

Autopsy Made To Determine Death's Cause

Report Is Expected This Week

An autopsy—being performed on a young Warren County woman who died on Sunday shortly after being admitted to Warren General Hospital here—may determine whether the woman died of natural causes or was a murder victim.

In the meantime Warren County sheriff's officers have arrested 36-year-old Charlie Brown, Negro of Hawtree Township, Warren County, after he had confessed "slapping the woman several times" early Sunday morning.

The dead woman, Mary Alice Barnes, 25, of near Wise, was the mother of three young

children. She was admitted to Warren General Hospital on Sunday afternoon and died a short time later.

Warren County Coroner N. I. Haithecock held an inquest and ordered the autopsy performed after members of the Warren Sheriff's Department turned up evidence that the woman may have been murdered.

According to Deputy Sheriff Herbert Rooker, the woman's husband, Asa Barnes, who lives between Wise and Paschall, left his wife in the care of Charlie Brown when he went to work in Wise on Saturday night.

Rooker said that the woman, who had been under a doctor's care in past months, left home in the company of her sister and two other men shortly after 11:30 Saturday night.

When she returned at approximately 2:30 Sunday morning, Brown slapped her several times and reportedly told investigating officers that he would have "slapped her more except the children started crying."

A hearing in Warren County Recorder's Court today (Friday) before Judge Julius Banzet has been set, and authorities are hopeful of getting a full report of the autopsy before the hearing begins, Rooker said.

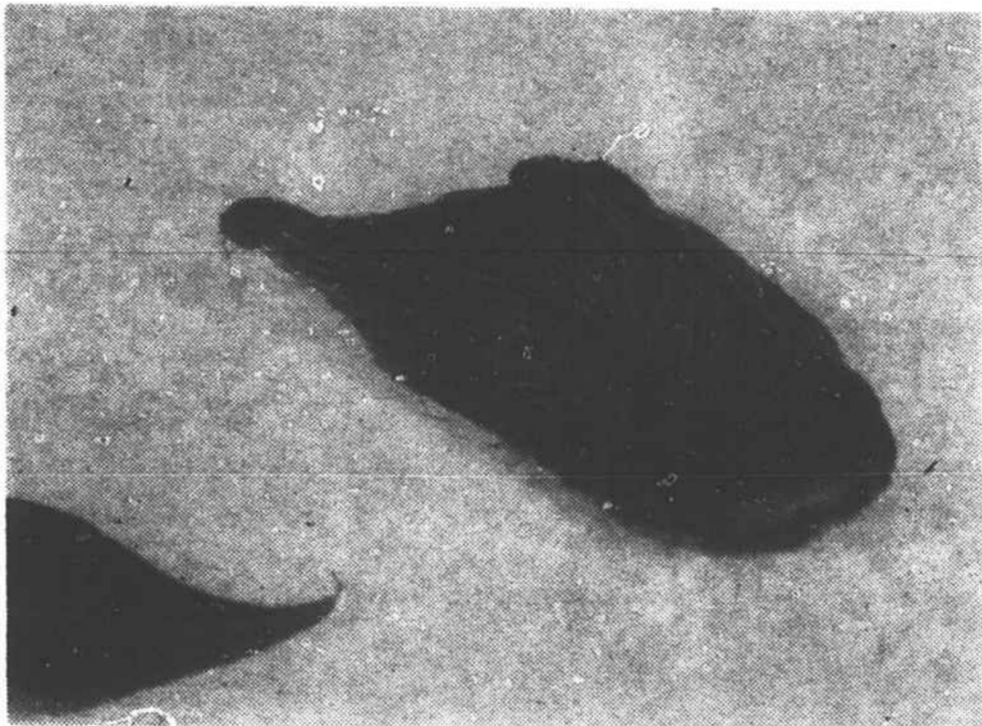
Tax Books Turned Over To Sheriff

Warren County's tax books were turned over to A. P. Rodwell, Jr., by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday for the collection of 1960 taxes. The amount of taxes to be collected is \$351,222.67.

Prior to turning over the books to Rodwell, the commissioners accepted the audit by Rodwell's tax settlement of 1959 by Walter A. Watts, CPA, of Raleigh.

The commissioners had a full day on Monday with adjournment coming around 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Much of the afternoon session was taken up with the appointment of a Planning Board for the county, and with the reorganization of the Rabies Control program for the county.

In addition, at the afternoon session, the commissioners appointed Dorothy Ruth Edge as assistant Negro Home Demonstration Agent on approval of the State Home Demonstration office; heard reports from both the Negro Home Agent and (See BOOKS, page 14)



STRANGE, DANGEROUS CREATURE — Here is an enlarged closeup of the "wooly slug," a small animal found near Warrenton this week. This one, being studied at the University of North Carolina, was photographed by Photographer Jim Sparks of the Durham Morning Herald. Little is known about the creature which is found clinging to leaves, on the ground, and on trees.

Strange Creatures Found

Four strange creatures—no larger than a man's thumb but possibly loaded with death-dealing venom—have been discovered in an apple tree a mile north of Warrenton.

The soft, furry, harmless-looking animals were found in the yard of Mrs. J. E. Rooker on the Airport Road this week. Apparently they are the same type of creatures found earlier this year near Durham and called the "wooly slug."

It is described as looking like a cross between a snail and a caterpillar, with brown hair like a mouse's, and with bright spots along his underside.

One of the animals was turned over to F. W. Reams, Warren Agricultural Agent, and two were given the science department of the John Graham High School.

"We do not have any idea as to its geographical distribution and its living habits of this animal," Reams said yesterday.

He said that one of the animals captured near Durham had been sent to the Department of Zoology at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill for study but that an analysis of this study was not available as yet.

There have been no fatalities reported from the sting in the areas of North Carolina in which the "wooly slug" has been found, but Dr. John Arnold of Chapel Hill's Memorial Hospital says that the possibility of the sting being fatal is "entirely conceivable."

Although children have been the most frequent victims of the sting in the Durham area, reaction has been more severe among adults. Some adults have gone into shock as a result of the sting, Dr. Arthur London, chief of pediatrics at Watts Hospital has reported.

Usual reaction to the sting is a very severe pain, sudden swelling and reddening at the point of the sting, and extreme pain reaching the length of the arm or leg, depending on

the place of contact, and into the groin or armpit. Some victims have reportedly complained of difficulty in breathing following the sting.

The most effective antidote to the sting found so far has

been antihistamine, Dr. London said. Ice compresses could be administered as first aid, he said.

Doctors have warned that anyone stung by the creature (See STRANGE, page 14)

At Hotel Warren

Kickoff Breakfast To Be Held Here Tuesday

A "Kickoff Breakfast" will be held at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning at Hotel Warren here as more than 100 solicitors for the annual Boy Scout fund raising campaign meet to launch the drive.

C. P. Gaston, Warrenton chairman, said that as many interested persons as possible were urged to attend the free breakfast, and that it is hoped that the solicitations could be completed following the breakfast in a short time.

Chairman Gaston said that throughout this area several thousand workers have been preparing for several weeks for the drive which is organized to give over fifteen per

cent of the population an opportunity to support scouting.

Goal of the Independent Drives and Fund support is the Oconeechee Council budget of \$220,800. This budget was made up by a group of volunteer leaders from the 12 counties in the Council and is considered the minimum amount needed to provide service to the more than 23,000 members already active and the many boys who would like to be Scouts and have no unit organized with which they can affiliate.

Assisting Gaston directly in the Warrenton campaign are Selby Benton, Milton Ayscue, Bruce Bell and B. G. White.

All-Time Record Made On Sale Of Tobacco Here Monday Morning

An all-time record in pounds, money paid out and average price was set on the Warrenton tobacco market on Monday. Sales for the day were 436,206 pounds for \$273,075.77 for an average of 62.31 per hundred pounds. Quality of leaf was high and

bidding keen on the part of buyers. Comparatively little of the day's offerings were consigned to the Stabilization Corporation.

"It was the most tobacco I have ever seen in a single day in Warrenton," E. R. Wood,

Commissioners Set Up Planning Board For Warren County

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners on Monday afternoon appointed a Planning Board for Warren County whose principal function will be to plan the orderly development of the Gaston reservoir in Warren County and to work with similar boards in Northampton and Halifax Counties for development of the lake along the entire area of the three counties.

Five persons were named to the board with staggering terms. They are Howell Steed, for one year; Freddie Hicks, two years; William Leach, three years; Claude Bowers, four years; and Marvin Newsom, five years. These appointees will select their own chairman.

Named as ex-officio members of the planning board were Robert P. Thorne of the board of county commissioners; Frank W. Reams, county agricultural agent; and Dr. W. Burns Jones, director of the Warren County Health Department.

The planning board's powers will be to investigate and recommend with final authority in the hands of the board of county commissioners.

The general duties of the planning board, as set out in order establishing it, are:

- (1) To acquire and maintain in current forms such basic information and materials as are necessary to an understanding of past trends, present conditions, and forces at work to cause changes in these conditions;
- (2) To prepare and from time to time amend and recommend a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the area;
- (3) To establish principles and policies for guiding action in the development of the area;
- (4) To prepare and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners ordinances promoting orderly development along the lines indicated in the comprehensive plan;
- (5) To determine whether specific purposes developments

To Repair 158

Highway No. 158 from the Macon by-pass to Littleton was yesterday morning approved as a No. 1 project in the Fifth Division, Highway Commissioner Stanley Betts of Henderson said in a telephone conversation yesterday at noon.

Betts said that the project had just been approved by the Highway Commission and that the highway would be widened and paved next year.

Highway 158, a Federal aid highway, runs from the coast to the Piedmont. The span from Littleton to Warrenton has been in bad repair for a number of years.

conform to the principles and requirements of the comprehensive plan for the growth and development of the area;

(*) To keep the Board of County Commissioners and the general public informed and advised as to these matters.

(7) To perform any other duties which may be lawfully assigned to it.

Action of the commissioners in setting up the Planning Board came after a group of citizens interested in the development of Gaston reservoir appeared before the board in an hour-long discussion of the need for orderly and planned development of the reservoir area. This group was composed of Marvin Newsom of Littleton, principal spokesman; Bill Creech, William Leach of Littleton; Frank W. Reams and Claude Bowers of Warrenton; Bob Stipes of the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill; and Robert D. Barbour, administrator of the division of com-

munity planning of the State Department of Conservation and Development.

After Newsom had briefly sketched some preliminary work done by his group and stressed the need for orderly planning of the reservoir, Stipes spoke of the machinery necessary to establish the planning board and to carry out its function. He said that it was planned for each county to have its own planning board, with the boards of the three counties having liaison through representatives from each of the three boards forming a tri-county board. Stipes said that the Federal Government would pay 45% of the cost of the reservoir's development if it were developed to certain specifications.

Barbour presented a map showing interstate highway 85 crossing the reservoir at the western tip of Warren County and interstate highway 95 (See PLANNING, page 12)

New Rabies Control Program Established

The Warren County Rabies Control Program was placed under the supervision and direction of the County Health Department by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday afternoon.

Action of the commissioners came after Dr. W. Burns Jones, County Health Director, Dr. Martin Hines, public veterinarian, State Board of Health, and Dr. Dan Kallman, veterinarian of Henderson, who will shortly open an animal clinic here, appeared to discuss plans for the operation of the rabies control program.

Under the program adopted by the commissioners, Robert Stegall will be retained as County Dog Warden to operate under the supervision of Dr. Jones.

Dr. Kallman and Dr. Gwynne, both of Henderson, were appointed Rabies Inspectors for Warren County.

A 3-year chick-embryo vaccine will be administered in regular scheduled clinics to be held throughout the county by the Rabies Inspectors; and, after the clinics are over, dogs may be vaccinated at the Rabies Inspector's station in Warrenton.

The board agreed that an immunization fee of \$2.00 per dog should be set, with a penalty fee of \$1.00 in addition to be paid for late immunization; the county to retain all penalty fees.

Dr. Hines pointed out in the discussion of fees that a \$2.00 fee for a three-year vaccination would not only save dog owners \$1.00 over the immunization period, but that it would save dog owners much more in time saving and bother.

The commissioners said that present financial condition of the county would not permit the building of a dog pound, but agreed to build one as soon as feasible. They agreed that a good dog pound was a vital part of a rabies control program.

In addition, the commission-

ers agreed that the Dog Warden should be given a badge of office to be worn, denoting that he is a law enforcement officer, and that confinement and impoundment of stray or ownerless dogs be maintained at a minimum of five days and a maximum of two weeks.

White Cane Drive Will Begin Sun.

The Warrenton Lions Club annual White Cane drive will get underway in Warren County on Sunday, October 10, Duke Miles, drive chairman, said yesterday.

Miles pointed out that the money received from the White Cane drive goes to help the blind and handicapped. He said some of the funds are used to furnish material for the blind to work on such rugs, baskets, etc., and that glasses are supplied those who are certified by the Welfare Department.

The Warrenton Lions have an outstanding record for their work on the White Cane Drive and for their work with the blind in the county. Miles said that this was made possible by the wonderful support given the White Cane drive for many years by the citizens of Warrenton and Warren County.

Miles said that the Lions are seeking the continued support of Warren County and Warrenton people for this project. The Lions feel, he said, "that there is no other project more worthy than the work with the blind."

"When you receive your letter," the chairman said, "please mail it back promptly; when you are called on make your contributions as liberal as possible—remember that you are lending a helping hand to those in the dark."



DOROTHY RUTH EDGE

Assistant Agent Is Selected

Miss Dorothy Ruth Edge of Fountain will arrive in Warrenton on Monday, October 17, to begin work as County Negro Assistant Home Economics Agent. She succeeds Mrs. Myrtle D. Mayo who resigned in July to join her husband in Hillsboro.

The appointment of Miss Edge received the approval of the County Commissioners on Monday.

Miss Edge graduated from George Washington High School, Pinetop, in 1956, and from Shaw University, Raleigh, in June, 1960. She is a former 4-H Club member.

On Downtown Street

Glancing Bullet Strikes Bystander

A pistol bullet ricocheted off a downtown Warrenton sidewalk late Saturday afternoon and struck a young Afton Negro woman.

The woman, Mary Janet Davis, was struck in the right shoulder by the glancing bullet as she stood witnessing an argument in front of the Warrenton Beauty Shop on East Franklin Street.

According to Warrenton Police Chief Howard Salmon, the woman was unaware that she had been struck until she walked away and noticed blood on her dress. She was taken to Warren General Hospital here and was released on Sunday.

Quick work on the part of the Warrenton Police Depart-

ment and the Warren County Sheriff's Department resulted in the arrest of William Thomas Caudell, 26, Warren County man employed in Baltimore, Md. Caudell, who police charged with firing the pistol, was arrested at the home of his father between Inez and Parktown in Warren County approximately an hour later. He was placed under arrest by Warren Deputy R. D. Chewning.

The first police officer to arrive on the scene, Officer Macon Reavis, said that an argument between Campbell and James Campbell, Warren Negro, over Campbell's wife led to the shooting. (See BULLET, page 14)

Monroe Gardner On Industry Hunt

W. Monroe Gardner, secretary and treasurer of the Bute Development Company was one of a number of North Carolinians making a two-day industry hunting trip to Chicago this week.

The Tar Heel delegation, led by Governor Luther Hodges, left Wednesday on the trip, one of several arranged during the past year by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Ramon Kutchemiter Dies Word was received here this week of the death of Ramon Kutchemiter, 40, of Wittenberg, Wisconsin. He was the brother of Mrs. John L. Vaughan of Warrenton. Mr. Kutchemiter died in a Madison, Wisconsin, hospital following a serious illness.



TOBACCO FILLS FLOOR AT ONE WARRENTON WAREHOUSE ON MONDAY