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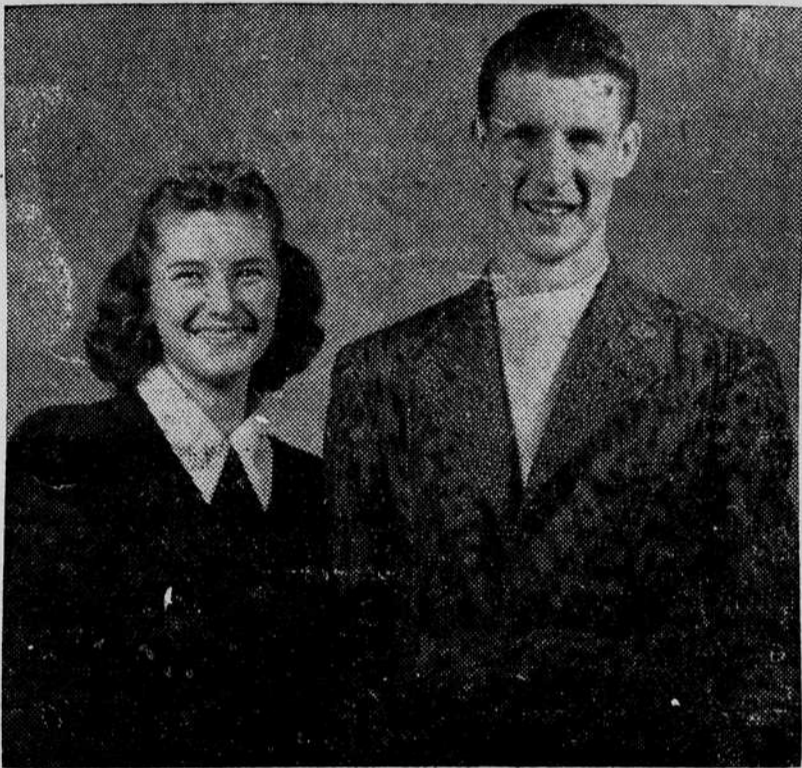
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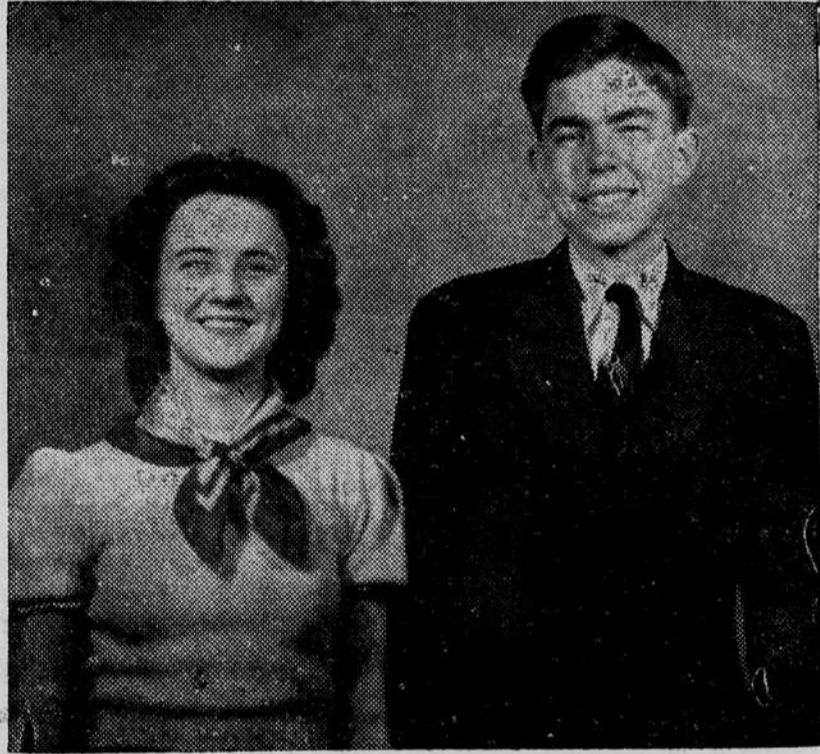
KILLER CAUGHT TODAY

AFFIRMATIVE



Margaret Robinson and Charles Davis, above, upholding the affirmative side of the Triangular Debate question, defeated the negative representatives of Greenville at Tarboro last Friday, gaining the right to enter the State finals at Chapel Hill April 18 & 19. (NewsKut by Crumpler & Brigman)

NEGATIVE



Victoria Vester and Nick Long, in above photograph, won a decision over the affirmative representatives of the Tarboro school at Greenville last Friday in the annual Triangular Debates. They will vie for State honors at Chapel Hill April 18 and 19. (NewsKut by Crumpler & Brigman)

TAKEN NEAR HALIFAX

Big Manhunt For Deputy Killer Is Staged Last Night

E. L. Keeter, who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff William A. Pope of Weldon last night about 8 o'clock, was captured today shortly after 11 a.m. on the Atlantic Coast Line tracks about a mile north of Halifax. Sheriff Joe Riddick, Chief H. E. Dobbins of Roanoke Rapids, H. L. Pittman, Jack Whitehead, and Cliff Strickland learned of the whereabouts of the hunted man and closed in for the capture, Pittman, Strickland, and Whitehead making the actual arrest.

Keeter, who offered no resistance, was taken to the Halifax County jail at Halifax, but when a crowd of citizens from Halifax and Weldon started milling around the jail, the officers decided it expedient to move him to another county for safe keeping. It could not be officially learned tonight where the officers carried him.

Keeter, unarmed at the time of his arrest, told officers that he did not know who Pope was when the deputy went to arrest him at the J. S. Turner Lumber Company plant early last night, according to reports received here. He further claims, according to officers, that Pope fired the first shot.

Jack Abernathy, who accompanied Keeter to the premises of the lumber company last night, is being held in jail at Halifax as a material witness. Abernathy is said to have told officers today that he was with Keeter when the shooting started, but ran immediately and as a result did not see which way Keeter fled after the shooting. Keeter is reported to have told officers today that he spoke to Abernathy after the shooting, saying to him, "I believe I have killed a man."

The shooting occurred early last night when Pope went to the lumber plant, where Keeter had formerly served as a night watchman, to serve a capias on him. Keeter had escaped from Halifax the day before, after having been tried and fined in Recorder's Court for carrying a concealed weapon, an automatic pistol that is said to have belonged to the lumber company. After sentence was passed by Judge Daniel, Keeter is said to have slipped out of the court room and escaped to Weldon, where he has been making his home for the past several months. He hid in the woods there until last night when he and Abernathy came to a small building on the lumber company premises, where he had been living while acting as watchman, to get his clothes and leave.

Pope, in a routine check up on (Continued on Page 8, Sec. A)

IN FIREMAN'S SHOW



Above is pictured a part of the cast of the Fireman's show, "Romance in the Ozarks," which will be presented in the high school auditorium Friday and Saturday nights, April 12 and 13. Reading left to right: Mrs. Dorothy Shearin, Reese Welch, Carl Churchill, John Ingram, Beaunie Holliday, Burnett Connell, and Ruby Wood.

(NewsKut by Crumpler and Brigman)

SHOT TONIGHT

Robert Squire, 26 year old colored employee of the Halifax Paper Company, was shot to death tonight about nine o'clock in front of the W. A. Vincent store at Vulture. James Robinson, negro employed as night watchman by Mr. Vincent, was lodged in the Northampton County jail at Jackson, charged with the shooting.

According to Robinson, he shot Squire after Squire had hit him on

the jaw with a good sized rock. Robinson told a Herald reporter that Squire had come to the door of his room, a small shack in the store yard, had thrown the door open and hit him with one rock and had thrown another which missed its mark, the negro cursing him all the while.

After the negro threw the rocks, Robinson said that Squire stood outside the room and called to him, trying to make him come out. It was at that time that Robinson shot him, the load taking effect in the throat and chest.

Squire ran a few yards around the front of the store before he fell dead by the roadside.

APRIL 13 BIG DAY FOR DUKE-WAKE FOREST BATTLE

Byrne To Oppose Big Bob Vickery

Saturday, April 13, is the big day for the big five baseball classic in Roanoke Rapids. Fans will be privileged to witness two teams that have gone through the season thus far without having a single defeat chalked up against them when the mighty Blue Devils lock horns with the Demon Deacons from Wake Forest.

On the mound for the Deacs will be none other than Tommy "Lefty" Byrne, the fireball ace that set them down for the Owls here last summer. For the Duke team, Bob Vickery, big righthander from Philadelphia, will probably get the nod. Vickery was the Duke's mainstay last year, winning six and losing none. If Vickery is found unavailable for the classic here, Bill Mock, from Altoona, Pa., will get the assignment. He was the leading hurler for the Imps last year. He is a curveballer, but has a fast one to mix in when it is needed.

Other stars that will be seen when the two leaders meet here will be one George McAfee, whom some will remember as the pounding back that set the nation on its ears for the past two football seasons.

Truetoe Tony Ruffa will also be in the Duke lineup, behind the bat. Crash Davis, hefty second baseman, believed to be the most likely looking big league prospect in the South, will show the boys how it is done.

For the Wake Forest team will be, besides Byrne, Big Blond Bill Sweel, the loud and loquacious catcher, whom the fans saw here last summer on the Colonial Heights team. Dave Fuller, another former Owl, has been converted into a pitcher and is doing a swell job, according to reports. He may get into the game if Byrne should weaken against the Dukies.

Prior to the game, a big parade will be staged up and down the Avenue with bands and banners. Fanfare will be plentiful; traffic will be orderly; the crowds will be efficiently taken care of—for the Kiwanis Club and the Lions Club, co-sponsors of the game, have worked out the plans in detail, giving every possible angle their careful attention in order to make everything click.

After the game both teams will be treated to a barbecue and stew. At the banquet members of the teams, of the civic clubs, and city officials will voice their opinions on various topics.