

~~W. T. Rexrode~~
~~John Funk~~
~~C. W. Dove~~

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, to-wit:

In the Circuit Court of said County:

The grand jurors in and for the body of said County of Rockingham and now attending said Court at its February term, 1924, upon their oaths do present that L. F. Ritchie, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully manufacture, sell, offer, keep, store and expose for sale, give away, transport, dispense, solicit, advertise and receive orders for ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that L. F. Ritchie, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully have in his possession ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

And the jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that L. F. Ritchie, within one year next prior to the finding of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully receive ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W. T. Rexrode, John Funk, and C. W. Dove, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before the grand jury to give evidence.

was the jury find the defendant guilty and pay his
punishment at \$500 fine

We the jury find the defendant J. A. Ritchie, guilty
as charged in this indictment and pay his punishment
at a fine of \$500.

N. S. Arrington, foreman.

Viol. Pro. Act

COMMONWEALTH

v.

L. F. RITCHIE

A MISDEMEANOR

A TRUE BILL

L. G. Hedrick
FOREMAN

D. W. Earman,
Commonwealth's Attorney

Set for Nov 18/24

In the Circuit Court of said County:
The Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further
have in his possession ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity
of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully
present that L. F. Ritchie, within one year next prior to the finding
of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
and the Jurors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further
receive ardent spirits, against the peace and dignity of the
of this indictment, in the said County of Rockingham, did unlawfully
present that L. F. Ritchie, within one year next prior to the finding
of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
The Grand Jury do Give evidence.

John Runk, and C. W. Dove, witnesses sworn in Court and sent before
the Grand Jury to Give evidence.

This indictment is found on the testimony of W. T. Rexrode,
Commonwealth of Virginia.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*Dr. C. W. Polston, P. S. Showalter,
C. S. Showalter, A. S. Hixen, T. C. Blackburn,
C. A. Deatwold, J. W. Shrum,
C. H. Senger*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the *18* day of *March* 19*24*, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth, Plaintiff, against.....

J. Frank Ritchie..... Defendant.....

And this *they* shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the *13* day of *March*, 19*24*, and in the 14*8*th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

March 18, 1924

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L. Frank Pittner

Executed March 14th 1924, by delivering a copy of the within summons to R.S.Showalter, A.S.Kiser, C.S.Showalter, J.N.Shrum, T.C.Bradburn, C.A. Heatwole, C.G.Senger and Dr.C.H.Ralston in person.

J.W.Revercomb, Deputy
for C.W.Dove, S.R.C..

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

C. W. Dove, John Funk, W. F. Reynolds,
Europe Showalter, A. C. Showalter,
Carl Weaver, Cal Vint, E. W.
Burrholder, "Carm" Rhodes

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court
House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 18th day of March 1924
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth against

L. F. Ritchie

who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this they shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then
and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the
14 day of March, 1924 and in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Executed ~~Q~~ March 17, 1924 by delivering
a copy of this summons to C. W. Dove
John Funk and W. T. Repode in person
C. W. Dove S. R. Co.
by John Dove, Deputy

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v
L. F. Ritchie

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Sheriff fee 4.50
1.50
6.00

March 18,
1924

Executed March 17, 1924 by delivering
a copy of this summons to S. W. Buckholter
"Sam" Plaster Duke Shewalter, A. G.
Shewalter, Col. Unit and Carl Weaver
J. W. Fawcenshik, Depl.
for C. W. Dove, S. R. Co.

Commonwealth of Virginia,)
Rockingham County,) To-wit:

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9 day of Febry, 1924,

came before me L. F. Ritchie & J. F. Hayden
of the said county of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be in-
debted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say: the said
Two hundred and fifty in the sum of
Dollars

good and lawful money of the United States, and the said J. F. Hayden
in the sum of two hundred & fifty Dollars of like good and lawful money, to be
respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and they
severally waived the benefit of their Homestead Exemption as to this obligation, and also waived any
claim or right to discharge any liability to the Commonwealth arising under this recognizance with
coupons detached from the bonds of this State, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia if the said
L. F. Ritchie shall make default in the performance of the
conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound
L. F. Ritchie do and shall personally appear before the Circuit
Court of Rockingham on the 18 day of the Febry, 1924, Term next
thereof, being the 18th day of Febry, 1924, at the Court-house thereof,
and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain Misc. where-
of the said L. F. Ritchie stands charged, and shall not
depart thence without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void and of no
effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.

M. L. Lawrence

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Rockingham County, } To-wit:

It is Remanded that on the 18 day of Feb, 1824

came before me J. F. Birtcher

of the said county of Rockingham, and severally and respectively acknowledged themselves to be in-
debted to the Commonwealth of Virginia, in manner and form following, that is to say: the said

in the sum of Dollars

two hundred and fifty Dollars of like good and lawful money, to be
good and lawful money of the United States, and the said J. F. Birtcher

respectively made and levied of their several goods and chattels, lands and tenements, and they
severally waived the benefit of their Homestead Exemption as to this obligation, and also waived any
claim or right to discharge any liability to the Commonwealth arising under this recognizance with
coupons detached from the bonds of this State, to the use of the Commonwealth of Virginia if the said
shall make default in the performance of the

conditions underwritten.

The condition of the above recognizance is such that if the above bound

do and shall personally appear before the Circuit
Court of Rockingham on the 18 day of the Feb, 1824 Term next

thereof, being the 18 day of Feb, 1824, at the Court-house thereof,

and then and there answer the Commonwealth of Virginia concerning a certain where
of the said J. F. Birtcher shall be charged, and shall not

depart thence without the leave of said Court, then the above recognizance shall be void and of no
effect, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Taken and acknowledged before me, the day and year first above written.

Commonwealth of Virginia—City, County of, Rockingham to-wit:

To the Prohibition Inspectors, Sheriffs, Sergeants, and all Police Officers and Constables of the State of Virginia—Greeting:

WHEREAS H. T. Resvode State Inspector of the said Rockingham County has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, M. L. Lamborn Name of Magistrate, Title, of the said Rockingham County that he verily believes, that in the said Rockingham County and State:

(a) That Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used and concealed in a certain Dwellinghouse and Out-buildings (Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be) by one L. F. Ritcher Neare Wake Enterprise (Give name, if name unknown, say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

(b) A still, still cap, worm, tubs, fermenters and other appliances connected with such still and used, and mash and other substances, capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, are unlawfully in the possession of, and unlawfully used by one L. F. Ritcher (Give name; if name unknown, say, "Whose name is to the information unknown") in a certain Dwellinghouse and Out-buildings (Here describe place as in (a) above)

(c) Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully kept, held, stored, concealed, used, sold, and unlawfully transported in certain baggage or a certain vehicle, to-wit: a certain (Here describe vehicle, auto, wagon, carriage, buggy, boat, baggage or what not) by one _____ (Here give name, or describe as in (a) above)

And there being reasonable cause for such belief:

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, to command you, with all necessary and proper speed and assistance, to search the house, place, baggage, boat or vehicle herein designated, either in day or night, and seize such ardent spirits and their containers and other things apparently possessed or used in violation of law, and bring the same and the person or persons, in whose possession they are found, and also any person resisting, impeding, obstructing, or in any manner hindering or delaying you in the execution of this warrant before me, or some other officer having jurisdiction of the case, to be disposed of and dealt with according to law; and make return of this warrant showing all acts and things done thereunder, with a particular statement and sufficient description of the things seized and the name of the person in whose possession found, if any, and if not found in the possession of any one, so state in your return, and post a true copy of this warrant and the return thereof, as required by law.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of Febry 1924

M. L. Lamborn (SEAL)
Justice Peace
Title of Magistrate.

DIRECTIONS

1. If only Ardent Spirits and containers be seized, the Magistrate shall fix a time not less than 10 nor more than 30 days from the date of return, for the hearing of said return. If no claimant appear, the Ardent Spirits and articles are to be forfeited to Commonwealth. Any person claiming any of same must file a written claim stating particularly the character and extent of his interest therein, whereupon the Magistrate shall certify the warrant, written claim and articles claimed, to the Circuit or Corporation Court, as the case may be, for determination, and declare the unclaimed articles forfeited.

2. If still, still cap. worm, tubs, heater, fermenters, or any appliance connected with a still and used, or mash or other substance capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, be seized, the mash (after taking a sample) shall be destroyed, and the facts and articles seized reported to the Prohibition Commissioner and Commonwealth's Attorney. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be a sufficient notice and report.) Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as in No. 1 above.

3. If Ardent Spirits are being transported in an automobile, boat, wagon, buggy, or other vehicle, the Ardent Spirits and containers shall be preserved and the vehicle shall be delivered to the Sergeant of the City, the facts reported to the Prohibition Commissioner and Commonwealth's Attorney and Ardent Spirits and containers disposed of as provided in No. 1 above. (A copy of this warrant and proper return will be a sufficient report.)

4. A copy of this warrant and the return thereon must be posted at the front door of the house, or on the door of the room, or on the premises at the place the Ardent Spirits may be found.

See Sections 21 I-2, 22, 23, 23 I-2, 57 and 57 I-2. Acts of Assembly, 1918, Page 578.

WARRANT TO SEARCH FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.

Commonwealth of Virginia

L. J. Ritchie

Executed the within warrant this 6th day of Feby 1924, by searching the within stated Dwelling and buildings

and by seizing the following described Ardent Spirits and other things therein found (and arresting the above named person found in possession thereof) and by posting a true copy of this warrant and the return

hereon on the (Here say place, house, room, boat,

auto or baggage, or as case may be)

as front door of house, door of room or premises)

Description of Ardent Spirits and other things

seized 1- Barrel in Cellar under Dwelling house containing about 20 gallons. 2 Barrels in Cellar below Dwelling house in Bank containing about 20 gallons of Ardent spirits.

Given under my hand this 6th day of

Feby 1924 G. T. Resnades State Inspector

The following named officers and persons assisted me in the execution of this warrant:

Other than above stated the following are witnesses:

This matter set for hearing on the day of 1924

No claim of ownership or interest in any of the said things seized having been filed herein in compliance with the law, the same are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this day of 1924

Title of Magistrate.

Written claim of ownership or interest having been filed to certain of the said things herein seized, this warrant, the said claim and the things in the claim particularly described, are hereby certified to the Court of this for determination and the said things unclaimed are hereby adjudged and declared confiscated and forfeited to the Commonwealth.

Given under my hand this day of 1924

Title of Magistrate.

NOTE.—Unless warrant issued for Ardent Spirits being transported in vehicle, boat or baggage, it is to be returned to the jurisdiction from which issued. If issued for Ardent Spirits so transported, it can be executed in any part of the State, and returned to any justice in any county or city through which they were carried.

Commonwealth of Virginia---City, County of, Rockingham to-wit

WHEREAS, W. J. Rexrode State Inspector of the said County City
(Here insert name of affiant or affiants)

has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, M. S. Lamborn J.P.
Name of Magistrate. Title.

of the said County that he verily believes for the reasons hereinafter stated in the said County and State:

(a) Ardent spirits are being unlawfully manufactured, sold, kept, stored, possessed, held, used, and concealed,
in a certain Dwelling house and out buildings
(Here insert description of the place, house, room, or boat, as the case may be)
by one L. F. Ritchie near Wale Enterprise
(Give name, or say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

(b) A still, still cap, worm, tubs, fermenters and other appliances with such still and used, and mash and other substances,
capable of being used, in the manufacture of Ardent Spirits, are unlawfully in the possession of, and unlawfully used
by one L. F. Ritchie
(Give name, or say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

in a certain Dwelling house and out buildings
(Here describe the place, house, room or boat, as the case may be)

(c) Ardent Spirits are being unlawfully kept, held, stored, concealed, used, sold, and unlawfully transported in certain bag-
gage or a certain vehicle, to-wit: a certain _____
(Here describe vehicle, auto, motor boat, package or baggage, or what not)
by one _____
(Give name, or say, "Whose name is to the informant unknown")

And there being reasonable and probable cause for such belief, on account of the following facts stated by the affiant and
others, to-wit: that By information and complaint of citizens of said neighborhood, and by cars being seen coming away from said place, the Olive being intoxicated

This is to certify that I have this day issued a search warrant to search the said Dwelling house
(Here say place house, room, boat,
and out buildings
auto or baggage, or as the case may be)

for the said L. F. Ritchie, Ardent spirits and Mash
(Here state what is to be searched for as, "Ardent Spirits," still, still cap, mash or what not)

Given under my hand this 6 day of Feb 1924

M. S. Lamborn
Justice Peace
Title of Magistrate.

Witnessed by me

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**AFFIDAVIT FOR A WARRANT TO SEARCH
FOR ARDENT SPIRITS, ETC.**

Commonwealth of Virginia

vs.

L. H. Peltch

Filed in the Clerk's Office of the.....
Court of the.....of..... Va.
County or City Name

Court of the
Virginia, this.....day of....., 192.....

Clerk.

By..... D. C.

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Commonwealth of Virginia---City, County of...
City of *[illegible]* County of *[illegible]*

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
HARRISONBURG, VA.

CHEMICAL LABORATORY

REPORT OF ANALYSIS

THE SAMPLE OF..... SUBMITTED BY

..... FOR THE DETERMINATION

OF..... SHOWS THE

FOLLOWING ANALYSIS:

To J. F. Blackburn, Clerk of the Court
of Rockingham County:

Commonwealth vs. Frank Ritchie

To Analysis of Alcoholic Beverages --- \$10⁵⁰
(Three Samples)

REMARKS:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANALYSIS IS CORRECT TO
THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DATE

Feb 7, 1924

James C. Johnston
ANALYST

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL
HARRISONBURG, VA.
CHEMICAL LABORATORY
REPORT OF ANALYSIS

THE SAMPLE OF _____
SUBMITTED BY _____
FOR THE DETERMINATION _____
FOLLOWS THE _____

100.0000gms. of the substance
of the following analysis:
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of the following analysis:
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of the following analysis:

REMARKS:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ANALYSIS IS CORRECT TO
THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

ANALYST

DATE

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten date]

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

*J. G. Myers, Carpenter Kennedy, v
Lewis J. Miller,*

*to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court
House, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 18 day of March 1924
to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Common-
wealth, Plaintiff, against*.....

L. F. Ritchie

Defendant.....

*And this they shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then
and there this Writ*

*Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the
17 day of March, 1924 and in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.*

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

L. F. Ritchie

ads

Commonwealth

D. W. Wyant

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Sheriff fee 1.50

March 18, 1924

Executed March 17, 1924 by delivering
a copy of this summons to J. St.
Myers & Cooper Kennedy in person.
Lewis J. Miller not. L. W. Moore, S. P. &
found me my father-in-law by pro. Moore looking

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon.....

Lewis J. Miller

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 18 day of..... 19....., to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Defendant in the prosecution of the Commonwealth, Plaintiff, against.....

L. F. Ritchie

Defendant.....

And this he shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 17 day of March, 1924 and in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.

....., Clerk.

Lewis J. Miller

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

Lewis J. Miller

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House at 10 o'clock, a.m. on the 17 day of _____ 19__ to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Plaintiff in the prosecution of the Commonwealth Plaintiff against

L. J. Miller

Defendant

And this _____ should not omit under the penalty of \$100. And have them

and there this 17th

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 17 day of _____ 19__ and in the 14th year of the Commonwealth.

Clerk.

Rockingham County, Va.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon

*W. T. Rexroad
John Furrh
C. W. Dove*

to appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, at the Court House thereof, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 18 day of Feb. 1924, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Commonwealth before the Grand Jury

L. F. Ritchie
who stands charged with and indicted for a felony misdemeanor.

And this they shall not omit under the penalty of £100. And have then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. F. BLACKBURN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, the 12 day of Feb., 1924, and in the 148th year of the Commonwealth.

J. F. Blackburn, Clerk.

Com.

Name of the Commonwealth of Virginia

To the Sheriff of Rockingham County, Virginia

L. F. Pritchie

Sheriff fee \$1.50

Grand Jury

Feb. 18, 1924
H. B. B. B.

Executed Feb. 13, 1924 by delivering a copy
of this summons to ^{W. T. Reppe} Frank and E. W. Llovera person, John

E. W. Llovera, S. P. O.

Arrest Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, } TO WIT:
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY,

To The Sheriff or a, a Constable of said County:

Whereas, W. D. Raymond State Prohibition of the said County, has this day made complaint and information on oath before me, M. L. Lankford a Justice of the said County, that L. F. Ritchie

of the said County, on the 6th day of February 1924, in the said County, did

unlawfully have in his possession in his dwelling house and
in out building a quantity of ardent spirits against the
Prohibition laws of the State of Virginia

These are therefore, in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to command you forthwith to apprehend and bring before me, or some other Justice of the said County, the body of the said

L. F. Ritchie

to answer the said complaint and to be further dealt with according to law. And you are required to summon

John V. Funtke, C. W. Dove,

to appear and give evidence in behalf of the Commonwealth, on the examination touching the said offence.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of February, in the year 1924.

M. L. Lankford J. P. (Seal)

After hearing heard by evidence in
 this case I think there is probable
 cause of the defendant being guilty &
 send the same on to the grand jury
 for further investigation.
 I am under my hand this 9th
 day of Feb: 1924. M. L. Lanham J.P.

Commonwealth

vs.

Arrest Warrant

L. F. Ritchie

Executed the within warrant by arresting
and delivering the body of

L. F. Ritchie

before M. L. Lanham

a Justice of Rockingham County, and by sum-
moning the within named witnesses in person,

this 9 day of Feb: 1924

W. T. Roper

Constable of Rockingham County.

State Inspector

J.P. fees 9.00 (4.00)
 com. city 10.00
 W. T. Roper 12.50
 James S. Johnston 10.00
 Charist 37.00

We, the jury find the defendant,
L. F. Ritchie guilty, and fix his
punishment - at \$50⁰⁰ fine.

W. S. Armentrout, foreman.



Can. vs L. F. Pelchen

L. E. Shank

Grover E. Spitzer

~~Ch. Hunt~~

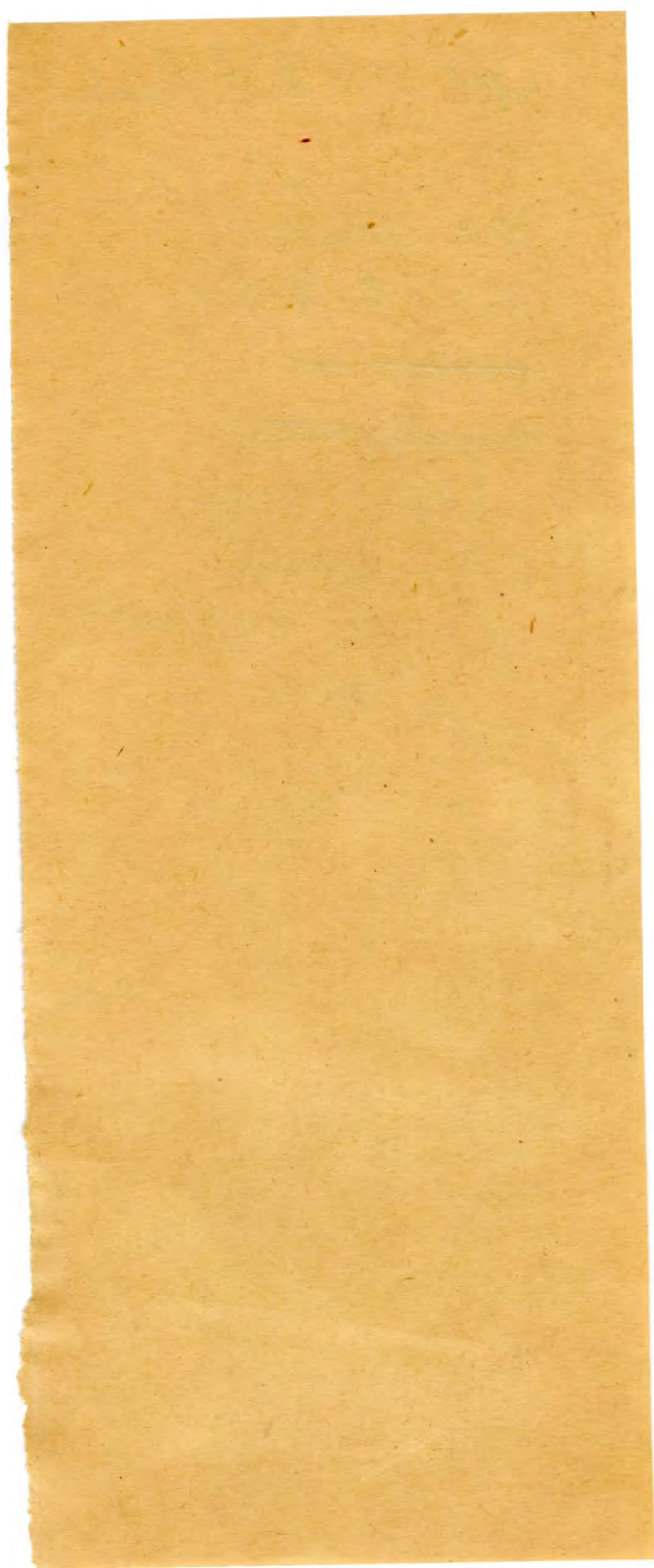
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minor E. Kyger

F. F. Bowser

W. Scott Armentant ✓





L. F. Johnson \$10.50
Suff. Boat
Suff. Boat 1.50
Meat 1.50
Premium 10.00
Bank note 1.00
Johnson 6.00
Total \$20.00
Suff. Boat
Suff. fee
Johnson \$5.50

Feb. Term 1924 #83
L. F. Ritchie
add. Middemasen
Commonwealth

March 18 -
July
E. Bank - 2.00
Mrs E. Spitzer - 5.00
Mun. Flyger - 2.80
F. F. Bowen - 3.50
W. Scott Armentant - 2.20
\$13.50

