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JUSTICE AS SERIOUS WORK

Judge John Boyd Avis and United States Attorney Phillip Forman have taken occasion to commend the Federal Grand Jury which has concluded its labors after having been in session since September. And the commendation is in no wise misplaced. In point of energetic work in behalf of justice, this jury has indeed set an admirable example.

Working two days a week instead of one, the body established a record for the Federal district, handing down no less than 99 indictments in a single week and displaying an unprecedented of industry.

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WRIGHT, RIGHT OR WRONG, GIVES JUDGE AND LAWYERS CHANCE FOR PUNS IN FEDERAL LIQUOR CASE

Trenton Times 11/27/31

Wright proved to be wrong, or at least, indefinite, in the United States District Court today, and resulted in a veritable barrage of puns in which Judge Avis, United States Attorney Forman and Frederick M. P. Pearse, counsel for a liquor law violator, all took an active part.

"My client George Wright bears no alias," declared Pearse." The indictment calls for Charles Wright."

"Wright seems to be wrong," murmured the Court.

"Right or wrong," declared Forman, "Wright is right."

"Wright is wrong," maintained Pearse with some show of anger. "My client has never been indicted."

"Well, then," said Forman, "We'll get another indictment in which we'll prove that Wright is right."

"He's Wright but he seems to be wrong," said the Court smiling.

"We have a right to prove that he's Wright," continued Forman. "I'll get the indictment tomorrow. I'll get it right away. That's easy."

"Everything was alright until you got here and then it became all wrong," said the Court to Pearse.

"But he's never been called," answered Pearse. "He's never been indicted. We have a right . . ."

The Court raised his hand to prevent a further outbreak, saying:

"That's right!"

The case was laid over until an investigation separates the wrong Wright from the right Wright.

Cites Raiders of Old Hensler Plant

Newark News 11/24/31

Judge Directs Them to Show Why They Should Not Be Restrained

Commander John D. Pennington, prohibition administrator; Lewis J. Tutt, deputy administrator, and United States District Attorney Phillip Forman were directed today by Federal Judge Fake to show cause Monday why they should not be restrained from interfering at the plant of the Superior Manufacturing Company, 71-73 Wilson avenue. The plant is the old Hensler Brewery, which was raided recently by prohibition agents.

Sidney Simandl, counsel for the company, obtained the order. A suit was filed in connection with the raid in behalf of Harry E. Weber, president; Matthew A. Golden, vice president, and Fred Knierieman, secretary-treasurer of the company. In this action it is charged that Pennington, Tutt and Gustave J. Simon made an unlawful raid, used sledge hammers and other tools and tore up the place, but saw no violation of the law.

It is charged there was no search warrant, no probable cause and that the Fourth and Fifth amendments had been violated. Since the raid, it was alleged, the government has refused to allow these men in the place.

They asked a temporary injunction against interfering, removing or destroying anything at the plant. They also requested that all evidence obtained be suppressed.

Newark News 12/31/31

Padlock Given Hensler "Drop

Action on Alyea St. Gara... to Be Appealed—Court Shields Raider

Federal Judge Clark today granted padlock on the Alyea street gara... which the government contends w... the beer drop of the Hensler Brewe... No dissent was put in but Harry Gro... man, defense counsel, who opposed t... application for the padlock, will ta... an appeal to the United States Circ... Court.

At the trial yesterday, Grossman a... tempted to learn the home address of... Philadelphia prohibition agent who... he was cross-examining. Judge Cla... ruled that the agent did not have ... reveal his street address.

In sustaining the government's o... jection to the question, Judge Cla... said he recalled the killing of a pr... hibition agent by racketeers while ... raid was in progress. The court referred to the shooting of John G. Finiello September 19, 1930, while leading a raiding party on the Rising Sun Brewery in Elizabeth. Judge Clark added that a certain protection should be thrown around agents.

On cross-examination of Walter Parks, the agent, Grossman asked the witness his place of residence. After Parks had replied he lived in Philadelphia, Grossman inquired his street address. To this question there was an objection by United States District Attorney Phillip Forman and Samuel Cohen, prohibition legal adviser.

"If you have anything against this agent," said Judge Clark, "state it now."

"At this time I do not think I am compelled to disclose my case," said Grossman. "I desire to ascertain the address for the purpose of making an investigation of the agent."

The owner of the brewery—the Lebos Holding Company—alleges the garage was operated by John C. Bowman. Prohibition agents have been unable to locate Bowman to make service in the padlock proceedings. The alleged beer drop was seized October 27 after prohibition agents alleged they captured a truck containing 112 half-barrels of beer leaving the garage.

For U.S. Judge

12/22/31 Paterson News.

PHILIP FORMAN

Federal attorney recommended for new post urged by tri-state bar group.

Boost Forman For Proposed U.S. Judgeship

Legal Group Hears Vitriolic Attack on Bar "Parasites"

BY PRESIDENT

Immediate need for an additional federal judge, for the congested courts in New Jersey, was stressed in a resolution adopted by the Federal Bar Association of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and the support of the association was pledged to United States Attorney Philip Forman if the judgeship post is created.

Annual Supper

The resolution was adopted at the annual "Yuletide supper" of the association held in New York and presided over by Henry Ward Beer, president of the association.

Representatives of the legal division of everey branch of the department of justice in the three states attended the supper.

President Beer was the princi-

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...ney' renders legal opinions for pay on all questions of contracts and torts that may bother an inventor."

Mr. Beer declared that the use of the word lawyer, or lawyers, should be prohibited when used in connection with any corporate title such as "Lawyers' Title Company.

Mr. Beer paid his respects to "lawyers in Congress and in the State Legislatures" who have been the "mouthpieces of schemes to further destroy the people's rights to have only lawyers practice law."

"The last thing a bar association does is to protect the legal rights of its members," Mr. Beer said, in explaining how these "parasites" flourish. "The most active and

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Judge Runyon, senior member of the New Jersey district bench, died yesterday after a protracted illness. His position, created by special act of Congress shortly after enactment of the prohibition laws, passed out of existence with his death.

CALENDAR CONGESTED

Noting the congestion of the federal calendar during the last eighteen months, members of the legal profession in the State express the opinion that not only Judge Runyon's position should be recreated but an additional judgeship should be provided as well. At present there are three permanent judges.

Although speculation on a successor has been subjugated to the need for congressional action, precedent has brought forward the name of Philip Forman, United States district attorney. Forman was appointed in 1928 after serving five years as an assistant.

OTHERS MENTIONED

Names of other members of the legal profession arising in discussion of a successor included William B. Knight of Camden, formerly speaker of the Assembly; Senator Albert R. McAllister of Bridgeton, Judge Walter L. Hetfield Jr. of Plainfield, member of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, and former Judge Robert Carey, Republican leader of Jersey City.

The position carries a salary of $10,000 a year and the term is for life.