

Alleged Rape Victim Was "Willing," States Young Paratrooper On Stand

Large Crowd Packs Courtroom To Hear Dramatic Trial

The trial of three young paratroopers from Fort Campbell, Ky., for the capital crime of rape started before noon Wednesday in Moore superior court at Carthage. By the time court adjourned at 5 p. m. the state had rested its case, and Pvt. Harold L. Hill, of Tarkio, Mo., had taken the stand in his own defense.

It appeared the trial would continue through Thursday and possibly longer. It also appeared that the issue would be the age-old one—"Was she willing, or was she forced?"

In sworn statements by all three defendants, and by Private Hill on the stand, admission was made of sexual acts with the 19-year-old Negro wife and mother, during "Exercise Southern Pine" last August, but it was stated she was "willing" and took pay. The prosecuting witness, Mrs. Lula Mae Artes, said she complied through fright.

The fact that she said she could identify none of the men weakened the state's case considerably, and by the end of the day much doubt was expressed as to whether a conviction could be secured.

Unusual interest in the case had been aroused through the fact that the defendants are white men, and the prosecuting witness a Negro. Two Negro attorneys were assisting Solicitor M. G. Boyette in the prosecution, but beyond making an occasional objection took no part in the first day's proceedings. Reporters and a photographer from Negro newspapers were present, as well as an Associated Press representative. The courtroom was packed, with Negroes composing about half of the crowd.

Indictments against four men brought here from Fort Campbell were presented by Solicitor Boyette to the grand jury Tuesday. True bills were brought in against Hill, Alec J. Felder, Jr., and Louis Wilson, Jr. No true bill was found against the fourth man, Eugene A. Shirley, and he was released. On the arraignment of Hill, Felder and Wilson late Tuesday afternoon, Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville, presiding over the current criminal term, announced that a special venire of 50 would be called for the selection of a jury the following morning. Difficulties were apparently anticipated in securing a jury, but none eventuated, and the selection was completed at 11:10 a. m. from the regular panel.

State's witnesses included Elbert Sanders, CID investigator, who presented sworn statements (Continued on Page 8)

VIEWES OF MAINE

An exhibition of water colors of the coast of Maine will go on view next week in the Fine Arts room of the Library. Entitled "Paints of the Boothbay Region, Maine," the collection is the work of Ethel Fowler.

The artist and her husband, Truman Fowler, were for many years residents of Southern Pines, living in the small house in the pines near Emmanuel Episcopal church. Mr. Fowler is a wood-carver of note, while Mrs. Fowler, besides carrying on her own work, has taught in several of the leading art schools of the country.

The exhibition is expected to open Wednesday, for a period of 10 days.

Call Is Sounded For Scrap Metal; Drive Opens Here

Once again our country is pinched for scrap metal. The Men's Fellowship class of the Church of Wide Fellowship is responding, in Southern Pines.

W. E. Blackwelder, president of the class, said their scrap metal collection starts this week and will continue indefinitely. The aid of everyone in the community is asked in the donation of iron and other heavy metals, also aluminum. Old pipe, old pots and pans, furnaces, bedsteads—all are wanted, to make the scrap metal pile grow bigger.

The collection center is on Dr. Daniels' lot next to the Five O'Clock club on South Broad street. People giving metal can take it directly there; or they may call Mr. Blackwelder, 2-5233, after 6 p. m., or Dwight Hoskins' phone, 2-7475, and transportation will be provided.

No tin cans are wanted at this time. The principal shortage is felt in the heavy scrap which the steel mills must have to stay in production, providing the steel so essential to defense. If tin is needed, a separate drive will be held later.

Proceeds from the sale of the metal donated here will go toward the building fund of the Church of Wide Fellowship.

This is the first scrap metal collection to be taken since the days of World War 2. In Carthage the campaign has been undertaken by the Carthage Rotary club, which has built a collection pen on the courthouse square.

Noted Violinist Here Next Week



FREDERIC BALAZS, brilliant young virtuoso of the violin, will be heard in concert at 8:30 p. m. Thursday at Weaver auditorium. Mr. Balazs and his wife, Ann Goodwin Balazs (below) who plays his accompaniments, are called "the handsomest couple on the concert stage today." Mrs. Balazs will play selections by Chopin and Debussy as solos in her husband's concert.

Varied Program Is Announced For Thursday Concert

A wide variety of selections, to please all types of listeners, will be presented by the noted Hungarian-American violinist Frederic Balazs in his program at Weaver auditorium at 8:30 p. m. Thursday.

The concert is the third in the Sandhills Music Association series for this season, and is promised in every way to live up to the high standards in musical enjoyment set by previous offerings.

The 32-year-old violinist, born in Budapest, is a naturalized American citizen. He served four years in World War 2 in the Field Artillery. During part of this time he was stationed at Fort Bragg, and became known in musical circles in Southern Pines at that time.

Since the war his career has burgeoned into national fame, and he has become recognized as one of the leading virtuosos of the violin to be heard in this country today. He has made a number of highly successful tours, has played as soloist with leading symphony orchestras and at present holds the posts of orchestra conductor in Wichita Falls, Texas, and professor of music at Midwestern university there.

His beautiful young wife, Ann Goodwin Balazs, a concert pianist in her own right, plays his accompaniments and also on Thursday's program will appear in two piano solos. Entirely aside from their musical achievements, they are known as "the handsomest couple on the concert stage today."

Season tickets for the SMA series may be used for this concert, and single tickets may be purchased at the Barnum Realty company or at the auditorium door Thursday night.

The program follows:

- By Mr. Balazs:
 1. The Devil's Trill, sonata, by Tartini.
 2. Sonata in G-Minor for Violin Alone, by Bach—(a) Adagio; (b) Fuga; (c) Siciliano; (d) Presto.
 3. Mother and Child, by Still;
 - Popular Spanish Suite, by DeFal-la; Sonatina, by Bartok.

Intermission.

By Ann Balazs:

4. Ballad in A Flat, by Chopin;
- Fireworks, by Debussy.

By Mr. Balazs:

5. Berceuse, by Donath; Romanza Andaluza, by Sarasate; Introduction and Rondo Carriccioso, by Saint-Saens.

"Operation Star" Brings Top Brass Here Next Week

Local Officer Will Take Course With Blue-Ribbon Class

"Operation Star" is the name which has been given to next week's class at the U. S. Air Force Air-Ground Operations school, Highland Pines Inn.

This will be a blue-ribbon class, consisting of about one-fourth general officers. Some of the foremost leaders and history-makers of both Army and Air Force will be represented, attesting to the growing importance of the school to both branches, and its recognition as a unique and vital educational installation.

Brig. Gen. William M. Gross, commandant of the school, has greeted a large number of generals as students since USAFAGOS opened here last June. However, this will be the first class to contain 26 or more.

Arriving Sunday for the one-week intensive course will be the following (several others are expected, but were unconfirmed at press time so are not listed here):

ARMY—Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, commanding Third Army; Lt. Gen. Edward M. (Ned) Almond, commandant Army War College; Lt. Gen. Andrew Bruce, commandant Armed Forces Staff College; Maj. Gen. William M. Miley, director, Joint Airborne Board; Maj. Gen. Horace L. McBride, commandant Command and General Staff College; Maj. Gen. William A. Beiderlinden, deputy commander Third Army; Maj. Gen. William B. Bradford, assistant chief of staff, G-3, Office of Army Field Forces; Brig. Gen. C. H. Armstrong, Headquarters Camp Stewart, Ga.; Brig. Gen. S. A. Wood, Headquarters Exercise Longhorn, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Brig. Gen. Charles F. Craig, commanding, Camp Killebrew, N. J.; Brig. Gen. Homer W. Kiefer, commanding, Fort Dix, N. J.; Brig. Gen. Sterling A. Wood, chief umpire, Exercise Longhorn; Brig. Gen. Arthur Pulsifer, office of Chief Signal Officer, Department of the Army; Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher, deputy commander Fort Bragg; Brig. Gen. Sherborne, Fort Bragg.

AIR FORCE—Maj. Gen. DeF. Barker, commandant, Air University, Maxwell AFB; Maj. Gen. W. R. Wolfenbarger, president Joint Tactical Air Support Board; Maj. Gen. E. J. Timberlake, commanding, Ninth Air Force; Maj. Gen. Hall, Hamilton AFB; Brig. Gen. Joel C. Moffett, commanding, 140th Fighter Bomber Wing, Denver, Colo.; Brig. Gen. Jesse Auton, Strategic Air Command; Brig. Gen. Carl B. McDaniel, Air Training and Replacement Command; Brig. Gen. Thomas Darcy, Air Defense Command.

Also newsworthy on the "blue-ribbon list" is Lt. Col. John D. Sitterson, Jr., the first officer from Southern Pines to come to USAFAGOS. Colonel Sitterson graduated from Southern Pines High school before going on to West Point. His parents live at 260 South Ashe street.

Colonel Sitterson will arrive this weekend from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he is temporarily located at Fourth Army Headquarters, and is on the Joint Army-Air Force staff. He will take the longer, 10-day course at USAFAGOS.

Magic Program At Auditorium

Wallace the Magician will bring his ducks, rabbits and a stageful of apparatus for the creation of a host of baffling tricks, in his return performance to be given at Weaver auditorium tonight (Friday).

The show will begin at 8 o'clock. It is sponsored by the Southern Pines Civic club.

His entertainment here a year ago left his audience gasping. It is understood that this time his tricks will be even more mystifying.

Among the famed magician's treasures is a ventriloquist's dummy, which he claims is Charlie McCarthy's first cousin, also one of the largest libraries of magic in the south.

Four Boys Arrested For Wanton Shooting In Northern Moore

A quartet of youths 16 to 20 years of age were placed under arrest last Friday by Moore County officers after a series of episodes involving wanton gunfire briefly terrorized the northern part of the county.

Roy Cagle and Larry Cagle, brothers of Montgomery county, were released Saturday under bonds of \$2,000 each, and Floyd McNeill and Junior Kennedy of upper Moore of \$1,500 each, for their appearance Monday in Moore recorders court.

According to the officers, it was the wild and woolly west all

All-Star Teams Will Fight It Out Here Wednesday

An All-Star basketball program presenting some old favorites, and many players new to the local scene, will take place Wednesday evening at Weaver auditorium, sponsored by the Southern Pines Lions club.

The double-header will start at 7:45, and proceed through two exciting hours, presenting four powerful adult male teams in fighting spirit.

The event is for the benefit of the school activities bus fund, which will get all the proceeds, it was announced this week by Walter Harper, Lions club president. "We hope to go over the top on that down payment, and maybe a little bit more. We just don't care how much money we take in, to help pay for that new bus," Harper declared.

First game will see a clash between the Pinehurst Lions club and the local All-Stars. This bids fair to be an historic event. Line-up of the Pinehurst team was not available, but the locals will include Norris Hodgkins, Gene Coghill, Page Choate, Bobby Dunn, Walter Harper, Dub Leonard, Harry Chatfield, Steve Van Camp and others. Page Choate is manager.

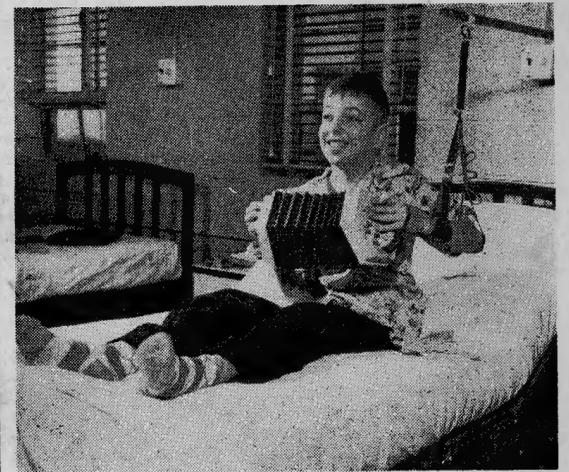
Second game will see the first public appearance of the Airmen, a snappy outfit made up from the 4425th School Squadron of USAFAGOS, Highland Pines Inn. These boys, who come from all over the United States, have been doing a good bit of practicing at the gym and advance reports indicate they form a crack team.

The Airmen will play a semipro outfit from Red Springs. No line-ups were available from either of these teams.

Referees will be A. C. Dawson, Jr., and Irie Leonard of the Southern Pines schools.

An interesting door prize will be offered, President Harper said.

Getting Well To Music



It looks like fun—though everybody knows it's no fun to have polio. Young Alexander P. Fields, 3rd, of Southern Pines, likes to play the accordion, and the exercise helps his fingers and arm muscles at the Central Carolina Convalescent hospital in Greensboro.

The 10-year-old accordion player is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Fields, Jr., who live on US 1 between Southern Pines and Aberdeen. He was stricken with polio last October, and has been at the Greensboro hospital since that time.

Thanks to dimes and dollars given in the March of Dimes, he is getting along well. Like thousands of other young polio victims all over the country, Alec has the best of care to help him fight the ravages of the dread disease. The 1952 March of Dimes is now under way—and your contribution will help young fellows like Alec win their fight.

"Poof!"—Went The Sweater

At least one sale of "poof" sweaters was made in this vicinity—and Chief C. E. Newton this week issued a warning: if you've bought any sweaters lately under peculiar circumstances, watch out!

News of the inflammable garments, which go up in a flash in the mere presence of flame, has been popping up all over the country. Not until Tuesday, however, when Mrs. Ella Doughty made her report to police was it known whether any had been purchased here.

Mrs. Doughty and her husband operate the Dunrovin Motel and Cafe four miles north of town, on US 1. A couple of weeks ago, she said, two men stopped for gas. Her son, D. R. Salomon, Jr., waited on them.

"They said they had been trimming some windows in Sanford and had some sweaters left over they would like to sell," said Mrs. Doughty. "They showed him several sets of slipover and coat sweaters—beautiful ones, fleecy and soft."

"They wanted too much at first but finally came down to \$5 for the pair and my son bought a set, maroon-colored. They turned out to be too small for him, and I paid him the \$5 and took them myself," reported Mrs. Doughty. "I left the slipover in the box, but I wore the coat sweater around a lot and everybody said how pretty it was." But then, she said, she got to

reading about the sweaters that went "poof!"

Monday night some friends, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Taylor of Aberdeen, were at Dunrovin for supper. They got to talking about the sweaters and decision was made to put the coat to the test on the stone floor of the cafe. "At first I didn't want them to touch a match to my lovely sweater," Mrs. Doughty says, "but then I thought—I'd better know about this, or it might catch fire while I'm wearing it."

At the first touch of the match—poof! A flash of flame. No sweater left—hardly an ash.

"It went away in a hurry," was Mrs. Doughty's rueful description. She still has the slipover, packed neatly in its box, with the name "Embassy" and a "guarantee" but no indication of the manufacturer.

She's planning another sweater-burning Saturday evening, with a number of friends invited. If you want to see the fire, go along, but hurry—it won't last more than about two seconds.

The inflammable quality of the off-brand sweaters, which resemble fine rayon fleecy, was first discovered when persons wearing them caught fire lighting cigarettes. While no serious burns have been reported, the danger is such that officers are working hard to find out where they come from and who is selling them.