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## DEFENSE & STATE REST IN TRIAL

### Addresses To Jury Expected Tomorrow

The Defense and the State rested this afternoon in the first degree murder trial of E. L. Keeter, who allegedly shot and killed Deputy Sheriff William A. Pope on the night of April 3. Both defense and State will address the jury tomorrow morning (Friday, May 3) after which the judge will charge the jury.

After the State rested today the defense, led by D. Mac Johnson who was appointed with J. Edward Knott, made a motion to non-suit the case, declaring that the State's evidence did not justify a charge of first degree murder. The jury was excused while the defense presented its argument for non-suit. The motion was overruled.

An exception was noted and the defense put its witnesses on the stand.

Keeter, being tried for his life, denied virtually all the evidence given by the State's witnesses, among whom were his so-called best friends, S. M. Abernathy and Mrs. Clara White.

Keeter told the court that he shot Pope in self defense, not knowing who the deputy was at the time of the shooting. He said that when he saw the man approaching behind a pile of lumber with only his head and shoulders showing, he shot. He denied that he had made a threat to kill whoever came to arrest him for taking "French leave" at Recorder Court on April 2, when he was fined \$50 for carrying a concealed weapon.

Mrs. White testified that Keeter had said that he would kill the officer who came to make the arrest. Keeter denied that he saw the car of the deputy or that he saw the lights of the machine as it drove up to the shack on the J. S. Turner Lumber Company grounds where he had been staying.

S. M. Abernathy, who is said to have been with Keeter when the shooting started, told the court that he himself saw the car.

The entire day Wednesday was taken up in selecting a jury. The regular venire of 18 names and 95 names from a special venire were exhausted before the 13 men to sit on the case had been chosen.

## TO HOLD FORUM



COUNT JCERZY POTOCKI

Count Potocki, Ambassador to the United States from Poland, will come to Roanoke Rapids on May 9 to appear as the principal speaker in a Public Forum on Poland at the high school auditorium. He comes to the city as the guest of the Lions, Kiwanis, and Woman's Clubs in an effort to raise money for the relief of the Polish people who have recently been placed under the iron hand of Germany. (Photo Copyright by Harris & Ewing)

On the jury are N. B. Whitley, Walter Moon, Curtis Hardee, and W. I. Leonard, all of Enfield; E. W. Wall, R. E. Cleaton, Jr., George Hubbard, Crawford Britton, L. R. Moody, and Jack Shaw, all of Roanoke Rapids; R. P. Glasgow of Littleton, and Isaac Smith of Faucetts. The alternate is R. L. Martin of Roanoke Rapids.

### REV. THOMAS CURRAN

AT RIGHT is Rev. Thomas Curran, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curran of Roanoke Rapids, who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood last Sunday at the Raleigh Cathedral. Father Curran will celebrate his first solemn Mass at St. John's on May 5.

## REPORT ONLY 926 REGISTERED IN TOWNSHIP TO DATE

### Will Speak In Forum On May 9



D. B. BROWN

Vice-Chairman of the Raleigh Housing Authority, Past President of the Raleigh Lions Club, Dean of the School of Business at State College, and widely recognized economist, Dean Brown is well qualified to take a part in the Public Forum, in which Count Potocki of Poland will be the principal speaker, to be held at the high school auditorium Thursday night, May 9.

No. 1 Precinct Leads; Registration Closes May 11

Registrations for the Democratic Primary May 25 totaled 926 today in the four precincts in the Roanoke Rapids Township, according to reports from the Registrars. Precinct No. 1 with R. O. Mayes Registrar led with a total of 515 registrations. Precinct No. 2 under Registrar R. C. Josey III had 151; precinct No. 4 with Hannibal Shearin Registrar had 135; and precinct No. 3 under W. B. Brown had 122. Registration began Saturday, April 27.

The registration books will close at sunset Saturday, May 11, giving voters one more week in which to get their names officially registered.

The Registrars of the four precincts here and throughout the county will be at the polling places this Saturday, May 4, and on the Saturday of May 11 from 9 a.m. until sunset to register qualified voters. During the week they will have their books available to those wishing to register.

The Registrars will have their books at the following places on Saturday and during the week:

Precinct No. 1—R. O. Mayes will have books at B. Marks Warehouse on Saturday and at Wrenn's Funeral Home during the week.

Precinct No. 2—R. C. Josey III will have the books at the Fire Station on Saturday and at his office in the J. Winfield Crew, Jr., offices in the Kidd building in the North Ward business district.

Precinct No. 3—W. B. Brown will have the books at the Rosemary graded school building on Saturday and at his home at 929 Hamilton Street during the week.

Precinct No. 4—Hannibal Shearin will have the books at the L. A. Daniel Corner in South Rosemary in the old drug store on Saturday and at his store about four and one-half miles from Roanoke Rapids on the Littleton Road during the week.

New elections laws of 1939 provided that all voters should be re-listed or re-registered. The Halifax County Elections Board decided to adopt the plan of re-registration. All qualified voters must register to be able to cast a vote in the coming primary.

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