reference to what we understand as Sunday laws. This state has many similar Sunday laws to that of Delaware, the most of which are not observed. You never hear of one being indicted for breaking the Sunday laws in this State. I am inclined to believe that if indietments were found or complaints filed for the violation of such laws, it seldom if ever would there be convictions by our juries. <br> Under our statutes drug stores are exempt from the operation of our Sunday laws in so far as they sell drugs only. It is a matter of common knowledge that drug stores sell many articles of merchandise on Sunday not authorized by law. Grocery or provision stores are authorized to sell provisions before $9 o^{\circ}$ clock A. M., on Sundays but not later. My attention has been called to the fact that one or more grocery stores remain open all day Sunday. Without specially mentioning other violations of our Sunday laws of which you may be familiar I have but to call your attention to the condition | Law. Even this Court might be discovered as performing some worldy task about his home some Sundays which would be in violation of our Sunday law and thereby become "a criminal," in the sense that he violates a criminal law of this State. The indifference of the people to the observance of this law has become so apparent that it is practically as if the law did not exist. <br> I am calling your attention to faets you already know in the hope that you may offer some suggestion to overceme these conditions. My personal judgment is that if the laws are not enforced they should be repealed or amended to such an extent to make our community law abiding with respect to Sunday law. <br> There is another condition I call your attention to, and which I have done to previous Grand Juries and that is with respect to lotteries. I am inclined to believe that this law is violated unvittingly and by seme of our best citizens. My conclusion, however, is that these lotteries exist in violationf of law primarily because of the indifference of the public generally in having these laws enforced. A few months ago it was a common sight to see young boys selling chances from punch boards, in violation of lottery laws. It berame so prevalent that small school children wouid deny themselves food, using the money given by heir parents to purchase menls at school, in order to buy chances in some small lottery scheme. I ami glad to report however. this condition has apparently greatly improved. Some of our noblest inst tutions violate the law egainst lottories by selling chances on different | evening drawings supported by our local merchants. vioiates the lottery law, not only of the State but of the Federal Government. Our local theater. though under the management of fine high class citizens each Thursday night violates our lottery law in conducting what is known as its "Foto Night." <br> I doubt that even if indictments should be found or complaints filed charging violation of these lottery laws. under the conditions above suggested would be justified at this time because of the long failure to enforce them, or if one should be charged with the violation of such laws that any jury in this County would convict. <br> I am inclined to believe that these conditions encourage lawlessness and that our lottery laws should be either repealed or amended so as to guarantee their enforcement. <br> I next desire to call your attention to a condition in our County with respect to our iiquor laws. We are governed by what is known as the Local Option Law und Eastland-Ceunty has been voted dry in every sense of the word. Notwithstanding this, drug stores are authorized under the law to sell intoxicating liquors, excepting beer, in Eastland County upon prescriptions given by physicians especially authorized to issue them. <br> Beginning last year I received information from the Liquor Control Board concerning the sale of whiskey and wines by drug stores in our County whieh I feel should be passed on to you. These reports cover sales for the first, second and third quarters and for the month of October, Novetmber |
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## EASTLAND LAKES Closed Until May 1

Lakes Eastland, Ringling and Tully will be closed to all fishermen from this date to May 1, 1941. This action is taken by the City of Eastland in order to conform with the game laws which prohibit fishing during the months of March and April.

As most fishermen already know; during the months of March and April is considered the closed season, and in order to preserve the stock of fish in the Eastland lakes, it has become necessary to close them to all fishermen during these two months.
It will be the duties of the Police Department, working in conjunction with the game wardens, in seeing there will be no fishing in either of the three lakes during March and April.

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