

MANSON POSTOFFICE

At Manson

Thieves Wreck Safe In Postoffice Robbery

Thieves cleaned the Manson postoffice of all its stamps and cash in a break-in last Thursday night. The amount of both stamps and cash is being withheld by postal inspectors.

Also taken by the thieves was a valuable coin collection belonging to postmaster Ellis Fleming. Fleming said yesterday that he had spent more than 20 years making the collection.

The break-in was discovered by Star Route Carrier Thomas Hudgins early Friday morning when he went by the office to pick up his mail from a vestibule in the rear of the building.

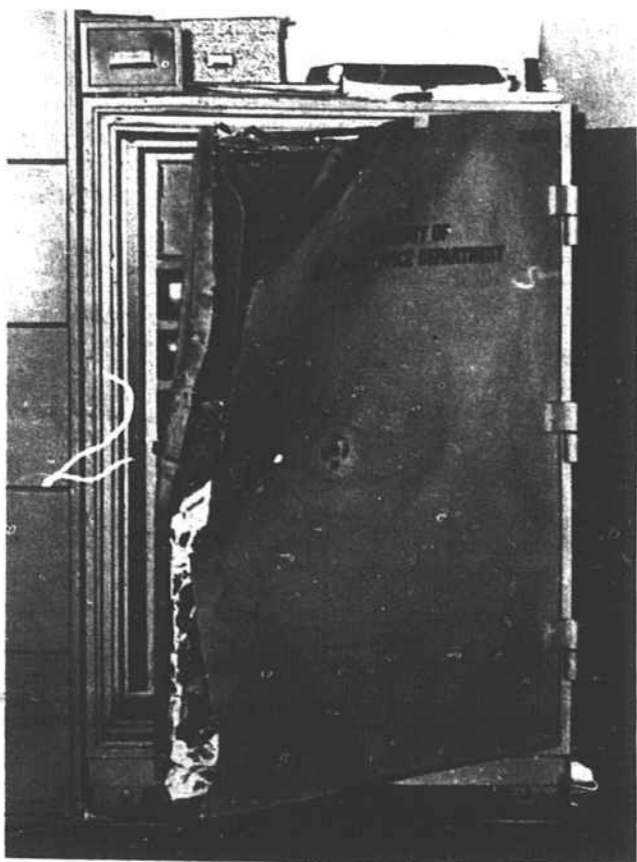
Entry had been made by first cutting through the outer door of the vestibule near the lock and repeating the perforation on the door leading into the postoffice proper.

The thieves forced the door to the large postoffice safe with a crowbar or other special tool or tools and removed everything from the safe, even money order blanks as well as some valuable papers belonging to the postmaster, in addition to his coin collection.

Ellis said that he had to borrow stamps from another postoffice in order to operate Friday.

Warren Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps was first called to the scene and the Sheriff's Department called in the SBI. They were joined by Secret Service and FBI Agents who spent the entire day seeking clues and taking photographs of the damage.

The postoffice was in shambles, Ellis said. He added that he does not have any idea how long it will take to restore the office to its normal condition.



WRECKS SAFE

Perry Funeral Is Held Here Tuesday

Funeral services for William Edward Perry, Jr., 54, were held at 4 p. m. Monday from Wesley Memorial Methodist Church by the Rev. L. T. Wilson. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Perry, retired owner and operator of General Building Supply, died at his home here Saturday. He was a member of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Drake Perry; two sons, Thomas Drake of Arlington, Va., and W. E. Perry, III, of Dayton, Ohio; his mother, Mrs. Edith P. Perry of Wake Forest; three sisters, Mrs. Gordon Livermore of Arlington, Va., Mrs. Charles W. Teague of Raleigh and Mrs. Edith Mitchell Oakley of Warrenton; and two grandchildren.

Population Shows 24,000,000 Growth

WASHINGTON — The Census Bureau has estimated the U. S. population was 204.4 million on Jan. 1, an increase of 24.3 million or 13.5 per cent from 1968.

The estimate was issued just before the Bureau was scheduled to mail forms for the detailed 1970 head count of all Americans.

The population increased by 1 per cent last year, the bureau said. It estimated that 87.6 per cent of the population is white. The Negro population was estimated at 11.2 per cent.

The Bureau said there are now 96.4 males for every 100 females compared to a 97.8 ratio in 1960.

Soul City Seeks To Join In Area Water Plan

Promoters of Soul City in Warren County have shown interest in a regional water system for Soul City, Henderson and Oxford with water to be obtained from Kerr Lake, it was announced at a meeting of the Henderson City Council last week.

The regional water supply plan was given consideration by the Council but no formal action was taken pending further study.

The idea, presented by City Manager R. W. Buck, would place Henderson, Oxford and Soul City in an overall unit to tap Kerr Lake for an abundant supply of water. Buck said there was interest in the idea all three areas, and he properly explored the possibility of a regional water system, which has all but reached its capacity.

In the meantime, Buck proposed expenditure of an esti-

ated \$25,000 for enlarged pumping facilities at the present filter plant on the eastern outskirts of town. A new pump would be installed to replace the present pump, which has been in service 44 years and is capable of handling only 3.2 million gallons of water daily, whereas the filter plant can process four million gallons. This would be expected to meet demands until some decision is made on a regional procedure. A new pump would be capable of moving 4.5 million gallons daily.

Buck said he had talked with officials in Oxford and with promoters of Soul City and all were interested. He estimated an initial investment would be needed of \$5 to \$6 million. The system would be set up under a water authority. All interests agreed that a thorough investigation will be required before any definite move is made.

Ruritans Plan Lights For Athletic Field At Wise

Plans for the complete lighting of the ball field at Wise was approved by the board of directors of the Wise-Paschal



SHORT

Short Appointed FB Agency Manager

Wade Short of the Cokesbury Community of Vance County has been appointed manager for North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Services in Warren County, Dennis Harris, president of Warren County Farm Bureau, announced yesterday.

He will also represent N. C. Blue Cross and Blue Shield and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company.

Short was reared in Vance County and graduated from the Middleburg High School in 1963. He has had sales experience with Southern Life and Health Insurance Company in Pensacola, Fla. He has been employed for the past 12 months as a member of an audit crew in Columbia, S. C.

He is married to the former Sue Rens, also of Henderson. They attend Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Warrenton.

Ruritan Club on Monday night, W. C. King, a member of the club announced yesterday.

King said that light poles have been donated by the telephone company and the club is also hoping to get some of the grading done. The completion of the project will give recreation for both young and old, King said.

Another project being pushed by the Ruritan Club, King said, is the providing of a garbage dump for the people in that section of the county. King said that as the county grows and more and more people use Gaston Lake the more trash and garbage piles up. Beer cans and other trash litters the highway and trash is piling up on private land, he said.

King said that since the county commissioners had informed the club that there are no funds available for the garbage dump, that the Ruritans plan to raise money for this badly needed project, following a similar procedure used in raising funds for the fire house.

He said that on Friday night, April 17, the Ruritan will sponsor a talk at show at 8 p. m. in the Wise school auditorium. Since there will be no advance tickets sold the club is counting

In Hospital

Patients in Warren General Hospital at 5 p. m. Tuesday were listed as follows:

Florence Paynter, Lizzie Harris, Ethel Pinnell, Florence Edwards, Alma Lynch, Bertha Hecht, Joyce Reid, Alfred T. Carroll, Georgianna Robinson, Robert A. Bolton, Everette Elmo Carroll, Carolyn Goode, Felecia Goode, Elizabeth Pegram, Janie Rooker, Helen Moss, Lizzie Nichols, Marie Taylor, Charlie Rodwell, Floyd Shaw, Pearlann Richardson, Hazel Ball, Howard Robinson, Hugh Alston, Junius Plummer, Patsie Burchetta, Sadi Williams, Emma Durham.

Enumerators Begin Taking 1970 Census

Enumerators for the 1970 Census of Population and Housing began yesterday, April 1, when census takers, most of whom are women, started making their rounds. They are expected to complete their work in three to five weeks.

Householders will not have any difficulty identifying enumerators, District Manager Donald R. Payne pointed out yesterday.

Each census taker will wear a red, white and blue identification card. This card bears the seal of the Department of Commerce and the words "Census Enumerator, Official Credentials" are printed across its face. It bears the census taker's signature and certifies that she is authorized to perform the duties of a census enumerator and has sworn to keep confidential all census information you provide.

Persons purporting to be census takers who do not have this identification card should be reported immediately to the local police or to the census district office, which is located at 1st Floor, Vance Hotel 102 N. Williams Street, Henderson, Payne said.

Census takers will be further identified by the portfolio containing their supplies. The portfolio is blue and bears the legend, "1970 Census." In the portfolio, the census taker carries her supplies of report forms, maps, pencils, and other tools necessary for her work.

Electric Power To Be Off On Sunday

Electric power in the Norlina, Warren Plains, Wise, Ridgeway, Manson, Middleburg, Drewry and all rural areas around these towns and communities will be interrupted Sunday, April 5 from 1:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

H. V. Massengill, local manager for Carolina Power and Light Company, said this interruption is necessary to connect new transformers and other line equipment which cannot be done while the lines are energized. This work is a part of the project to upgrade all the lines in this area.

In case of rain or bad weather this interruption will be rescheduled for the following Sunday, Massengill said.

LIBRARY HOURS

The Norlina Public Library will start opening at its regular time from 3 to 5 o'clock, Monday through Friday, beginning on April 6, Mrs. Fred Bobbitt, Librarian, announced yesterday.



Warren County school teachers who have been taking a phonics course at Mariam Boyd School here for several weeks were pictured at the final session on Tuesday night. Standing at the rostrum is Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, instructor.

Teachers Complete Phonics Course

Eighteen Warren County teachers completed the ten-week course, Applied Phonics in Reading and Spelling, Tuesday night at Mariam Boyd Elementary School, Supt. J. R. Peeler announced yesterday.

The phonics course, designed to improve phonetic teaching methods, was offered through the Extension Division of East Carolina University at Greenville.

Activities included linguistics, spelling and syllabication. Particular interest was given to individualizing programs and activities to fit the needs for students. Stress was also given to basic components of teaching reading which include word perception; reaction of the individual; knowledge of the author's intent; and relating proven older reading techniques to newer methods.

Some teachers elected to receive two semester hours of in-service credit toward renewal of their professional teaching certificates, while the others took the course for personal benefits.

The course was taught by Mrs. Rebecca Taylor, East Carolina University Extension Teacher and second grade teacher in the Greenville City Schools.

Teachers enrolled were Mrs.

Warren TB Association Ends Work As Local Unit

Child Is Killed When Struck By Automobile

A four-year old Negro boy was killed late last Friday afternoon when he was struck by a car driven by a Warrenton Negro businessman near the "Duck Pond" on Highway 401, some ten miles south of Warrenton.

Shawn Fields is reported to have been playing near the highway with another boy when he darted in front of the path of a car driven by Gaynell Brown of Warrenton and traveling south and was killed.

Highway Patrolman W. A. Joyce said that he was called to the scene of the accident around 4:50 p. m. when Brown told him the child ran in front of his car and that he could not avoid hitting him. The of-

ficer said he noticed no skid marks or other evidence of high speed.

Joyce said that he would make no charges pending a coroner's inquest. An inquest was scheduled for Monday afternoon but was postponed when Coroner Bobby Blaylock had to participate in a funeral that afternoon.

The child was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Green Fields of Route 2, Warrenton. He is also survived by two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted at Coley Springs Baptist Church on Tuesday at 3 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. James Coppage. Interment was in the church cemetery.

An association that has for nearly 25 years fought tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases in Warren County this week ended its work as a county unit and has been combined with an area association.

The Warren County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Association office was officially closed Wednesday and became a part of the Tar River Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association with headquarters in Rocky Mount. This association will serve the counties of Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Halifax, Nash, Vance, Warren, Wayne and Wilson.

Mrs. Clyde Whitford, who has been executive secretary of the Warren County Association for 17 years, will retire as soon as final reports are complete.

Warren County will have six directors on the Tar River Tuberculosis and RD Association. They are Mrs. Doris Dryden, Mrs. Blanche Ellis, Mrs. Lou Hayes, Mrs. Margaret Felts and Jack Harris and W. L. Turner.

In announcing the closing of the Warren County Association yesterday, Mrs. Whitford reviewed the organization of the (See COMBINED, page 5)

Revival Services To Be Held At Baptist Church

The Warrenton Baptist Church will engage in a "Week of Worship Emphasis and Revival" during the week of April 5-10 with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. L. Mack Thompson, pastor, announced yesterday.

The church will be led by Dr. John W. Eddins, professor of Theology at Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest. His subjects will be:

Sunday, "The Power of God"; Monday, "The Nature of Salvation"; Tuesday, "The Meaning of Forgiveness"; Wednesday, "Choosing Your God"; Thursday, "True Love Is of God"; and Friday, "Paid In Full."

Dr. Eddins is married to the former Joanne Haver-



EDDINS

On Night Shift

Sheriff Clarence A. Davis announced yesterday that he has put two of his deputies on a night shift as a result of the large number of break-ins in Warren County and surrounding areas during the past several weeks.

The two officers will serve each night from 10 p. m. to 6 a. m. on a rotating basis, Sheriff Davis said.

stock and has six children. He has received the following degrees: B. S. in Agricultural Engineering from Auburn University; B.A. from Sanford University; B.D. and Th. D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of New York City.

Having served as minister of several churches, Dr. Eddins has been teaching at Southeastern Seminary since 1957.

A nursery will be provided each evening.

Mr. Thompson said the public is invited to attend this special week of services.

Mrs. R. L. Traylor Dies Tuesday Night

Mrs. Mary W. Traylor, wife of R. L. Traylor of Norlina, died at Warren General Hospital on Tuesday night after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) at the Norlina Methodist Church by the Rev. Sidney Epperson. Interment will be in Warren Dale Cemetery at Norlina.

Mrs. Traylor was a member of the Norlina Methodist Church where she was a member of the choir, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Norlina Woman's Club.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Clayton Mitchell of Norlina; two sons, Leigh Traylor and Robert Traylor of Norlina; her mother, Mrs. M. E. Walker, and a brother, Harry Walker, both of Norlina; and five grandchildren.

Hofler Rites To Be Held At Fairview

Leon W. Hofler, 82, a retired contractor and former resident of Warrenton, died on Tuesday. He was a resident of New Bern.

Funeral services will be held at New Bern this morning (Thursday) at 11 o'clock, with committal and interment rites at Fairview Cemetery in Warrenton at 3:30 p. m. today.

He is survived by a son, Leon W. Hofler, Jr., of Norfolk, Va.; three daughters, Mrs. O. J. Mitchell of New Bern, Mrs. S. D. Duke of Norlina and Mrs. E. C. Mattson of Hampton, Va.; a sister, Mrs. O. T. Mangum of Stem; a brother, H. C. Hofler of Norfolk, Va.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Registration Books To Open On Saturday

Registration books for the May 2 Democratic Primary will open on Saturday, April 4, and will remain open for the next three Saturdays, Clarence Britton, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, announced yesterday.

Britton suggested that since a new registration was held two years ago that all voters who did not vote two years ago check the books to see that they are registered for the primary and general election.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reed and family of Warrenton, Mrs. Y. Y. Reed of Warrenton and Mrs. E. T. Reed of Warrenton.