

Grand Jury Recommends Parking Meter Privileges

Escambia County's spring term Grand Jury adjourned Thursday after recommending that future grand jurors be granted unlimited parking privileges at downtown meters, lauding the Escambia Search and rescue unit, and urging the sheriff's department to prevent gambling "in all its forms" at the forthcoming Pensacola Interstate Fair.

In its farewell statement, the Grand Jury acknowledged the leadership of foreman Norbonne A. Brown, acting foreman Talton O'Farrel and clerk James D. Montgomery.

It noted that it heard evidence in four murder cases and returned indictments against five persons on murder charges.

It was in one of these cases that the grand jurors took note of valuable assistance from the search and rescue squad.

A further recommendation by the Grand Jury was that the state attorney, at the outset of a session, outline its operation and present a tentative schedule so that businessmen may plan their own schedules accordingly.

Citing expense and inconvenience in parking, the grand jurors suggested that future grand jurors be given tags for their cars entitling them to unlimited meter parking for on duty time.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: Final report of the Grand Jury
for the Spring Term, 1961. Sep-
tember 28, 1961.

We, the duly empaneled Grand Jurors,
inquiring in and for the body of the
County of Escambia, State of Florida,
do make and respectfully submit our
Final Report for the Spring Term of the
Circuit Court.

Peace Officers Meet in PC Today

Several dozen persons from Pen-
sacola are expected to leave here

I.
This Grand Jury was organized with
the appointment by the Circuit Judge
of Norbonne A. Brown as Foreman and
Talton O'Farrel as Acting Foreman, and
the appointment by the Foreman of
James D. Montgomery as Clerk.

The Grand Jury heard evidence in
four murder cases and returned true bills
of indictment against five persons charg-
ing them with Murder in the First De-
gree.

With a view of aiding the Court and
future Grand Juries, the following con-
structive recommendations are made:

a) That future Grand Juries, after they
have organized in the Jury Room, be
given by the State Attorney a briefing of
anticipated business, and the anticipated
time schedule for presenting this busi-
ness to the Grand Jury. This will enable
the business men of the Grand Jury to
better plan and provide for their per-
sonal business commitments during the
time they are actually attending to Grand
Jury business.

b) That an effort be made to provide
parking facilities for Grand Jurors.
Jurors serve as members of the Court,
and are required on occasion to serve
varied and/or long hours. Finding con-
venient parking is a problem and an ex-
pense. It is recommended that all fu-
ture jurors be furnished, in addition to
their personal identification card, a car
placard or windshield sticker, and that
arrangements be made with the Police
Department to honor same, thereby al-
lowing unlimited parking privileges for
jurors on duty.

II
This Grand Jury wants to express its
gratitude to the members of the Escam-
bia County Search and Rescue Team for
the prompt help given in the investiga-
tion of a recent major criminal case.
The volunteer aid and assistance given
by this group of public spirited citizens
helped complete the investigation in a
recent homicide case.

We commend the Search and Rescue
team to the public and to our public
officials with the recommendation that
the volunteer unit be materially aided
where possible so that their work may
be continued without excessive personal
and monetary sacrifice.

III
Recognizing that the Pensacola Inter-
state Fair will be held next month, we
recommend that the Sheriff's Office
closely police the concessions of the
Fair to assure the public that gambling
is being prevented in all its forms.

IV
We feel that it has been a privilege
and an education to serve on the Grand
Jury; and that we have performed our
duties to the best of our ability. We
want to thank the Court and the Clerk of
the Circuit Court and their respective
staffs for the many courtesies extended
it us. The cooperation of the Clerk's
office has made it a pleasure to serve
as Grand Jurors.

V
Having completed our labors we request
to be adjourned without day.

Respectfully presented,
NORBONNE A. BROWN, Foreman.