

## THIEF STEALS FROM RODWELL

### Grocery Store Broken Into; Safe Is Rified But Robber Finds No Money

## EATS A LITTLE CHEESE

Raymond Rodwell's grocery store was broken into over the week end by a thief who entered the building through the rear door after breaking a pane of glass and unfastening a latch. The amount of goods stolen is not known.

Mr. Rodwell said the only things he was certain stolen were two or three pieces of chewing gum and a small piece of cheese. "I would not have missed either of these had it not been for the fact the chewing gum wrappings were left on the floor and the cheese was broken off rather than cut," he added.

Mr. Rodwell expressed the opinion that the robber was more after money than foodstuff. He said his safe had been gone through and papers were scattered over the building, but that the thief found no money in the building.

Whether any foodstuff or other packages were taken out of the store Mr. Rodwell does not know. The proprietor stated that with so many small packages on the shelves, many of which had been broken for sales, he could not ascertain what, if anything, had been stolen.

The robbery was discovered Monday night around 1 o'clock by Night Officer Kenneth Short. Mr. Rodwell said he did not know whether the building was entered Sunday night or Monday night, the store having been closed on Monday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

## John Kerr Jr. Named Jackson Chairman

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—The appointment of John Kerr, Jr., as chairman of the annual Jackson Day Dinner Committee in Warren county was announced here by State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones county, State chairman of the Jackson Day Committee planning for the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on the night of January 7th at 8 o'clock at the Sir Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic chairman in Warren County, Mr. Kerr has been very helpful in the past and we are counting on his and other good Democrats in the county to help us raise our part to help wipe out the deficit incurred by the National Executive Committee in the recent campaign," said Chairman Larkins.

Warren County has been asked to raise \$100 as its part in the State-wide campaign that will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh, where a Democratic speaker of National reputation will deliver an address that will leave no doubt in the minds of those who hear him that there is a Democratic Administration in Washington as well as one in Raleigh," Chairman Larkins said.

One-fourth of the money raised in North Carolina, Chairman Larkins pointed out, will be retained for use of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Names of those securing reservations at the dinner will be sent to James A. Farley, National Democratic Chairman, and each will receive a card of thanks from the National Chairman.

## EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Episcopal services to be held on Sunday of this week and Friday, January 6, are announced as follows by the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner:

Emmanuel Church, Holy Communion Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; St. Alban's, evening prayer at 8:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

On Friday morning Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock at both St. Alban's and Emmanuel. The service at the Littleton church will be in charge of the Rev. Francis Joyner.

## HURT IN WRECK

Miss Clara Dell Vaughan is recovering in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, from a crushed nose which she received last week in an automobile wreck near Epsom while she was visiting friends in Louisburg.

## SON BORN

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bell of Inez announce the birth of a son, John Clement, on December 19. Mrs. Bell was formerly Miss Sadie Pegram of Vaughan.

## Christmas Passes Peacefully Over Warren County

Christmas passed peacefully in Warrenton and over the county with only one serious accident taking place to bring sorrow to the homes of residents of this immediate section, so far as it could be learned here yesterday.

While there were several minor automobile collisions, none of these compared in seriousness with the injury received by the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bugg who shot himself with a rifle while in his back yard attempting to kill pigeons. He is in a Rocky Mount hospital in a serious condition but with a fifty-fifty chance of recovering.

There were the usual round of egg-nogg parties here and some evidence of tipping the cup too heavily around the fireside of friends' homes, but all in all the town spent a peaceful and joyous yuletide season.

Dancing took place often at the country club, but the social highlight of the season along this line was Wednesday night when the Duke and Dutchess Club held its first winter dance with more than a hundred persons enjoying the occasion in the beautifully decorated acmory. It was regarded by many as being one of the nicest dances held here in many years.

With the holidays drawing to a close merchants are busy with inventories and others are taking stock of their standing and preparing for a new start in 1939.

Monday will be observed here by the Bank as a holiday, it is reported, but the stores and other business houses will remain open for business. It is first Monday and it is expected that many citizens will come to Warrenton for business with the county commissioners and other purposes.

All schools of the county will reopen on Tuesday morning, it was announced yesterday at the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

## Miss Weldon And O. T. Rose Marry

In a ceremony of much simplicity and beauty, performed on Christmas night, December 25, at 7 o'clock in the Jerusalem Methodist Church of Wise, by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Dodd of Norlina, Miss Bernice Holt Weldon became the bride of Ollie Thomas Rose of Norlina and Wise. The church was decorated in pine, running cedar and lighted only by shaded lanterns and tapers. Mrs. Glenn Weldon of Norlina rendered the wedding music. "I Love You Truly," and "Until" were sung by Mrs. Freddie Hicks, a cousin of the bride, of Norlina.

Miss Stella Mae Williams of Wise, a cousin of the bride, was maid-of-honor. She wore a frock of royal blue velvet with matching accessories and carried an arm bouquet of carnations and fern.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. W. C. Weldon, who gave her in marriage. They were met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, his cousin, Marvin Peete Rose of Norlina. The bride was exquisitely attired in a two-piece suit of tatted color with a transparent blue velvet blouse and her accessories were black. She wore a corsage of Talisman roses.

Little Misses Alice Jeanette Hayes of Norlina and Lucille White of Warrenton were the flower girls. They wore identical frocks of wine colored velvet and nosegays of lilies-of-the-valley.

Mrs. Rose is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weldon. She was a graduate of Norlina High School, class of 1936, and the same year graduated from Carolina Beauty School, where she held a responsible position until recently moved to Warrenton, where she is connected with Margaret's Beauty Shop.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Norlina High School and is connected in business with his father in Norlina, where the couple will make their home following a Northern trip.

## POWELL'S HAND HURT BY KICKING COW

Mr. T. E. Powell of near Warrenton is recovering in his home from severe cuts which he received on his right hand Wednesday morning while milking his cow. The animal kicked him and it was necessary for him to have six stitches taken by a local physician.

## MOSTLY PERSONAL

By BIGNALL JONES

Christmas night as I wearily crawled between the sheets, I understood fully why so many old hymns expressed a yearning for eternal rest. For in those days when the hymns were written "Man worked from sun to sun and woman's work was never done." Sunday night terminated a week of about the hardest work I have ever done and the majority of the tasks that fell within the latter part of the week were what is commonly known as woman's work.

And at the risk of disillusioning some of the stronger sex, I remark that the average man's work is a cinch compared with that of a woman with a child running a home without the aid of a servant. So far as the work is concerned, I had rather any time run a linotype for half a day than nurse my young son for an equal length of time. And I had much rather run the machine or write this column than wash dishes. Furthermore, I had rather do both for two days than clean up for one day.

Beginning Monday morning of last week, the whole force here at the office began working under pressure to get the paper out by Wednesday night in order to have a longer Christmas holiday. We made the Wednesday night mail but had to come back Thursday to finish up out-of-town mailing and to complete some job work. The remainder of that afternoon I spent nursing in order that my wife might attend to other work. The remainder of the week was spent in erecting a Christmas tree, helping my wife pick a turkey, helping her get out the wedding china packed up for many months, washing dishes, nursing and making myself generally useful. The worst of the work was behind us on Christmas Eve at 12 o'clock and we got to bed at 12:30 and were up at 6:30 the next morning in order to attend the Christmas services at Ridgeway.

Shortly after we returned from church a colored woman came in to help my wife for a few hours and I got my first breathing spell before dinner when the Rev. B. N. de Foe Wagner, Belford Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott and their three children, Bobby, David and Clara, were our guests and watched me make my first attempt at carving a turkey.

After dinner we went into what we call the large sitting room where an open fire had been burning all day and had our Christmas tree. The Scott children were filled with excitement and it was caught to some degree by our own 17-months-old son, who thoroughly enjoyed his Christmas. As I watched the children playing about the tree with their toys, I felt that it was well worth all the work that we had expended. With one of my brothers in Belhaven and another eating Christmas dinner in Henderson, with my parents absent for the first Christmas I could remember, the joy of the children saved Christmas for me.

I had not intended filling this column this week with our doing at Christmas, but as Mrs. Scott was leaving she remarked that she wondered what I would have to say about Christmas this week and that she could hardly wait to see my column. I am very fond of her and her remark is responsible for the subject matter of the column this week.

Sunday begins a new year. We all have had our troubles during 1938; we have all done those things we should not have done, and left undone those things we should have done. The New Year offers us opportunity for a new trial. It is my hope that the new year will find us with sufficient courage to bear any trouble that may befall us during the year; that the evil we may do will be less and that the good that we may do will be greater. That all of us and each of you may find happiness in 1939 is my sincere wish for the New Year.

Rev. W. A. Grissom of New Preston, Conn., joined his wife in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Carroll on Monday, December 26. Together they are spending the holidays with their parents in Warren and Vance counties. They will return to New Preston early in January.

## Erects Memorial To Traffic Dead



CLEVELAND, Ohio . . . This city recently took sorrowful inventory of its traffic dead as memorial services for the 114 victims of 1938 were conducted in Public Square. As spectators, including relatives of the victims, stood silently by, three young girls whose fathers lost their lives through automobile tragedies placed a green wreath on an obelisk on which was inscribed, "In Memory of Cleveland's 114 Traffic Victims, January 1, 1938-December 3, 1938."

## Birds Fall From Air To Fulfill Wish Of Sick Woman

Simon Gardner, reliable citizen of this town even through the Christmas holidays, tells a story this week worthy of the attention of Mr. Ripley's Believe It or Not newspaper feature.

Mr. Gardner says that several days ago his mother, who lives at Churchill, was not so well and expressed a desire for a partridge.

As there are no hunters in the family Mr. Gardner said he did not know how he would fulfill her desire, but that the problem was solved for him shortly thereafter when the cook went into the yard and a quail fell dead from the sky. A moment later another bird dropped and as the cook looked up in startled amazement two more partridges came to the ground near her feet.

The four dead birds falling out of the sky remained a mystery until it was talked in the neighborhood and a hunter stated that he had flushed a covey of quail around 300 yards from the house and fired into the gang. He said he shot at one bird and killed it but that he was unaware of the fact that he was dropping the pellets of lead had struck other partridges as they flew off for several hundred yards and fell dead at the home of a sick lady who had expressed her desire for them.

## Thanks Citizens For Giving Cheer to Poor

An expression of appreciation for the consideration shown inmates of the county home at the Christmas season comes this week from H. C. Davis, superintendent, who writes as follows:

"In behalf of the inmates of the county home I want to thank the people of Warrenton for the cakes, fruit, candy, etc., sent here Christmas, and I want to especially thank our colored friends in Warrenton for the visit Christmas day, singing Christmas carols, and giving to each one here a bountiful supply of fruits, etc. The people here enjoyed a real Christmas, which was made possible by the kindness of our many friends."

## BETA CLUB HONORED

The Beta Club of John Graham high school was delightfully entertained on Thursday evening of last week in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Long with Miss Nina Shearin, John Long and Claude Weldon acting as joint hostess and host. The entire lower floor of the home was attractively decorated with poinsettias, red tapers and evergreens. A Christmas program was carried out in detail with Carols, led by Mrs. Long, and other appropriate readings and songs. Later during the evening an ice course, followed by bon-bons and salted nuts, was served to the 15 attending guests.

## TO GO TO FLORIDA

Cadet Clement Weston, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Weston, will leave in a few days for Lake Wales, Florida, to attend the winter quarter of the Shenandoah Valley Academy which opens on January 4. The Academy annually conducts its winter term in Florida after which it returns to Winchester, Va., for the spring term after the Easter holidays. Cadet Weston is a member of the senior class.

## 5656 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In County To Dec. 16

Five thousand six hundred and fifty-six bales of cotton were ginned in Warren county from the crop of 1938 prior to December 13 as compared with 14,215 bales from the crop of 1937, the ginning report submitted by B. G. Tharrington, special agent for the Department of Commerce, reveals.

## Dr. Holt To Head Medical Society For Coming Year

Following a practice which was adopted years ago of rotating officers the Warren County Medical Society met here on Tuesday night and named the physicians who will serve in an official capacity for one and two years.

Dr. T. J. Holt of Wise will serve as president of the society for the coming year and Dr. H. H. Foster of Norlina will act in the capacity of vice president and secretary for a similar period of time.

Dr. W. D. Rodgers was endorsed by the society to serve as health officer for a two-year period as a successor to Dr. C. H. Peete. Dr. Peete and Dr. Foster are to succeed Dr. F. P. Hunter and Dr. G. H. Macon as members of the County Board of Health for a period of two years.

The county health officer and two members of the board of health serve for two year periods while officers of the medical society serve by rotation for one year.

All members of the medical society were present for the meeting.

## Fidelis Class Has Tree At Norlina

Norlina.—The Fidelis Sunday School Class of the Norlina Baptist Church was entertained at a Christmas party at the home of Misses Lucille and Eleanor Rodwell on Tuesday evening, December 27. The home was tastefully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season.

During the evening Chinese Checkers were enjoyed. Later each guest was given a number and invited into the dining room, where there were gifts numbered and placed on the table; each guest matched his number and received a gift.

Delicious refreshments were served to: Mesdames A. Smith Wyckoff, Johnnie Adcock, Benton Loyd, Douglas Draffin, J. Roy Overby, J. Ernest Floyd, A. Wilton Reavis, Misses Lucille Rodwell, Mildred Frazier, Imogene Overby, Katherine Mustian, Leita Currie, Mildred Dalton, Eleanor Rodwell, Pattie Mustian, Eleanor Spain, Messrs. Wilton Reavis and Randolph Spain.

## FRATERNAL ORDERS HOLD FRIENDSHIP MEETING

Norlina.—The Masons, Eastern Star, Jr. O. U. A. M. and Daughters of Norlina met in the lodge hall on Wednesday evening, December 21, for a friendship and get-together meeting. A Christmas program including many Christmas Carols was rendered during the evening.

Miss Phyllis Kinsey of East Orange, New Jersey, was a guest of Miss Patsy Rodgers during the holidays.

## Government Okehs Four Power Lines In Warren County

The erection of four power extension lines in Warren County have been approved, according to a communication received by Congressman Kerr from J. M. Granger, engineer with the Rural Electrification Authorities.

These lines are as follows: Erection of a line out by J. P. Watson and others for a distance of 3.5 miles; extension of power line on Baltimore Road for distance of one mile; erection of line on road from Afton out by J. W. Limer and others for distance of 1.2 miles, and extension of the line from Ridgeway out towards Manson for distance of 3.3 miles.

Congressman Kerr has been active in securing the approval of these extensions.

## Edwin Bugg, 11, Seriously Wounded By Falling Rifle

Edwin Bugg, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bugg of near Warrenton, is in Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, receiving treatment for serious injuries in his right hip and stomach, which he suffered Saturday afternoon when in his back yard to shoot pigeons with a 22 rifle.

He and his brother, Billy Bugg, were shooting at the birds when Edwin fell down, causing the weapon to explode. The bullet entered his hip and ranged upward.

Following the accident he was carried to Rocky Mount hospital where it was reported yesterday that he stood a fifty-fifty chance of recovering.

## Mrs. George Burwell Buried At Townsville

Weldon.—Funeral rites were held Monday afternoon from Tabernacle Methodist church near Townsville for Mrs. George Lewis Burwell, 76, who died following a sudden heart attack Christmas Eve. Interment followed in the family burial ground.

Mrs. Burwell made her home with her daughter here but at the time of her death was on a visit to a daughter in Waverly, Va.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. A. S. Ellis of Waverly, Va., Mrs. N. S. Barnes and Mrs. J. C. Tilghman, both of Weldon; two sisters, Mrs. M. P. Burwell of Warrenton and Mrs. M. A. West of Waverly, Va.

## Mrs. J. A. Dameron Honors Her Sister

Mrs. J. A. Dameron entertained on Wednesday evening at a four-course dinner for her sister, Mrs. J. C. Eldridge of Chattanooga, Tenn., and W. A. C. Twitty of Greenwich, Conn. Eleven members of her immediate family attended.

Mrs. Dameron also had two tables of contract bridge on Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Eldridge and Miss Rozella Dameron of Hollen's college. Others playing were Mrs. W. H. Dameron, Mrs. J. D. Hunt, Miss Tempe Dameron of Centerville, Md., and Misses Laura Ellis and Betsy Taylor. Home-made candy was presented each guest in attractive containers as favors. A sweet course was served with coffee and cheese wafers.

## HONOR MRS. BOWDEN

Mesdames Jim Limer, Louis Fuller and Vernon Mabry entertained 40 guests on Tuesday evening for Mrs. S. H. Bowden who leaves early for Washington, D. C., to join her husband. Bingo was played and each guest presented the honoree with a gift. Mrs. Hunter Pinnell won high score Bingo prize. A sweet course was served. The home was effectively decorated in Christmas evergreens.

## DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Batts of Macon announce the birth of a daughter, Etta Jane, on December 26. Mrs. Batts was formerly Miss Mary Loyd of Macon.

## RODWELL DOWNTOWN

Friends welcome C. R. Rodwell back to the streets of Warrenton this week after having been confined to his home for approximately six weeks with illness.

Mr. James Polk of Harrisonburg, Va., is spending the holidays here.

## SEAMAN HOME WINS CONTEST

Miss Dameron Receives Second Prize In Contest; Mrs. H. A. Moseley Third

## OTHERS WIN MENTION

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Seaman won first prize in the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Warrenton Garden Club with the idea of beautifying the town at the yuletide season. Second prize went to Miss Lilly Belle Dameron and third to Mrs. H. A. Moseley.

The Seaman home won the first award, which carried with it a \$5.00 prize given by the Warrenton Lions Club, for being the most beautifully decorated residence in town. An artistically decorated door won for Miss Dameron second prize, which was \$2.00 given by the Carolina Power & Light Co. Mrs. Moseley won third prize, \$2.00 given by Rose's 5 & 10, for her large living Christmas tree which stands on her lawn.

The beautifully decorated homes and appropriately lighted streets won many favorable comments and lent a festive air to the town for the Christmas holidays.

Other homes which won special mention from the judges were those of Mesdames C. T. Bowers, Duke Jones, W. K. Lanier, C. P. Allen, R. H. Bright, Eleanor Loyd, Walter White; the nativity scene in the window of the homes of Mrs. John Hunt and Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, and many others.

The judges were out-of-town persons whose names the Garden Club promised to withhold, it was stated.

## Mrs. Arrington Has Egg-Nog Party

Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington entertained around 50 guests at her home here on Tuesday night at an egg-nog party given in honor of Maj.-Gen. W. C. Rivers, Mrs. Rivers, and Mrs. Sonie Rivers of New York. The entire home was elaborately decorated for the occasion with flowers, potted plants, colorful lights and other appropriate ornaments.

Receiving were Mesdames W. T. Polk, John Mitchell, F. H. Gibbs and W. K. Falkner. Assisting in serving were Misses Katherine Williams, Helen Holt, Rozella Dameron and Laura Ellis.

The cake was cut by Mrs. Arrington and Mrs. Rivers presided over the egg-nog bowl.

## Mrs. Palmer Gives A Family Dinner

Mrs. J. D. Palmer entertained at a family dinner on Tuesday for the following guests: W. A. C. Twitty of Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. J. C. Eldridge of Chattanooga, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Palmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Twitty and family, Mrs. Mary T. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dameron, Miss Sarah Palmer Moore of Chapel Hill and Jeff Palmer of Washington, D. C. An old-fashioned square dance was held in the home the following evening with the figures called by W. A. C. Twitty. Cake and coffee were served during the evening. The home was beautifully decorated in holly, mistletoe and other Christmas evergreens. Old-fashioned music for dancing was rendered by Mesdames W. T. Pitts, J. D. and Mary Palmer. J. Russell Palmer also played modern music.

## ENTERTAIN AT CLUB

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dameron will entertain 20 members of their family at the Country Club on New Year's Eve for Dean and Mrs. R. B. House of Chapel Hill, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Patterson of Littleton, Mr. W. A. C. Twitty of Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. J. C. Eldridge of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Mr. William Twitty of Washington, D. C.

## ENTERTAIN AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Reavis entertained at a three-course dinner in their home on Tuesday for the following guests: Mrs. A. S. Carrington and M. G. Reavis of Stem, D. W. Reavis of Kinston, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Reavis of Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Buchanan of South Hill, Va., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keller and son, William Keller, of Lemon Springs, Reavis Carrington of Hollywood, Calif., W. B. Hoskins and William Watkins of Warrenton.