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Capital Crimes On Superior Court Docket Next Week

Highfalls Man Faces Trial For Rape; "Happy Jack" Is Back

Two capital cases will be on the calendar when the August term of criminal court opens at Carthage Monday morning, with Judge Allen H. Gwyn presiding. These are State vs. Willis Brady, in which a true bill has been found for rape on charges brought by a Highfalls schoolgirl, and State vs. Jack Fowler, alias Jimmy Davis, alias Happy Jack, alias Laughing Papa, charged with murder in the first degree.

The Negro man with the many aliases was convicted of murder at the January term, but a new trial was granted by the State Supreme court on an appeal citing technical errors.

Another murder case, that against Buster Dunlap, Negro of West End, appears on the warrant docket as a case in name only as he has already been duly committed for mental disorder. Dunlap admitted the shotgun slaying of Archie Gillespie, also of West End.

George H. Cobb, also a Negro, is another defendant who has been committed to a mental institution since his arrest. The warrant docket names him as charged with attempted criminal assault, and assault with deadly weapon. The first case involved a white woman of near Carthage, the second a Negro girl.

Monday's trial docket lists the following defendants: A. V. Ayers, careless and reckless driving and driving while drunk; Douglas Garner, assault with deadly weapon inflicting painful injury but not with intent to kill; Dolph Henderson, having in his possession 75 gallons of wine for purpose of sale; J. A. Hicks, driving while drunk; Fred Cassidy, cruelty to dumb animals; Aaron Morgan, allowing unlicensed person to drive.

Rural Couple Lose Home, All of Crop In Midnight Blaze

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Mabe, tenants on the Jack Green farm near West End, lost their home and all their possessions, including their entire year's crop of tobacco, in a fire early last Friday morning from which they barely escaped alive.

They have been temporarily installed in a two-room house on the farm of M. C. McDonald, West End, but have no furnishings, utensils or any clothing other than that in which they fled from the flames. An appeal is being made by the Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, for anything people can contribute to help them in their extremity.

"They need everything," was the simple comment of Red Cross officials asking that donations of useable items be brought to the chapter office here, or turned over to M. C. McDonald or I. F. Horton, chapter representatives at West End.

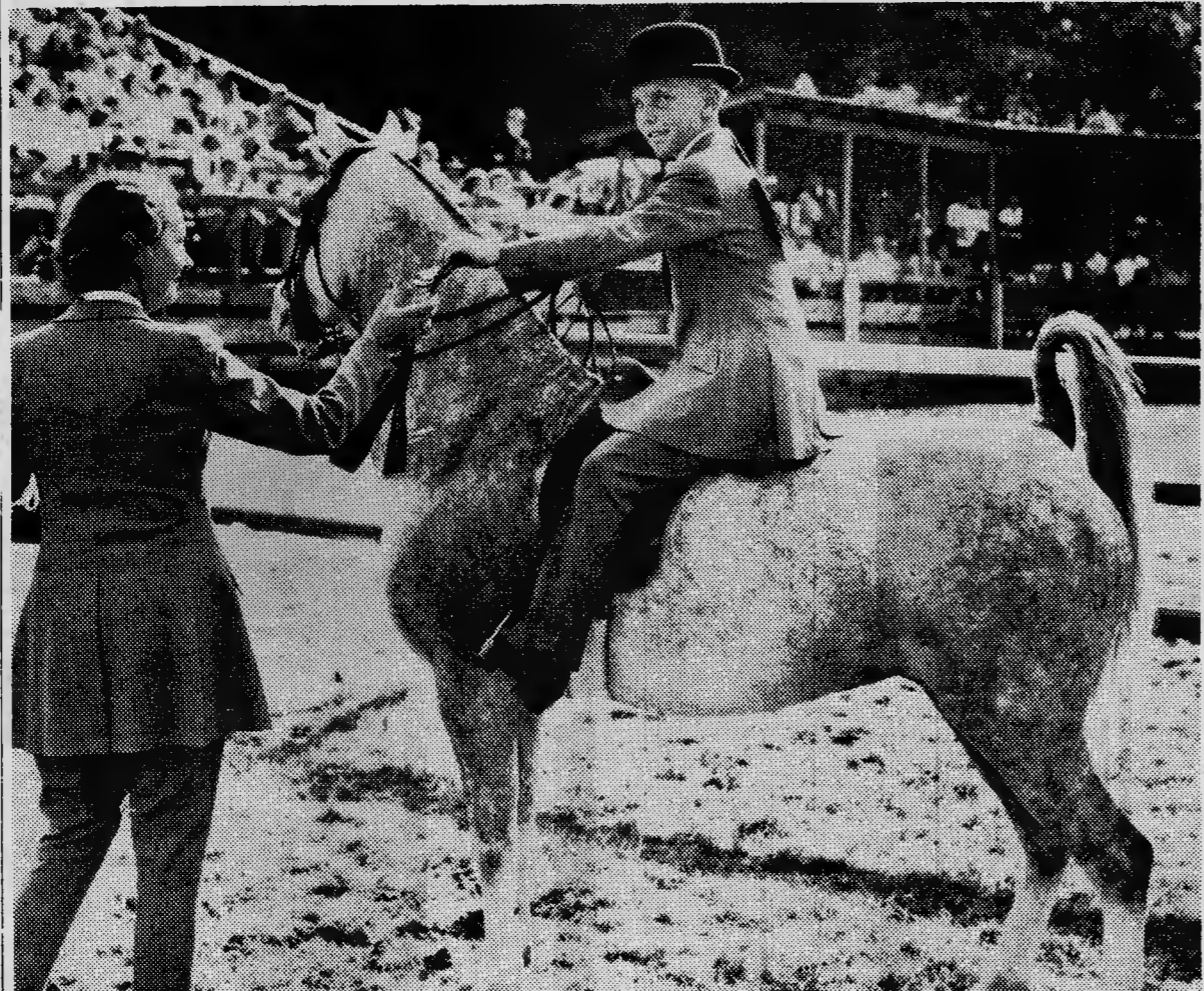
Miss Lucille Eifort, West End branch chairman, who first notified the chapter office of the Mabes' plight, is away at present and the work of emergency relief in their case has been undertaken by Mr. McDonald and Mr. Horton on request of Jere McKeithen, disaster chairman.

While loss of their furnishings, clothing and personal belongings bulks large, the major disaster lies in the complete loss of the three barnfuls of tobacco, which had been stored in the house after curing to await the market opening. The crop represented their full year's labor, payment of debts, and start on next year's work.

The couple has no children. A brother-in-law was sleeping in his car in the yard of the home, it was reported, when he was awakened about 2 a. m. Friday by the outpouring of smoke and flame. He roused the Mabes and they ran from the house just in time.

The fire is believed to have originated in the kitchen chimney.

Happy Moment For Happy Holliday And Youthful Rider



James Collins, riding Happy Holliday, receives his trophy for first place in the pony class, at the Blowing Rock Horse show last week. Mrs. Forrest Shuford is presenting the prize. Story on page 5.

W. H. Jackson, Commissioner, Dies At Robbins

William Herbert Jackson, Moore County commissioner, died Friday morning at his home at Robbins after an illness of several months. He was 41 years old.

He had been employed by the Robbins plant of Colonial Mills, Inc., for five years and at the time of his death was traffic manager.

Funeral services were held at Elise Presbyterian church at Robbins Sunday at 3 p. m., attended by a large crowd including representatives of the county government and others from all parts of the county. The Rev. W. O. Nelson, pastor, officiated.

Members of Elise Lodge 555, AF&AM, of which Mr. Jackson was a member, served as pallbearers and the burial service in Pine Rest cemetery at Robbins was conducted with Masonic rites.

Mr. Jackson was a native of Moore county, the son of Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Sr., of Carthage and the late Mr. Jackson who died a number of years ago. He was a graduate of Carthage High school. Before and during the early part of his life he was a member of the Elise Presbyterian church.

Home Folks Are Proud of Gary In All-Star Game

Gary Mattocks ably upheld the honor of the Southern Pines High school Wednesday night at Guilford college, when he played in a demonstration all-star basketball game highlighting the N. C. High School Coaches' clinic, it was reported by his former teacher and coach, Supt. P. J. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and the Mattocks family—Mr. and Mrs. George Mattocks, Tommy and Dicky—all went to the demonstration event for which officials of the coaches' association selected outstanding players from both the eastern and western conferences.

The eastern conference team, with which Gary played, lost 62 to 52, but was reported as a fast, fine game with splendid playing shown throughout. The local athletic star, a June high school graduate, played about half the game, playing forward on defense and guard on offense.

Considerable honor was paid the boys, who were presented singly to the crowd, and who are staying at Guilford for several days this week to serve as coaching "guinea pigs." A football game, between teams selected on the same principle, will be played Friday.

Tennis Matches Provide Good Show; Finals Scheduled For Friday Night

One More Week Of Recreation

The summer recreation program for young folks of the community, financed (rather skimpily) by public subscription, will wind up next week after six weeks of the most successful operation of its history.

Events next week will follow their customary schedule except Thursday afternoon, said Director A. C. Dawson, Jr. On that day a wiener roast will be held at Lakeview for all youngsters and adults who have participated in the program this summer in any way.

Buses will leave the High School club at 2:30 p. m. to transport the crowd to Lakeview for an afternoon of fun.

One night next week (not yet set) the baseball series for youngsters will wind up with a game at Raeford. During the summer the eight-to-14-year-olds have played many games, visiting neighboring towns for exciting league play, and acting as hosts to visiting teams here.

Teen age dances will be held tonight and next Friday at the club building.

Finals Tonight; Excellent Weather Aids Success

Biggest spectator attraction here this week has been the First Annual Moore County Closed Tennis tournament, which has provided lively matches for increasing crowds of spectators nightly on the lighted town courts.

A surprise rush of entrants over the weekend brought the number up to 28, mostly Southern Pines players. The crowded schedule kept the play going to 11 o'clock Monday night, one hour past midnight Tuesday and close on to midnight Wednesday.

The crowd is apparently, though, loving every minute of it, and sticks with the players as long as there is anything there to see. Many have been coming over after the movie. Beautiful weather has helped in attendance and enjoyment—clear, with a touch of comfortable coolness.

The coolness, however, doesn't last long for the players at their strenuous work. Few masculine matches get far before shirts are shed and they really get down to work.

Tax Rate \$2.20; Board Burns Midnight Oil Mulling Many Matters Of Civic Importance

The longest town board session of recorded history, lasting from 8 p. m. till midnight Wednesday evening, covered many subjects of immediate interest. Considerable action was taken, while some matters were referred to committee for later report.

Tax Rate and Budget

The tax rate for the coming year was set at \$2.20 per \$100 valuation, a reduction of slightly more than 15 per cent from the \$2.60 of several years past. How, and Burns, town clerk, presented an estimated budget based largely on previous expenditures, which was referred to the finance committee for the working out of some suggested adjustments.

The budget anticipated revenue and expenditures of approximately \$117,000, about a \$12,000 increase over last year's budget. Offsetting the tax reduction was the increase of some \$800,000 in Southern Pines property evaluations, from \$3,300,000 to \$4,100,000, a gain of 33 and one-third per cent resulting from new building and the recent revaluation made by a county board.

Street Markers

Postmaster A. Garland Pierce was present to read the report of Postal Inspector Risley, stating

that more street markers, especially in West Southern Pines, must be erected before city mail delivery can be approved. The postmaster said he thought 25 markers would be enough. The board strongly favored the reinforced cement posts such as are now in use at Raleigh, Durham, Sanford, Myrtle Beach and other cities, and authorized Mr. Burns to purchase the markers or have them made, whichever he found would be the most economical.

Mr. Pierce summarized the inspector's report concerning mail boxes, mail routes, parcel post routes and number of carriers, answering a number of questions.

City License Tags

On motion of John S. Ruggles, it was decided to make effective an existing ordinance requiring year-round residents to use town tags on their cars. Winter residents and visitors who do not obtain North Carolina license plates while here will not be required to have them. Mr. Burns was authorized to secure samples of standard plates, to place them on sale at \$1 as soon as possible, for use during the rest of 1949 and the entire calendar year of 1950.

Parking Meters

An old subject which has been

Purposes, Plans For County X-ray Survey Explained

Mobile Units Will Visit Communities August 26-Oct. 6

Plans for the mass chest x-ray survey to be conducted in Moore and Hoke counties have been announced by Dr. J. W. Willcox, district health officer.

Beginning August 26 and continuing through October 6, three mobile x-ray units, owned and operated by the Tuberculosis Control division of the North Carolina State Board of Health, will serve the people of these two counties. During that time a free chest x-ray will be available to all persons, white and colored, who are 15 years of age or older.

Dr. Willcox stressed the following facts about the x-raying program: the service is entirely free; it is not necessary to undress; it takes only a minute or two to be x-rayed; everyone who is x-rayed will receive a written report on his x-ray.

Will Cover Counties

The x-ray machines are mounted in trailers. Two will operate in Moore county and one in Hoke. They will go to the large industries in the district, and will make stops in a number of places in the effort will be made to take the towns and rural communities. An x-raying equipment within a few miles of every person in the county.

The schedule of stops will be made public as soon as necessary arrangements have been made and the schedule is completed, Dr. Willcox said.

Purpose of Survey

He added, "This x-raying program is part of the health department's effort to control tuberculosis in the section which it serves. When a case of tuberculosis is found early, there is a much greater chance of effecting a cure and in a shorter time, and usually a person whose disease is found early may be prevented from spreading it to others. This makes it a matter of great importance to find cases of tuberculosis early. Nothing but chest x-ray can find this disease in its early stages. I appeal to all persons in this community to take advantage of this opportunity to get a free chest x-ray. It is the sure way of knowing that one is free of tuberculosis."

The program is confined to persons 15 years of age and older except those who have been contacts of tuberculosis or those who are referred by the health department or private physicians.

Preliminary Work

Working with the county health department in preparing for the mass survey are two health educators from the state office, Miss Lulabelle Highsmith and Miss Annie Oakley. Miss Iris Turlington,

Flags Will Fly Saturday For Veterans' V-J Day



ADMIRAL JOHNSON

Admiral Johnson Named Director of Naval Intelligence

Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson has been appointed the new Director of Naval Intelligence, according to information received here Thursday.

He is a native of Aberdeen, attended school there and also at the Graham school at Warrenton before continuing his education at the University of North Carolina and the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. He is the brother of J. Talbot Johnson, Aberdeen attorney.

This is the second high promotion for Admiral Johnson since soon after the end of the war, when he was given his present rank and made commander of the U. S. destroyer fleet in the Atlantic and Mediterranean areas. Newport, R. I., is home port for his flagship. It is anticipated that now he will probably move to Washington.

He served during the war on the staff of Admiral W. F. (Bull) Halsey, acting as liaison officer between Admiral Halsey and General MacArthur. He was summoned back to the States near the end of the war.

YDC CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Moore County Young Democrats club will be held 8 p. m. Friday, September 2, at the courthouse in Carthage, it was announced this week by W. Lamont Brown, president.

Officers will be elected and delegates named to the state YDC convention, which will be held at New Bern September 15, 16 and 17.

Some good "speaking" is promised and a good turnout is expected, as the Moore County club has been known for some years as one of the most active in the state, and at present is the home club of the state president, H. Clifton Blue.

GI Students Cause Some Perplexity As They Build, Tear Down And Rebuild

If all the houses which have been built this summer by GI vocational students at the West Southern Pines school could have been put to use, they might have solved the housing shortage over there. Except that some of the houses might have been kind of small.

The activities of the students taking a federal-paid construction course have aroused the perplexed wonderment of citizens, as the students build a house on the school grounds, take it apart, build it again, take it apart, build it again—well, you see how it goes!

Since they use the same material each time, sawing and trimming wherever needed, the series of houses has been of diminishing size, until the one they're working on now is just about big

Chicken Fry, Street Dance With Good Old-Fashioned Music

The flags will be broken out tomorrow (Saturday) in honor of V-J day, proclaimed by Mayor C. N. Page a day for special observance, to be climaxed in the evening by a countywide reunion and celebration of veterans.

Two or three hundred veterans and their families are expected to attend the chicken fry to be held on the High School Memorial field beginning at 6 o'clock, according to Charles J. Swoope, chairman of the Moore County Veterans' Council, sponsors of the event.

From the ticket committee came

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the annual celebration of V-J day is a time of special joy to all of us, and WHEREAS, our veterans of Moore county have designated its observance on Saturday, August 13, with happy reunion, fellowship and fun, THEREFORE do I, as Mayor of Southern Pines proclaim this day for all to join with the veterans of Moore county, their friends and loved ones, in the celebration they have prepared in honor of the V-J anniversary.

C. N. PAGE, Mayor
Southern Pines

word that tickets will be taken up throughout the county today (Friday), and tomorrow will be on sale only in two places, at the Memorial field and in front of the Southern Pines town hall.

Old Time Fiddlers

The block in front of the town hall will be roped off for a street dance which will follow the chicken fry. Some lively stepping is foreseen as Shields Cameron, chairman, has lined up some of

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Cootie Council Will Meet Here

If you've never seen a Cootie parade, be sure and see what happens on the downtown streets Saturday night, when dignified businessmen let down their hair to make you laugh.

The parade will highlight the week end program of the Grand Council of Administration of the Order of the Cootie, fun organization of the VFW, which will be held here Saturday and Sunday. It will also be a high moment in the V-J Day celebration, for which the Cooties will combine forces with the Moore County Veterans Council Saturday evening.

The Cooties, numbering 75 to 100 from "puppers" all over the state, will have their headquarters at the Belvedere hotel, overflowing into the Jefferson Inn and Park View. The convention, or "scratch," is an annual affair, for transaction of Cootie business, degenerate work and general fun and frolic. John H. Stephenson, local VFW commander, is provost marshal and also trustee of the Grand Council and made arrangements for the "scratch."

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