

### To Retain Petit Jury for Trials Until July to Clean Up the Docket

In order to end the confusion of the circuit court affairs caused by the resignation of Judge Claire C. Edwards and the over-crowding of the docket, the petit jury will be retained for trial work until July 1 this year, according to a decision of announced to Judge Edward Shurtleff last week.

The bar decided further that it was their wish that Judge Shurtleff preside on the bench here until Judge Edward's vacancy is filled.

The program of the bar, following substantially the suggestions offered by Shurtleff in an address to the attorneys recently, was prepared by a special committee of lawyers appointed by the judge for that special purpose. The committee, comprised of Albert Hall, chairman, Clarence Diver, Sidney, Block, J. A. Miller, and William Behanna, presented its suggestions to the bar at a meeting and they were in turn offered to the judge.

Judge Shurtleff praised the decision of the lawyers to work so late into the summer where heretofore they have stopped jury trials on the first of May. "That is the only way in the world that we can clean up the docket this year," he said. "Here are 700 cases at common law that will have to be disposed of in one way or another before I'm through here."

### When to Be Back-Seat Driver, and When Not

"To be or not to be a back-seat driver" is a question that has been disposed of a number of times by courts throughout the country, points out the legal department of the Chicago Motor club. Under certain conditions, back-seat driving is virtually obligatory, according to the consensus on that subject.

One of the simplest and most recent opinions handed down on that question is that of the Missouri Court of Appeals. That high court declared:

"It is impossible for courts to lay down fixed rules by which to determine just when and under what circumstances an automobile should be driven from the rear seat. Each case should rest upon its own facts. The courts all agree, however, that a passenger or guest in an automobile must use ordinary care for his own safety, and, when the exercise of such care requires that he call the attention of the driver to approaching danger, he must do it, or be open to the charge of contributory negligence."

There filling station stickup men, who are suspected of being those who held up two stations near Waukegan recently were captured in Michigan City, Ind., when their car was wrecked against a fireplug after a gun chase.

Out on the Enoyewood farm near Antioch, 4-year-old Walter Westhoff, Jr., is recounting to his loving parents the details of his lone journey across the Atlantic which ended last week when he was met by his mother and father in Chicago. He came alone from Germany.

### Waukegan Flying Club Plans to Incorporate; Officers are Elected

Plans to incorporate under the laws of the State of Illinois were unanimously approved last week by members of the Waukegan Flying club. A new set of by-laws anticipating the incorporation was adopted and the membership of the club, consisting of 30 air enthusiasts, began to lay plans for an active season. New officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Renewal of interest in the establishment of a large airport in Waukegan, equipped so as to insure its acceptance as a regular commercial stop and mail station, is expected to result in added activity in local fly-this year. Ten members of the club have already signified their intentions of taking flying lessons, and more are expected to join the classes of the flying club by summer time.

The training ship of the club will begin making regular flights as soon as the snow melts and the ground dries enough to permit the plane to taxi about. The field is at present drifted with snow.

The new officers, who will assume their new posts next Tuesday, are George Kenry, president; Henry Ekstrand, vice-president; Charles Landis, secretary; treasurer, John Lampinen. The executive committee are Nick Dilger, Edwin Anderson, and Walter Jack.

### New Group of Marsh Deer from S. America in the Field Museum

A new group of marsh deer, the largest species of South American deer, shown in a reproduction of their natural habitat, has been placed on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History, it was announced today by Stephen C. Simms, director of the museum.

The group contains five animals, an adult male and female, an immature male and female, and a fawn about 10 months old. The specimens were collected by the Marshall Field Brazilian expedition. The scene represented in the group is reproduced from nature, and is a view on the Descalvados ranch in southwestern Brazil. Taxidermy on the group is by Leon L. Pray of the museum staff, and the background is by C. A. Corwin, museum staff artist.

The marsh deer has unusually long legs, provided by nature because of its life in the swamp lands of the Paraguay and Parana rivers and their tributaries. It is extensively hunted for its hide which makes good leather. The males with large antlers are considered sacred by the Indians of some parts of South America. The young are born singly and remain with their parents for nearly a year.

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