

Highway Murder And Negro Rape Cases For Trial

Mixed Term Superior Court Convenes Monday; McKenzie Suing Grady Thomas.

Trials of Arthur Ray Patterson, Fort Bragg soldier, and of Duncan Williams, Sanatorium negro employee, will feature the criminal docket of the mixed term of Superior court to be convened Monday by Hon. Clawson Williams, of Sanford, resident judge.

Patterson, whose first trial on January 23-24 ended in a mistrial when Judge Q. K. Nimocks withdrew a juror after a number of hours of deliberation, is charged with the highway accident death of Charles Milhizer.

State's witnesses claimed that Patterson, driving recklessly at a very high rate of speed sideswiped the truck on which Milhizer was riding, hitting the truck three times, and forced it off the highway near Puppy Creek.

Duncan Williams, a 12-fingered negro of Montrose, has been held without bond in county jail for several weeks on charges of rape of a 13-year-old negro girl, Blanche Mae Jones, late in March.

Several minor cases complete the criminal docket.

Civil Court

Cases calendared for civil proceedings during the term include the suit of Oscar Barefoot, by his next friend, Nazro Barefoot, against H. W. Ehrhardt et al, for damages growing out of a wreck.

D. A. McKenzie has brought action against H. Grady Thomas, for damages as result of a wreck near McGirt's Bridge last fall in which Mr. McKenzie was seriously injured, and his brother, John McKenzie, was killed.

Other cases include Dundarrach Trading company vs J. B. McKenzie; U. S. F. & G. Co. vs Mrs. Dixie M. Smith; Henry McDiarmid vs Frank Niven; Henry McDiarmid vs N. A. McDonald; Lydia F. Skipper, executrix, vs J. A. Hodgins, Jr.; Richmond Locklear vs Bob Parks; L. B. McKethan vs E. B. Atkins.

Beautiful "Airlie" Gardens Again Open To Public

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Henry Walters, her gorgeous azalea estate, "Airlie," will be opened to the public Friday and Saturday, April 25th and 26th, from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. The entire proceeds will be given to charity and to relieve the condition of the ill and destitute.

Airlie is a truly gorgeous azalea estate, six miles east of Wilmington on U. S. Routes 74-76.

There are millions of azaleas in these gardens, and thousands of lovers of flowers will have an opportunity to view a wonderful and truly gorgeous display of plants in full bloom. In addition, other rare flowers and shrubs of varied description may be seen by visitors who take advantage of this opportunity to visit the gardens, which are without a superior anywhere in the south.

The azaleas, veritably by thousands, border the driveways, paths, terraces, and lake borders. The water vistas add much to the charm and glamour of the spectacle. The azaleas in myriad shades of red, wine, purple, vermilion, and white form a figurative kaleidoscope of color, which must be seen to be appreciated.

Orton azalea gardens, in Brunswick county near Wilmington, are open to the public throughout the season, and may be visited on the two dates mentioned—April 25th and 26th, also. The very beautifully developed gardens make this estate one which every flower lover should visit. These gardens compare most favorably with any others in the south.

Mrs. Thomas McGhee Dies In Winston-Salem

Mrs. Thomas McGhee, mother of Allan McGhee, died at his home in Winston-Salem last Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Upchurch, Mrs. H. A. Cameron and Mrs. T. B. Upchurch went to Winston-Salem Friday to be with Allan and Bennie Lee. Mrs. McGhee was buried at her old home, Greenville, N. C., on Saturday afternoon, Tommy Upchurch, Mr. T. B. Upchurch and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Upchurch attended the funeral.

Measles has taken the town by storm. There has been a case of it in nearly every home where there are children. Both types are prevalent.

Miss Hugh Lowe and Miss Maude ...

9th Division On Maneuvers

The 9th division, crack motorized fighting unit stationed at Fort Bragg, is on the move this week.

Several hundred trucks with men and equipment passed through Raeford Tuesday for an unannounced destination. 900 more mechanized units went through Wednesday morning, and another large number are scheduled to be on the move Friday.

E. G. Hodgins Dies Saturday; Burial At Antioch

Adopted Son of Late H. H. Hodgins Was Prominent Hoke Farmer.

Funeral services for Elias Glover Hodgins, 61, were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Antioch Presbyterian church by the pastor, Rev. H. R. Poole. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers were M. D. McBryde, J. D. Mason, C. E. Johnson, W. C. Gibson, K. L. McLaughlin and C. M. Randleman.

Honorary pallbearers were H. L. Gatlin, Neill Sinclair, Walter Baker, Dr. A. L. O'Brian, Will Blue, Arthur D. Gore, T. B. Lester, John K. McNeill, Dewey McQuaige, and Joe Campbell.

Mr. Hodgins, who was a prominent farmer of the Shannon section, died at a Fayetteville hospital Saturday night after a brief illness. He was the adopted son of the late H. H. and Sarah Hodgins. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Fannie Graham, and two sons, H. H. Hodgins, of Seven Springs, and Walter Hodgins, of Fayetteville.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

By E. A. MacDONALD

Walter Maxwell has accepted an appointment to the Raeford district school committee. This completes the board as M. L. Lester and H. C. McLaughlin had already indicated their acceptance. The first duty of this board after its organization will be to elect a principal to take the place of E. D. Johnson, who has resigned to take the county superintendency of Edgecombe county.

The N. Y. A. defense program is being extended. Quite a number of additional youths will be put on for the next pay period. Anyone interested should call at the N. Y. A. office for further information. The following is a paragraph from a letter to Mrs. Woodhouse from R. Hugh Evans, district supervisor: "I would suggest that you go ahead certifying the youths referred to in your letter. We will make arrangements to have the bus extended from Raeford on the Aberdeen highway to take care of these youths after May 18th." This bus will run to Fort Bragg.

The following schools are participating in the N. Y. A. Student Work Program: White-Hoke county high, Antioch, Rockfish and Raeford graded; Indian-Antioch Indian; Negro-Bowmore, Bridges Grove, Evergreen, Freedom, Friendship, Laurel Hill, Millside, New Hope, Shady Grove, and Upchurch.

These schools had 103 pupils at work last month. They drew from \$2.00 to \$8.00 each.

The Mildouson P. T. A. held its last regular meeting of the year last Tuesday night at the school. Mrs. Jesse Gibson, president, presided. The school children put on a splendid program of songs and recitations. The president, called on Mr. Morgan, the principal, for a report of the year's work. A splendid report was made, dealing particularly with the health program, shop work, and finances. After adjournment the lunch room and shop were inspected.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Raeford P. T. A. held its last regular meeting of the year with Mrs. A. D. Gore presiding. At the business session the new officers were elected. Mrs. A. K. Currie was elected president and Mrs. Crawford Thomas vice president, Miss Anne Buie secretary and Miss Margaret McKenzie treasurer have another year to serve of a two-year term.

The primary grades put on an entertainment program that was greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Raeford graded school opera "Ray and Gerda," will be presented tomorrow night at the high school auditorium. Everyone is cordially invited. The costumes have



BRITISH BEAUTY: Filmgoers will see this captivating star from England, in RKO Radio's "My Life with Caroline," romantic and modern comedy in which she plays opposite Ronald Colman. Petit, blue-eyed, blonde Miss Lee, whose work on the English stage and screen has been exceptionally brilliant, makes her American film debut in this offering.

Johnson Accepts Edgecombe County School Office

Hoke High Principal Will Move To Tarboro July First.

E. D. Johnson, principal of the Hoke county high school for the past two years, accepted this week the county school superintendency of Edgecombe county.

Mr. Johnson last week had the unusual experience of being elected county schools superintendent for two counties, Edgecombe and Hyde. After deliberating over the two offers he announced Tuesday that he would accept the offer from the Edgecombe board of education and would assume his new duties on July 1st.

Mr. Johnson has been teaching since graduating from Wake Forest in 1913, except for two years when he was in the army during the World War, where he attained the rank of first lieutenant. Since coming here two years ago he has established himself firmly in the civic life of Raeford and has been particularly active in the affairs of the American Legion and of the Kiwanis club.

While Mr. Johnson expects to report to Tarboro to begin his new work on July 1st, he states that plans concerning moving his family there are indefinite. His wife and two children may remain here until later in the year.

Raeford Gardens Now Open

Today and yesterday are the days the Raeford gardens have been open to the public and to those taking the Garden Pilgrimage.

Several very beautiful formal gardens and beautiful back yards have been open. Mrs. J. C. Thomas is chairman of the hostess committee. Those going on this pilgrimage register first at Mrs. H. A. Cameron's where refreshments are served. Hours are from 10 A. M. 'til 6 p. m. Every body is invited, especially the army personnel. Admission is 25c. One fee takes one through all the gardens. This charge is compulsory with the State Federation of Garden clubs.

Soldiers' Leaves Cut Short

Many of the Raeford soldiers at Ft. Screven had their Easter furloughs cut short and some who had planned to come home did not get here. Rumor has it that some of the 252nd Coast Artillery is to be sent at once to the Government's new island bases. Just which islands have not yet been made public.

Jack McDuffie has returned to New Bern after having spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDuffie.

been made by the N. Y. A. sewing room. The entertainment starts promptly at 8 o'clock.

J. P. Temple, Jr., was a visitor in town recently.

Sister of Raeford Woman Dies

Fayetteville, April 14.—Mrs. Susie Jane Clifton, widow of Rev. R. L. Clifton, of Fayetteville, died Monday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Autry, in Durham, where she had lived for the past six years. Funeral services were held here Tuesday at 3 o'clock from Massey Hill Baptist church.

Surviving are three sons, J. B. Clifton, of Greensboro; R. E. and L. L. Clifton, of Lexington; three daughters, Mrs. Autry and Mrs. G. C. Norman, of Durham, and Mrs. J. E. Phillips, of Fayetteville; a brother, Robert Brady, of Cumberland Mills, and three sisters, Mrs. Fannie Guyton, of Cumberland Mills, Mrs. Mary Horrell, of Erwin, and Mrs. Ella Tyson, of Raeford.

Grays To End Season Here Friday

The Williamsport Grays, following their game here Friday with Greensboro, will say goodbye to Raeford and head for Williamsport, where, on Wednesday next, they will open the Eastern League season at Bowman Field with the Elmira Colonels as their opponents. They will make an overnight stop at Tarboro, to break up a long trip to Portsmouth, Va., where they will play Saturday and Sunday.

Immediately after the Sunday game they will leave for Richmond, stop overnight, and go on to Williamsport Monday. Tuesday they will get their locker assignments, home uniforms and find boarding places.

Today the Grays will clash with Scranton at Bennettsville, returning tonight. The Friday game with Greensboro will be the Grays' last "home" game of the 1941 spring training season.

Manager Spencer Abbott said yesterday that he was very well satisfied with the team. "We came down here to detect possible weaknesses and, if possible, correct them. With the signing of Leo Ogorek, a seasoned second baseman with a fine fielding and batting record, who reported Tuesday, the club is practically as it will line up for the Eastern League campaign. The players are in fine shape—no sore arms, no charley-horses, no anything except an ambition to jump into the league race and win at least a 'place in the playoff at the end of the season, if we fail to land at the top."

J. Roy Clunk, secretary and business manager, left for Williamsport this morning in order to get Bowman Field in readiness for Wednesday's opening.

"Our stay in Raeford has been a pleasant," he said. "It was just like getting back home when we landed here on March 23 and, as in 1938 and 1940, Raeford people have been most kind and hospitable."

Maxton Woman's Club To Sponsor Spring Fine Arts Festival

The Woman's Club of Maxton has arranged to hold a Spring Fine Arts Festival on the evenings of April 22, 23 and 24, at eight o'clock at the high school auditorium. The programs are under the departments of music, art, and literature.

The first evening, April 22, C. M. Edson of Rocky Mount, is bringing his "Speech Choir." Starting some years ago in the Rocky Mount high school Mr. Edson has trained these young people to speak, as a choir would sing. The voices are arranged as in a choir; light, medium, and heavy. They will give a varied program of poetry, first, and then a dramatization of "Congo."

The second program will be given the following night, and will be music by members of the music department of Flora Macdonald college.

The third and last in the series is in charge of the art department. There will be a display of paintings from the Mint Museum in Charlotte.

The associate professor of art, Greensboro college, will make an address.

In planning this fine arts festival the members of the Woman's Club are seeking to bring to Maxton artists in these three fields whose work will prove a delight and an inspiration to all who attend. There is no admission charge and the people of Maxton and nearby communities are invited to be guests of the Woman's Club for these three occasions.

Emerson Slacum, Margaret Slacum and Myrtle Applegate, of Cambridge, Maryland, were the overnight guests of Jack McDuffie Monday night.

Miss Jessie Parker was at home from Baltimore for Easter, she had a guest with her for the holidays.

Recreational Center For Soldiers, Plan

Kiwanians Discuss Supervised Program For Men On Maneuvers At Mott's Lake.

A recreational center for soldiers, stationed at Mott's Lake was discussed and endorsed by the Kiwanians at their meeting Thursday, when needs of this group were presented in a forum discussion.

It was pointed out that these units of several hundred soldiers are sent to Mott's lake for two-week periods. Except for time actually on duty there is little at the station to hold the men there, and most of them spend their evenings and Sundays in Raeford.

The most popular suggestion offered at the Kiwanis session was that a trained recreational supervisor be secured to direct a program of entertainment for the men. It was suggested that permission be secured to use the Battery F Armory for the center and equip it with material and supplies for such sports and games as the facilities there would permit. It was thought that this sort of center would be of especial appeal to the men, and would give the citizens of the county an opportunity to contribute to the defense program by assisting in the entertainment of the men.

The committee appointed to investigate the advisability of such a program and devise a plan for its operation, is composed of: J. L. McNeill, chairman, to represent the club; J. A. McGoogan, represent county commission; H. L. Gatlin, Jr., represent Town of Raeford; T. B. Upchurch, Jr., represent Methodist church; Dr. Marcus Smith, represent Presbyterian church; and Devo Austin, represent Baptist church.

Raeford Girl In Style Show

Raleigh, April 17.—Eighteen girls from Flora Macdonald college will be among the 161 home economics students modeling clothes of their own design and handiwork in the annual style show which the State College Textile School will present Thursday, April 24.

Dean Thomas Nelson, head of the Textile School announced today that girls from 10 North Carolina colleges will participate in the annual event, which he inaugurated in 1928 to demonstrate the value of cotton in making quality wearing apparel for women.

All of the material used by the girls was designed and woven by students in the Textile School. The girls are preparing their costumes as part of their work in home economics. The Style Show, which always attracts a capacity crowd, will begin in Pullen Hall, at 2 p. m.

Participating colleges and home economics teachers in charge are Flora Macdonald, Miss Vera Burdette; Elon, Miss Lida Muse; St. Mary's, Miss Elizabeth Bason; Appalachian State, Miss Rena Donnell; Greensboro, Miss Frances G. Coleman; High Point, Miss Ada B. Johnson; Louisburg, Mrs. I. D. Moon; Meredith, Miss Jennie M. Hanyen; Queens, Mrs. Guy Bason; and Peace, Miss Bertie Lee Whitesides.

Flora Macdonald girls entered in the style show are Misses Sara Meta Baggett, St. Stephens, S. C.; Margaret Barker, Milton; Louise Bump, Rocky Mount; Sara Agnes Edman, Hazel Mae Jones, Marjorie McManis and Ruth Prewatte, Red Springs; Mary Emma Fulger, Pembroke; Bobby Hefner, Hamlet; Mary Hudson, Bufile; Estelle Huggins, Fayetteville; Aline Macdonald, Hamer, S. C.; Carolyn McLean, Raeford; Evelyn Robertson, Ahoskie; Hazel Sanders, Four Oaks; Elizabeth Thomas, Beaufort; Angelle Williamson, Chadbourne; and Rebecca Wilson, Blanche.

At noon on the day of the Style Show, the State College R. O. T. C. regiment will present a formal review in Riddick Stadium complimentary to the visiting girls and the Textile School. After the contest, the Textile School will hold open house in its new building. Visitors will see students demonstrate the processes by which raw cotton in converted into beautiful fabrics.

In charge of the students' exposition are E. W. McLeod of Carthage and J. T. Shotwell of Henderson, superintendent and assistant superintendent, respectively.

Girls participating in the Style Show preparations represent 61 N. C. communities and eight other states, including New York, Delaware, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, New Jersey, Texas and Ohio.

Gladys Tamm and Caroline ...