ORDERS PURITY SQUAD BACK INTO UNIFORM

Chief Werner Abolishes System Which Has Led to Much Complaint.

MUST NOT SEARCH BAGGAGE

Werner Tells Men They Have No Right to Look Into Suit Cases for Liquor Unless Owner Is Arrested and Taken to Station House.

Orders abolishing the so-called "purity squad" were issued last night by Major Louis Werner, Chief of Police, who again repeated a warning to members of the force to refrain from searching personal baggage without a warrant. This action was taken after a lengthy conference with Mayor George Ainslie, and was the result of numerous complaints from travelers who objected to the obnoxious attentions of certain police officers on duty at railroad stations.

All members of the "purity squad" were ordered to report to their precinct captains in uniform for regular duty. The order, however, as applies to Patrolman Harry Sweet, does not become effective until the officer completes work on a special case to which he was assigned by Major Werner. This will take several days.

Major Werner held a long conference with the Mayor yesterday afternoon in regard to the activities of the police assigned to the "purity squad." The matter was brought to a head by the complaint of Charles E. Staunton, of 2500 1-2 Kensington Avenue, who claimed that he was ordered to leave a street car after boarding it at Elba Station, and then go with an officer to the station where a tool kit was searched for contraband liquor. On finding that Mr. Staunton had no liquor, he was permitted to proceed to his home. He asserted that he was greatly humiliated by the action of the police, which was observed by many persons.

SWEET ADMITS THAT BAGGAGE WAS SEARCHED

Patrolman Sweet admitted to Major Werner that the baggage of Mr. Staunton had been searched, but asserts that no objection was made. Mr. Staunton, according to Sweet, commended the officers for their diligence in trying to make the prohibition law effective.

Major Werner was very emphatic in his instructions to members of the force in regard to searching the personal baggage of persons entering the city. After the conference with the Mayor he again took occasion to warn police officers not to exceed their legal right. The order which will be read at all roll-calls to-day is as follows:

"Numerous reports have reached me that officers of this department have searched personal baggage. There has not been an instance in which a complaint has been made at this office or to captains at stations. The men have been instructed fully along this line of duty, that they have no right to search a man's baggage, unless such man is arrested and taken to the station house.

(Signed) "LOUIS WERNER,
"Chief of Police."

The detailing of men to duty in plain clothes for the detection of certain offenses was the result of the closing of the segregated district. This squad was further increased when prohibition became effective. Such a squad has proved highly objectionable, and many complaints of the activities of the men have been made from time to time, but, according to Major Werner, none has been brought to him. Major Werner is firm in his belief that the detail has done effective work, in spite of the severe condemnation.

HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN MAKING ARRESTS

Patrolman Sweet has been one of the most active members of the squad, and has figured in many arrests. Many cases which would have failed had uniformed officers been detailed were worked up successfully by him. The activities of the men around the railroad stations, however, has not met with favor, as the capture of bootleggers has necessitated the subjection of innocent travelers to hardships and humiliation, notwithstanding the fact that some offenders have been brought to the bar of justice who would otherwise have escaped the vigilance of the police.

Sweet was greatly surprised at the complaint made by Mr. Staunton, who was detained on Saturday night while his baggage was being searched.

"I don't understand the report that this gentleman, whose name I don't know, was so offended at what we did," said the officer yesterday. "He certainly didn't show it while he was with us. On the contrary, he told us he was glad to see that we were on the job, and complimented us for our work in trying to enforce the law. The whole affair passed off just as pleasantly as it could have. I never saw a gentleman I liked better. He opened the satchel himself. After this, he smiled and asked if we didn't owe him a car ticket. I replied that we certainly did, and held out a nickel, which he took."

SAYS STAUNTON WILLINGLY OPENED SUIT CASE

Mr. Sweet explained that he was told by another officer to take a passing street car and find out about the man who had just gotten off the train at Elba with a suit case. The suit case in question was on the rear platform of the car. He asked the conductor whose it was. This official pointed to Staunton.

"After speaking to the man," said Sweet, "I asked him if he would go back to the station with me. He replied that he was the 'driest' man in Richmond, and that there was no liquor in his suit case, but expressed perfect willingness to go back. He started to pick up the suit case. I told him, however, that I would carry it for him.

"When we got back to the station, he said that he would open it himself, and did open it. There was nothing in it but tools. He was as pleasant as could be at all times, and didn't show in any way that he had taken offense. He told us, though, that he was glad we were on the job. All of us were impressed with what a nice man he was."

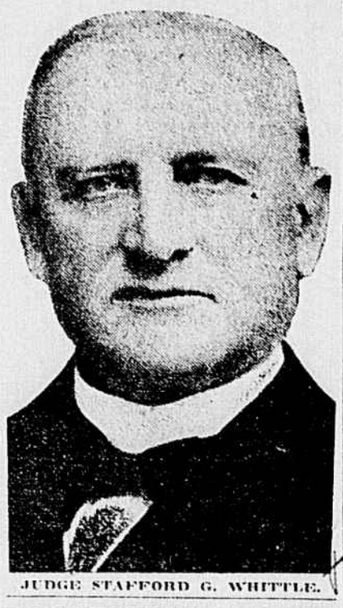
Chamber Board to Meet.

The board of directors of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce will hold its first meeting since being elected a month ago at 4:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Coleman Wortham, the president of the chamber, is expected to announce at that time the names of those appointed to serve on committees for the year.

Suit Instituted.

Suit was entered yesterday in the City Circuit Court by John T. Wilson against the W. H. Harris Grocery Company, Inc., for $1,000. No declaration was filed.

Elected President of Supreme Court



JUDGE STAFFORD G. WHITTLE.

JUDGE STAFFORD G. WHITTLE HEADS SUPREME COURT

Succeeds Judge George M. Harrison, Resigned—Judge Burks Has Not Yet Been Seated.

Judge Stafford G. Whittle, of Henry County was yesterday unanimously elected president of the State Supreme Court of Appeals by his colleagues on the bench. He succeeds in this office Judge George M. Harrison, who retired from the bench on March 1.

Professor Martin P. Burks, of Lexington, who has been appointed by Governor Stuart as Judge Harrison's successor until the vacancy is filled by the Legislature, was not present when the court convened yesterday for the spring term. It is believed that he will not sit as a member of the court during the present term, but will qualify in time to take his place on the bench for the summer term at Wytheville.

The elevation of Judge Whittle to the presidency of the State's highest tribunal was accomplished with simple ceremony. Judge Kelly, as the next ranking member in point of length of service, called upon Judge Sims and Judge Prentis in turn, each of them casting their votes for Judge Whittle in open court, as the law required. Judge Kelly then cast his own vote for the senior justice, and declared the election to be unanimous. Judge Whittle thanked his colleagues in a brief speech.

James Lewis Anderson, of the Richmond bar, presented to the court the resolutions adopted by the association on the death of John Preston Cocke, of this city, asking that they be made a part of the court's permanent record. The court directed that this be done.

ROTARIANS MAKE MERRY ON ANNUAL "LADIES' NIGHT"

Address by Former National President Russell Greiner Is Followed by Music and Dancing.

For the fourth time in as many years the Richmond Rotary Club devoted itself last night to feasting, dancing and light-hearted enjoyment on the occasion of "Ladies' Night." The annual function was held in the ballroom of the Richmond Hotel with an attendance of 241.

Stunts performed at the instigation of a committee headed by J. T. Palmatary played a prominent part in the entertainment. Among the numbers on the bill was the singing of "Little Annie Rooney," "How Dry I Am" and other ballads by a quartet composed of William H. Adams, John Bagby, B. W. Wilson and J. T. Palmatary. Each couple was provided with a box of souvenirs containing an assortment of seriously useful and comically useless articles, and each woman was given a valuable prize.

Music was furnished by Mrs. W. R. Reinhardt, Mrs. Thomas Whittet, Joseph Whittemore and Howard D. Bryant, accompanied by W. Kirk Mathews. An orchestra played, and after the banquet there was dancing.

Russell Greiner, of Kansas City, Mo., former president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs of North America, delivered the address of the evening. Alvin M. Smith, the president of the Richmond club, introduced him.

"I was born of Virginia parents in the banner Republican County of Ohio," said Mr. Greiner. "I used to suppose when I was young that good Democrats, when they died, would go to the Old Dominion."

"A member of this organization should be the most efficient, the most reliable, the most unselfish and the most honest man in his particular line of business in the whole community. The true Rotarian is the man who has succeeded in eliminating the ego from his worship. Rotary has taught me that service is the true basis of all honest business, all orderly society and all true religion."

G. Peter Jones was chairman of the committee which had charge of "Ladies' Night." The other members of the committee were Preston Belvin, Ralph A. Bieswanger, Howard D. Bryant, Howard W. Hall, W. Lee Joel, J. T. Palmatary, Charles G. Taylor, Jr. and Dr. W. H. Street.

STEAMER IS RAISED

Vessel Sunk in Dock in December Is Floated—May Claim Damages.

The steamship Admiral, owned by the Merchants' Line, which was sunk in the City Dock on December 26, 1916, has been raised, according to a report made to the Administrative Board yesterday by City Engineer Bolling.

It was complained that the vessel was stranded by the lowering of the water in the dock without notice to the owners, and that the steamer was damaged by being grounded.

Captain Thomas Cunningham, of the city tug, who witnessed the salvaging, stated that if any damage were done it was caused by the chains used in raising the vessel to the water's level.

Increase in Revenue.

Revenues of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company for the month of January aggregated $372,771, showing an increase of $96,155 over the same month of last year, according to figures made public yesterday. Expenses for the month increased $60,293 over last January, with the net operating revenues totaling $159,263, an increase of $35,360 over the same month of last year.

HOWITZERS ARE NOW ON HOMEWARD TRAIL

Captain Myers Telegraphs Times-Dispatch Battery Entrained Yesterday Afternoon.

SHOULD GET HERE SATURDAY

Good News Enlivens Meeting of Association Called to Perfect Plans for Reception of Returning Artillerymen—Jones Succeeds Wilson.

News that the Richmond Howitzers had started on their homeward trip was received last night by the Richmond Howitzers' Association while that organization was holding a meeting to perfect plans for the reception to the active battery on its return from San Antonio. The artillerymen, according to a telegram from Captain William M. Myers, left Camp Wilson at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and will probably reach here on Saturday or Sunday.

Final plans were discussed for welcoming the Howitzers home. The association, through its committees, has everything in readiness, and little remains to be done. The interior of the armory has even been decorated.

The meeting was a combination business and social session, former members of the Howitzers being the guests of the association at a smoker. During intervals between business, stirring music was played by the Howitzers' band of thirty pieces. Following the business session, refreshments were served, and several quartet numbers were sung. Patriotic numbers predominated.

Thirty new members were received into the association. Among those accepted for membership is W. H. Lipscombe, who was one of the organizers of the Howitzers in 1859. Mr. Lipscombe is eighty-three years old. He helped organize the battery, and went with it to Harpers Ferry during the John Brown raid, serving nineteen days there. Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, Major Henry C. Carter and Charles Poindexter are other wartime Howitzers who are charter members of the association. Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson was present at the meeting, and made a short talk.

Ben W. Wilson, who was elected vice-president of the association, tendered his resignation on account of other private and civic duties which fully occupy his time. Fairfax C. Jones was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

Captain Myers, in a telegram to The Times-Dispatch, said:

"Howitzers entrained at Camp Wilson at 1:30 o'clock. Left San Antonio at 4 o'clock, with 128 men and nine officers. Colonel Mann S. McClosky, U. S. A., who commanded the regiment in which Howitzers served, is accompanying us to Richmond. All are well and happy at the idea of being headed homeward."

BATTERIES WILL GO TO THEIR HOME STATIONS

In addition to the Howitzers, three other batteries of field artillery from this State are headed homeward. The batteries are the Norfolk Blues, Grimes Battery and Battery D, from Norfolk, Portsmouth and Hampton, respectively. The batteries will go directly to their home stations to be mustered out. Each will bring thirty-two horses home for permanent duty.

The troops will arrive here over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, which means that they may not get here until Sunday, on account of the route to be taken. The train with the Howitzers will be parked at Seventeenth and Broad Streets, where the men will detrain and unload their equipment. Horses will be provided and a mounted parade will be held. The route of march has not been yet selected.

PLAN WELCOME FOR SIGNAL CORPS

Plans for a reception to the Richmond Signal Corps on its return from duty in Texas were discussed yesterday afternoon at a meeting held at the home of Miss Grace Fritzsche, 804 Monterio Avenue. Mothers and friends of the organization were present. Nothing definite was done, owing to the uncertainty as to the homecoming of the company. Preliminary plans for the welcome, however, were laid, and means of financing it discussed.

USING AUTOMOBILES

Justice Ricks Takes Cases of Schoolboys Under Advisement—Many Car Owners Complain.

J. Hoge Ricks, Justice of the Juvenile Court, has taken under advisement the cases of six boys charged with taking automobiles without permission. The arrests were made by Patrolmen Holt and Waller. The boys are as follows: William Crow, 2804 Semmes Avenue; John Buck, 2024 Floyd Avenue; Edward Eppes, 321 North Eleventh Street; Thomas Pleasants, 405 East Cary Street; S. B. Bruton, 224 South Third Street, and William Lewis, 506 East Franklin Street.

Large Audience Hears Dr. Flinn.

To an audience that packed the large auditorium of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church last night, Rev. R. O. Flinn, D. D., of Atlanta, preached on the text, "If the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?" The revival services conducted by Dr. Flinn are marked by simplicity and power and are entirely free from sensationalism. The text of the sermon this evening will be "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" The meetings will continue until Sunday night.

Fire Board to Meet.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Routine business is to be taken up, and the board will also consider the apparent reduction of the number of firemen in the budget now before the City Council.

Loafers Barred From Police Court.

Police Court presented a deserted appearance yesterday morning, due to the fact that uniformed officers prevented those without business from entering the room. The elimination of the customary gallery was caused by the introduction of a resolution in the Common Council calling upon the Police Justice to enforce the ordinance in regard to unnecessary crowding.

Market Baskets May Come by Post

Rural Community League Takes Up Suggestion of Postmaster Thornton, of Richmond.

The publication in The Times-Dispatch on Sunday of the suggestion of Postmaster Hay T. Thornton that city consumers and their cousins in the country, who produce things for the table, get in touch with each other by parcel post bore fruit yesterday in the receipt by Mr. Thornton of a letter from W. H. Dorin, owner of a farm at Clover, Halifax County, in which are contained some practical suggestions as to carrying out the plan.

Mrs. Dorin is president of the Rural Community Club, members of which, Mr. Dorin writes, are anxious to cooperate with the Richmond housewives in their efforts to supply their tables at reasonable prices. To this end, Mr. Dorin has suggested to his wife that she lay before the club his plan of making up market baskets, to weigh about twenty pounds and filled with garden products in season, eggs and poultry. This, he figures, would be worth about $2 at city quotations, and he suggests that they send it direct to the consumer by parcel post for a nominal figure, enough to compensate them for their trouble.

"In this way," says Mr. Dorin, "it will enable the country woman to get something for her garden labor and the city woman to get absolutely fresh vegetables, poultry, eggs and butter. I would suggest that they try to supply families that desire this basket at least once a week."

The Rural Community Club holds a meeting on Saturday, and Mr. Thornton will write before that time giving suggestions. He has in his office a list of producers which he will be glad to show any Richmond housewife who wishes to deal directly with the producer by parcel post.

WILL TEACH LIP READING

Night High School to Organize Class if Enough Deaf People Apply.

If there are as many as fifteen partially deaf persons in Richmond who desire instructions in lip reading, according to the city school authorities, a class will be formed at once in the John Marshall Night High School. Training such as is offered in the State institutions for the deaf will be given without cost. The class will meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights. After taking the course, it is said, the pupil will be able to understand ordinary conversation without difficulty. The school authorities have the opportunity to secure a woman of high training to teach the Mueller-Walle method of lip reading. Those who desire to join the class may apply to W. C. Locker, principal of the night school.

West Is Acquitted.

R. W. West, an employee of the British-American Tobacco Company, was dismissed in Police Court yesterday on a charge of accosting girls leaving the factory. West on Saturday was fined $25 and costs and noted an appeal. The case was reopened at the request of Patrolman Curtis, who made the arrest.

Charged With Theft of Whisky.

L. C. McDowell, of 1207 Scott Street, was arraigned in Police Court yesterday charged with the theft of a quart of whisky from the Southern Express Company, for which he was a driver. The case was continued until March 14.

CHIEF DEFICIENCY OF SCHOOLS IS MONEY

Dr. J. A. C. Chandler Tells Tuesday Club Fundamentals Are Not Neglected for Fads and Frills.

Money is the chief deficiency of the Richmond city school system, according to the superintendent, Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, in his address on "The Needs of the Public Schools," delivered yesterday at the meeting of the Tuesday Club of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association.

The superintendent stated that the average appropriation for school purposes in American cities was 33 per cent of the total revenue, while in Richmond it was considerably less than that. Although the expenditure for schools has increased in an encouraging degree, he said the city was still behind. In order to provide adequately for the expanding population, a more generous budget was indispensable.

The schools were the biggest factor in the life of Richmond, the superintendent told his audience. For six hours a day, five days a week, one-sixth of the population was in school. The high cost of the educational system was natural, he said, in view of the great number touched by it.

Dr. Chandler defended the Richmond system from the criticism that the fundamentals of education were neglected in order that fads and frills might be introduced. The "three Rs" were stressed in the Richmond schools now as always, said the superintendent. To meet the requirements of all classes of people, however, various supplementary subjects were taught. The object of the schools was to provide for the needs of all pupils, and no course had been started until there had been a demand for it.

JONES IS MADE PRESIDENT

Stockholders of Old Dominion Beverage Corporation Elect Officers and Directors.

At a stockholders' meeting of the Old Dominion Beverage Corporation held yesterday at 00 Broad Street, the following were elected officers and directors:

Simon P. Jones, president; Clyde W. Saunders, vice-president; H. C. Cofer, secretary-treasurer, and the following directors: Simon P. Jones, Clyde W. Saunders, Dr. Charles V. Carrington, T. Gray Haddon, A. T. Griffith, F. L. McConnell, S. P. Waddill, all of Richmond; R. S. Barbour, of South Boston, and Walter Wilson, of Milford.

The company was organized to sell non-alcoholic drinks. Complete absence of alcohol from the beverages to be made by this company seems to be assured by the presence on the directorate of a former president and present treasurer of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

Illegally Transporting Liquor.

James Wesley Kemp, C. H. Nichols, Frank Smith and Arthur Williams pleaded guilty yesterday in the Hustings Court to the charge of illegally transporting ardent spirits into the State, and each was fined $50 and sentenced to thirty days in jail.

Henry Holt and Daniel McNeil, colored, charged with illegally transporting liquor into Richmond, were tried before a jury, and both were acquitted.

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