

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 tonight.

Coach W. G. "Bill" Allgood 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 women's division at Mount Holly.

Finals of the men's tournament are scheduled 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 In Car Wreck

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 here.

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 the most seriously injured, and was admitted to the local hospital. Attaches said she had no broken bones, but suffered cuts and bruises and was badly shaken up.

Others in the car were Charity Clark and Mary Wright. Both received minor cuts and scratches.

Woman Murdered

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

The cutting occurred in front of the residence on First Street in Weldon last Saturday night about 10 o'clock.

According to reports of the killing, Mrs. Stokes was sitting in her automobile with Curtis Strickland and Miss Dorothy Louise Carter when Joyner began an argument with the woman he had been living with, and accused her of treating him wrong. During the fuss Joyner pulled a knife from his pocket and slashed her throat from ear to ear, severing the jugular vein. She died almost instantly; before the others in the car could summon aid.

ADMITS CUTTING

When officers arrived on the scene Joyner was said to have been sitting on the running board of the car, holding a whiskey bottle between his legs. He made no attempt to escape, and admitted the cutting. After his arrest he was quoted by officers as saying, "I intended killing her. She treated me wrong."

Miss Carter, 19, and Strickland, 20, were also cut by Joyner about

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; Alftuta Jones, roving fielder; Ina Mae Hux, right field; Hazel Buxton, shortstop. Back row, left to right—Bill Riggins, 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 when they attempted to prevent his fatal attack upon Mrs. Stokes. It was reported that Mrs. Stokes and Joyner had an argument earlier 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 her husband, George Stokes, was a native of Halifax County. She was the daughter of Mrs. Lou Jarrell of Weldon, and the late Allen King. She had lived in Weldon approximately 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 Weldon.

Survivors include her husband, who lives at Henderson; her mother, Mrs. Jarrell; a sister, Mrs. George Taylor of New York; a brother, Joe Jarrell of Franklinton; a niece, Catherine Taylor of New York; two nephews whom she reared, Sanford Wood, who is in the U. S. Army, and Thomas Wood of New Jersey.

Joyner, who is being held without privilege of bond in the county jail, is reported to have been married and to be the father of a 17-year-old daughter.

In his jail cell at Halifax, Joyner talked freely to a reporter about events prior to the cutting, but said he remembers nothing about cutting the woman.

He told a reporter that Mrs. Stokes brought him to Roanoke Rapids last Saturday morning where he sold some clothes hangers, which "I made myself", and returned for him about noon. He stated that they then rode out to a place, he failed to say where, and bought a pint of "bootleg liquor". They consumed that during the afternoon, he said, and he also had a few bottles of beer. About dark, Joyner said, they secured more whiskey and both of them got "drunk".

Asked about the statement he had made that the woman treated him "wrong", Joyner replied, "She hadn't done a thing". Then, he explained that she hadn't done anything prior to the night he killed her, and "I was drunk and don't remember anything about that!"

LOVED HER

"Did you love her?" was a question he quickly answered by saying, "I must have. I lived with

Officer Ward stated that the two couples might have been drinking, 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.

Mrs. Stokes, a small woman who looked her age, was sprawled on the seat of the coupe when officers arrived, with her head resting on the right window frame. Her throat had been neatly cut almost from ear to ear, it was reported, and the wound was gaping open with her head almost severed from the body. There were a few other cuts about the face, it was said, and a pint whiskey bottle was lying on her stomach.

NO INQUEST

Coroner T. M. Cooper of Enfield held that an inquest would be unnecessary after hearing details of the cutting.

Joyner formerly lived in Roanoke Rapids, where he did odd jobs and some peddling of various things to make a living. He has been living in this section for about 20 years, it is understood.

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

to a Negro residence which are numerous in that section.

ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Matthew Broun entertained recently with a delightful tea honoring her sister, Miss Sue Underhill, at the Country Club. Receiving the guests at the entrance to the Club house was Mrs. W. J. Long, and Miss Ruth Transou introduced the guests to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Matthew Broun, Miss Sue Underhill, Mrs. Pattie Williams, and Mrs. Edmund Berkeley. Directing the guests to the punch bowl was Mrs. Lawrence Stell and Miss Marjorie Cannon, and punch was served by Miss Winifred Beckwith. Receiving at the dining room door were Mrs. H. S. Loy and Miss Elizabeth Clark, and serving a delightful ice course with cake, mints and nuts were Mrs. Bill Dunning, Mrs. Claude Cannon, Mrs. L. B. Brown, Miss Mary Ann Broun and Mrs. W. A. China. Good-byes were said to Mrs. Scott Benton. During the afternoon about a hundred guests called.

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