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Taked Sex Maniac Shot Bennett Dormitory

City Is Urged For Rat Control

Greensboro board of health, meeting in special session Thursday night to hear a state health board representative's report on rat conditions in the city requested the city council to take immediate steps to eradicate rodents in Greensboro and to adopt a' model rat ordinance.

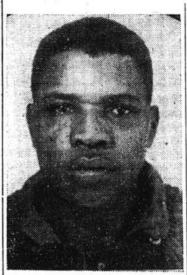
Before the action of the board. Dr. E. A. Bain, city health officer, said that presence of one rat with typhus fever in a city is abnormal according to health standards and that "an epidemic of typhus may occur at any time.' "We can wait," Dr. Bain warned, "until the epidemic comes. In at least one instance, 13 or 11 persons affected by typhus germs spread by rats died. But I would advise steps which would prevent the possibility of infection by removing the source and cause-rats.

Health board members advised Dr. Bain to recommend to Mayor C. M. Vanstory, Jr., and City Manager Henry A. Yancey that they invite E. L. Hinton, director of typhus control work of the state board of health, and C. R. Brown, sanitarian who conducted the recent rat tests here, to appear before the city council at its meeting next Tuesday when the city health board's recommendations relative to the adoption of a model rat ordinance for Greensboro will come before the council.

Action of the board followed Dr. Bain's presentation of Mr. Brown's report which estimated Greensboro rat population as es would close Thursday and Fri-140,000, of which 13.33 per day because of rural road concent may be infected with typhus. The sanitarian's report also stated that estoparasites (fleas) found on the bodies of rats trapped here early this month indicated that the insects "are heavy for this season of the year" and might multiply three or four times during the

The report stated that 73 No. O steel traps, placed in five and that the roads, in turn, are areas in the city, caught 26 rats suffering from the passage of (Continued On Page Five)

S. J. Johnson Shot To Take Action By Student When He Attempted To Break In



S. J. JOHNSON

Most of County Schools Closed Because of Mud

The condition of rural roads in Guilford county, waterlogged by sustained periods of rain and snow, Thursday morning brought about an announcement of the suspension of activity in all except four schools in the county system.

Eugene D. Idol, superintendent of county schools, stated that all county schools utilizing busday because of rural road conditions and that the schools would reopen Monday if road conditions permit. Proximity, Ceasar Cone, Edgeville and East White Oak schools, which do not use school buses, will remain open, Idol stated.

The superintendent pointed out that county roads are now so bad that buses are being damaged in an effort to drive them

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S. J. Johnson, Negro, about 30, of corner of Gilmer and Gaston streets, was fatally shot early Thursday morning as he attempted to break into Pfeitfer hall at Bennett college, clad only in a pair of shoes.

Police who investigated the case, said Miss Estelle Watson, 20, of Suffolk, Va., a senior at the college, fired a .38 caliber pisto! through a closed door as the man attempted to break into the dormitory about 5:40 a. m. Badly wounded, he was found on the other side of a brick wall from the college grounds and was taken to L. Richardson Memorial hospital where he died at 8:40 a. m. Miss Watson was not placed

under arrest pending completion of the investigation and was freed of all charges after an inquest by Dr. W. W. Harvey, corwho termed the shooting justified.

Had Police Record

Police said the man, who had a police record for vagrancy and assault on a female, had caused great excitement at the dormitory during the early morning hours.

Someone, presumably the same man, appeared at the dormitory at 3 a. m., and attempted to break in but left when the students awoke. Later the excitement was created anew when the man appeared the second time.

Police were told the man broke out a window on the south side of the dormitory, then went around to the north side where again he tried to get in a win-

Failing to succeed there, he went to the door and was trying to force it, police were informed, when Miss Watson, using a pistol belonging to the dormitory matron, Mrs. M. C. Laurin, fired through the closed door.

Clothing Found

The man's clothing was found in front of the door and when police found him he wore only his shoes in the cold early morning air. He was thought to have

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