

refused to take a seat in the rear of the bus. At left is Officer E. H. Jones and (right) Driver Raymond Jenkins. Officer J. H. Moody is shown behind the Negro woman. Cause of the trouble is blamed on civil rights publicity. —Staff Photo.

Negro Woman Fails To Observe Jim Crow Law Here

Refuses To Take Seat In Rear Of Bus; Hearing Here Monday

The civil rights issue is getting closer and closer to the Granite City and the first trouble with local Negroes in many years occurred last Saturday afternoon at the local bus station when a Negro woman refused to take a seat in the rear of a bus.

The woman, Smithy Reynolds, 57, of Sandy Level, caused considerable delay for 25 passengers who were also on the bus and two NEWS reporters stayed on the scene, too, waiting to see what would happen.

The Negro woman took a seat in the middle of the bus and when the driver asked her to move to the rear she said she didn't have to. He asked to get off the bus and she said she was not going to move.

The driver, Raymond Jenkins, told

Huge Crowd Sees Roy Acuff Here Last Night

The Veterans Memorial Park here was filled to capacity and more last night when spectators came from all over North Carolina and Virginia to see the famous singing hillbilly Roy Acuff.

Parks officials said it was one of the largest crowds to ever attend such an event.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the Virginia-Carolina old time fiddlers convention will be held at the park. Champions to be on the program are Esker Hutchens, Leak Caudell, Wayburn Johnson, Winford Tate, Bob Riley, Jim Shumate, Rudy Lyle, Red Bear, Rafe Brady and Chubby Wise.

Saturday night the Hillbilly Jamboree will feature the WBT Carolina Hayride with Fred Kirby and members of Briehoppers.

the rest of the passengers to relax and he made several telephone calls to company officials before he could obtain orders to issue a warrant for her arrest.

Two officers, J. H. Moody and E. H. Jones, issued the papers on the Negro woman and she still would not leave the bus without being forced by the officers. She entered the bus at 4 p. m. and was not apprehended by police until 6:30 o'clock, a delay of 2½ hours for the passengers. She was asked to leave a city bus some time ago when she took a seat in the front of the bus.

No sooner had she entered jail when Fred Jarrell of Toast posted her bond for \$100. She will be given a hearing before Judge H. H. Llewellyn in Recorder's Court here Monday morning.

The Negroes in Mount Airy have given little trouble in the past but recent civil right issues have caused considerable discussions in their churches and other meeting places. A few local white people have also agitated trouble with the Negroes by telling them of their civil rights.

Highway Commissioner Smith, dropped the property owners' suit to go by Lebanon Street.

The \$180,000 appropriation by-pass was taken to Le second truck lane. Gove has been told of this in the citizens of Mount Airy close friends of Scott, ing the new truck lane. The new proposed lane would go up Ararat river to cross the country north Airy Country Club, come the Fancy Gap highway Mrs. M. H. Jackson has a new bridge across Le at Allred Mill place.

DR. ROZZEL OUT

Dr. C. Excellence Rozzel preacher in the city-w services being held this Rockford Street audit bringing some outstanding Large and responsive co have received the me enthusiastically.

Sunday night Dr. Rozze ed on one of the obscure of Jesus, Andrew, who had assigned to a second tion but who played a in each of the twelve made to him in the N ment. Monday night, I gregation considerable de account of the storm of afternoon, the guest pres most intimately on the prayer. He continually li his listeners the ultimate of all prayer, the words of Gethsemane, "Father, no but thine be done."

To a large congregation night, Dr. Rozelle preach importance of one person's on another. He laid stress on the important right kind of influence p ercise over their children to the auditorium filled school students Tuesday Dr. Rozelle spoke on a m problem, "The Plan and Life." From numerous li of characters of history, every age and many plac ed out how they had either a definite plan or prision on the world ding to life's problems phases or taking them to



Shown above is Grier L. Bateman, F. M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bateman of Ararat, Va. He is stationed aboard the U.S.S. Hector in Shanghai.