

Larger Forces Welcome Here

Jersey Federal Court Aids Approve Taft Suggestion of More Funds

Newark *Oct. 1929*
Additional funds to expedite the work of the Federal Courts as recommended by the judicial conference of senior circuit judges Saturday in Washington would be welcomed in New Jersey by United States District Attorney Philip Forman and George T. Cranmer, clerk of the courts.

The recommendation was disclosed in a report by Chief Justice Taft which pointed to a serious shortage of competent help in the offices of the federal clerks, marshals and district attorneys, interfering with the prompt disposition of the business of the courts.

Mr. Forman said today there was lack of accommodations in his Trenton office where sixteen employees are located in a very small space. He pointed out he had eight assistant district attorneys, whose salaries average about \$2,000 and who, because of the meager salary, cannot be expected to devote all of their time to the work. It is Mr. Forman's opinion he should have the assistance of full time men.

Mr. Forman said that when Assistant District Attorney Arrowsmith draws indictments he must go to the Trenton office because there is no place for such work at the Newark office.

Mr. Cranmer said his division was cramped for space and that he could use two more clerks in the Newark office, one more in Trenton and one in Camden. Fees received in connection with the preparation of naturalization papers would more than pay the salary of an additional man here, Mr. Cranmer said.

Mr. Cranmer said also that Washington recently directed him to prepare statistical information which will necessitate going back to 1793. This assignment, he asserted, will take months to complete.

Dry Agents Get Two Beer Cars

Seizure at Railroad Yard Here Follows One at Port Morris

Newark *10/7/29*
Two carloads of beer shipped into this state from the West were seized last night and today by federal prohibition agents. The seizure last night was at Port Morris and today's car was taken in the Central Railroad freight yards in Lawrence street, this city. The seizures were part of the campaign against sources of beer being conducted by William J. Calhoun, New Jersey administrator. The car seized today was filled with half-barrels of high powered beer.

The seizure at Port Morris was that of a Lehigh Valley car, in which there were 240 barrels, which was being switched to the Lackawanna.

The supply was intended for Paterson consumption, but instead was carted in three trucks by the prohibition officials to the Eagle warehouse in Newark. The shipment had been shunted about the state to throw off the prohibition agents.

Walter E. Brown, assistant administrator in charge of enforcement, is investigating the shipments but no arrests have been made.

The agents today seized a 500-gallon still on the farm of Samuel Negro of Berkeley Heights and arrested Frank Nicosi of New York City. The agents found eighty-two 200-gallon barrels of mash and forty-five gallons of alcohol.

Brewery Men Held On Permit Charge

Conspiracy Charge Against Five Arrested in Passaic Raid Dismissed

Newark *10/7/29*
Five defendants, arrested in a raid at the plant of the Vandevere Ice & Cereal Products Co. in Passaic, August 7, were held for the grand jury in \$2,500 bail each by United States Commissioner A. L. Friedmann today on a charge of violating a permit and possessing beer of unlawful alcoholic content. A charge of conspiracy against the men was dismissed.

The brewery held a permit to make near-beer. Whether this permit will be revoked will be determined by Prohibition Administrator William J. Calhoun after a study of the case has been made by L. J. Koters, legal adviser of the department.

The defendants are William Vandevere, president; Fred Herbisch, Paul Kramm, and William Klink, all of Passaic, and John Gatusic of Clifton.

Agents Edward Aaronson, Leo P. Darr, Carl V. Helsman and Walter McDonough testified at a hearing September 26 that employees of the brewery held a door closed as they sought entrance to the racking room of the brewery. Indications that beer had been dumped from the containers were referred to. Samples of the beer taken showed more than three per cent of alcohol, the agents testified.

At the hearing George M. Eichler of Hoboken, attorney for the defendants, attacked the warrants issued for two of them as illegal. The complaints, he charged, were defective as they failed to specify or name an overt act on which the conspiracy could be charged. Samuel Cohen, attorney for the prohibition unit, was permitted to amend the complaints.

FORMAN, CRANMER AGREE WITH TAFT

Trenton Times *10/9/29*
Not Enough Help to Speed U. S. Courts—Full Time Services Needed

United States District Attorney Philip Forman today voiced approval of Chief Justice Taft's recommendation that additional funds be appropriated to expedite the work of the Federal Courts.

Justice Taft, in an address before the Senior Circuit judges at Washington, declared that a marked shortage of competent help is seriously handicapping the District Courts and impeding swift disposition of the rapidly mounting court activities.

Commenting upon Justice Taft's recommendations, Mr. Forman expressed the opinion that larger salaries should be paid to his staff of eight assistants as an inducement to them to devote full time to the office. The assistant Federal attorneys receive an average salary of \$3,300 a year, an income, according to Forman, that practically forces them to devote part of their time to private law practice.

Even a reduced staff at full time, with salaries in keeping with the nature of the office, would be preferable to part-time workers at small salaries, Mr. Forman said.

Former Senator George T. Cranmer, clerk of the New Jersey Federal Courts, also endorsed Justice Taft's recommendation. Mr. Cranmer said he could use two more clerks in the Newark office and one each at the offices in Trenton and Camden.

NOMINATION OF AVIS RATIFIED BY SENATE

Trenton Times *10/29*
(Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The nomination of John Boyd Avis, to be United States District Judge for Southern Jersey, was confirmed yesterday by the Senate.