

JURY DEADLOCKED 11-1

Judge Phillips Rules Mistrial In Key Case; Lawyers Will Seek Bond

Jack Key, 22-year-old former Marine accused of raping Martha Sue Robinson, 21-year-old school teacher from Robbins, was still in Moore County jail today, five days after Judge F. Don Phillips declared a mistrial in the sensational case that packed the courtroom for four days running.

Key's attorneys, W. D. Sabiston, and H. F. (Chub) Seawell, Jr., said this morning that no formal action had been taken as yet in their efforts to free the State College student under bond.

"We expect to go through with our efforts to petition another Superior Court judge to set bond for Key," Sabiston said, adding that a writ of habeas corpus might be filed with the court.

Solicitor M. G. Boyette said earlier this week that he doubted another Superior Court judge would set bond for Key since Judge Phillips had heard the case and had ordered him held without bond. And Judge W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst, who presided at a preliminary hearing for Key about two weeks after he allegedly raped Miss Robinson May 26, also refused to set bond at that time.

The only other judge in the state who could set a bond and free Key is Judge Walter Crissman of High Point, who will preside at the next term of Superior Court in Moore County, scheduled for early November.

Solicitor Boyette has not completely ruled out the possibility of a special term in which to try the Key case again, but defense attorneys aren't putting much stock in it to the fact that he might. For one thing, a number of terms of court are scheduled for this judicial district between now and the regular term in November, including a civil term in September in Moore.

Key, it was learned, has been doing the same things in jail he was doing before the trial—reading magazines, studying textbooks (he's a junior in engineering at N. C. State College) and occasionally seeing visitors from his home town of Robbins.

It was learned after the trial ended Saturday morning, following three days of testimony and after the jury had been out more than 10 hours, that the jury had deadlocked at 11 for conviction of assault on a female with intent to commit rape and one for conviction of rape with a recommendation for life imprisonment.

The development was a surprise to the hundreds of people who witnessed the sensational trial. Almost everyone who had talked about the case had expressed the opinion that the 11-1 verdict

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County Still Free Of Polio; Shots Urged By Butler

According to a report this morning by Paul Butler, president of the Moore County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, there has not been a single case of polio reported to date anywhere in the county this summer.

Officials had thought last week that a case might have occurred but investigation proved the stricken child was in Hoke County. Butler said he had been advised the case was a mild one.

He urged again today that all parents take their children to one of the several clinics being conducted in the county to give children the free Salk vaccine shots.

"Statistics prove that very few children who take these shots contract polio," he said, "and the very, very few that have been stricken have been diagnosed as having mild cases."

"There are not many clinics left in the county and if all parents make a conscientious effort to have their children immunized and carry through with the program, which amounts to three shots, I believe that we can stamp out this dread disease."

The clinics are being held at various spots in the county, with regular county health nurses on duty. Parents who cannot get to one of the clinics may take their children to the Health Center in Carthage at any time during the week, Butler said.

Aberdeen Court Started Friday; Wilson Is Judge

The new Aberdeen recorders court opened last Friday morning at the Aberdeen Community House, which will be used as a courtroom pending construction of a new town hall.

Sworn in by Justice of the Peace J. G. Farrell, who has been appointed clerk of court, were the new judge, P. H. Wilson, Aberdeen attorney, and the solicitor, Robert N. Page III. Unable to attend for swearing-in at this time was W. S. Taylor, vice recorder.

Making brief addresses at the opening ceremony were Mayor E. M. Medlin and Judge J. Vance Rowe and Solicitor W. Lamont Brown of the Moore County recorders court, also J. Talbot Johnson of the firm of Johnson and Johnson, Aberdeen town attorneys. Presiding over the ceremony was L. M. Johnson, junior partner of the firm.

Congratulations were extended on the high type of personnel appointed to get the new court under way, and the excellent service to the community and its immediate area foreseen in establishment of a court in southern Moore.

The new court has jurisdiction within a five-mile radius of Aberdeen, exclusive of municipalities. This means that Southern Pines and Pinehurst are excluded. Sessions will be held every Friday at 9:30 a.m. Police Chief Bob Yates serves as high bailiff. Some 30 cases were on the initial docket.

Judge Wilson, assuming the bench, set policies for the new court which, he said, would follow the guidance of the Moore recorders court, "which I believe is the finest recorders court I have ever seen."

No cases will be discussed with the defendants outside of court, no (Continued on Page 5)

Pearsall Plan To Be Explained At Meeting Tuesday

Robert Giles, assistant attorney general of North Carolina, will speak to the Moore County Association of District School Boards on the Pearsall Plan Tuesday night in the Carthage High School auditorium.

The meeting, announced by H. Lee Thomas, superintendent of Moore County schools, will begin at 8 p.m. and is open to the public.

Giles will explain the proposed constitutional amendments and implementing acts relating to public education in the state, which were recently passed by the General Assembly, and will be prepared to answer any questions.

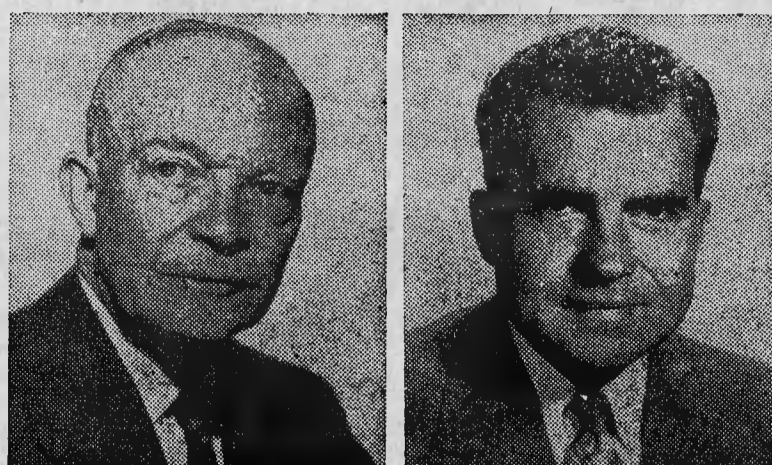
Thomas urged the public to attend the meeting.

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(Pilot photo)



EISENHOWER AND NIXON! delegates to the Republican National Convention shouted last night, and Eisenhower and Nixon it was as the victorious team of 1952 won re-nomination as standard bearers for 1956. A "Stop Nixon" campaign, fired up by Harold Stassen more than a month ago, hardly got off the ground as delegates to the San Francisco convention voiced satisfaction at the way President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon had carried out the functions of their office. The two are scheduled to address the convention tonight in acceptance speeches, although there has been some doubt that Vice-President Nixon would be able to be there due to the illness of his father in Whit-tier, some 400 miles from San Francisco.

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"We don't know yet whether we'll have as strong a team as last year or not," he said Wednesday. "We have a nucleus of five lettermen from last year's team but that's not really enough to make any flat predictions, although I think we'll hold our own for the eight-game schedule."

Last week the Blue Knights were undefeated in 12 games and successfully defended the six-man crown they had won the year before. Going into this season the Blue Knights have amassed a record of 23 straight wins under Leonard and his assistant, W. A. Leonard.

Reporting for initial practice last Thursday were Lynn Van Benschoten, Tony Parker, Roger Verhoeff, Billy Hamel, Bobby Parker, Charles Watkins, Kenneth Creech, James Bowers, John Van Benschoten, Don Walter, Jimmy Tollison, Jesse Williford, Dickie McInnis, Steve Smith, Bobby Watkins, Larry McDonald, Jimmy Carter, Bill Seymour, Melba Hall, Jimmy Caldwell, Dennis Morgan, Richard Lockey, Kenny Reid, Al Cupello, James Morrison, Bob McIntosh, Sammy Seif and Donald Cornett.

Still away on summer vacations (Continued on Page 5)

Monkey Captured Here After Being Lured By Banana

Not much news in this but there's been very much of a running story in Southern Pines this week.

Started out last Sunday when police received a call that a bunch of dogs were barking their heads off down on West Pennsylvania Ave., worrying people in the area almost to distraction.

Sgt. Malcolm Stout, answering the call, found, to his complete amazement, that three 'coon dogs had treed a monkey, complete with collar and chain. Dozens of people were on hand to witness the fearless capture but, because the monkey was in a tree that wasn't easy to climb, neither Sgt. Stout nor the 'coon dogs could get to him. The monkey, tired of the whole business, took off, heading South and dragging his chain with him.

Nothing more happened until Tuesday.

Then, while Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Braddock, who live in an apartment house on Bennett St., were eating supper, they were startled to discover, with nose pressed to the window pane and gazing wistfully at the food, the monkey, still dressed in collar and chain.

Mr. Braddock, non-plussed, rushed downstairs and told the news to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wright. "I've just seen the darnedest thing, but I'll swear I saw it," he said. "A real, live, honest-to-goodness monkey, staring right through the window!"

Twice more the monkey showed up in the neighborhood and, on two occasions, was persuaded to take a banana by Mrs. Niles D. Maroney, who also lives in the apartment house.

Yesterday Mrs. Maroney and Mrs. Wright, sisters, decided to catch the monkey.

They opened the garage door (Continued on Page 5)

Saturday Is Last Day To Register For Vote On School Amendments

Not Very Much Interest Noted, Registrar Says

Saturday is the last day to register new voters for the school amendment referendum to be held throughout the state September 8, it was announced today by Sam C. Riddle, chairman of the county Board of Elections.

Riddle said that persons registering now will also be eligible to vote in the general elections in November. The present registration is primarily for new voters to get their proper registration on the books for the September 8 state election to amend the state constitution.

Persons whose names are already on the registration books need not register again in order to be able to vote September 8, Riddle pointed out.

Registration for the Southern Pines precinct will be held at the Fire House. Mrs. Frank Kaylor, registrar, said this morning that only about 35 people had registered so far. She added that general conversation had indicated that most people were registering to vote in November.

The registration books are open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, Mrs. Kaylor said, she will take registrations any time until then.

She reminded voters in Manly and Niagara that their registering place was the Fire House in Southern Pines.

Governor Hodges, the state's number one backer of the Pearsall Plan for public education, has voiced the hope that at least a million voters will go to the polls in September.

Though there is some opposition, and in high places, to the Pearsall Plan, most observers in the state were sure of its passage, and by a tremendous margin.

The public school ballot will allow properly registered persons to cast ballots for or against a constitutional amendment which, if adopted, would allow local option units to close their schools if conditions become "intolerable," and allow the use of state and local funds for education expense grants.

Under the Pearsall Plan, either the school board of a local option unit or 15 per cent of the qualified voters in that unit could call an election to close the schools.

Governor Hodges has termed the proposed constitutional amendment "safety-valve" or "stop-gap" legislation to be used only when and if voluntary segregation and the 1955 Pupil Assignment Act fail to work.

Last week the Southern Pines School Board published a legal notice of adoption of the recommendations of the Pupil Assignment Act. Under that act the school board, prior to the opening of the school year, assigns each pupil to a particular school.

The Governor has said he hopes (Continued on page 5)



THIS BEDRAGGLED looking pigeon has lived on a windowsill of the Ralph Kleinspehn's home on New York Avenue for the past four weeks, since shortly after the Kleinspehns left for a trip to New York State. It appeared to have lost its tailfeathers and could not fly, and at first sympathetic neighbors gave it crumbs. As time went on the feathers grew out and the neighbors tried to make it leave. But there it sits, occasionally moving to another windowsill, or the air-conditioner protruding from a window, or it visits the back of the house to drink rainwater from a bucket. Kleinspehn painted his house a beautiful white shortly before leaving. The pigeon has also been doing some decorating, and the effect is surely going to surprise the Kleinspehns.

(Photo by V. Nicholson)

Umstaedter Defeats Daniel To Cop 4th Sandhill Tennis Title In Row

First Rounds Of Golf Tournament End This Sunday

Six of the eight matches in the championship flight of the Moore County Golf Tournament have been played so far, it was announced this morning.

With seven flights, composed of 65 qualifiers, the tournament looks to be one of the best played in recent years.

Carlos Fry and P. J. Boatright, who hails from Pinehurst, shared medalist honors with 74's. The scores of the rest of the flight soared high as the players found the course, recently given a face lifting to make it tougher, more difficult to master.

In the first round matches some players have solved the course a little but are still finding it a little more hard on par than it was last year. Boatright has had the best medal score to date, shooting a 70 to defeat Harry Davis of Carthage, tournament chairman, 4-3 earlier this week.

Other first round results: Joe Carter defeated Bob Page of Aberdeen, 6-5; James Collins defeated Perry Fry, 6-5; O. T. Parks defeated Bill Sledge of Pinehurst, 2-1; Carlos Fry defeated Hubert McCaskill of Pinehurst, 2-1; and Jack Carter defeated Jere McKeithen of Aberdeen, 5-4.

Matches still to be played pit Bill Woodard against M. C. Huffard, and Max Forrest against H. G. Crissman.

Players defeated in the championship flight will make up the first flight, tourney officials announced.

There have been a number of other matches in the lower flights already played. Complete results will be announced next week.

BLUE KNIGHTS

The board of directors of Blue Knights Boosters will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at Holliday's Restaurant to plan a barbecue and membership drive to kick off the 1956 football season, it was announced earlier this week by J. B. Perkinson, president. All board members are requested to be at the meeting.

Umstaedter

Defending champion Bill Umstaedter, sixth ranking tennis player in the South, defeated Sam Daniel, ranked eighth, in straight sets here Sunday to take the annual Sandhill Invitational Tournament.

Umstaedter won 6-3, 7-5, and 6-3. He now has won the title the past four years in succession, the last three times from Daniel.

Umstaedter had breezed by Ken Wagstaff of Fort Bragg in the semi-finals, 7-5 and 5-1.

Before Wagstaff defaulted in the third set because of illness, Daniel gained a finals berth by defeating Don Thompson of New York, seeded No. 1 at the University of North Carolina, 2-6, 6-2 and 6-1.

Umstaedter, from Abbeville, S. C., has been champion of the South Carolina Open 10 times, and has won the Palmetto closed tournament a number of times. His trophies also include the North Carolina Open and a number of other top-ranked Southern tourneys.

Daniel, who is formerly of Columbia, S. C., but now plays out of Gastonia, is also a veteran of the South Carolina circuit and has won a number of the larger tournaments in the South. He finished behind Umstaedter here in 1954 and 1955.

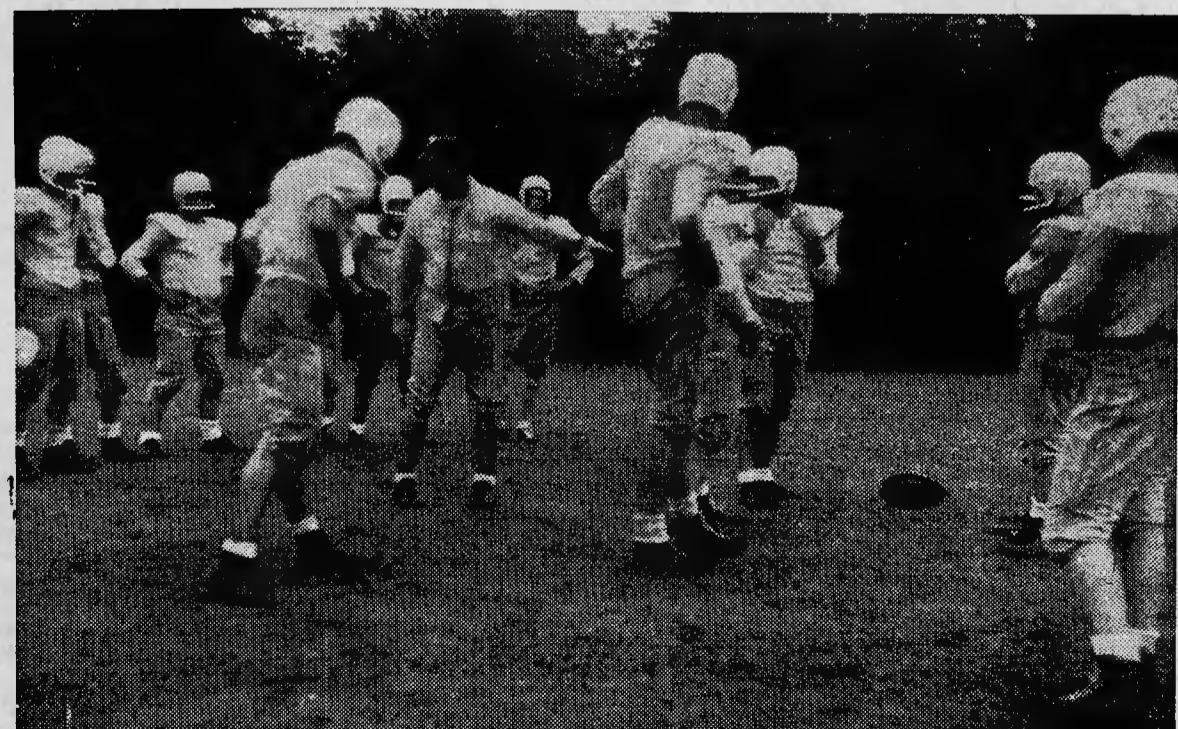
Daniel teamed with Jack Worth of Greensboro to capture the men's doubles title from John Tapley and Bill Lee, both of Chapel Hill, 6-2, 6-2, and 6-2.

In the Women's division, finished Saturday, Sara Walters of Charlotte defeated Julia Ann Holt, also of Charlotte, 6-1, 6-4, for the title.

Mary Lou Jones of Sanford (Continued on Page 5)

JAYCEE MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Southern Pines Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at Barnum Realty and Insurance Company, it was announced today by Jim Baird, president.



FOOTBALL PRACTICE for some 28 players at Southern Pines High School was in full swing this week as Coach Irie Leonard started rounding his charges into shape for the opening game September 7 against Carthage. The Blue Knights, defending North Carolina six-man