

Lie Detector Test Fails In Shedding Light On Death

A lie detector test, administered to a middle-age Warren County woman, has failed to shed light on the recent mysterious death of a two-year-old child.

Conclusive proof that Gladys Jones, Roanoke Township resident, had lied about circumstances surrounding the death of the infant were not turned up by tests given the woman in Raleigh on Wednesday.

Warren Sheriff J. H. Hundley had set a hearing for the woman today, but circumstances have delayed the hearing "probably until next week," the Warren law enforcement head said yesterday.

Investigation on the part of the Warren County sheriff's department, aided by the Brunswick County, Virginia and South Hill, Virginia police department, was launched after young Ernest Coleman was taken to a South Hill medical clinic. Coleman was pronounced dead upon examination by a clinical physician.

The child was taken to the clinic by Gladys Jones,

who repeatedly told doctors at the clinic that the child had been suffering from pneumonia.

The child was thought to have been in her custody for about three months. The mother of the child is identified as Eva Coleman of South Hill.

A preliminary autopsy was performed on the infant by Dr. Geoffrey Mann, chief medical examiner of the state of Virginia, who confirmed that the child had had pneumonia prior to death, but thought the cause of death was a brain hemorrhage due to a trauma. Bruises on the infant's forehead and top of head were found during the post-mortem.

Sheriff Hundley said yesterday that he had been unable to get in touch with Dr. Mann following the lie detector test, and was postponing the hearing for the woman until he could do so. The Jones woman was arrested and ordered held for investigation on last Thursday by Warren Deputies B. G. Stevenson and Herbert Rooker.

Improved Mail Service Is Sought At Littleton

LITTLETON — A petition signed by Mayor D. A. Rose, members of the town board of commissioners, local merchants, and other seeking better out-going mail service at the postoffice here on Sundays has been forwarded to Congressman L. H. Fountain.

Fountain was asked to turn the petition over to Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield in Washington.

The petition points out that first class mail deposited at the postoffice on Sundays is not handled after 9 a. m. the same day. The neighboring towns of Warrenton and Norlina, which are comparable to Littleton population-wise, have the mail made up and dispatched at 5:45 on Sundays. The petition asks for equal service to that provided by these Warren County towns.

Warrenton has a population of 1,124, Norlina has 927 people, and Littleton's head count is 1,024.

The petition, addressed to Summerfield, follows:

"We, the undersigned patrons of the Post Office in Littleton, North Carolina, hereby respectfully request that some change for improvement for the dispatch of outgoing First Class mail from this office be made so as to expedite out-going mail deposited in the Post Office on Sundays for the reason that there is no provision for this mail after nine o'clock Sunday morning.

"We're not asking for more service than is provided for the citizens of our neighboring towns of Warrenton and Norlina, located in the same County of Warren, and sixteen miles from Littleton. Mail at Warrenton is made up at 5:45 p. m. on Sunday and dispatched at 5:45 p. m. on Sunday.

"We will thank you to give this matter your prompt attention and favorable consideration."

Littleton Postoffice Site Option Renewed

LITTLETON—The Post Office Department has renewed an option on the property at the corner of Mosby Avenue and Miles Street for the construction of a new post office building here. It was announced this week.

The new building will be constructed under the department's commercial leasing program, which means that the site option will be transferred to the successful bidder on the building who will then purchase the land and construct the building to Post Office Department specifications. The building will be leased to the department on a long-term basis, with lease renewal options running up to five years.

The property on which the option was secured is owned by Andrew May. No disclosure was made of the sale price stipulated in the option.

The lot was considered as a post office site some time ago but the department allowed an earlier option on the property to expire because of objections on the part of some local citizens to building the post office in what is considered the edge of a residential area.

The site is approximately 19,160 square feet in size. The new post office will contain about 2,147 square feet of floor space, a loading platform and

adequate parking space.

According to Postmaster Robert B. Patterson, bidding forms, specifications and other pertinent data will be available to prospective bidders in approximately 60 days, at which time the Post Office Department will advertise for bids.

Educational Needs Discussed At PTA Meet At Littleton

The change in environment and its related change in educational requirements from the days of the Mesopotamians to the present times were discussed before the members of the Littleton Parent-Teachers Association on Tuesday night.

Ray Wilkerson of Rocky Mount, chairman of the legislative committee of the State PTA, told of educational techniques and requirements that have evolved since man first lived beside the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. Future, as well as present, educational needs were discussed by the speaker.

The role that the North Carolina General Assembly plays in education was emphasized by Wilkerson, who also told members of the association of the progress of the state. (See PTA, page 12)

Cheese Springs Trap

Richard Rivers, 50-year-old Warren County man, might not be asking himself whether he is a man or mouse. But he will not deny that a love of cheese sprang the trap that landed him in jail here this week.

Rivers, currently in the Warren County jail here awaiting a hearing on Friday growing out of charges of breaking and entering, larceny, and damage to private property, was arrested after sending an

errand boy to buy a portion of cheese.

Officers of the Warren County Sheriff's department grew suspicious of Rivers when a young Negro boy bought the cheese, along with some other groceries, and paid for them with a quantity of small change.

Investigation on the part of Warren Sheriff J. H. Hundley and Deputy Herbert Rooker revealed that Rivers had gotten the boy to get the cheese. The money used was believed by officers to have been the same stolen during a break-in at a Negro dance hall, owned

by Junius Brown, north of the Wise community on last Friday.

Also stolen during the break-in was a quantity of candy and other confection. Officers found these at the home of Doc. Fogg, Wise Negro, who told them that Rivers had been living there.

Rivers was arrested on Monday by Deputy Sheriff B. G. Stevenson. At the time of his arrest Rivers denied stealing the confection or the money, which officers believe was taken from a piccolo which was smashed open and devoid of contents following the break-in.

Growers Urged Submit Wheat Reports Early

Wheat farmers are being urged to help simplify the wheat performance check this year, according to W. S. Smiley, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation county committee.

By reducing the necessary field work, he explains, much time and money can be saved through farmer's cooperation in promptly completing and returning their wheat acreage post card reports.

Double post cards have been mailed to wheat growers by the County ASC office. The cards ask farmers to report the acreage of wheat seeded for grain in 1961, the wheat acreage for cover, and whether the farmer intends to apply for a 1961 wheat price support loan.

If farmers will give this information accurately and return cards without delay to the ASC county office, Smiley said, it will eliminate many otherwise necessary farm visits. Last year, in Warren County, the use of the post card eliminated many farm visits. Widespread cooperation on the part of wheat farmers this year could result in saving many dollars in performance costs, Smiley said.

Fire Victims' Mother Asks Public For Aid

The mother of two young Negro boys who died when flames leveled their home 19 miles north of here on last Thursday morning, has appealed for help from citizens of Warren County.

Gracie Williams, a resident of near Elams in Roanoke Township, this week asked for donations of unneeded clothing and household items to replace those lost when fire destroyed her two-story frame home.

Two children, four-year-old Calvin Williams and his brother Reginald, 2, were victims of the fire which left their mother, father, uncle and grandmother homeless and without adequate clothing.

Furniture, kitchen utensils, bed covering and clothing are among the items requested for the desolate family, Mrs. A. D. Harris, executive secretary of the Warren County Red Cross chapter, said here yesterday.

Anyone having items which could be donated to the family are asked to either bring the articles to the home of

Mrs. Harris on Wilcox Avenue, or to contact her and arrangements will be made to obtain the items.

Clothing sizes for the women should be 14-16-18, Mrs. Harris said. She did not stipulate sizes for men's clothing.

Minister Accepts Call To Church At Colerain

The Rev. W. T. Bruce, former pastor of the Warren Plains and Macon Baptist churches, left on Tuesday to accept a Baptist church at Colerain.

Mr. Bruce, a native of Greenville, South Carolina, had been pastor of the two Warren County churches since August, 1957, following his graduation from Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest.

Mr. Bruce, along with his wife and daughter, will make their home in Colerain.

Eye Bank Is Subject Of Lions Club Talk

"To know a totally blind person who has had sight restored has been one of the most wonderful experiences of my life," Mrs. Helen Merrell told members of the Warren Lions Club on Friday night.

Mrs. Merrell, a resident of Winston-Salem who spoke at the regular meeting of the local civic club at Hotel Warrenton, told of the rich reward of knowing a blind person made to see again by the transplanting of a cornea.

Speaking in the interest of the N. C. Eye Bank, a Lions-sponsored program through which persons will their eyes in order that the blind might again see, Mrs. Merrell told club members that more than 8,600 eyes had been willed to the Eye Bank.

Persons throughout the state have expressed enthusiasm over being able to donate their eyes to the blind after death, the speaker said. The cornea of the eye is transplanted to the eye of the blind, in many instances with the complete restoration of sight.

Accompanied to Warrenton by her husband, Mrs. Merrell was introduced by Post District Governor Sam Alford of Henderson, district chairman of the Eye Bank. Alford was presented by Warrenton Lion S. A. Warlick.

Attending the meeting, which was presided over by Lion President C. M. Bullock, were Mr. and Mrs. B. G. White and Mrs. Duke Miles, winners in various categories of the Lions-sponsored Christmas decorations contest. Those winners unable to attend Friday's meeting were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wood and Mrs. G. H. Mason.

Lions were also briefed on the Midwinter Convention held this week in Winston and attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gardner, J. B. Thompson

Man Sentenced For Breaking Into FCX Here

An 18-month jail sentence was given a Warren County Negro after charges of breaking, entering and larceny had been heard by presiding judge Julius Banzet during Friday's session of Warren County Recorder's Court.

Eugene Kearney, arrested on January 6 after breaking into the Warren FCX Service here, waived a preliminary hearing. His arrest came after he had forced open a warehouse door at the local FCX plant and was surprised by Police Chief R. D. Chewning, who was hiding in the building at the time.

The Warrenton police chief hid in the store the night of Kearney's arrest in an effort to put a stop to break-ins which had occurred twice earlier in the week.

In another case tried before Judge Banzet, Mark Richardson, charged with no operator's license and concealed weapon, was found not guilty of concealed weapon charges, but was fined \$25 and costs in the license charge.

Other cases tried included: Odell Curtis Terry, reckless driving, \$25 and costs. John Pitchford Link, speeding, costs of court. Isaac Bedford Walker, speeding, \$10 and costs. Joe Louis Moore, Speeding, costs of court. Clarence McDonald Richardson, reckless driving, \$25 and costs. James A. Proctor, no chauffeur's license, \$25 and costs. Joe Taylor, Jr., no chauffeur's license, following too closely, \$25 and costs. Elbert E. Jackson, no chauffeur's license, \$25 and costs. Kenneth B. Edge, no chauffeur's license, \$25 and costs. Linwood E. Felts, speeding, costs of court. Robert E. Christmas, reckless driving, \$25 and costs. Gordon Cecil Smith, no operator's license, no pros. James R. Hargrove, assault, no pros with leave. Wadell Alston, assault, no pros with leave. George Terry, disorderly, no pros with leave. Raymond Brad Breeden, no operator's license, no pros with leave. LeRoy Green, Jr., non-support, 60-day sentence suspended for two years. Eugene Lee, allowing a person with no operator's license to drive an automobile, not guilty.

Confession Of Boy, 14, Solves Several Thefts At Littleton

A series of break-ins at several Littleton homes ended yesterday with the confession of a 14-year-old boy that he was the thief police had sought for more than a month.

The boy, who was not identified by Littleton Police Chief Maurice Pinnell, admitted entering two homes in Littleton in past weeks. He was caught Wednesday night as he fled from a carport at the home of Mrs. Albert Pike on Mosby Avenue.

The boy was nabbed by Mrs. Pike's son, who saw the boy steal a bag of pecans and try to make good his escape.

He confessed that he was

the same person that a week before entered the home of Mrs. Horace Robinson. Mrs. Robinson caught the boy in the house but the youthful thief escaped.

In his confession, aired before Chief Pinnell and Officers Bernice Aycock and F. D. Woolfuff, the boy admitted breaking into the home of Mrs. Ned Long Clark during a night in December.

He told officers he stole \$36 from a purse in Mrs. Clark's bedroom while the Littleton woman was in another part of the house.

He was turned over to juvenile authorities in Warrenton shortly before noon yesterday.

Rural Fire Department To Stage Auction On Saturday

The staccato chant of the auctioneer will be heard here tomorrow as the Warrenton Rural Fire Department conducts its annual auction sale at Thompson's Warehouse beginning at 10 a. m.

With a pledge — "if you bring it, we will sell it," the volunteer firemen will sell anything from farm machinery to produce. A small commission on all sales will be used for the benefit of the local firefighters.

The sale, to be handled by the R. B. Butler Auction Company, will continue until all items are sold, the firemen promised. A barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner will be

served, proceeds going to the fire company. Person not interested in the sale are urged to eat at the sale, along with those who plan to bid.

Firemen were receiving electrical appliances, tools, furniture, automobiles, and anything else the public wanted to offer for sale both yesterday and today at the warehouse.

Hundreds of items that can be purchased for a fraction of their real value are on hand, a spokesman for the fire department said yesterday, and members of the company are hopeful of the largest sale since the auction sale was inaugurated.

American Legion Post To Sponsor CAP Cadet Unit

Sponsorship of the Warren County Civil Air Patrol cadet program has been assumed by Limer Post 25 of the American Legion, Post Commander A. A. Wood of Warrenton announced this week.

Wood said that the volunteer auxiliary of the US Air Force, which has been active here since its formation in 1954, offered training in radio, first aid, discipline, and search and rescue operations.

Wood said that in deciding to sponsor the CAP cadet program, the local Legionnaires saw the need of training for young people of the county. The program is offered to both boys and girls in the age group of 14 through 20, and

is highlighted by annual summer encampment.

Through the CAP program, Wood said, Warren County youth will have an opportunity to win scholarships in science and aeronautical engineering through their work in the program.

Wood, who said that the Legion Post had spent several months of study on the CAP program, called attention to the number of Warren County boys and girls who had already found the program beneficial, and said that under the sponsorship of the local post he hoped that more of the county's youth would take advantage of the program.

Warrenton Scout Troop To Receive Charter Sunday

The charter for Boy Scout Troop 617 will be presented at the 11 o'clock worship service of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church here on Sunday morning.

Bill Church, district executive officer, will have charge of the ceremony and will present the charter to the church, which is sponsor of Troop 617.

There are 11 Boy Scouts registered in Troop 617, of which Leonard S. Daniel is Scoutmaster. These boys will take part in the ceremony and they will be presented with their registration cards and the Boy Scout Badges which they have earned. The public is invited to this ceremony and it is requested that the parents of the Scouts and all Scout officials attend.

Troop 617 was recently organized with 5 boys active. Within three months the membership has doubled and now there are 11 Scouts registered. These boys have made several hikes, and cook-outs, and are steadily studying and passing the requirements to advance in Scouting. Several trips are planned for these boys and

still in the planning stage is a week at Boy Scout Camp this summer.

Daniel said that with the support of the Wesley Memorial Church and Scout Officials and the public, scouting can mean so much to these boys and the Troop will be able to take other boys into it.

Couple Invited To Inaugural Ball

A former Warrenton Negro couple have been invited to attend the inaugural ball in Washington, D. C., in connection with the inaugural of John F. Kennedy as president today.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Lucius C. Battle. Mrs. Battle is the former Tena Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav E. Ellis of Warrenton. Mr. and Mrs. Battle now reside at 3623 Ames Street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Mr. Edward Wilkes, Mrs. John N. Wynne and Mrs. Wilkes were visitors in Warrenton on Monday.