

## In Lawrence County: Negro Mother Of 5 Goes On Trial For Her Life

MOULTON (Special)—A 26-year-old Negro mother of five children went on trial for her life Monday afternoon in Lawrence County Court, with the state asking the electric chair.

Willie Dean Cunningham is being tried for the butcher knife stabbing of L. C. (Shore) Randolph on April 25 last.

In his opening remarks to the jury, Circuit Solicitor George C. Johnson charged that the defendant "full of hate and venom" stabbed Randolph three different times while he was lying on the porch trying to get some sleep.

Defense attorney Leo Roberson entered a plea of not guilty for the defendant and outlined a theory of self-defense.

Four state witnesses were called to testify yesterday with the key witness being 16-year-old Ralph Crittenden, a neighbor of the de-

pendant. Young Crittenden testified that he saw the Cunningham woman "make two stars" at Randolph but said under cross-examination that he did not know if the blows landed.

He also told of how Randolph a short time later staggered away from the house to the edge of a fence and then fell. Crittenden said he helped Randolph walk a short distance further and then left for help. Shortly after he returned, Randolph died, the boy said.

During the cross-examination Crittenden testified that the defendant's dress was torn at the waist and her clothes and those of the deceased were dirty.

Also testifying for the state were highway patrolman Roy Thomas, who said he examined the defendant at the Courtland City Jail to testify yesterday after she had been in the state hospital for a few days.

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## Lawrence Schools To Dismiss For Cotton Picking

MOULTON (Special)—Lawrence County schools will close Friday, Sept. 2 for cotton picking, the County Board of Education officials announced today.

The schools will be out for four weeks, resuming Monday, Oct. 1.

## Working To Be Held At Walton

A working will be held all day Wednesday at the Walton Cemetery, Okla. All unmarked individuals are asked to bring photos. The service will be served at the cemetery.



## 16-Year-Old Polio Victim Gets The Full Hospitality Treatment

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Think every vacationing American has a "Pab-Mah" eye laughing when she should see an Indian, teamed with the feathered Indian headband of a Kiowa Princess and laughed aloud. The gifts were presented at her bedside in Crispin Children's Hospital, where 16-year-old Marilyn Boyett rested. Her bed was an iron lung.

"I think I'd better go to Oklahoma," said the 16-year-old Oklahoma youngster.

Marilyn found herself in the hospital instead of the Indian camp she had wanted to see when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Boyett, planned the vacation West.

It was Marilyn's first vacation since polio struck her eight years ago.

The family planned to visit Gallup, N.M., and return back at the Indian City Exposition. But the higher altitude of Gallup proved too much for Marilyn, so they went back to Oklahoma City and the iron lung.

Marilyn still hadn't seen her Indian friends.

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RECEIVES REGULAR ARMY APPOINTMENT—Second Lt. Charles D. Gooch is shown receiving a permanent appointment as a regular army officer in the Military Police Corps from Col. John R. Daly commanding officer of the PMGC at Camp Gordon, Ga. Lt. Gooch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Florence, and the husband of the former Mary Shriner of Huntsville.

Jerons selected to hear the case are William B. Carraway, Moulton; Emmitt Tolson, Moulton; Monroe Stephenson, Mt. Hope; Ray Armstrong, Moulton; Everett Fischer, Moulton; Carl L. Lorton, Moulton; Home, Leamon Harris, Moulton; Earle Hopkins, Moulton; J. W. Keise, Speake; Ernest McMillan, Speake; Ernest Gist, Caddo; and Clarence Hall, Caddo.

Meanwhile Horace (Hick) Bates, 30-year-old Wheeler Negro, was sentenced to 85 years after being allowed to enter a plea of guilty to second degree murder charges following an agreement between the state attorney and defense lawyer James P. Miller.

Bates had been indicted for first degree murder for shooting Willie Wiley Johnson, 27, three times across a 22 pistol near Wheeler after family disputes.

Scheduled to come up for trial at 1 p.m. Wednesday is a first degree murder charge against Roy Langham, 23-year-old Red Bank Negro, who is charged with the shotgun slaying of Alvis (Sop) Sanders, 26.

A plea of guilty to two charges of burglary was withdrawn by Herbie Clayton (Butler) Coburn, and his trial was set for Wednesday in Circuit Court. Coburn is charged with breaking into the Lawrence County Exchange and Gentry-Terry Motor Co., where he is alleged to have stolen a 1951 Chevrolet. His attorney is John Chevrolet, Dealer.



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