

## JEHOVAH MOTHER SUPPORTS SON IN FLOUTING DRAFT

Tacoma School Teacher Acts as Attorney For Boy—Cites Religious Freedom.

Tacoma, Aug. 4.—(P)—Appearing as an attorney for her own son, who is charged by federal authorities with ignoring a draft call, a Tacoma school teacher and member of Jehovah's Witnesses said today her son must go to prison rather than serve in the army.

The son is David Pugsley, also a member of the religious sect. Draft board witnesses testified he had not only ignored the draft call but had refused to consider going to a conscientious objector's camp "if it was run by the army."

Mrs. Grace Pugsley said her son, if given a choice between service in the army or "a sentence at McNeil Island penitentiary, has no alternative but to go to prison."

**Cites Constitution**  
Mrs. Pugsley repeatedly claimed the draft board order was in contradiction to the first amendment of the U. S. constitution which prohibits curtailing free exercise of religion.

Mrs. Pugsley said she was a descendant of Enoch Beach, one of the early colonial settlers of the country. She said she had been a member of Jehovah's Witnesses since 1898.

When asked how she reconciled her beliefs and those of her son with his employment at the Boeing aircraft plant in Seattle, she replied she "took no pleasure in his work there. But there is nothing anyone can do without contributing to the war effort in some way."

U. S. Commissioner H. G. Fitch said "this is a plain act of defiance on the part of the defendant." He raised the bail from \$500 to \$3,000 and ordered the prisoner held for trial.

## Wives Of Soldiers Will Be Guests At Home Of Mrs. Gore

Soldiers' Wives club will meet for potluck luncheon at the home of Mrs. E. E. Gore, 116 Geneva street, Wednesday noon. The committee met at USO today at 2 p. m. Serving on the committee are the wives of Sergeants Tommie Tyler, Williamson, Corey and Johnson. Helping with the plans will be Miss Verilinda Silva, new USO staff member, Mrs. Shirley Bank, USO chairman of housing, Mrs. Edward Rein, advisor to the young women. Also present for the first committee meeting was Home Demonstration Agent Marion Farrell, who showed short cuts in saving, preparing and serving meals.

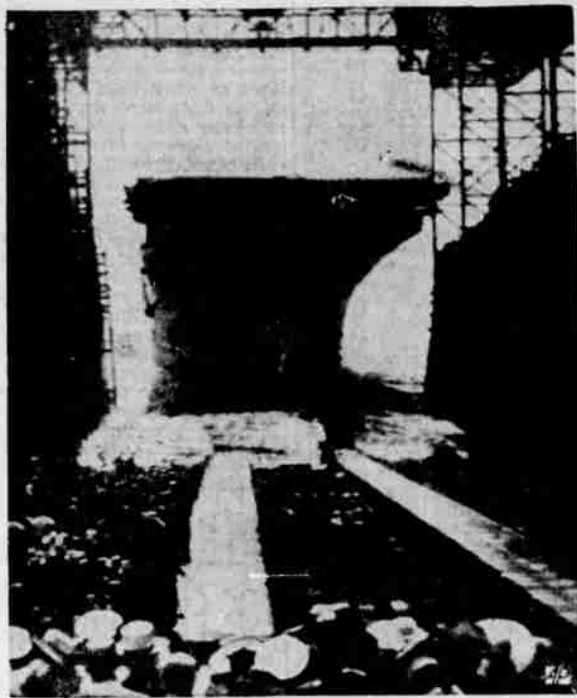
Today's program included discussion of coming events and planning for other picnics and luncheons to follow the one to be held on Mrs. Porter Neff's lawn Wednesday, August 12 at noon.

Other soldiers' wives who wish to join the group are urged to call USO 7131 and leave name and address with Mrs. Banks.

**COLUMNISTS ABSOLVED**  
New York, Aug. 4.—(P)—The circuit court of appeals today unanimously affirmed the findings of a federal court jury that an article published in the syndicate column "Washington Merry-Go-Round," did not libel Rep. Martin L. Sweeney (D., Ohio).

**EYE DEL NORTE CHROME**  
Sacramento, Aug. 4.—(P)—The state bureau of war minerals production has announced its geologists would start a survey tomorrow of all chrome properties in Del Norte county.

## New Carrier Launched



Fifteen months and three days after her keel was laid, the U. S. S. Essex slides down the ways in to the James river at Newport News, Va. The carrier was the first of its type launched by the navy since Pearl Harbor.

## MINOR ACCIDENTS ON TRAFFIC BOOK

A car driven by Harry Caton of Kings Highway smashed into one driven by Lucile B. Miller of Route 1, at the intersection of Kings Highway and Stewart avenue Monday evening, badly damaging Mrs. Miller's vehicle. City police investigating the wreck report that young Caton admitted he was driving too fast and that his brakes were poor but Mrs. Miller intervened in his behalf and asked that he be not arrested. Three small children in Mrs. Miller's car were uninjured.

Reports of several other minor accidents were on file today. Mrs. George Rosenfield of Carroll Court reported a minor collision with a car driven by James F. Johnson, Eagle Point, at East Main and Bartlett streets Monday.

## NAVY RECRUITERS HERE TOP STATE

The navy's custom of awarding "E" pennants to various branches of the service for efficiency, was recently adopted by the Oregon navy recruiting headquarters in Portland. Medford is the first substation to be awarded this pennant, surpassing even Portland's percentage of enlistments per capita.

During July 60 men were enlisted in the navy through the Medford recruiting office, or 187 per cent of the assigned quota. Portland took second place with 171% and Marshfield third place with 136%.

A final tabulation shows that 1379 enlistments were effected from Oregon giving this district a score of 126 men per 100,000 population for the month.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

## DRUNKEN DRIVER GIVEN 'WORKS' BY JUSTICE COLEMAN

Harry Pitts of Thomas road, charged with driving an auto while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was sentenced to 75 days in the county jail and fined \$100 and costs by Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman yesterday. There was no suspension of sentence or costs. It was one of the heaviest sentences administered for the offense in several months.

Pitts, according to the testimony, engaged in a wild Saturday night in the Jacksonville area that was climaxed by his knocking down the grandparent, uncle and aunt of a 15-

year-old girl resident of Ruch when he arrived at their home. The district attorney reported all four were rendered unconscious. The grandfather is 75 years old. Pitts also had an argument with the Jacksonville city marshal before driving to Ruch. Following the Ruch fight Pitts retired to his auto where he "passed out" and was later arrested.

Other fines imposed in an exceptionally busy day in justice court were: Irwin Thomas, no operator's license, \$1.50 and costs; Loren Demers, Gold Hill, no muffler on auto, \$1 and costs; George W. Harrison, Grants Pass, failure to give right of way, \$5 and costs; E. C. Harrison, Ashland, more than three persons in front seat of auto, \$2.50 and costs; Russell E. Noyes, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$1 and costs, and Ernest C. Ward, no operators' license, \$1 and costs.

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too late to classify 12:30 p. m.

## P.U.C. EXAMINER HEARS PLEAS BY LOCAL CARRIERS

Three motor hearings were held in the courthouse today by staff representatives of Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner of Oregon. C. T. Terrill, examiner of the commission's staff, handled the cases which included:

Supplementary application of Everett A. Faber and Donald E. Faber, doing business as the Farmer's Supply Co., for an extension of service; application of Earl C. Leever, doing business as the Terminal Cab Co., for carrying passengers to and from the cantonment; application of J. M. Gormley and Effie Counce

of Grants Pass also for taxicab service and supplementary application of the Rogue River Valley Transit Co., of Medford, also for the right to carry passengers.

William Bush, staff reporter for the commissioner, handled the testimony in the four cases.

The commissioner's party will leave tomorrow morning for Klamath Falls where another hearing is to be held in the application of E. G. Hogue doing business as Pat's Cab Service.

## FATAL SMASHUP CAUSED BY POOCH

YREKA, Calif., Aug. 4.—(P)—A pet dog riding in the back seat of the car jumped to Henry Miller's shoulder as he was driving with his wife and another couple along the narrow

Klamath River road north of Yreka.

Miller lost control. The car left the road and dropped into the river, settling under 15 feet of water.

The body of Mrs. Bert Bohen, 68, and of the dog were found in the machine yesterday. Bohen and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, all of Dunsmuir, escaped.

## G. M. DIVIDEND

New York, Aug. 4.—(P)—Directors of General Motors corp. today declared a dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, the same amount as disbursed in the two preceding quarters. It is payable September 12 to stock of record August 13.

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**STOKING UP**—Almost ready to start for a drive in his car —without benefit of petrol—is Australian Morris Dowd, shown ganking up the charcoal burner on the rear of his ex-gasoline buggy. It's quite a nuisance, apparently.