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JURY SERVICE MONTH

Of the twelve men in the average jury box, three resent service and have tried to be excused, two others serve reluctantly, eight are losing money by it, and at least one admittedly does not know what is going on in the courtroom. But all twelve agree the jury service is of paramount importance.

What these men think as they sit on the jury was revealed in a survey made by the Texas Press Association and the State Bar of Texas in connection with a "Jury Service Month" project.

Eight of the twelve believe that women should be serving with men on Texas juries, and agree that groups which ought to be exempt are mainly doctors, lawyers, and clergymen. On this average jury panel, two men are entitled to exemptions themselves, and decline to accept them. Half the jury is between 35 and 50 years of age, two men are under 35, three are between 50 and 60, and one over 60. Each has been called for jury service about four times in five years.

Whatever they may think before serving, the survey shows that only three of the twelve find jury service unpleasant. The reasons offered for this are waste of time in the courtroom, lack of explanation of legal terms, difficulty of getting twelve men to agree, and too much intimidation on the part of the lawyers.



SYMBOLS IN THE SKY—Flying in formation, nine U.S. Far East Air Force Packets of the 315th Air Division wing over an advance airbase in Korea, from which they took off. These cargo transports are headed for a drop zone northwest of Seoul with paratroopers and combat gear in an air assault on fleeing Red troops. The two men on the ground are taking pictures. (USAF Photo from Acme.)

Secretary of State John Ben Shepperd, chairman of the Bar's American Citizenship Committee, explained that the "Jury Service Month" project is being conducted in May in an effort to reawaken the public to its responsibilities in maintaining free courts by being willing and able jurors. Shepperd stated that primary objective of the month is that no Texan will ask to be excused from jury service during May.

He pointed out that Texans who serve on juries are members of what he called "an exclusive group." Only seven percent of the more than seven million people in the state are called for jury service in a single year. Thirty percent of these are exempt by law, and 16 percent more are excused because of personal hardship. Thus less than five percent of the total population serves on the jury. Unfortunately, it was pointed out, methods of choosing jurors and public antipathy to jury service cause these few people to be called repeatedly.

Jurors who participated in the survey suggested correction of the public apathy as the principal measure to be taken in improving the present jury service system. Other suggestions were that jurors should be paid more, that jurors should be allowed to separate and return home except in capital cases, and that more instruction should be given to jurors in the process of a trial.

Questionnaires similar to those sent to laymen over Texas were sent to more than 500 county judges, county and district attorneys, and lawyers in private practice, by the American Citizenship Committee. Of the half million persons called for jury duty each year, these revealed, 115,000 ask too to be excused. Approximately 18,400 are released. Persons of the high income bracket asking to be excused outnumber all others three to one. Businessmen offer excuses most often, farmers and craftsmen next, and laborers and white collar workers least often. Most common excuses offered are pre-occupation with business, illness, and physical disability.

Methods of making jury service more attractive to the people were offered by the judges and attorneys, and included allowing for a verdict of ten men in case of the death or incapacity of one or two jurors, providing for voluntary waiver of jury in cases less than capital, and establishing pre-trial hearings to contest the legality of indictment. Some of these remedies are proposed in a bill now before the legislature.

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SOCIETY AND CLUBS

AND NEWS OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Coming Marriage Of Miss Chambliss And Mr. Altman Is Told At Brunch

Mrs. J. H. Chambliss entertained with a three course brunch at the Chambliss home in Humtown at 11 a. m. Saturday to announce the approaching marriage of Miss Marion Chambliss to F. B. Altman, Cisco and Abilene business man.

The entertaining rooms were decorated with bouquets of pansies, irises and lilies-of-the-valley, with pink snap dragons as a centerpiece for the buffet service.

Revealing the wedding date, June 3, 1951, the hostess used a small edition of the newspaper, the Town Crier, which announced the Chambliss-Altman merger that date.

Other parties are being planned in Cisco and Abilene for Miss Chambliss, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chambliss. Miss Chambliss is a graduate of Cisco High School and at the present time is on the faculty of Abilene High School.

Out-of-town guests attending the announcement party Saturday were Mrs. Kathryn S. Morrow, Mrs. Mason Altman, Mrs.

S. P. Henagan, Miss Odell Johnson, Miss Mary Baggett, Miss Myrtle Trantham, Miss Ruby Compere, Abilene; Mrs. Floyd F. Robertson, Eastland and Mrs. Everett H. Duncan, Roscoe. From Cisco were Miss Edith Altman, Myrtle Anderson, Mrs. E. L. Hazelwood, Mrs. James Moore, Mrs. Alice S. McCannies, Mrs. Evelyn Foxworth and Mrs. Willie Mae Carswell.

Lydia Class Holds Meeting Thursday

The Lydia Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. O. G. Lawson Thursday. Mrs. Russell presided during the business session. The officers of the class were re-elected. After the business session a social hour followed.

Those present were: Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Surles, Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Beene, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Heyser, Mrs. Grist, Mrs. Bollinger, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Hazel, and the hostess, Mrs. Lawson.

Miss Dolores Stewart Becomes Bride Of Mr. Glen Doggett

Miss Dolores Stewart of Breckenridge became the bride of Mr. Glen Doggett of Cisco in a double ring ceremony performed at 5 p. m. Friday at the home of the bride's parents.

The ceremony was read by the Rev. Graham, Breckenridge pastor, assisted by Father Albert, also of Breckenridge. The bride, who wore an ankle length white satin dress, was attended by Mrs. Bob Pitzer as matron of honor. The groom was attended by Mel Sandler of Cisco as best man.

Following the impressive ceremony, a reception was held at the home. The bride and groom cut a three-tiered wedding cake, which was served with frosted punch.

Mrs. Doggett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Stewart and is a native of Breckenridge. She has been office secretary of the Chamber of Commerce there for some time.

Mr. Doggett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Doggett of Austin. He is a native of Cisco and attended the high school and junior college here, playing on the football teams and taking part in various activities. He has attended the University of Texas and is an officer in the U. S. Marine Corps reserve.

Following a wedding trip to Austin and other points, Mr. and Mrs. Doggett will be at home in

OPS Grants More Time To Prepare Some Of Charts

Retailers selling consumer goods covered by Ceiling Price Regulation 7 who need more time to prepare the pricing charts required by the Regulation now have until May 30 to file their charts with the Fort Worth District Office of Price Stabilization. Even though the filing date has been extended thirty days, mer-

chants were urged by Ellis H. Boyd, District Director, to file their charts as soon as possible. Boyd explained that frequently, charts are improperly made out and must be returned for proper adjustments by the merchants.

The District Director urged businessmen having questions concerning the price charts to write the Fort Worth District Office as soon as possible. Meanwhile, until a retailer has prepared and filed his chart, his prices continue to be regulated

by the General Ceiling Price Regulation. CPR 7 was issued originally on February 27, covering apparel, furniture, lamps, floor coverings, yard goods, and other items. That regulation established a deadline of March 29 for filing pricing charts, a date which subsequently was extended to April 30 when it appeared that insufficient time had been allowed for retailers to familiarize themselves with the regulation and to prepare and file their charts.

Rev. Ralph T. Wootton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was called to Menard last Thursday to conduct a funeral.

Miss Lovell Paul, student at TWC, Fort Worth, is a weekend visitor in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Paul.

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