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# Heartthrob Pleads Guilty: Killer Of Young Woman May Get Only 7 Years

ALIAS IN — Keith Petersen, 21, walked into an office building today after a seven-minute trial to plead guilty to the slaying of Miss Schofield. He was sentenced to seven years in the electric chair, or to a term of years in the state penitentiary. Petersen was dragged kicking and screaming from court after the jury in his first trial ruled he was insane when tried, though sane at the time of the slaying. The second trial came after Petersen was released from mental hospitals and a jury ruled him sane. Determination of sanity in Texas is by jury trial. "My boy is innocent," Mrs. Lewis F. Petersen, the somber, dressed and weeping mother of the defendant, told reporters after his guilty plea. "There is no question but that he was insane when he killed Carolyn. Now he must have the mark of Cain for the remainder of his life. I would have fought the case all the way."



READY FOR ACTION — The ROTC rifle team of Florence State is ready for action in competition with other college and university rifle teams over the country. Last year the team won first place in the Third Army area in their quest of the Heart Trophy which they later captured. Kneeling, left to right, the cadets are: F. W. Shaver, Coban Shibley, Travis Richardson, Jim Woodard, John Beasley, Jimmie Ardis and John Dierland. Standing, left to right: Sgt. Lee Hiddle, coach; Billy Crosswhite, Perry Courts, Ronnie Hollie, Coy Isbell, James Holland, Bill Johnson and M. Sgt. Edward Doods, coach.

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### Had A Guilty Conscience

HUGO, Okla. — R. J. Brown, a license examiner for the Department of Public Safety, was driving home after giving his usual driver's license tests. Suddenly, a motorist tore past him on the road, obviously going too fast. Thinking Brown was a highway patrol officer, the motorist stopped and pulled alongside Brown's car. "I don't often do it, but I was going too fast," the motorist confessed. "Here I am. Do whatever you want with me."

### City Commissioners Here Set Meetings

Changes in meeting time for three of the four local city commissions are noted this week. Tuscumbia's meeting will take place Thursday afternoon at 7 o'clock instead of today. Sheffield and Muscle Shoals City commissioners will meet at their respective city halls Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock instead of the usual 7 o'clock. In Florence, commissioners will hold their regular sessions at 10 o'clock Tuesday.

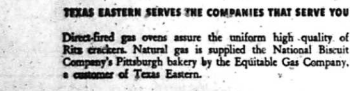
### Colbert Teens Now Busy In TAP Program

Teens Against Polio are on the march in Colbert county as various plans of the TAP (Teens Against Polio) are being carried out to aid this year's March of Dimes, sponsored by the Colbert Business and Professional Club, national TAP chairman, who is receiving excellent cooperation from the young citizens. Some of the local plans are: Ballroom Day in Sheffield and Tuscumbia, sponsored by the Rainbow girls—tentative date is Saturday, Jan. 22. Basketball game to be played by junior high school teams Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Tuscumbia armory. A square dance will follow the game, and all proceeds go to the March of Dimes. The day in Tuscumbia with Saturday, Jan. 29, chosen by the Vanity club, and Cosmopolitan club as the date. Plans are underway for a Teenagers March on Friday night, Jan. 28, in Tuscumbia. The march will be sponsored by various teen clubs, the exact hours and participating clubs to be announced later. Teenagers are showing terrific interest in this year's march. Mrs. Moore stated, adding, "I believe TAP will prove that young people are responsible citizens, ready and willing to take part in this fight."



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# Rep. Jones Blasts Ike's T/A Budget

WASHINGTON (Special)—Vigorous opposition to President Eisenhower's Budget Message in so far as it affects TVA was expressed here Monday by Congressman Robert E. (Bob) Jones, Jr. in the east end of whose district lies the heart of the project, the Muscle Shoals-TVA developments. "The President's Budget Message on TVA confirms the worst fears of the valley residents," he said, adding: "The proposal constitutes an unrestrained vengeance not only against the Tennessee Valley Authority as a government agency but against an entire region of our republic. The plan reminds me of a conqueror distributing enemy loot. The painful and sad fact is that the President's proposal brings injury and impairment to a great area's capacity to contribute to the nation's industrial and defense facilities on a major scale. It is now a clear, undeniable scheme to end TVA and put the power supply back in utility hands. The nation will suffer great injury as well as the farmers, businessmen and tradesmen living in the Valley. The 'no-objection' idea is inequitable and must not be allowed to find its way on our statute books," Congressman Jones concluded.

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# Sheffield Negro Hurt As Overall Catch Fire Sunday

A 64-year-old Sheffield Negro man was said to appear to be in very fair condition today following burns received when his clothing caught fire in his home at 403 South Nashville avenue, Sunday night at 8:41 o'clock. Sheffield firemen, who answered the call, said the fire was confined to the area around the hearth, mantle and paper on the wall with very little damage resulting to the house. The Negro man's overalls caught fire and he was returned to his home after receiving treatment at Colbert County Hospital for second degree burns about the legs. In an earlier call, the department was summoned to the home of Charles Gist, 503 East Ninth street, at 7:22 p.m., when smoke, due to the atmosphere, was coming back down over the house and it was thought the house was on fire. However, there was no fire.

# Muscle Shoals Police Arrest Negro In Chase

A Sheffield Negro was in Muscle Shoals City Jail Monday with a long list of charges against him following an arrest in which he led Muscle Shoals City police on a chase to Florence. The Negro, James M. Pruitt, 1194 10th street, Sheffield, was the following reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Muscle Shoals City police said they caught up with the Negro on the chase Saturday night after he hit a car at College and Chestnut streets, Florence. He is under probation from the penitentiary, they said.

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