



**JURY TAKEN TO SUPPER** — Shortly after being selected late yesterday afternoon, the jury to hear the Frank Wetzel case were taken to supper at a local restaurant. Under supervision at all times, the jury spent last night together at the hotel. Because some did not want their picture made, it was not possible to get a picture showing all.

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# Overtime Session Needed For Selection Of Jury

From eighty-six prospective jurors examined yesterday, 12 who will decide Frank Wetzel's lie were chosen.

Also selected from the 86 were two alternates who will sit to hear the testimony in case anything happens to one of the regular jurors.

Many persons expressed surprise yesterday that the selection could be made from the regular panel of 60 jurors plus a special venire of 150. Opinion of many until late yesterday afternoon was that a jury couldn't be selected in Richmond County. Most of the prospective jurors

had, in fact, heard or read about the case in which Frank Wetzel will be tried for the murder of Highway Patrolman W. L. Reece. But they all said they could "put out of their minds" the information they had and give the man a fair and impartial trial.

Final selection of the two alternates came at 6:25 last night.

Selection of the jury began shortly after 9:30 yesterday morning with the names of jurors being drawn out of a the selection proceeding, Solicitor M. G. Boyette has first chance to question the prospective juror.

One of the first questions he asked each person was about his feelings on capital punishment. A surprisingly large number professed to be religiously opposed to the death penalty and so were excused.

Wetzel's attorney, John T. Page Jr. had a much longer list of questions for each juror and seemed supremely interested in making sure that no one closely connected with any law enforcement officer was seated on the jury.

Final selection of the 12 who

will begin hearing State's testimony today are:

R. E. Cox, Hamlet, Seaboard employee; William J. Cain, Jr., Rockingham, textile worker; J. R. Morse, Rockingham, paper mill employee; Calvin Dawkins, Rockingham, textile worker; T. J. Emanuel, Hamlet, garage owner and mechanic; Mrs. Margaret Adams, Rockingham, dry cleaning plant operator; Harold L. Ivey, Rockingham, textile worker; Mrs. Evelyn English, Hamlet, housewife; Fred Jarrell, Mt. Gilead, farmer; R. R. Martin, Rockingham, textile worker; Raymond W. Freeman, Rocking-

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