TEAM TO PLAY AT RALEIGH

Romancos Are In Softball **Tourney**

After defeating Rocky Mount and Wilson in the First Softball District playoffs last week, the Romancos pulled out this morning for Raleigh where they will defend their title as State champions in the North Carolina tournament to-

Coach W. G. "Bill" Alligood was notified that the Romancos would play tonight at 8:15 o'clock, and the team meets the winner of the Charlotte-Goldsboro contest.

The tournament will be run on a single-elimination basis-one defeat will cost a team its chance for the title and a trip to Detroit for the national meet.

The Romancos, who won the State title in 1939 and 1940, are conceded an edge to repeat for the third successive year over other teams entered and take the title and the trip to Detroit.

At the time the Romancos are playing in the State tournament for men at Raleigh, the local girls team will be competing in the womens division at Mount Holly.

Finals of the men's tournament are scneduled for Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. The men's tourney has been held at Raleigh for the past two years, but it has never been held at Devereux Meadow, scene this year of all games, before.

Negro School Teachers Are her husband, George Stokes, was a native of Halifax County. She was In Car Wreck She had lived in Weldon approxi-

Three Negro school teachers were involved in an automobile wreck on the Garysburg-Gaston road this morning about 8 o'clock, and one of them required hospitalization

It was reported that a tire on the car in which they were riding blew out in front of the home of W. W. Grant, and the vehicle turned over. Dorothy Magette was who lives at Henderson; her moththe most seriously injured, and er, Mrs. Jarrell; a sister, Mrs. was admitted to the local hospital. Attaches said she had no broken brother, Joe Jarrell of Franklinton; bones, but suffered cuts and bruises and was badly shaken up.

Clark and Mary Wright. Both re- U. S. Army, and Thomas Wood of ceived minor cuts and scratches.

(Continued from Page One) his crime at the November term of Halifax County Superior Court.

The cutting occurred in front of Weldon last Saturday night about 10 o'clock.

According to reports of the killand Miss Dorothy Louise Carter where he sold some clothes hang-Joyner pulled a knife from his bought a pint of "bootleg liquor". before the others in the car could Joyner said, they secured more summon aid.

ADMITS CUTTING

When officers arrived on the scene Joyner was said to have been made that the woman treated him sitting on the running board of "wrong", Joyner replied, "She the car, holding a whiskey bottle hadn't done a thing". Then, he exbetween his legs. He made no at- plained that she hadn't done anytempt to escape, and admitted the thing prior to the night he killed cutting. After his arrest he was her, and "I was drunk and don't quoted by officers as saying, "I in- remember anything about that!" tended killing her. She treated me wrong."

Miss Carter, 19, and Strickland, tion he quickly answered by say-

Girls Team At Mt. Holly



The Roanoke Rapids girls softball team left this morning for Mt. Holly where the State softball tournament will open tonight. In the girls' tourney Mt. Holly and Raleigh share the favorites' spot. Raleigh is defending champion, but Mt. Holly has come up this season with a cracker-jack outfit.

The locals are scheduled to meet Greensboro at 8:30 tonight, the first semi-final game on Friday will start at the same time and the second is scheduled to start at 9:45. The tournament will be run on a single-elimination basis, and Saturday night's winner in the finals will gain a berth in the national tournament at Detroit.

Shown above are: front row, left to right-Edna Jones, third base; Alice Jones, second base; Hazel Lee, pitcher and first base; Alfutia Jones, roving fielder; Ina Mae Hux, right field; Hazel Buxton, shortstop. Back row, left to right-Bill Riggans, coach and manager; Marjorie Lee, pitcher; Verona Outland, left field; Margaret Butler, catcher; Elizabeth Drake, center field; Dorothy Champion, utility.

the arms, hands and shoulders her and kept her up for about two and Joyner had an argument earli- him. er in the day over some matter which has not been revealed. The other two young victims of Joyner's attack were reported today to be recovering from their wounds.

Mrs. Stokes, who had been separated for a number of years from the daughter of Mrs. Lou Jarrell of Weldon, and the late Allen King. mately 18 years, and had been employed in the textile mills in Weldon and Roanoke Rapids.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services for the deceased were conducted from the residence on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. D. P. Moore, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, and burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery at

Survivors include her husband, George Taylor of New York; a a niece, Catherine Taylor of New York; two nephews whom she rear-Others in the car were Charity ed, Sanford Wood, who is in the New Jersey.

Joyner, who is being held with-Woman Murdered out privilege of bond in the county jail, is reported to have been married and to be the father of a 17year-old daughter.

In his jail cell at Halifax, Joyner talked freely to a reporter a-The cutting occurred in front of bout events prior to the cutting, the residence on First Street in but said he remembers nothing about cutting the woman.

He told a reporter that Mrs. ing, Mrs. Stokes was sitting in her Stokes brought him to Roanoke automobile with Curtis Strickland Rapids last Saturday morning when Joyner began an argument ers, which "I made myself", and with the woman he had been liv- returned for him about noon. He ing with, and accused her of treat- stated that they then rode out to ing him wrong. During the fuss a place, he failed to say where, and pocket and slashed her throat from They consumed that during the ear to ear, severing the jugular afterneon, he said, and he also had vein. She died almost instantly; a few bottles of beer. About dark, whiskey and both of them got "drunk".

Asked about the statement he had

LOVED HER "Did you love her?" was a ques-20, were also cut by Joyner about ing, "I must have. I lived with

when they attempted to prevent years and a half." He said he had his fatal attack upon Mrs. Stokes. known Mrs. Stokes about five It was reported that Mrs. Stokes years, and believed that she loved

Although Joyner claims that he was so drunk he doesn't remember what happened, Weldon officers made a conflicting statement. The cutting was investigated by Chief of Police P. R. Kitchen, Officer H. L. Ward, and Corporal J. C. Long of the Highway Patrol.

couples might have been drinking, numerous in that section. but that Joyner "certainly was not too drunk to know what it was all about." Chief Kitchen said Joyner was holding a whiskey bottle when arrested, and had been drinking.

looked her age, was sprawled on hill, at the Country Club. Receivthe seat of the coupe when officers ing the guests at the entrance to arrived, with her head resting on the Club house was Mrs. W. J. the right window frame. Her throat Long, and Miss Ruth Transou inhad been neatly cut almost from troduced the guests to the receiving ear to ear, it was reported, and the line composed of Mrs. Matthew wound was gaping open with her body. Broun, Miss Sue Underhill, Mrs. head almost severed from the body. Pattie Williams, and Mrs. Edmund There were a few other cuts a- Berkeley. Directing the guests to bout the face, it was said, and a the punch bowl was Mrs. Lawrence pint whiskey bottle was lying on Stell and Miss Marjorie Cannon, her stomach.

NO INQUEST

held that an inquest would be un- H. S. Loy and Miss Elizabeth Clark, necessary after hearing details of and serving a delightful ice course the cutting.

jobs and some peddling of various Mary Ann Broun and Mrs. W. A. things to make a living. He has China. Good-byes were said to been living in this section for a- Mrs. Scott Benton. During the aftbout 20 years, it is understood.

The little frame house where called. Joyner and Mrs. Stokes were living is at the extreme end of First Street in Weldon, and is next door the week end in Littleton.

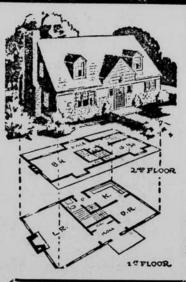
Officer Ward stated that the two to a Negro residence which are

ENTERTAINS

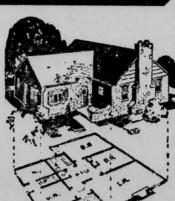
Mrs. Matthew Broun entertained recently with a delightful tea hon-Mrs. Stokes, a small woman who oring her sister, Miss Sue Underand punch was served by Miss Winifred Beckwith. Receiving at Coroner T. M. Cooper of Enfield the dining room door were Mrs. with cake, mints and nuts were Joyner formerly lived in Roa-noke Rapids, where he did odd Cannon, Mrs. L. B. Brown, Miss ternoon about a hundred guests

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shearin spent





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