

## MAN IS KILLED AT BEER GARDEN

Night Clerk Shoots Man Attempting To Force Way Into Building At 1:30

WAS AT REAR WINDOW

Information received here yesterday afternoon by Coroner Jasper Shearin from the Baltimore Police Department disclosed that James B. Austin, who was killed at Lee Bizzell's beer garden at Norlina on Monday morning, was arrested in October 1935 for "having tools in his possession ostensibly to be used to feloniously break and enter building, for which he was sentenced to serve four months in the Maryland House of Corrections." He was also known in Philadelphia, according to pictures which accompanied the letter, as James Arnold and was sentenced to serve from one to three years in jail for attempted burglary and larceny. He was a taxi-cab driver in Baltimore, leaving there on April 24 with the expressed purpose of going to Mardelia Springs to visit his sick mother.

Believed to have been attempting to enter the Swan Sandwich Shop and Beer Garden near Norlina, which was recently held up and robbed, James B. Alston, 30, of near Salisbury, Md., was instantly killed Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock by H. B. Wiggins, night clerk who fired his .38 calibre pistol at the night visitor as he stood at a window flashing a light into the building.

Wiggins stated to Coroner Jasper Shearin that he heard a car stop on a road a short distance back of the Beer Garden and a little later he heard some one attempting to prize the back door of the building open. The night growler, Wiggins said, then climbed on an ice box at a rear window and flashed his light inside. The night clerk stated that he fired twice at this time and about the time he shot he heard a noise at the front door. A moment later, he said, a man came to a side window, flashed his light inside and was attempting to open the window when he fired the fatal shot.

Wiggins said that after the shooting he went to Norlina after Chief Carter who returned to the Beer Garden with him. Austin was found dead a few feet from the window with a bullet hole in the left side of his head. He said he heard the car pull off after the shooting.

The verdict of the coroner was that it was a justifiable homicide.

Through telephone conversation with authorities in Baltimore and Salisbury, Md., Coroner Shearin learned that Austin, a respectable looking young man, lived at Mardelia, Maryland, about seven miles from Salisbury. His body was shipped there Tuesday from the Allen Funeral Parlors of Warrenton.

The Swan Sandwich Shop and Beer Garden was held up and robbed of several hundred dollars worth of property last month by two men who flashed weapons on Jiff Coat, 21-year old white boy who was sleeping there at the time, forced the place and left him tied to his cot.

Dabney and Dennis Winkle, young white men of Mecklenburg county, Va., are charged with the crime and are to be tried in Superior Court two weeks from now.

## Beta Club Seeks To Raise Library Funds

The Beta Club of the John Graham High School is sponsoring a drive to enlarge the school library. The club has set its goal at \$500.00 for next year, and each of the 18 members is to contribute a book.

T. R. Frazier Jr. is president of the club; Leonard Daniel, vice-president; Jeanette Cohen, secretary; Helen Holt, treasurer.

## CONGRESSMAN KERR HERE

Congressman John H. Kerr arrived here on Tuesday night from Washington, D. C., to spend a few days with his family and to visit friends in this district.

T. V. ALLEN ILL  
Friends regret to learn that Mr. T. V. Allen is confined to his home on account of illness.

## Apartment House To Be Erected By Scoggin And Banzet

A modern apartment house to accommodate six or more families is to be constructed by Julius Banzet and J. P. Scoggin on Main street opposite the fire-damaged Baptist church and adjacent to the lot which has been recently purchased for the erection of a new Baptist church.

The lot, upon which now rests the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Coker, was bought a few days ago from Mrs. Haywood Clark by Mr. Scoggin and Mr. Banzet.

Mr. Banzet said yesterday that he expected construction to get under way within a short period. The apartment house, he said, is to be two or three stories high, and that it will be fire-proof, modern and attractive, pointing out that the location is well suited for such a building on account of the surrounding beauty.

## Five Defendants Tried In County Court This Week

Five defendants, all of them negroes, were tried this week in Recorder's court on charges of larceny, non-support, disorderly conduct, and selling whiskey. A verdict of guilty was obtained in each indictment.

Found guilty of stealing two chickens, which returned to their home by the next morning, Buck Anderson was sentenced to jail, assigned to hard labor on the roads under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, for a period of four months.

The state accepted a plea of guilty in the case of James Warren, charged with larceny, and he was ordered to jail for six months, assigned to the roads. This judgment was suspended upon the condition that he be admitted to some state reformatory or suitable institution of detention for such prisoners.

Joe Jones was found guilty of disorderly conduct at a public gathering, drinking, cursing and fighting, thereby disturbing exercises at a school house, and was sentenced to jail for ten days.

Thomas Wright was found guilty of selling whiskey and was sentenced to jail for four months. The jail sentence was suspended on the condition that he pay a fine of \$15.00, pay court costs and remain of good behavior for a period of two years.

The case against George Felts, white, charged with reckless driving, was continued until May 11. The case against Leo Clanton, negro, charged with shooting a mule, was also continued until May 11 for a jury trial.

## R. L. Keeter Buried At Aurelian Springs

Littleton, May 8.—Last rites for Robert Lee Keeter, who died in a Roanoke Rapids hospital Friday night, were conducted from Mt. Tabor M. E. church at Aurelian Springs Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Hurley of Halifax, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Phipps, pastor of the Littleton Methodist church, the Rev. Francis Joyner, Episcopal minister of Littleton and the Rev. Mr. Culbreth, presiding elder of this district. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Keeter was the son of the late William and Mary Dickens Keeter and was a native of Halifax county, where he had spent his entire life. He was a member of Mt. Tabor church. He had been in declining health for a number of years. He was 70 years old.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Bell Dickens Keeter; three sons, Durward of Winton, Leaman and Russell of Littleton; three sisters, Mrs. Sam Allen of Warrenton, Mrs. Tom Peace of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. E. B. Collier of Littleton; and four brothers, R. P. Keeter of Franklin, Va., C. R. Keeter of Roanoke Rapids, Ralph Keeter of Weldon and Emmett Keeter of Roanoke Rapids.

## TO PRESENT PLAY

"Where's Grandma?" senior play of the Littleton High School, will be presented at Warrenton in the auditorium of the John Graham High School on Friday night, May 8.

The John Graham senior play was carried to Littleton a few nights after it was given here several weeks ago.

## "Public Enemy" Captured



NEW YORK . . . Federal G-Men have their Public Enemy No. 2 behind the bars awaiting trial. He is John Torrio (above), former associate of Al Capone and Dutch Schultz. Torrio, in appearance an elderly retired business man, was making ready to save the country when captured.

## Final Assets Of Bank Of Warren Bring \$4,525.00

Assets of the Bank of Warren, which brought \$2,850 when they were put up at public auction here on Tuesday of last week, sold for \$4,525 at Windsor on Monday of this week after the sale had been re-opened by a raised bid of \$3,300.

The \$4,525 bid which bought the property was placed by James Galeher of Richmond in opposition to a bid of \$4,500 placed by Carter Williams, also of Richmond.

The sale, which brought several hundred dollars more than was expected by those familiar with the assets, was readily confirmed by Judge E. H. Cranmer who was holding Superior court at Windsor at the time of the auction.

The \$4,525 paid for the property is expected to increase the final dividend of the bank to 5 per cent or more, bringing the total dividend of the defunct bank, which has been in the process of liquidation for several years, to 90 per cent or better. The final payments will probably be made within 30 days.

The fight for possession of notes and stock assessments against Carter Williams and for hotel and structural steel stock is credited in a large measure for the high price paid for the property. Among the other desirable assets were notes, judgements, real estate and the Peck Company certificate.

The \$2,850 bid which bought the property, subject to a raised bid and confirmation by the court, was placed by Frank Banzet for a group of Warrentonians. Boyd Davis raised the bid to \$3,000, and it was carried to \$3,300 by speculators from Shelby.

## Norlina Swamps Warrenton 23-0

Norlina, May 7.—Cicero Daeke pitched a no-hit, no run game for Norlina High School on May 2 in their second game with the Warrenton High School. Daeke has been going good this season, having pitched six games and losing only one. He pitched a one hit game with Zeb Vance High School team the day before playing in the Warrenton game.

The score was 13 to 0 at the end of the 8th inning, and the end of the game found the score 23-0.

The line up for Norlina was Floyd list base, Hayes, 3rd base, Hawks 2b; H. Daeke c, White cf, Harrelson ss, Brauer rf, Barton lf, C. Daeke pitcher.

## Mrs. C. A. Dickens Buried Wednesday

Littleton, May 8.—Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at Tabor Methodist church for Mrs. C. A. Dickens by Rev. Francis Joyner of Littleton; Rev. Mr. Phelps of Littleton; Rev. E. R. Nelson, Baptist minister of Henderson; and Rev. Mr. Hurley of Halifax. Mrs. Dickens, who was in her 88th year, died at the home of her son, M. L. Dickens, near Aurelian Springs.

She is survived by five children: M. L. Dickens, Aurelian Springs; M. T. Dickens of Littleton; J. W. Dickens, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. J. P. Chichester of near Littleton and Mrs. R. L. Keeter, Littleton; also 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

## LITTLE BUSINESS BEFORE BOARD

Few Additional Names Are Placed On Outside Pauper List; Bills Are Paid

SAYS MEMBER ASLEEP

The placement of a few additional names on the out-side pauper list and the payment of regular monthly bills constituted the official activities of members of the Board of County Commissioners at their regular session here on Monday.

The meetings for the past few months have been comparatively short and without their usual significance, but the session Monday was even more so than last month or the month before. The meeting was so dull, according to one present, that Charlie Fleming went fast asleep.

The minutes of the day show the following were put on out-side pauper list:

Rufus Edwards, \$2.00 per month; Anthony Plummer, \$2.00 per month; Stephen Kearney, \$2.00 per month; Ollie Alston, \$2.00 per month; Edmund Alston, \$2.00 per month.

It was ordered that the appropriation for Sam Green and wife be increased to \$4.00 per month, and that an amount not to exceed \$15.00 be appropriated for hospitalization of Ida Newell.

## Winslow Thanks Kerr For Stand Against Governor

Reaction to the controversy between Congressman John H. Kerr and Governor Ehringhaus over the compact bill and the calling of a special session of the legislature has been favorable to Judge Kerr, judging from the following telegram received by him from J. E. Winslow of Pitt county, chairman of the Farm Bureau in this state, who presided at the recent mass meeting held in Raleigh in an attempt to secure a special session:

"We farmers appreciate your reply to the Governor. Please advise when you will be at home. A group of Pitt county farmers wish to call on you in person and tell you how we honor you for what you are doing for the farmers."

## Garden Party To Be Held Saturday

A garden party will be held at Warrenton on Saturday afternoon, May 9, under the auspices of the Warrenton Garden Club for the benefit of the Warren County Memorial Library which is in need of funds to purchase equipment for handling the larger number of books and to buy awnings and a screen door.

The party is to begin at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. H. A. Moseley where punch will be served and a tour of the gardens open will be arranged. There will be a silver offering at this time.

Invitations are extended to all friends of the library and flower lovers to meet at Mrs. Moseley's and visit the following gardens which are to be open to the public on this occasion:

Spring Gardens—Mrs. K. P. Arrington, Mrs. H. A. Boyd, Mrs. W. N. Boyd, Miss Sue Burroughs, Mrs. W. A. Connell Sr., Mrs. J. A. Dameron, Mrs. W. H. Dameron, Mrs. H. A. Moseley, Mrs. C. A. Tucker, Mrs. Edmund White, Mrs. C. R. Rodwell.

Fall Gardens—Mrs. John Burwell (Dahlia), Mrs. Alex Walker of Norlina and Mrs. A. P. Rodwell of Warrenton Plains (Chrysanthemums).

In commenting on the need for funds, Miss Mabel Davis, librarian, stated: "When we had a few hundred books the librarian could remember fairly well where to find articles bearing on the various subjects required by students, clubs, etc. Now we sorely need a subject index file to which they and we may turn for guidance in locating such data. We haven't file space for even filing title and author cards of books with our present equipment. We need awnings, too, and a screen door. It is awfully hot in the library in the summer. I haven't asked for these things because the need for books after the years of depression has been imperative, but it is essential to good work to provide these things this year."

## To Deliver Address



REV. OLIVER J. HART, D. D., who will deliver the principal address at the Diocesan Convention to be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

## Blue Mold Strikes Tobacco Beds In Warren County

Blue Mold, the tobacco farmer's nemesis, has struck Warren county.

According to reports reaching here this week, the plant disease has invaded tobacco beds in Macon and Warren Plains sections, and it is expected to develop in other parts of the county.

The presence of blue mold in this county, leading farmers state, casts a gloomy outlook on the prospects for a good tobacco crop this year. The plants have already been injured, they say, by insects which invaded the beds several weeks ago.

Weather conditions are expected to govern the extent of damage that results from blue mold. Tobacco growers say that if it remains cold and dry that the disease will no doubt spread over the entire county and be of serious consequences, but that if warm, rainy weather sets in the damage will probably not be so heavy.

## Bingo Tournament Proves Big Success

Fifty-six dollars was cleared from the Bingo tournament held in the armory at Warrenton last Friday night under the auspices of the Warren County Welfare Department, it was learned this week from Miss Lucy Leach, welfare officer.

Two hundred guests were present for the entertainment, which was characterized by Miss Leach as a "tremendous success." Each of the guests was given a prize, the prizes being contributed by business houses of Warrenton, Norlina, and other towns in this trade area. Numbers were called by A. J. Ellington and C. T. Bowers.

Miss Leach said: "The Welfare Department wishes to thank all those who contributed to the success of this occasion for their splendid cooperation."

## Lovell Seeks Place As Chief of Police

C. E. Lovell, former night chief for the town of Warrenton, placed his application for chief of police of the town before members of the Board of Town Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting on Monday night. The city fathers took no action on the matter at this time.

The only matters disposed of at the meeting this week were of a routine nature.

## Announces Time Of Precinct Meetings

The place and time for holding precinct meetings, and the county and state convention, as set by the State Democratic Executive Committee (Continued on Page 8)

## C. M. T. CAMP

Young men of Warren county who wish to attend the Citizens Military Training Camps this summer are requested to get in touch with Capt. Claude T. Bowers, who has received a supply of necessary blanks upon which to make appli-

## Diocesan Convention Opens Here On Tuesday

### Flower Show To Be Held Here On Friday, May 15th

By MRS. W. D. RODGERS  
Publicity Chairman

Warren County lovers of beauty are looking forward with keen interest to the showing of the season's flowers to be presented at the Warren County Memorial Library basement under the direction of the Warrenton Garden Club, with Mrs. John C. Burwell as General Chairman. The show is to be held on Friday, May 15th, beginning at 2 p. m. and lasting until 10 p. m.

The public is invited to participate in this show, which is without admission charge. You do not have to be a member of the Garden Club—only a lover of flowers. Men are urged to attend the night reception. The children especially are urged to enter exhibits. Those who wish to have exhibits taken to the library may call by phone Mrs. W. R. White, Mrs. Oscar Albert and Mrs. A. C. Blalock.

There will be blue ribbon prizes, and one grand sweepstake prize offered for the one getting the greatest number of blue ribbons.

The schedule and rules are as follows:

- All entries must be on time by 10:30 a. m., May 15, 1936, so that judges can have plenty of time for judging before the doors are opened to the public at 2 p. m.

- Nothing can be entered to be judged for contest after 10:30 a. m., May 15th.

- Doors at the Library will be opened as early as 8 a. m., May 15, to receive the flowers of those making exhibits, and a committee will be on hand to receive them.

- Doors will be closed to the flower show between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., the hours of judging, and no one will be allowed to remain inside, except the judges, and the assistants.

- The flower show will be open to the public between the hours of 2 p. m. and 10 p. m.

- Each exhibitor must register at the desk and get her number.

- Anyone exhibiting in more than one class must have different numbers for each entry.

- It is the desire of the committee that as far as possible each one bring her exhibit in the container best suited for her exhibit.

- Each one is requested to remove her exhibit from the library by noon the day following the flower show, unless otherwise arranged.

- Each one make plans now for the fall Flower Show of Dahlias and chrysanthemums.

Class A—Roses—Hybrid Teas

- No. 1. Specimen—red.
- No. 2. Specimen—yellow.
- No. 3. Specimen—pink.
- No. 4. Specimen—white
- No. 5. Specimen—tri-colored.

Hybrid Perpetuals

- No. 6. Specimen—red.
- No. 7. Specimen—yellow.
- No. 8. Specimen—pink.
- No. 9. Specimen—white.
- No. 10. Collection of Hybrid teas, one of each variety.

Class B—Peonies

- No. 13. Specimen—pink.
- No. 14. Specimen—red.
- No. 15. Specimen—white.
- No. 16. Collection of peonies, one of each variety.
- No. 17. Display of peonies.

Class C—Iris

- No. 18. Specimen Bearded Iris.
- No. 19. Display of Bearded Iris.
- No. 20. Specimen—Siberian Iris.
- No. 21. Collection of Beardless Iris.

## EPISCOPAL SERVICES

The Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, Episcopal rector, announces services for Sunday as follows: Emmanuel church—8 a. m., Holy Communion; 11 a. m., Morning Prayer.

## MACON P. T. A. PLAY

The Macon Parent-Teacher Association will present a play, "Marrying Marion," in the high school auditorium on the night of May 13 at 8 o'clock. The play is a two-act comedy with eight characters and chorus girls.

## Nearly 200 Ministers And Delegates Expected To Attend Convention

TO LAST FOR TWO DAYS

Plans have been completed and everything is in readiness for the 120th annual diocesan convention of the North Carolina Episcopal Diocese which is to be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Warrenton, on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Present indications are that the convention will be one of the largest ever held in this state, with nearly 200 ministers and delegates in attendance. The clergy and delegates will be entertained in homes at Warrenton and at the hotels here and at Norlina.

The convention opens at 9:30 o'clock on Tuesday with morning prayer, followed by roll call, after which comes the address of Bishop Edwin A. Penick of Raleigh. The remainder of the day will be taken up with church business and on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D. D., of Washington, D. C., will deliver the principal address of the convention. Wednesday will also be taken up in disposing of business affairs of the diocese, with adjournment probably coming in the afternoon at 4 or 5 o'clock.

Dinner will be served by the ladies of the church on Tuesday, and the mid-day meal on Wednesday will be served by Bob Melton of Rocky Mount under the direction of the ladies of the church.

A special invitation is extended members of all congregations to hear the Rev. Mr. Hart's address, as well as to attend other parts of the convention that might hold any interest for them.

## MINISTER EXTENDS WELCOME TO CONVENTION SERVICES

A most cordial welcome is extended by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner to all the friends of Emmanuel Episcopal Church to attend the Diocesan Convention next Tuesday and Wednesday, especially the services, which, he says, will be of special interest and inspiration.

## Aycock Announces For Register Deeds

One new candidate entered Warren's political field this week, bringing the total number of those seeking public office to 19. With filing time ending Saturday at sundown, it is doubtful if there will be any additional candidates; however, rumor has it that William Taylor Jr. has not entirely dismissed the idea of running for the House of Representatives from his mind.

Murphy Aycock, son of T. H. Aycock, and for a number of years an employee of the Scoggin Motor Company, is the latest candidate out for office. He announced this week that he would run for Register of Deeds in opposition to Jos. C. Powell, incumbent, and Mrs. Sam Davis of Warrenton and Vernon C. Brown of Vaughan.

Mr. Aycock's decision to run for Register of Deeds puts his father in the same position that Mr. Dowtin found himself in last week when his daughter, Mrs. Sam Davis, announced that she would be a candidate for Register of Deeds. Both T. H. Aycock and J. A. Dowtin are candidates for the House of Representatives, there being no opposition to either of them at this time. Political observers claim that the reaction will be unfavorable for all of them.

Frank Neal, who stated last week that he would oppose W. J. Pinnett for the place of sheriff of Warren county, definitely entered the race this week by placing his announcement in the paper. No other candidates are out for this office.

No new names have been added this week to the list of those seeking a berth on the Board of County Commissioners. Four of the present members, W. H. Burroughs, John Clay Powell, H. L. Wall, and R. L. Capps, will again be up for reelection. Charlie Fleming, the fifth member, will not run this year. The new candidates for this place are Faulk Alston, Coley Perkinson, former sheriff R. E. Davis, John L. Skinner, and Sam King, the latter two of Littleton.

Frank H. Gibbs and T. O. Rodwell are the only candidates out for (Continued on Page 8)