

### EPES BEGINS HIS LIFE SENTENCE

Enters State Penitentiary in Columbia for Murder of Wife; Motion for New Trial Already Filed.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 24.—The world he knew has closed behind Lt. Samuel C. Epes, who today changed his name for a convict's number and his uniform for black and white stripes. After more than six months in the county jail, the 27-year-old son of a wealthy Virginia family settled down to routine in the white-walled state penitentiary, where he will serve a life sentence.

Two avenues of hope lay open for the dashing young medical officer, convicted of drugging and suffocating his school teacher wife and then burying her in an abandoned foxhole.

One was a new trial, the other an evidential pardon or commutation. A motion for a new trial has already been filed. It will be heard later by Judge A. L. Gaston.

An all-male jury—women do not serve on juries in South Carolina—convicted the handsome young officer late Saturday after deliberating three hours.

Its verdict—guilty of murder, with recommendation of mercy—made life sentence mandatory. The State, which charged Epes slew his wife because of his love for a 19-year old Louisiana war plant worker, sought to send him to the electric chair.

Epes received the verdict without trace of emotion. All through the week-long trial

### Truman To Make 'Major' Speech In Statesville

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—As plans moved forward for the visit of President Truman to Statesville in November, the White House revealed today that the speech he will deliver will be a "major" speech and that it will be broadcast nationally.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth district received a telephone call from the White House today to the effect that the President considered the North Carolina speech of major importance.

Just what he will talk about is a matter of speculation, but with the Democratic national committee opening its 1946 convention

while he heard the details of his 98-pound wife's death and grotesque burial, he remained impassive.

His only comment after the verdict was to his jailer—"I hope Mother doesn't take it too hard."

The mother, socially prominent Mrs. Travis Epes of Richmond, Va., wept when she visited him later in his cell and Epes sympathetically comforted her, jailers said.

Epes' lawyers, who elected not to offer any testimony contended the State's only evidence was the defendant's own statement, soon after his arrest, that he secretly buried his wife in a moment of panic, after finding her lifeless body, but did not kill her.

Epes first reported his wife, an art teacher, as mysteriously missing. Two weeks later, after attempting to kill himself, he led officers to the foxhole grave.

### LOCAL NAVY MAN ON USS CHICAGO IN TOKYO BAY



The heavy cruiser CHICAGO lies at anchor in Tokyo Bay in the shadow of famous Mount Fujiyama. The CHICAGO was present during the historic signing of the Jap surrender documents. The vessel is supporting the occupation of the Tokyo area.

### Packages That Never Arrived



It shouldn't happen to a dog, barks this puppy mascot at the Harbor fleet post office as he sits in a pile of poorly wrapped, packed overseas parcels that met a sad fate while enroute by the Pacific. Most of the packages contained broken glass and other fragile food items which could not be re-shipped.

Again, President Truman may take the occasion to make a strictly political speech along that line, and thus fire the opening volley of the 1946 congressional campaigns.

Cinder block must be treated with a weatherproofing compound to make the building water proof.

### Wilford Short Aboard USS Texas

Aboard the U. S. S. TEXAS at OKINAWA — only American Battleship to have fought in waters off three continents, the hard hitting 31-year-old U. S. S. Texas prepares for its biggest role—the occupation of Japan.

Among her crew who have bombarded their way across two oceans and thus helped bring about world peace is Wilford Short of Cherryville N. C. who joined the Navy in June 1944 and then was assigned aboard here in Sept. 15, 1944.

Considered a "lucky ship" since her commissioning in March 1914, this dowager of the U. S. Fleet has maintained this reputation by blasting her way through five invasions and emerging unmarked. Only once was she tagged by an enemy shell, which claimed one life and 14 wounded.

That was during the three-hour shelling of Cherbourg where heavy German guns were aimed at halting the Allied advance in France. Despite her wounds—first she has sustained in two world wars—the TEXAS guns continued to hurl back her defiance until the enemy fort was knocked out.

In addition to the element of luck, TEXAS crews continually have added new marks to the ship's profitable history. During the invasion bombardment of Okinawa this crew set a near record for 50 consecutive days, sleeping by remaining at battle stations beside their guns and chowing down at odd hours.

As a result of their constant vigil, the TEXAS was one of the few war ships to emerge from that battle unharmed by Jap suicide pilots. Three times the Kamikaze Corsmen turned toward this ship, but each time they were discouraged by chunks of anti-aircraft steel.

Besides the Okinawa Invasion, the TEXAS guns reassured success of Allied troop landings on North Africa, Normandy, Provence in Southern France and at Iwo Jima, where she pumped her half-ton shells onto the foe from as close as 1,000 yards off shore.

At an age when most Battle ships would be considered obsolete, the Mighty "TEE" showed that her guns still packed the wallop that they did when she first met the Germans 25 years ago in world war I. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, the TEXAS was assigned to routine convoy operations, until late October, 1942, when she headed for North Africa to support landings at Medhia-Port L'autey.

From then on she was given little rest for she became a front line fighting ship. Her African assignment was followed by Okinawa in the Asiatic waters of the

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### John H. Beam In England University

SHRIVENHAM, ENGLAND—The U. S. Army University Center in England, designed to give soldiers a chance to get college instruction while waiting to return to the United States, has started its first semester here with an enrollment of 3,611 students, including.

Cpl John W. Beam, 25 of Rt 1 Crouse, North Carolina. Cpl Beam was a member of the 17th Airborne, Division. He is studying English, History, Psychology. He attended North Brook High School. His parents are residing at the above address.

A selection of 300 courses is offered in the fields of liberal arts, science, engineering, fine arts, journalism, education and commerce. Each student is allowed to register for three courses, and his hours of instruction will be equivalent to a summer semester at a civilian institution. Courses are taught for the most part by civilian educators from the United States authorities in their respective fields.

Farmers taking part in the state five-acre cotton contest are asked to keep complete records, regardless of whether yields are large or small. All records are for a complete report.

Better use of land and farm mechanization can help reduce production costs on many crops, according to the experts.

The Barrett Division, Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation, has transferred its sales office for this district from Hopewell, Va., to 201 Granby Street, Norfolk, Va. The move has been made to better serve the fertilizer industry in North Carolina and most of Virginia and to facilitate the distribution of "ARCADIAN".

### WACO THEFT UNCOVERED

Quick work on the part of Deputy Sheriffs Jerry Runyans and Joe Beam recovered \$120 in cash stolen from S. C. Suttle's store and filling station at Waco Monday night and led to the arrest yesterday afternoon of George Eaves, a negro, who according to the officers, has already admitted his guilt.

Mr. Suttle remembered counting his money Monday night when he closed his station and recollected that he had eleven tens and two fives in currency. He also recollected that the station was closed all night and was not opened until the next morning when he went out the back door a few minutes leaving this door unlocked.

The officers found no evidence of a break-in but consulted people who had been around the station at about the time Mr. Suttle left the door unlocked. They got the description of a negro who was seen hanging around and caught him near Waco. When he was arrested he had exactly the denominations of currency on him which Mr. Suttle had described and was trying to buy an automobile with it. He admitted to the officers that he had gone in the back door of the station when Mr. Suttle left it unlocked. He will be held for trial in Superior court.

Average yields of oats at the Piedmont Test Farm at Statesville have been more than twice as large when planted October 1, as when planted on November 15.

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