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## DUKE VS WAKE FOREST

### Tour Next Week

#### GARDENS TO OPEN MONDAY

The Third Annual Garden Pilgrimage, in progress over the State since the first of April, will come to Roanoke Rapids and Halifax County on Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16. The historic buildings in Halifax will be open to visitors on Sunday, April 14, because of a change in dates, in addition to the two days set aside for the pilgrimage. Hundreds of visitors are expected in Halifax County and this city during the two-day tour. Six gardens will be open by the Roanoke Rapids Garden Club.

Original dates for the Garden Pilgrimage in Halifax County were April 14 and 15, but since the Herald went to press it was learned that the dates had been changed to April 15 and 16.

(Complete details of the Pilgrimage appear on page 1, section C of this issue of the paper)

#### TEN HAVE FILED FOR OFFICE

Ten men who are running for county offices have filed their candidacies with the County Board of Elections, Kelly Jenkins, chairman of the Election Board, said today. Eleven men have announced their intentions of running in the county papers. One who has announced has not yet filed. Another who has filed has not made a formal announcement, so far as could be learned here today.

Those filing this week were Wade H. Dickens for Solicitor of Recorder's Court; Irwin Clark for Judge of Recorder's Court; B. B. Everett for lower house in the legislature; Dr. T. W. M. Long for State senate. Candidates who filed last week were the entire membership of the Halifax County Board and the Register of Deeds.

Those who have announced in the county but have not filed are Julian Allsbrook for house of representatives and Chas. Daniel for Judge of Recorder's Court.

Out of the 11 offices to be filled at the coming election only one has two candidates, that of the Judge of Recorder's Court. Judge Daniel, incumbent, and Irwin Clark of Scotland Neck are both out for that place.

#### ARMORY NEEDED SAYS GEN. METTS

##### Rocky Mount Said To Have Promised Funds For Big One

A final meeting about the National Guard unit for Roanoke Rapids was held this morning at the Municipal Building when Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, Colonel Harry R. Melton, National Guard Instructor, and Colonel H. A. Newell, Division Surgeon 30th Division, met with the local committee representing the various city organizations.

Satisfied with prospects for officers and enlisted men, General Metts stressed the need for a permanent armory and upon the prospects of Roanoke Rapids securing an armory, will probably rest his final decision which he said would be made by Monday.

The officers left Roanoke Rapids for Rocky Mount where they were to meet a delegation this afternoon. It has been reported Rocky Mount, by action of the

Board of Commissioners of Nash and Edgecombe counties, had been assured of the local funds needed for a large armory and community center. All towns asking for the unit have been eliminated except Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids.

The local committee told the officers that public sentiment here was for an armory and community building but could not assure them on any date as no official action has been taken by city or county officials in regard to the local share for a permanent building. The local share of a \$50,000 armory-community building would be \$15,000.

Dr. T. J. Taylor and Dr. B. E. Stephenson, Reserve officers who would head the medical unit should it be secured, were present at the meeting with committee chairmen from Lions, Kiwanis, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, including Mayor Bernard Allsbrook, Ted Speight, F. C. Williams, F. S. Kemp, A. N. Martin, Frank Vaughan and Carroll Wilson.

#### BIGGEST FIRE IN THREE YEARS IN CITY WEDNESDAY

The largest fire within the city limits of Roanoke Rapids since the Skating Rink fire in the spring of 1937 occurred near the Roanoke Junction Wednesday morning around 2 o'clock. A house used for servants and storage and belonging to A. A. Duncan was a complete loss along with several items of value that was stored in the building. Mr. Duncan estimated the total damages amounted to about \$2200, which was partially covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered about 1:50 Wednesday morning. When the firemen arrived on the scene, the entire building was in a blaze. The firemen confined themselves to the task of keeping nearby houses from catching.

The loss of several pool tables, a trailer, and other items was responsible for the damages' reaching such a high figure.

The fire department has attended other fires that were bigger and caused more damage, but those fires were outside of the city limits. The city's total losses from fire last year amounted to only about \$475.

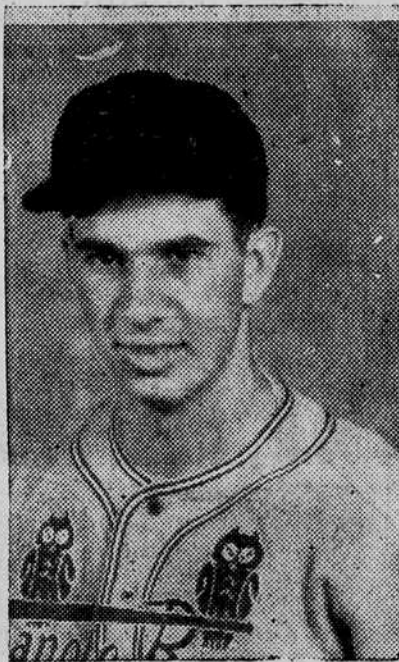
#### Keeter Held In Secret

Law enforcement officials in the county would not divulge the whereabouts of E. L. Keeter, who is charged with the fatal shooting of Deputy Sheriff William Pope the night of April 3, when contacted for the information tonight. Reason for keeping the prison where he is being held a secret was that strong feeling against Keeter still prevailed around Weldon and Halifax.

A Herald reporter was informed that it would be about ten days yet before official information concerning Keeter's whereabouts would be given out.

Keeter, after his capture which climaxed an all night manhunt last Wednesday night, was whisked away by county officers and patrolmen to an unknown destination when crowds started milling around the jail at Halifax last Thursday morning.

#### TO PITCH



TOMMY BYRNE

Coming back to Roanoke Rapids next Saturday will be Tommy (Lefty) Byrne, who mowed all opposition down for the Owls here last Summer. He will face the toughest foe in the Southern Conference in the Duke Blue Devils as his Alma Mater goes up against them in their first meeting of the year. Duke will be hot after him and his teammates, who boast thus far a clean slate for the 1940 season. Duke has lost one.

#### Liske Files Candidacy For Board

Clyde Liske, south ward commissioner who was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the death of John Smith, filed his candidacy for the seat on the City Board this week, subject to the election of May 7. Three commissioners are to be elected this year, two from the south ward and one from the north ward.

One commissioner in the south ward will be elected for a term of two years. The other one will be elected for three years. The commissioner in the north ward will be elected for three years.

Seats on the Board now occupied by George N. Taylor, formerly of the north ward but recently moved into the south ward, and Byron Gurley, of the south ward, will also be filled at the coming election.

Other commissioners on the Board at the present are F. C. Williams, R. I. Starke, and M. D. Collier.

#### DEACONS' RECORD IS AT STAKE SATURDAY

Wake Forest will go up against the mighty Blue Devils of Duke here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with a clean slate, having won handily all games in the schedule thus far. Duke, who has lost no college games, will be trying to keep the Deacons from running their successive wins into a longer streak. Byrne is slated to oppose Vickery in what promises to be one of the biggest baseball battles of the year among Big Five colleges. The game here Saturday is a regular game, not an exhibition contest. Official conference umpires will be on hand to call "Play Ball".

For those who want to get their tickets early and avoid the rush at the gate, Griffin Drug Company and Rosemary Drug Co. will sell tickets Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Complete details of the plans for the game and the lineup for both teams appear on page 1, section B of this issue of the paper)

#### Gets Death Penalty At Jackson

Dollie Lee Hudson, Northampton County negro, was placed on Death Row in Central Prison in Raleigh Monday after being convicted of the murder of Hampton W. Elliott last November. Execution was set for May 31, but he appealed, which automatically postponed his death.

In the Northampton County Superior Court last week Hudson was found guilty by a jury, drawn from Gaston and Wicaccannee townships, after about thirty minutes deliberation. Attorney E. N. Riddle was appointed by the court to defend Hudson and the State was represented by E. R. Tyler, solicitor.

The trial was highlighted by the expert testimony of members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The trial began Wednesday morning and lasted until noon Friday.

Hudson was convicted of murdering Elliott, his landlord, last November in the yard of the negro's home. Elliott was found by a searching party in the yard dead, having been beaten and shot. Hudson, after the shooting, took Elliott's car and escaped. The car was later found in Petersburg. Hudson was captured in New Jersey.