

## 'Caught in Draft,' Adkins Told His Friends by Card

Joe P. Adkins, 22, of 1001 Summer street, stepson of Judge L. D. Miller, and Clarence Ray Bryan, 23, of 303 Peachbloom street, son of Chief of Police Ray Bryan, were among the record-setting large quota of draft selectees who were sent to Fort Oglethorpe from Judge Miller's courtroom this morning.

Adkins' father was Capt. James Pettibone Adkins, noted World war veteran. The young man has been an absorbed spectator at all sessions of Judge Miller's court since he left Tennessee Technical college, at Cookeville, for the summer vacation.

### "Close The Door"

Lately, Adkins has been passing out cards among his friends: "Joe P. Adkins, King of the Rug Cutters. Close the Door, Boys, He's Caught In the Draft. How's about a date. Baby? When you want some excitement just call on Adkins, the Champ of Fun."

During the past week, Adkins has been saluting friends and acquaintances by holding up his fingers denoting how many days remained before he would be "caught in the draft." Today, he was going about with his thumb and forefinger shaped in the form of a zero.

"Joe brought a big steamer suitcase to the courthouse to carry his clothes to Fort Oglethorpe in, but I persuaded him to take my brief case, instead," commented Judge Miller.

Clarence Ray Bryan, son of the chief, is a graduate electrical engineer, University of Tennessee, class of 1941. Until he was "caught in the draft," he was a junior test engineer for the Chattanooga Electric Power board, in the system operating department.

"Police work?" he said to the reporter, in response to a question.



Clarence Ray Bryan

"Bunk on police work! I've seen too much of it in my time. I would rather be Steinmetz than Sherlock Holmes any old day. That Steinmetz, now, there was a great man, hunchback notwithstanding, and the General Electric company realized it, too. I understand that the General Electric plant at Schnecktady once passed a rule against smoking, but Steinmetz always smoked big, black cigars, as those who have studied the life of this electrical genius know. Well, the General Electric company compromised by putting up signs reading, 'No Smoking Allowed—Except by Steinmetz.'"

Members of the American Legion auxiliary unit, who passed out "kits" containing sundries to the registrants as they left the courtroom, permitted Mrs. L. D. Miller personally to present a kit to her son. Mrs. M. Dement likewise presented a kit to her son, Med Dement.