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MR. FORMAN QUALIFIES

Residents of Trenton will not be the only ones to welcome the suggestion that, if two new Federal judgeships are created in this district, Philip Forman, United States District Attorney, might well be honored with appointment to the bench.

Mr. Forman's record as attorney for the government has been altogether exemplary. It has been attended by marked efficiency of organization, keen understanding of the law and vigorous administration of the criminal code.

The high regard in which Mr. Forman is held throughout this community attests to his personal qualifications for judicial honors. It is a legitimate commentary upon a noteworthy legal and civic career to observe that no designation could win greater approbation in Trenton and vicinity, nor, for that matter, in the State at large.

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Federal Jurist Quickly Disposes of Hundred Defendants—Some Trentonians

Judge Bourquin moved w... machine-like precision today ... dispos-ing of the largest nu... day in the ... of cases ever to be heard in ... Court. United States Di... ses, the majority More than ... uor law violations, by far be... attention and were came ... udge Bourquin by noon. hand... proceed," he said briskly ... s dashed here and there in ... efforts to keep up with the swift ... of the Court.

The courtroom was so crowded that some of the witnesses and defendants were forced to stand on the window ledges. A score of prohibition agents parked on the stairs leading to the fourth floor and awaited their calls.

One Trentonian was fined, another pleaded guilty and will be sentenced later, a third pleaded not guilty, and six failed to appear. Bench warrants were issued for the latter.

Five of the eight men, who were found guilty by Judge Bourquin yesterday in an opinion in which he stated America was the most criminal country on earth, were fined and sentenced to serve terms in jail. The others will appear later for sentence.

Frederic M. P. Pearse and George Sommer, counsel for the men, immediately asked for a stay of sentence in order to appeal the case to a higher court. Judge Bourquin granted the request.

The defendants, charged with beer-running on Jersey highways, were sentenced as follows: William Clarkson, Elizabeth, four months in jail and $400 fine; Otto Grunwald, Elizabeth, 100 days in jail and $300 fine; Edward Moore, Elizabeth, four months and $400 fine; Frank Burkis, Perth Amboy, four months and $400 fine; John Strogan, Perth Amboy, three months and $300 fine.

Morris Gordon, of Atlantic City, charged with concealing smuggled liquor, who was found guilty in another opinion handed down yesterday, was sentenced to serve four months in jail and to pay a fine of $400.

Alfred Monti, of 463 Whittaker Avenue, Trenton, was fined $125 on a charge of possession of liquor. He was represented by Joseph Felcone.

Michael Cammo, of 426 Elmer Street, pleaded guilty to liquor law violations, and will be sentenced later. John Notro, of 734 Roebling Avenue, Trenton, pleaded not guilty in the same case, and Anthony Scanella, of 437 Lamberton Street, failed to appear. A bench warrant was issued for him.

Bench warrants also were issued for Dominick DiMaco, 251 North Clinton Avenue; John DeRosse, 211 Hudson Street; Edward Mitchell, 17 Houghton Avenue; Michael Grucia, Allentown, and Dominick Panzetti, 111 Dickinson Street.

Hyman Kramer and Benjamin M. Kramer, of Philadelphia, charged with operating a "wild cat" brewery in Camden, were each sentenced to serve six months in jail and to pay a joint fine of $1,000.

At one point in the cases the Court became incensed when dry agents failed to appear.

"Where are those agents?" he demanded.

"They're up in the fourth floor," replied Agent Jacobus.

"Have you got them stowed away in filing cabinets?" demanded the Court. "Why are they being secluded?"

The dry agent could not explain.

Mrs. Ida Wrubel, of Elizabeth, was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail and to pay a fine of $100 for liquor law violations. The Court then suspended the jail term and placed her on probation for five years. Her husband, Louis, however, did not fare as well. He was sentenced to serve 30 days and to pay a fine of $150.

"You can use that sentence as a figurative club for your husband the next time he wants you to help out in this business," the court warned her.

The fines totaled more than $11,000.

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Runyon Death Puts Burden of Crowded Calendar on Three

Forman Mentioned for Bench Should Congress Create Additional Places

TRANSFERS EASE STRAIN

Judges Sent From Other States To Assist In Clearing Court Congestion

The New Jersey Federal Court could well employ two additional judges, it was said in local legal circles yesterday, due to the crowded docket and a scarcity of available jurists from other districts.

Phillip Forman

The criminal calendar alone, it was felt, needs the attention of two judges. The last term of the Grand Jury resulted in the return on an average of 99 indictments, a week, and a good many of those indicted have not yet been tried.

U. S. District Attorney Phillip Forman was mentioned prominently yesterday as a likely candidate for one of the additional Federal judgeships necessary according to local lawyers.

It was pointed out that in the past year there have been two visiting judges holding court here who came from Pennsylvania, and one each from Ohio, South Carolina, Georgia, and Montana.

BURDEN GROWS

Judge George Bourquin, now sitting at Trenton, is from Montana, and when he goes back to his home court at the completion of the November team here an additional load will be placed on the regular U. S. judges in this district.

Judge Guy L. Fake, Judge John Boyd Avis, and Judge William Clark will have to handle the entire calendar, which includes criminal cases and cases in law and equity.

Since no vacancy was created with the death Monday of Federal Judge Runyon, there will be no appointment of a successor.

NEED SPECIAL LAW

Special legislation by Congress will be required if the two new judgeships here are to be created, and that was thought improbable by court attaches.

A resolution offering condolences to the family of the late Judge Runyon will be drafted by a co... mittee of Federal grand j... appointed yesterday at the s... session of the group in th... Office building. Services f... Runyon will be held tomor... noon from his home in ...

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Declares Police Should Be Given Fair Treatment By Public

America is the most criminal country on earth, its laws are the most poorly enforced and justice here is most weakly administered. Federal Judge George M. Bourquin made this astounding declaration today in connection with the filing of an opinion in which he found eight men guilty of liquor law violations. The treatment of police officers, the judge added, contributes largely to this situation.

It was the most bitter and lashing opinion Judge Borquin has handed down since he was brought here from Butte, Montana, to aid in clearing the criminal dockets.

"Their own merits," he declared in reference to police officers and prohibition agents, "the administration of justice and the best interests of society demand that fair treatment for officers of the law which the President has asked."

The police, he emphasized, are all that stands betwen organized society and anarchy. Swinging from Cato and other classicists, the court utilized a phrase from Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta to bring out the dire condition of the police today.

"It is true that a policeman's life is not a happy one," he stated, "and nobody loves the officers who enforce the law and keep the peace. To hector and abuse, to excite suspicion and prejudice, to handicap, intimidate, discourage and defeat the officers of the law is the first line of defense of the criminals and unhappily popular with much if not most others."

Beer-Running Involved

His comment came at the close of a lengthy opinion in which he reviewed the cases of eight men who were charged with beer-running on State highways.

He denied the objections of Frederic M. P. Pearse and George M. Sommer, of Newark, each of whom represented three cases, and ordered the defendants to appear in Federal Court here tomorrow for sentence.

And tomorrow is Friday the 13th.

The defendants are George Rogers and Calajoo Piazza, of Scranton, Pa.; Frank Burkis, of 391 Lawrence Street,

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Perth Amboy; Peter Starr, of 436 Church Street, Newark; John Strogan, 358 Jeffries S... Perth Amboy; William Cl... 415 Maple Avenue, Elizabe... Moore, 72 ... Elizabeth, and ... Grove Street, ...

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to divert attention from themselves by putting the officers on trial.

"In these days, that is the favorite Volstead Prohibition, or at least indoor sport of Old John Barleycorn. "A great lover of the Fourth and Fifth Amendments is Old John. He has become (God help us) the principal champion of them.

"In forty years of bench and bar the writer has never known an innocent man to appeal to the unreasonable search and seizure clause of the Constitution. That is true of the cases in general. But now, constantly and vociferously, does Old John invoke and demand its vindication in his behalf.

"It was designed to be a shield of defense for the innocent; Old John has converted it to a spear of aggression for the guilty. And the amount of judicial sanction his arrogance has received, is one of the most shocking and alarming developments of the prohibition experiment."

Regarding the treatment of officers Judge Bourquin said:

"So far has this been carried in and out of c...rt that the President of the nation has been constrained to appeal for justice for the police. Prohibition and other Federal agents are national police. And the police are all that stand between organized society and anarchy.

"If America is the most criminal country on the earth (and it is), if the laws herein are most poorly enforced, justice most weakly administered (and they are) the aforesaid reprehensible treatment of officers of the law is a large contributing cause.

"Their own merits, the administration of justice and the best interests of society demand that fair treatment for officers of the law which the President asked."

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Cost Explained By Pennington

Going After Big Fellow Accounts for Fewer Arrests, He Says

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Commander John D. Pennington's explanation today for the fact that dry cases in his territory were fewest per agent yet the most expensive in the United States was that it costs more to "go after the big fellow."

The administrator for the prohibition district covering New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware maintained that although statistics for the fiscal year revealed only an average of sixteen cases per agent for the area his method of enforcement was efficient.

"If we raid a big brewery and fifty agents are required," said Commander Pennington, "each agent can lay claim to only two per cent of resulting arrests. However, we probably are cutting the source of supply of 5,000 speakeasies. That one raid would accomplish more than hundreds on small speakeasies.

"On large raids we must use many men and perhaps scout around for weeks in advance getting the necessary information. This brings about the high average for each arrest."

According to Colonel Amos W. W. Woodcock, director of prohibition, the cost for the district last year was $951,379 or an average cost per case of $321.

Got Off Easier in October.

Special to the NEWARK NEWS.

WASHINGTON—Lighter jail sentences and fines marked the prosecution of federal dry law violators in the New Jersey district courts in October, compared with September, a report issued today by Colonel Amos W. W. Woodcock, director of prohibition enforcement, shows.

New Jersey scofflaws in October drew jail sentences averaging 57.4 days and average fines of $233.11, compared with 125 days and $263.71 average penalties in September. Arrests in October were eighty-three, compared with 108 in September.

Seizures of beer and liquor also fell below those of the preceding month. In September 76,357 gallons of beer and 15,888 gallons of liquor were seized, compared with 50,390 gallons of beer and 12,032 gallons of liquor in October.

Last month's court report, however, shows 196 persons convicted of dry law violation, thirteen of this number after jury trials and 183 after entering pleas of guilty. In September 110 were convicted.

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He was arrested by Federal inspectors, who occupied a station along the river, not far from where Shipp tried to ship his corn across the stream.

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One-Day Term

Judge Bourquin, in Federal Court today, penalized a man who had committed perjury in order to obtain his naturalization papers.

The defendant, Albert Nelson, of Margate City, was fined $250 and sentenced to serve one day in jail. Nelson, defended by Ernest S. Glickman, of Trenton, had declared to Government examiners that he had n... ...crime. An ...

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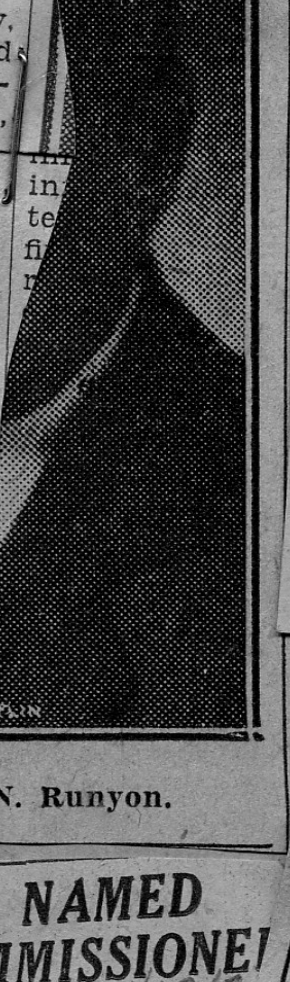

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Mrs. Runyon and five sons ... daughters were at the bedside whe... William H. Anthony pronounced ...

Court bench in this ... States ... President Harding in ... under a statute and ... constitutional officer. His ... therefore, does not create a va... cancy and as far as is known, additional legislation will be necessary before a successor can be appointed. At the time of his appointment the other judges were Rellstab, Lynch and Bodine. The present three are Judges Clark, Fake and Avis. Judges from other states have been sitting here during Judge Runyon's illness.

Runyon dead. The children are Jane, Florence and William N. Jr., and Paul and James, the latter two being adopted. A brother, Carroll Runyon, was present also.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. ... E. Vicars Stevenson of Grace Epis... ...officiate. Burial will ...

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