

Period In Army

Story of Traffic Case Brings Reprimand

A brief lecture on the respect for authority which is inculcated by military training was given in municipal-county court Monday by Judge E. Earle Rives in disposing of a case in which the defendant was charged with failing to obey a traffic officer while in the line of duty.

The defendant was Percy Maxwell, of Ardmore, Okla., who is in the city temporarily to supervise construction of the municipal golf course in Gillespie park.

Claims Misunderstanding.

Maxwell contended that the incident on East Market street, near the bus station, Sunday night was a "misunderstanding" between him and the police sergeant. However, the latter testified that the defendant continued the double-parking position of his car so long and acted himself in such a defiant manner that it was necessary for the officer to draw his gun and threaten to shoot down a tire when Maxwell allegedly started to drive off with the officer on the running board.

The defendant denied this, swearing that, contrary to the sergeant's statement, he did not allow his machine to stand in the street after two other cars had moved. Maxwell claimed that he only followed the example set by drivers of the other two automobiles.

Recommends Army.

After hearing the conflicting statements from the witness stand, Judge Rives asked the defendant if he had ever had military training. There was a negative answer and then Judge Rives said that army training is one of the most effective agencies for instilling respect for authority.

Judge Rives continued prayer for judgment on payment of the costs.