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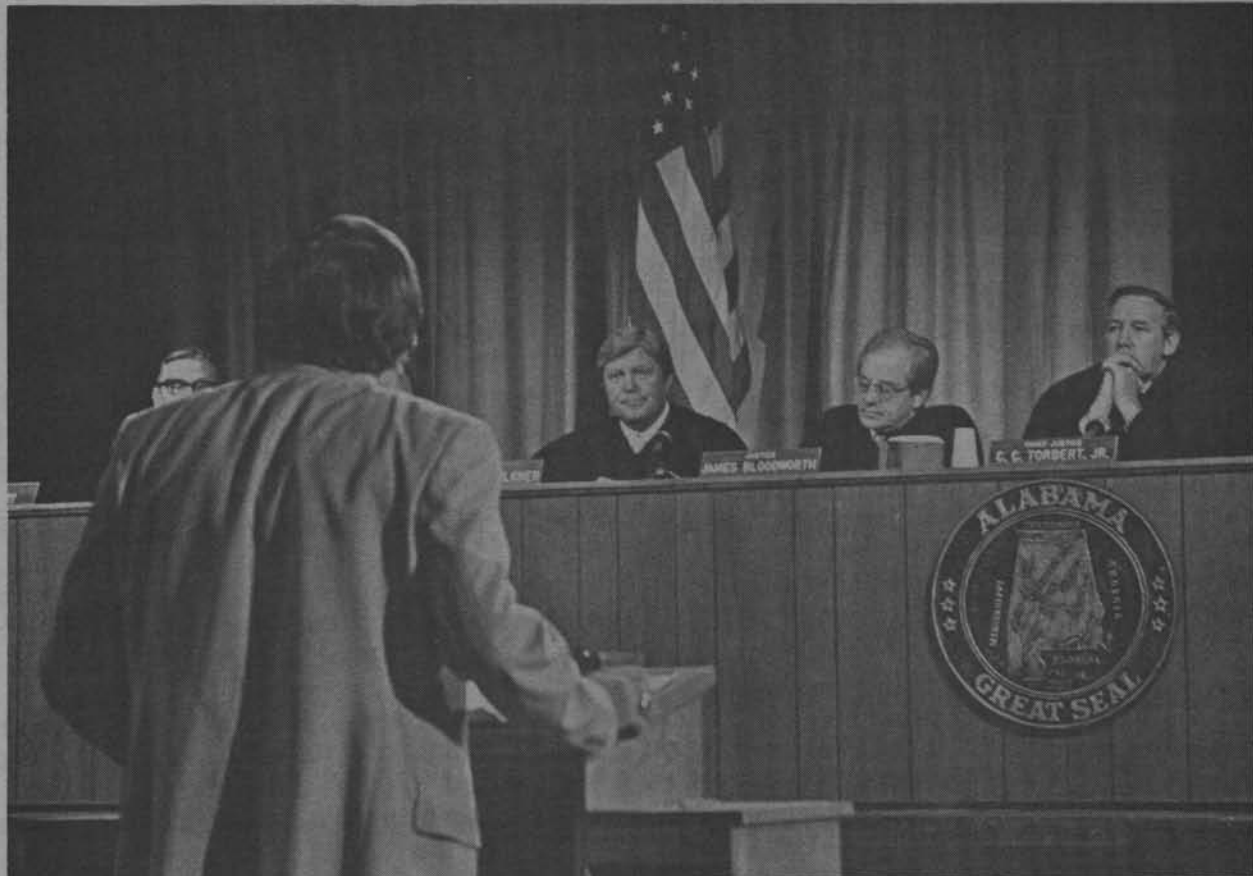
CASE AT AUBURN FILMED; JUSTICES TALK ON ROLES

"The law, just like anything else, is not a fixed thing forever, because we live in changing modern times."

This statement by Chief Justice C. C. Torbert, Jr., Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, sums up the

theme of the upcoming Alabama Public Television Network (APTN) special -- "The Supreme Court of Alabama: A Changing Constant."

The APTN special will air Wednesday, September 27, at 9:00 p.m. on WAIQ, Channel 26, Montgomery; WBIQ, Channel 10, Birmingham; WCIQ, Channel 7, Cheaha Park; WDIQ, Channel 2, Dozier; WEIQ, Channel 42, Mobile;



State Supreme Court Sits at Auburn University

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WFIQ, Channel 36, Florence, WGIQ, Channel 43, Louisville; WHIQ, Channel 25, Huntsville; and WIIQ, Channel 41, Demopolis.

Taped while the Court was sitting in oral argument at Auburn University, the program will outline the procedures which take place during a Supreme Court session, explain the makeup of Alabama's court system and delve into the feelings of the Court's justices toward their roles and how they were led into a legal career.

According to Torbert, there is a certain amount of formality present during Supreme Court sessions.

"Judges in Alabama wear robes as they do in many other states and the idea is not so much a formality, it's a matter of symbolism that this is a serious matter."

Torbert notes that the Court is carefully regulated so that each side has an opportunity to have its say and the other side to respond, "but not in the sort of normal conversation that you and I think of."

"While many people think that courts are mysterious, in the olden days a court session was widely publicized and well attended by the citizenry," said Torbert.

In modern times, with fewer people going to court to watch the proceedings, the Supreme Court of Alabama decided in 1974 to hold its court at various locations around the state.

"The idea is to bring the work of the Court closer to the people so that citizens can see how the Court works and understand its functions better," said Torbert.

The special will show where the Supreme Court fits into Alabama's unified court system -- a system which has made all the state's courts subject to the same procedures and rules.

The "Supreme Court of Alabama: A Changing Constant" is a one hour special. The courtroom portion of the program was taped during oral argument on the conviction of Jerry Burkes for assault with intent to ravish.

Persons appearing on the program include: Chief Justice C. C. Torbert, Jr., Associate Justices James N. Bloodworth, Hugh Maddox, James H. Faulkner, Richard L. Jones, Reneau P. Almon, Janie L. Shores, T. Eric Embry, Samuel A. Beatty, Assistant Attorney General John B. Rucker, III (representing the state), and Attorney Larry Waites (representing Jerry Burkes).

Robert Martin of the Administrative Office of Courts assisted with production of the program.

* JUDGE KENNETH INGRAM *

* SPEAKS TO TENNESSEE *

* LEGAL FORMS COMMITTEE *

* Judge Kenneth F. Ingram recently *
* addressed the Legal Forms Committee of *
* the Tennessee Supreme Court in Nash- *
* ville. He made a presentation there on *
* August 30. *

* Judge Ingram was selected by the *
* Tennessee group because of his work as *
* chairman of the State of Alabama Judi- *
* cial Forms Analysis and Review Commit- *
* tee. Alabama Chief Justice C. C. *
* Torbert named Judge Ingram to this *
* position in January, 1978. Since that *
* time, the work of the committee has *
* drawn notice and interest from several *
* surrounding states and is rapidly *
* becoming a model system. *

* Judge Ingram is the Presiding Cir- *
* cuit Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit, *
* composed of the counties of Clay, *
* Coosa and Shelby, where he has served *
* for the past ten years. *



DEAN WATTS

DEAN OF NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE;
DIRECTOR OF OREGON JUDICIAL COLLEGE
TO PARTICIPATE AT TUSCALOOSA EVENT

ALABAMA JUDICIAL COLLEGE PROGRAM

FEATURES DEAN WATTS, MR. RUSSELL

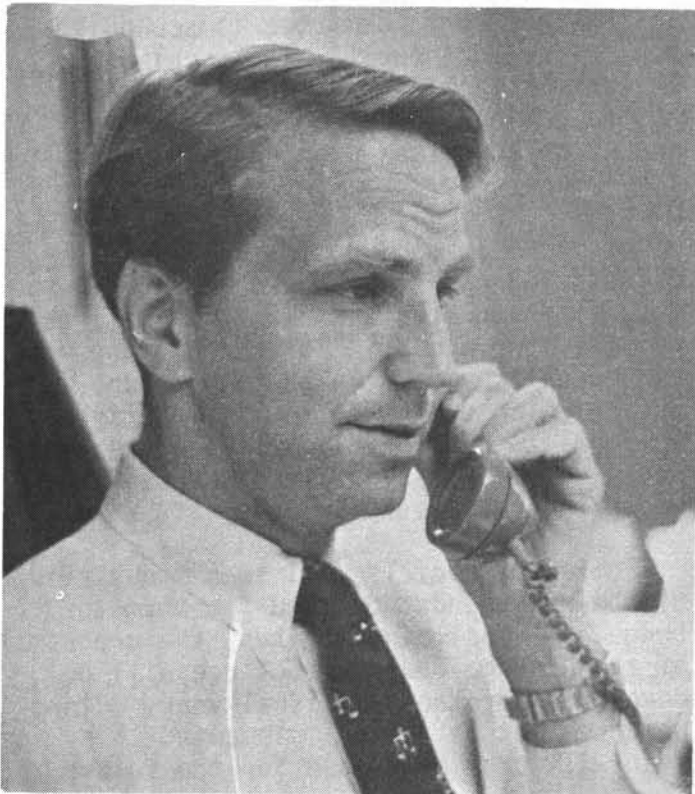
Ernst John Watts, dean of the National Judicial College and Thomas B. Russell, director of the Oregon Judicial College will be the featured speakers at the Alabama Judicial College's Orientation and Planning Conference November 2-3.

The conference will be the official opening of the Alabama college and is scheduled to be held at Farrah Hall on the University of Alabama campus in Tuscaloosa where the college is headquartered. The conference will feature an update on the progress of the college. Also included will be an orientation on teaching techniques the college may employ, the relationship of Alabama's judicial education to that on the national level and planning sessions for each group to make final recommendations to the college on conferences, seminars, and specialty courses.

Included in those invited to participate are presiding circuit judges, appellate judges, court administrators, the Alabama Judicial College Advisory Committee, the Judicial Steering Committee, the Judicial Planning Committee and the officers and education committees for the following associations: circuit judges, district judges, juvenile court judges, municipal judges, clerks and registers, court reporters, circuit judges' secretaries and district judges' secretaries.

Chief Justice Torbert, in a personal letter of invitation, urged participation in this conference which will give guidance and direction to the Alabama Judicial College.

Mr. Russell will deliver the conference's keynote address on November 2 and Dean Watts will speak on "The National



DIRECTOR RUSSELL

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Perspective of Judicial Education" at a banquet that evening.

Participants on the program in the order they will appear include: Circuit Judge Joseph D. Phelps, acting dean of the Alabama Judicial College; Dr. David Mathews, president, University of Alabama; Chief Justice C. C. Torbert; Mr. Russell; Ms. Thelma Braswell, associate dean; Frank Gregory, Montgomery court administrator; District Judge John Karrh of Tuscaloosa; Albert Copeland, attorney from Montgomery; E. C. Hornsby, attorney from Tallassee; Oakley Melton, attorney from Montgomery; Dean Watts; District Judge William H. Lumpkin, chairman, Judicial College Advisory Committee; Robert Martin, Administrative Office of Courts; Ray Jenkins, editor, The Montgomery Advertiser/Alabama Journal; Dr. Clarke Edwards, news director, WSFA-TV in Montgomery; Steve Stewart, editor, The Monroe Journal, Monroeville.

Program times for November 2 are as follows: keynote address by Mr. Thomas - 2:25 p.m.; a report from the dean of the college by Judge Phelps - 2:50 p.m.; preview of Judicial College by Ms. Braswell - 3:20 p.m.; "Jury Management - More Efficiency for the Money," a discussion by Mr. Gregory - 3:25 p.m.; "Small Claims - A Court for the People," a discussion by Judge Karrh - 3:45 p.m.; "Pre-Trial Conferences - An Aid to Case Disposition," a panel discussion by Judge Phelps, Mr. Copeland, Mr. Hornsby and Mr. Melton; "A National Perspective of Judicial Education," banquet address by Dean Watts - 7:30 p.m.

The program on November 3 is as follows: "Report from the Judicial College Advisory Committee," by Judge Lumpkin - 8:30 a.m.; "The Courts and the Media," a panel discussion by Mr. Martin, Mr. Jenkins, Dr. Edwards and Mr. Stewart - 8:50 a.m.; meetings of officers and education committees -

10:50 a.m.; closing remarks by Chief Justice Torbert - 12:00 noon.

JUDICIAL COLLEGE

CONSULTS COURT OFFICIALS

Using the plan developed by the Judicial College Planning Committee as a base, the Alabama Judicial College has begun its first year of operation. College officials have been granted their request to meet with the Education Committee of each Association during September and early October. During these meetings, college officials want to discuss the educational needs of the group -- what is needed in terms of conferences, seminars and specialty courses as well as other assistance that would be valuable to judges and court-support personnel. Each group will have an opportunity for further consultation with members before finalizing recommendations to the college.

A meeting of the Alabama Judicial College Advisory Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 13, in Tuscaloosa. The committee will review the progress of the college, hear reports from the education committee meetings and discuss its future role.

At the Alabama Judicial College Orientation and Planning Conference in Tuscaloosa on November 2-3, time will be provided for a meeting of the officers and education committee of each group, during which the committee will be asked to finalize a prioritized list of the conferences and "specialty" courses it wants the college to provide.

College officials will then study all of the recommendations and fit them to budgetary constraints. Thus, the program of the Alabama Judicial College will be developed for the new fiscal year. Plans which cannot be fully implemented this year will provide a base for the future.

The Alabama Judicial College is an affiliate of the Administrative Office of Courts.



PROSPECTIVE JURORS SELECTED--Drawings from a master jury box by the Tallapoosa County jury commission Friday morning determined who will get questionnaires to be used in filling jury trial boxes. From left are Maxie Ballard, Robert York, and Austin Holley, jury commission

chairman, and presiding Fifth Circuit Judge William I. Byrd under whose direction and supervision the new state law for selection and qualification of jurors has been implemented.

Questionnaires mailed to potential jurors under new court plan

By JOE PATTON
Outlook Staff Writer

If you are a Tallapoosa County resident over 19 years of age, your name almost assuredly appears on a new master jury roll.

The odds are about one in 13 that your name wound up in a master jury box the Tallapoosa County jury commission has already filled, and one in 25 that it will be dropped into a trial jury box for possible jury duty sometime during the next two years.

Questionnaires are now being mailed to over 1,000

candidates for jury duty who are asked to fill out and return them to the Tallapoosa County jury commission within 10 days. Five hundred are located on the Alexander City side of the Tallapoosa River and 500 on the Dadeville side so that trial jury boxes can be filled at each location.

Only about one in 100 eligible Tallapoosa County residents can expect to be summoned for jury duty within any two-year period, and many of them will not be empaneled.

Why not just select

prospective jurors from the voter registration list instead of going through this complicated process?

Well, as presiding Fifth Circuit Judge William I. Byrd explains it, the state legislature provided virtually every adult an opportunity to participate in the judicial process when it passed a new Juror Qualification and Selection Act during the 1978 regular session.

The act mandated new procedures for recompiling jury rolls and refilling jury boxes by Dec. 31, 1978 in

every Alabama county.

It provided for the creation of a master jury roll from not only voter registration lists, but other sources as well, including tax rolls, telephone directories, driver's license records, and sundry other sources. And it set up the framework for filling master jury boxes and trial jury boxes by democratic, random selection.

Master jury rolls for Tallapoosa County and Randolph County have been completed, and master jury boxes filled.

JOHN E. MANDEVILLE RETIRES AFTER 50 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO STATE

CHIEF JUSTICE PRAISES

HIS SERVICE TO COURTS

John E. Mandeville, clerk of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, has announced that he will retire and become a supernumerary clerk effective September 30.

In announcing his retirement, Mr. Mandeville says that he has enjoyed his 50 years of performing public duties for the people of Mobile County and Alabama. Mr. Mandeville expressed commendation, thanks and appreciation to his assistant clerks, and the other officials and judges of the Circuit Court of Mobile County and to the members of the Alabama Supreme Court and the appellant courts for their continuing close cooperation in the conduct and operation of his office. Mr. Mandeville made specific mention of Mrs. Myrtle M. Trott and Mrs. Juanita W. Adams, who have served in their positions of chief clerk in charge of the criminal and civil divisions, respectively, for 55 and 34 years, respectively, and Mrs. Catherine L. Eberlein, Ms. Cecelia Goetz and Mrs. Cecil Turner, all three of whom have retired in the past five years after serving in Mr. Mandeville's office.

Chief Justice Torbert and Administrative Director of Courts Allen Tapley both commended Mr. Mandeville for his many years of outstanding public service to the people of Mobile County and the people of Alabama. "His record is one of distinguished service," the chief justice said. Tapley said he feels certain that Mr. Mandeville's services will be sorely missed by the people of Mobile County. "His public service and his career has been one of outstanding quality and dedication," Tapley added.

Mr. Mandeville was born in Mobile on April 17, 1908. He attended public schools in Mobile and began his career at age 18. Over the years, Mr. Mandeville has served in the following capacities:

As Clerk in Auditor of Receipts Department and Secretary to Chief Engineer and Superintendent of Motive Power of the Gulf,

Mobile & Northern Railroad, and as Secretary to the Attorney, the late Mr. Carroll T. Prince, attorney of the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, 1925-1926 and 1927.

As Official Secretary to the late Mr. Bart B. Chamberlain, Sr., State Solicitor (Prosecuting Attorney) for Mobile County, April 17, 1928 through August 31, 1931.

Appointed Deputy Clerk, Civil Division, Circuit Court of Mobile County, September 1, 1931 by the late Honorable Sextus H. Smith, Clerk, and Deputy Clerk, Criminal Division, October 10, 1938 through November 24, 1940, by the late Honorable William A. Conrad, Clerk.

Inducted into active military service of the United States on November 25, 1940, just prior to the declaration of World War II, and served in the active military service during World War II (from the rank of First Lieutenant to Major) with the 31st Infantry (Dixie) Division of the Alabama National Guard from November 25, 1940 through December 10th, 1945, the last 23 months of which active duty was with that Division in British and Dutch New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies (Morotai Island) and the Phillipine Islands in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, under the command of the late Lieutenant General John C. Persons, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mobile County, December 12, 1945, to fill the unexpired term of the late William A. Conrad. Elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in the general election in 1946 for first six-year term in that office beginning in January, 1947.

Again served in the Active Military Service during the Korean Emergency from January 16, 1951 through September 1, 1952, as Lt. Colonel, first as the Executive Officer of the 200th Infantry Regiment under Regimental Commander George A. Haas, and then as Commander of the Second Infantry Battalion thereof, and then as Public Relations Officer for the 31st Infantry Division, under command of Maj. General A. G. Paxton.

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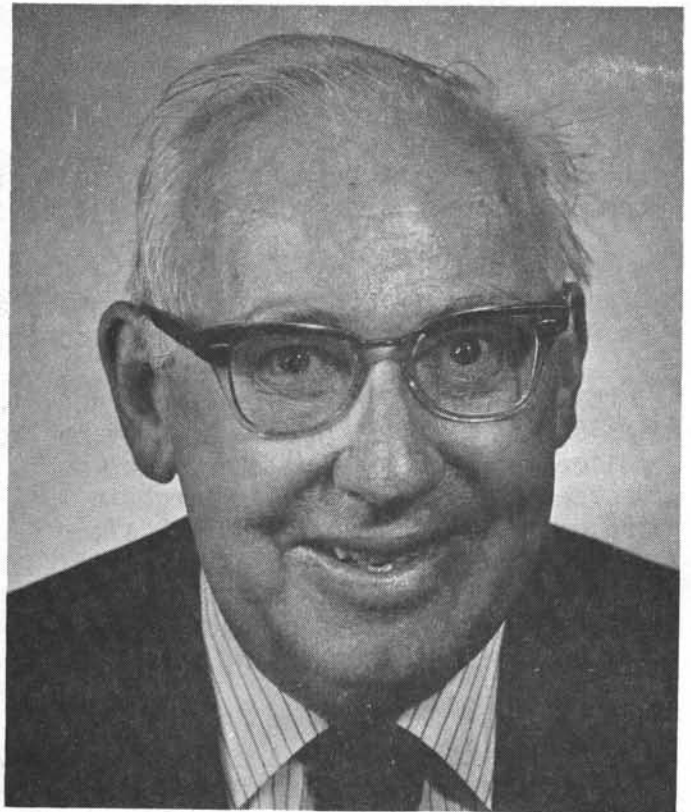
Re-elected Clerk of the Court in 1952, 1958, 1964, 1970, and 1976, and now serving in the second year of his sixth six-year term therein.

Mr. Mandeville served as president of the National Guard Association of Alabama and as president of the Mobile Optimist Club during 1950 and 1951. He was president of the Alabama Association of Circuit Clerks and Registers during 1955, and served as president of the Mobile County Chapter of the American Red Cross during 1962 and 1963, and served as president of the Episcopal Churchmen of Alabama during 1967 and 1968, and as the state chairman for Ducks Unlimited, Inc., in Alabama in 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1971. He is a member of All Saints Episcopal Church of Mobile and served several three-year terms as a member of its Vestry in the past 45 years.

He and his wife, the former Mildred Edwards, have one daughter, Anne M. Inge, wife of the Reverend F. Coleman Inge. He has two grandchildren, F. Coleman Inge, Jr. and Mildred Mandeville Inge.

All reports of audits made by the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts of Alabama of the records and accounts of his office during his 33 years as circuit clerk reflect that the conduct of his office has been excellent and that the duties of his office have been efficiently handled by him along with his assistant clerks. These audits disclose that, during the 33 years he has served as circuit court clerk, his office has received and disbursed approximately \$40 million, without error.

Mr. Mandeville has filed his written declaration of his election to become a supernumerary clerk of the circuit court of Mobile County, effective at midnight on Saturday, September 30, 1978, with Allen L. Tapley, administrative director of courts.



MAURICE CASTLE, JR.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR CASTLE NAMED AS MOBILE'S CLERK

Maurice Castle, Jr., city editor of the Mobile Press, has been appointed to succeed John E. Mandeville as clerk of the Mobile Circuit Court when he retires September 30.

The appointment, effective October 1, was announced by Presiding Circuit Court Judge Joseph Hocklander recently, following a meeting with the other judges of the court.

Castle, an employee of the newspaper since 1937, will take early retirement from his city editor post the last of this month. He will serve the remaining four years of Mandeville's term. The position comes up for election in 1982.

In his announcement, Judge Hocklander said, "Castle is familiar with our court and is well known to the personnel. As a newspaper reporter, he covered the court for 10 years following World War II.

"He is an experienced administrator

NEWSPAPER EDITOR CASTLE NAMED AS MOBILE'S CLERK

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and has a long background in the field of communications, and we think he will be a big asset to our court operation."

Hocklander said Castle will be sworn in at 9 a.m. October 2 at the circuit court.

Castle joined the Mobile Press Register in 1937 as a copy boy and was elevated to police reporter a year later. He was drafted into the U. S. Air Force in 1942 and was discharged in late 1945 after serving in Egypt and India as a staff sergeant. Before returning to the newspaper in 1947, he was publicity man for Gov. James E. Folsom during his successful campaign in 1946.

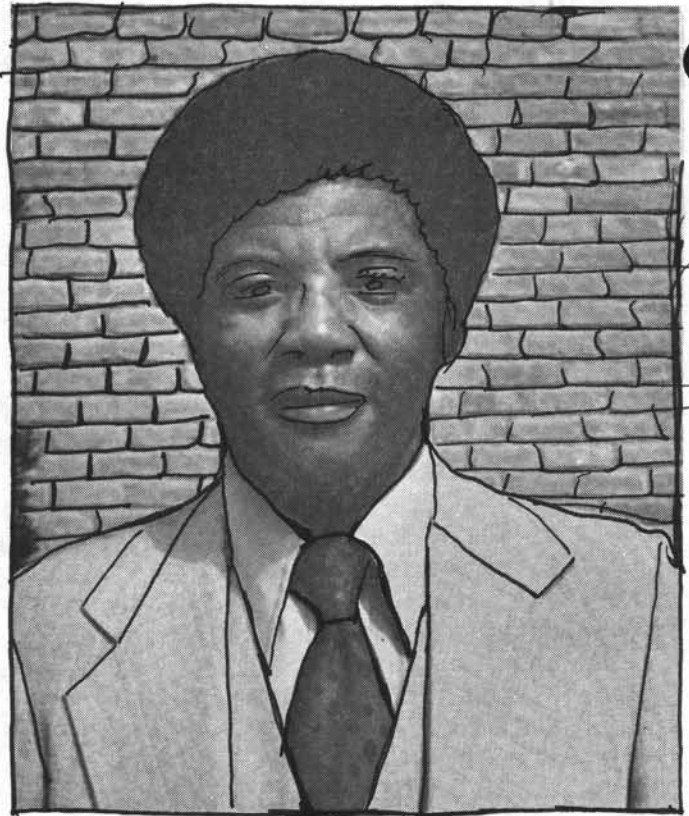
The new circuit court clerk is a native Mobilian, married to the former Lucy Gates and they have two children, Julie, a pre-sentence investigator for the circuit court, and Wilson, a seventh grade student at St. Paul's Episcopal School.

During his years as a reporter, Castle covered the courts, police, city hall, waterfront, school board and federal building. He was promoted to city editor in 1956.

In this position, Castle has been cited numerous times for his contributions to various civic projects. He is active in the promotion of tourism and has made numerous trips around the country selling Mobile and Alabama.

He was selected to accompany a delegation to check over the USS Alabama in Seattle when it was decided to bring the rusting battleship to Mobile. He has remained active in publicizing the ship which is ranked near the top of the state's tourist attractions.

He also is a member of the Mobile chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.



HERBERT P. YOUNG

SUPREME COURT EMPLOYS

YOUNG AS DEPUTY MARSHAL

Chief Justice Torbert has announced that the Supreme Court has employed Herbert P. Young of Montgomery as Deputy Marshal.

For the past five years, Mr. Young has been an accident investigation specialist for the Montgomery Police Department. He comes highly recommended to his job with the court. He replaces Jeff Duffey who has become law clerk for Judge John Bookout on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

A graduate of Carver High School in Montgomery and police academy courses at Northwestern University, Mr. Young is married and he and his wife, Mary, have three children. He is a Mason, a Baptist and a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

The chief justice said he is pleased that Mr. Young accepted the position. "I feel he will do an excellent job," he said.

In-state training programs

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>1978 DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>REIMBURSEMENT</u>
Juvenile Ct. Judges Annual Conference	Sept. 21&22	Hilton Inn Birmingham	AJC	Yes
Official Court Reporters Conference	Sept. 28&29	Gadsden State Junior College, Gadsden, Al.	AJC	Yes
Alabama Judicial College Advisory Committee Meeting	Oct. 13	Farrah Hall, Univ. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	AJC	Yes
Alabama Judicial College Orientation and Planning Conf.	Nov. 2&3	Farrah Hall, Univ. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	AJC	Yes
DWI Instructor Training and Qualification Program	Nov. 15&16	Farrah Hall, Univ. of Alabama, Tuscaloosa	AJC	Yes
<u>1979</u>				
Circuit Judges and District Judges Mid- Winter Conference	Jan. 11&12	Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham	AJC	Yes
Alabama State Bar Mid-Winter Meeting	Jan. 19&20	Civic Center Montgomery	ASB	No
Clerks & Registers Mid-Winter Conf.	Feb. 8&9 (tentative)	Holiday Inn, Prattville	AJC	Yes
Clerks & Registers Annual Conference	June 6-9	Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville	AJC	Yes
Circuit Judges & District Judges Annual Conference	July 18-20	Location unknown Huntsville	AJC	Yes
Alabama State Bar Annual Meeting	July 19-21	Civic Center Huntsville	ASB	No

NEWS CLIPS
FROM THE
STATE PRESS

Open meetings reaffirmed

A state court has ruled, again, that public bodies may not exclude members of the public from its deliberations unless, and only unless, the "character or good name" of somebody is going to be discussed.

As always, we can hope that the decision will be considered by the city councils, the county commission and the other boards and commissions of the area. Too often in the past they have ignored this state law.

Judge William Barber made the application a little more specific in his ruling than in previous interpretations. Even if somebody's

good name will be discussed, said the judge, the entire meeting cannot be closed. The meeting must be opened in public, closed when the "good name" is under discussion, then reopened to the public for other business.

The judge ruled on a case involving the Birmingham City Council. Mayor David Vann had testified that closed council meetings were necessary to discuss such matters as land transactions. The court ruled against the city, stating that the only acceptable reason to close the meeting of such a public body was the discussion of someone's "character or good name." THE ANNISTON STAR

'New system . . . working'

Civil docket decreases

By DIANE FREEMAN
Press Staff Reporter

The number of civil cases on the docket at Mobile County Circuit Court has decreased 35 per cent since the Judicial Article was implemented revamping the state's court system.

In January, 1977, when the new system went into effect, there were 2,710 civil cases pending in Mobile County Circuit Court.

By the end of June, 1978, there were 1,770 civil cases on the docket.

Presiding Circuit Court Judge Joseph Hocklander attributes the decrease in pending civil cases to the changes made by the Judicial Article.

"It has its kinks, but the end result is less pending cases on the civil docket than anytime since 1958," he said.

He pointed out that at the end of 1958 there were 1,704 civil cases pending. Since that

time the number of civil cases on the docket at the end of each year has fluctuated from 2,242 at the end of 1959 to as high as 3,637 in 1966.

"This tells me that the new system, at least in Mobile, is working," Hocklander said.

The judge's and the lawyer's right to combine several claims into one case and the enlarged discovery practices that permit lawyers

to learn more about cases so that they can properly evaluate them are two of the reasons why civil cases have decreased under the new Judicial Article, Hocklander said.

The availability of summary judgments also results in the quick disposition of cases, he said.

The new system's requirement of filing fees of \$35 or more also discourages the filing of nuisance suits, Hocklander added.

The number of criminal cases has also decreased here since the Judicial Article went into effect. At the beginning of January, 1977, there were 976 criminal cases pending and by the end of June, 1978, there were 513 criminal cases pending.

"As our civil docket becomes more manageable, we're able to concentrate more on our criminal dockets," Hocklander said.



HOCKLANDER

JUDGE PHELPS ANNOUNCES

A RESEARCH-BRIEF BANK

Judge Joseph D. Phelps, acting dean of the Alabama Judicial College, announced recently a Research-Brief Bank to be provided as a service of the Alabama Judicial College. In a letter to all circuit and district judges, Judge Phelps appealed to each judge to submit to the Judicial College copies of briefs or court rulings he considers to be important and significant.

The Judicial College will keep these on file and made them available to judges upon request. Periodically, an index by title and author will be published.

Judge Phelps said, "This can be a great resource for Alabama's judges." He urged each judge to help get the data base started by submitting materials, properly titled, as soon as possible to: Research Brief Bank, Alabama Judicial College, P. O. Drawer 6599, University, AL 35486.

PERSONNEL PROCEDURES FOR

EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS TOLD

Recently there have been two instances where administrators appointed employees on an emergency basis without first obtaining approval from the administrative director of courts (ADC). This should be done through the judicial personnel officer by telephone as outlined in Chapter II, Paragraph 13 of the UJS Personnel Procedures Manual. Under no circumstances should an administrator employ any individual without proper authority. In the future, remuneration of an illegally employed employee will have to be the responsibility of the administrator who makes the illegal appointment. Any administrator in doubt should contact the personnel division.

PERSONNEL QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Two questions have been raised recently concerning use of legal secretaries in other capacities.

The first question concerns those secretaries who are called on infrequently

to serve as court reporters, and whether they may be reclassified to a higher job class because of their court reporting duties. Reclassification cannot be considered. Job classifications are based on primary work performed and occasional service in another classification does not qualify an employee for reclassification.

The second question raised was: May secretaries be paid for typing of transcripts for court reporters during normal working hours? Under no circumstance should this practice be permitted. However, there is no restriction to such typing for pay if it is done by the secretary outside work hours.

NAMES OF MUNICIPAL

MAGISTRATES NEEDED

The Administrative Office of Courts is currently updating its list of magistrates and warrant clerks. In conducting the Regional Training Seminars for Municipal Magistrates, Mr. Angelo V. Trimble, director of the municipal courts division, has found that many persons are serving as municipal court magistrates whose names have not been submitted to the administrative director of courts for approval, as required by law. Mr. Trimble urges all magistrates whose names have not been submitted to see that this is done immediately. Any questions should be referred to Mr. Trimble by calling 1-800-392-8077.

STATE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FOR LAST QUARTER OF YEAR

The holiday schedule for the remainder of calendar year 1978 is published below. This schedule coincides with the schedule for the executive and legislative branches of government and has been approved by the chief justice for the Unified Judicial System.

Columbus Day	October 9
Thanksgiving	November 23
Christmas	December 25

OPENING OF COURT TERM, RED MASS CEREMONY SLATED FOR OCTOBER 2ND

REV. MATHISON, BISHOPS

VATH, STOUGH, JUSTICE

HARWOOD TO PARTICIPATE

The state appellate courts will officially open the new term year of court for 1978-79 on October 2 with ceremonies at the Judicial Building in Montgomery, preceded by the celebration of the Red Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Former Supreme Court Justice Robert B. Harwood of Tuscaloosa will give the memorial address at ceremonies beginning at the Judicial Building at 11:15 a.m. on October 2. The invocation will be given by the Reverend Furman C. Stough, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. Reverend John Ed Mathison, minister at Frazer Memorial Methodist Church in Montgomery, will give the benediction. Mr. J. O. Sentell, clerk of the Supreme Court, will read a necrology of state lawyers and judges who have died during the past year.

Prior to the judicial ceremonies, a Red Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter's Church, beginning at 9:30 a.m. It will be the fifth consecutive year the judiciary has participated in the Red Mass celebration for Alabama judges. The Most Reverend Joseph G. Vath, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham, will celebrate the mass. Bishop Stough will deliver the sermon and readings will be given by Chief Justice C. C. Torbert, Jr., Associate Justice Eric Embry, Circuit Judge John W. Davis III, of Montgomery, and Circuit Judge Joseph J. Jasper of Birmingham.

Judge John DeCarlo of the State Court of Criminal Appeals will act as commentator and Father Patrick O'Connor of St. Peter's Church will serve as master of ceremonies. Judge L. Charles Wright, Presiding Judge of the State Court of Civil Appeals, and Mrs. Wright will bear gifts to the altar.

The Red Mass, so named because of the vestments worn in the service, is a traditional Catholic ceremony in honor of the judiciary.



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