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ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING

TAKES LIFE OF POPULAR ROMANCO STAR TODAY

CIVIL COURT HALTS

Lack of sufficient work caused Judge Henry L. Stevens to adjourn the first week's session of Halifax civil Superior Court on Monday afternoon.

After several cases had been compromised without the necessity of jury action, Judge Stevens, who makes his home in Warsaw, adjourned the session with these remarks:

"Far be it from me to sit here all week using up the taxpayers' money, when there is insufficient work for judge and jury for more than a one week session. Court is adjourned until Monday of next week and all cases that have not been heard this week will be carried over for hearing next week."

Mondays' session will open at 9:30 o'clock and many of the cases scheduled for trial at this week's session will be called for disposal on the opening day. The original court calendar called for a complete docket through Wednesday of next week. It is expected that the session will be completed by that time.

ATTEMPTS TO END OWN LIFE

Miss Nellie Mae Watson, 18 year old daughter of Mrs. Bernice L. Sheffield of Emporia, is in a serious condition at Roanoke Rapids hospital after taking a dose of bichloride poisoning at her home in Emporia on Friday evening of last week.

The young girl, a high school student, took the poison about 6 o'clock in the afternoon and was not discovered ill until later in the night when her mother found her and rushed her to the Roanoke Rapids hospital.

Hospital attaches here said that the girl was in a serious condition and that she was not expected to recover.

The girl's family could give no reason for the girl's attempt to take her own life, saying that she lived the average normal life of a girl in her senior year in high school.

HERE ARE MINSTREL SCENES



MINSTREL STAGED TONIGHT

Last Showing Is Friday Night At H. S. Auditorium

The twelfth annual Kiwanis Show, "Hooray America," ran the curtain down on the first performance tonight at the High School auditorium, after showing to one of the largest and most appreciative audiences ever to see a Kiwanis presentation here. The second and final showing will start tomorrow, Friday night, promptly at 8:15.

The scenes above and at the left are from the show. Top picture shows the bathing beauties; reading from left to right, Mary Dickens, Ann McNeill, Christine King, Elizabeth Keeter, Mary Florence Bridges, Doris Page Edwards, Doris Louise Edwards and Emily Clements.

Middle photograph shows three girls who appear in Scene Six, "Barefoot Days." Left-to-right they are Virginia Lee Thorne, Elizabeth Beckwith and Violet Dean Corbett.

Bottom picture is of the skit, "Along The Trail". Boys, standing are James Rogers, Dick Edwards and James Hux; girls include: Jeanette Williams, Bessie Lee Askew, Faye McLane and Mary Ciark.

Erwin Riggan Is Victim Of Target Practice Accident

Erwin "Pig" Riggan, Jr., star shortstop on the famous Romanco softball team for the past two years, was accidentally shot to death here this afternoon when a .22 calibre rifle went off while he and a friend were at target practice at a spot on Chockoyotte Creek near here.

Riggan died in the Roanoke Rapids hospital about 45 minutes after he was shot. The bullet entered his right temple, ranged upward and came out above his left ear. He was unconscious when taken to the hospital and died on the operating table.

Francis Crouch, a friend, who



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was alone with Riggan at the time of the accident, said that he and Riggan were shooting at tin cans with the rifle and that he went over to a stump to place a tin can on it and that while his back was turned to Riggan he heard the

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