



NEW SENATOR B. Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw was among the group of highway officials, state and county government officers, and just plain politicians who attended Aberdeen's annual shad bake last Friday afternoon. Hosts for the get-together were Dr. E. M. Medlin, mayor of Aberdeen, his Town Commissioners, and Forrest Lockey under whose administration as mayor the shad bakes were started. The above picture shows, seated, from right to left, Judge J. Vance Rowe of Moore Recorder's Court; J. G. Farrell of the Aberdeen Recorder's Court; Harold Makepeace of Sanford, secondary roads commissioner; Lockey; Jordan; Medlin;

Gordon Cameron, chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners; Voit Gilmore of Southern Pines; and, standing at left, John Currie of Carthage, a member of the Board of Commissioners. James Tufts of Pinehurst is also at left, with his back turned to the camera. Among other prominent out-of-county people attending were J. Melville Broughton, Jr., chairman of the State Highway Commission; Bill Rogers, chief engineer; Senator James Mason of Laurinburg, a member of the commission; and Dr. Henry Jordan of Cedar Falls, a former chairman of the commission.

18-Year-Old Boy Draws Prison Term On Rape Charges

An 18-year old boy of Greenwood Township was sentenced to from three to five years in the state penitentiary this week for assault with intent to commit rape on a 12-year-old girl.

The sentence was handed down in Moore Superior Court Tuesday by Judge J. A. Rousseau. It followed lengthy testimony by the boy, Joe Palmer, and the girl he was accused of assaulting, Jessie Pearl Adams. The State, through Solicitor M. G. Boyette, had accepted the plea although the Grand Jury had found a true bill against Palmer for rape.

Palmer, testimony indicated, lived in the house with the Adams girl and her family. He admitted on the stand that he had been convicted in South Carolina in 1951 on a rape charge.

Judge Rousseau also heard, during the first three days of court, testimony from a 50-year-old former resident of Aberdeen who was charged with bigamous cohabitation. Alex Lee Baxley pleaded guilty to the charge, which had been brought by his first wife, Mrs. Margaret Baxley of Aberdeen, whom he married in 1942.

Mrs. Baxley presented evidence that her husband had also married a woman in Ellerbe in 1953 and another in New York state in 1956, all of whom Baxley admitted to having deserted. Now a taxi driver in Rockingham, Baxley was sentenced to from three to five years in prison.

In a breaking and entering and larceny case involving three young men, Harvey Martin Dowd and Rex Thomas of Carthage pleaded guilty to robbing the Moore Tractor Company of a toolbox, tools and other items, while James Chriscoe pleaded not guilty to the same charge.

Chriscoe was acquitted. Dowd and Thomas each drew five months on the roads, followed by two to four year sentences in prison, suspended under stringent conditions.

In companion cases against Garland Dave Dowd and Lester Dewey Doby, charged with receiving and possession, nol pros with leave was taken.

Nol pros with leave was also taken in the case of Donnie McDougald, bound over by the Aberdeen Recorder's Court on a robbery charge.

Nol pros with leave and judgment absolute was taken also in the case of James R. Monroe, charged with forgery by T. T. Ward of Southern Pines. The defendant was found to have vanished from the area and his bondsman was ordered to pay the bond.

Eugene Robert Gregory, appealing from a Recorder's Court judgment, pleaded guilty to exceeding the safe speed and was fined \$10 and costs.

The Recorder's Court judgments were ordered into effect for Junior Hinesley and Tommie Bolton, both charged with cursing and interfering with police officers.

John Henry McLaughlin, charged by his wife, Mozelle Tyson McLaughlin, with bigamous cohabitation with a second wife, Danny Mae White McLaughlin, drew a sentence of 18 months on the roads.

Remanded to the lower court

were cases against Junior Hinesley and Tommie Bolton, charged with cursing and interfering with a police officer.

On two counts of forgery, Charles Brown, Jr., drew a two to four year prison sentence, with an additional four to five years suspended for five years.

Albert Phillips Brooks pleaded guilty to drunk driving and transporting illicit whiskey. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for two years on payment of \$100 and costs, with license revocation.

Mack McCoy, pleading guilty to drunk driving, careless and reckless driving and driving without license, received eight months suspended for two years on payment of \$200 and costs, and directed to pay \$207 for the use and benefit of Mrs. Walter McNeill.

Robert Thacker, teen-age Morrison Training Camp escapee apprehended by Southern Pines police while trying to steal a car from Phillips Motor Sales, was adjudged an incorrigible on his record, and sentenced to three to five years on the roads.

J. M. Canoy, motel owner of the Cameron vicinity, who had bitterly fought and then appealed his conviction in the recorder's court on charges of aiding and abetting in liquor possession and possession for sale, pleaded guilty on both counts. Evidence had been to the effect that he had rented a cabin to a Negro bootlegger for storage of his goods, knowing they were there and that they were for sale. Canoy drew six months suspended for two years on payment of \$100 and costs, the entire sum to be paid by the August 15 term of court, and a new bond of \$500 set for his personal appearance at that time.

A DRAMA IN ONE ACT

Curtains For Wesley

This little drama, a true story, doesn't require much imagination. Its principal character, a wet and bedraggled hitchhiker, should be a leading candidate to receive the "boner" award for the year.

Scene: a rural road in the upper end of Moore County. Time: early Tuesday morning. Characters, along with the hitchhiker: Cpl. Jim McColman of the State Highway Patrol and a resident of the area.

Resident: "Corporal, I've just seen a fellow down the road there and he wants a ride to Siler City. He's wet as a drowned chicken."

Cpl. McColman: "I'll hurry on down and see what I can do." He speeds up and in a few minutes

finds, standing by the side of the road, the drenched man, whom he offers a ride. Inside the patrol car the following conversation takes place:

Cpl. McColman: "Say, aren't you one of the fellows who escaped from prison camp Sunday night?"

Drenched character: "Yep, I sure am."

Curtains.

The drenched one, incidentally, was Wesley Eugene Mills, 36, of High Point. He apparently hadn't been under a roof since the escape and, in the meantime, had to suffer the elements as two inches of rainfall, including a cloudburst, saturated the countryside. His companion escapee, he said, had separated from him soon after going over the fence. He's back in prison camp—not in Siler City—awaiting a hearing before Judge J. Vance Rowe in Recorder's Court Monday morning.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis, Longtime Resident, Dies At Age Of 85

Mrs. Mabel Wallace Lewis, 85, wife of H. A. Lewis, died Tuesday at the Pinehurst Convalescent Home. Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at the Powell Funeral Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Maynard Mangum of the First Baptist Church and the Rev. Carl Wallace of the Church of Wide Fellowship. Burial was in Mt. Hope cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married in 1893 and moved to Southern Pines in 1915 from Bethlehem, N. H. She was a member of the Magnolia Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

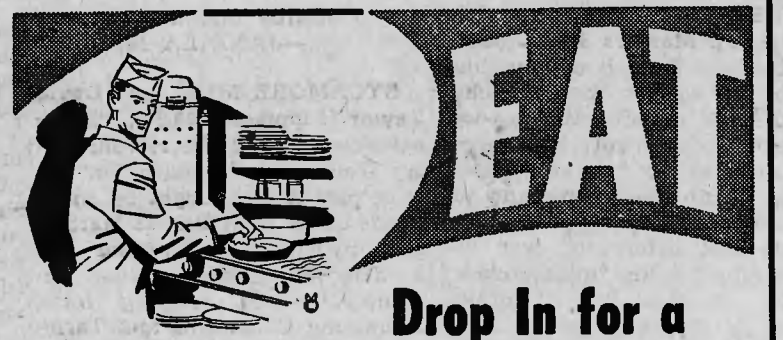
Surviving besides her husband are one daughter, Mrs. Merrick V. Barnes of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Southern Pines; one son, Robert M. Lewis of Lebanon, N. H.

Receives Notice Of Death Of Brother

Mrs. Harry Ward of West End received news Tuesday of the death of her brother, John Douglas Shaw, in Richmond, Va. Mr. Shaw was reared in Carthage, the son of Charlie and Addie Poe Shaw. A number of relatives reside in Moore County.

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