

UNLIKE REPORTERS

Jurors' Families Show No Surprise

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Reporters always seem to show surprise when another juror is chosen at the Jack Ruby murder trial.

But families seldom are surprised that their breadwinner or wife has been picked on the ultra-exclusive jury.

"Why shouldn't she be chosen?" asked B. T. English, of 10078 San Lorenzo, an electrician for Great Colorado & Santa Fe railroad, when informed Wednesday that his 46-year-old wife, Gwen, had become a juror.

"It's a civic duty," said English. "I've had to pass it three or four times (jury duty) because of my job, but somebody's got to do it."

He said Mrs. English "thinks things out for herself."

Robert Jacob Flechtner Jr., 29, of 818 Vinecrest, Richardson, telephoned his wife and she said they talked "mostly about last night's (Liston-Clay) fight."

"That was more surprising than R. J.'s being chosen on the jury," she added.

Mrs. Mary Holton, 25, wife of the third juror picked Wednesday

J. G. Holton Jr., the Grand Prairie mailman, said she was surprised, either, when a reporter telephoned her the news.

"Well, are you excited?" the newsman asked.

"I don't know yet," Mrs. Holton said. "He's a natural for the jury; he's calm and thinks things out completely."

The Holtons have three children, J. G. III (Buddy), 6; Mark, 4; and Julie Ann, 2. They have been married eight years—the same length of time J. G. has been a walking postman in Grand Prairie.

He is of the Church of Christ faith, she is a Baptist. They attend Eighth Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Holton has lived in Grand Prairie all her life. Her folks, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mitchell, also live there.



Mrs. Gwen English . . . seventh Ruby juror.



J. G. Holton Jr. . . . eighth Ruby juror.



B. T. English . . . his wife's on the jury.

His husband, the juror, attended high school in San Diego, Calif., but graduated from Grand Prairie High. After four years in the Navy, he attended Arlington State for a year.

The J. G. Holton Seniors live in Arlington.

Flechtner, a Christian Scientist, has two children, Tod, 3, and Paige, 8 months.

His wife, Barbara, also 29, said Flechtner is "soft-spoken" and likes to work on hotrod cars in his spare time.

The Englishes, married 14 years, grew up at Cleburne and attended school there. English said he joined the railroad 22 years ago at Cleburne and transferred here with it. He is 47. They are Baptists.

Would he vote the death penalty if in his wife's place (and the evidence warranted it, of course)?

"Under certain circumstances," he replied.

English's mother, Mrs. S. E. English, still lives at Cleburne. Mrs. English's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Locker, also live there. Had they been separated much before?

"Only when I go deer hunting or fishing," said English.



Robert Jacob Flechtner Jr. . . . sixth Ruby juror.

"Not more than a day or two, when he goes fishing. He goes fishing all the time," replied Mrs. Holton of her husband.

"One week is the longest," said Mrs. Flechtner.

Flechtner, incidentally, was to begin work last Monday as a salesman for Clampitt Paper Co. Jury duty beckoned and he hasn't made it to work yet . . . and it might be a while before he does.

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**APPLES YIELD
BLANK PISTOL**

Sheriff Bill Decker's deputies found a blank pistol when they searched a bag of apples carried by a 77-year-old man who showed up for the Jack Ruby murder trial Wednesday.

The man, who said he was from Chicago, could give no explanation for the harmless weapon.

Decker arranged to turn him over to relatives here

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