

## Former Sheriff Dies Here

Funeral services for Roy Vance Shearin, 68, were held at 4 p. m. Saturday at Blaylock Funeral Chapel by the Rev. L. T. Wilson. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Shearin, a former sheriff of Warren County, died Thursday night at his home.

The son of the late Ellen Wemyss and Jesse Vance Shearin, Mr. Shearin was born in Warren County, in Jenkins Township, near Littleton on May 27, 1901. In early manhood he engaged in a number of activities until 1933 when he was appointed Deputy Sheriff by the late Willis J. Pinnell, remaining a law enforcement officer for 27 years. On May 16, 1945, he was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to fill out the unexpired term of Sheriff Pinnell and remained Warren County Sheriff until Dec. 1, 1958.

Mr. Shearin was a former member of the Warren County unit of the National Guard. On July 19, 1936, he married Miss Roberta King of Arcola.

Mr. Shearin is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roberta King Shearin; six sons, Robert of Greensboro, Charles of Springfield, Va., David of Los Angeles, Calif., Ronald, a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, San Francisco, Calif., Larry, a student at U. N. C., Chapel Hill and Edward Shearin a student at N. C. State University, Raleigh; three daughters, Mrs. F. D. Benton of Aiken, S. C., Carolyn Shearin of Alexandria, Va., and Ellen Shearin of Lawrenceville, Va.; seven brothers, Earle of Warren Plains, Jack and Woodrow of Norlina, W. D. of Warrenton, Edwin of Scotland Neck, Joe of Raleigh, and Grover Shearin of Hollister; six sisters, Mrs. S. G. Moretz of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. R. H. Bright and Mrs. Grady Moseley of Warrenton, Mrs. J. E. Stansbury of Littleton, Mrs. Ben Allen of Henderson and Mrs. John Woodard of Picaune, Miss.; and four grandchildren.

## In Hospital

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

Josie Hutton, Lizzie Harris, Ethel Pinnell, Janie Rooker, Bertha Hecht, Janet Rooker, Rev. Lewis Hutton, Lottie Faucette, Lizzie Nichols, Percy Somerville, Henry Boyd, Howard Robinson, Junious Plummer, Pattie Burchette, Sadie Williams, Estelle Richardson, Essie Coleman, Clyde Perkins, Luvenia Kearney, Herman Hayes, Rachel Denise Harmon.

Mrs. Eddie Echols and children who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Harris, for two weeks, have returned to their home in Georgia.

## One Person Hurt In Four Vehicle Wreck

One person was injured and four vehicles were damaged in a wreck involving a pickup truck and three automobiles on Main Street in front of Colonial Store around 1:30 p. m. Friday.

Following the accident, Mrs. Ann Robertson Daniel was taken to Warren General Hospital for treatment. She received a blow on her head and a lacerated knee.

According to Warrenton police officers Grady Haynes and W. L. Ross, a parked truck was struck by a car and driven into a second car after it had been hit while making a left turn by an approaching vehicle.

According to the officers a 1966 Ford car belonging to Irving Lancaster was parked beside the curb, headed south, on the right side of the street, in front of Colonial Store. Parked just behind the Lancaster car was a 1963 GMC pickup truck owned by Ernest Jefferson Daniel and occupied

by his wife, Ann Robertson Daniel.

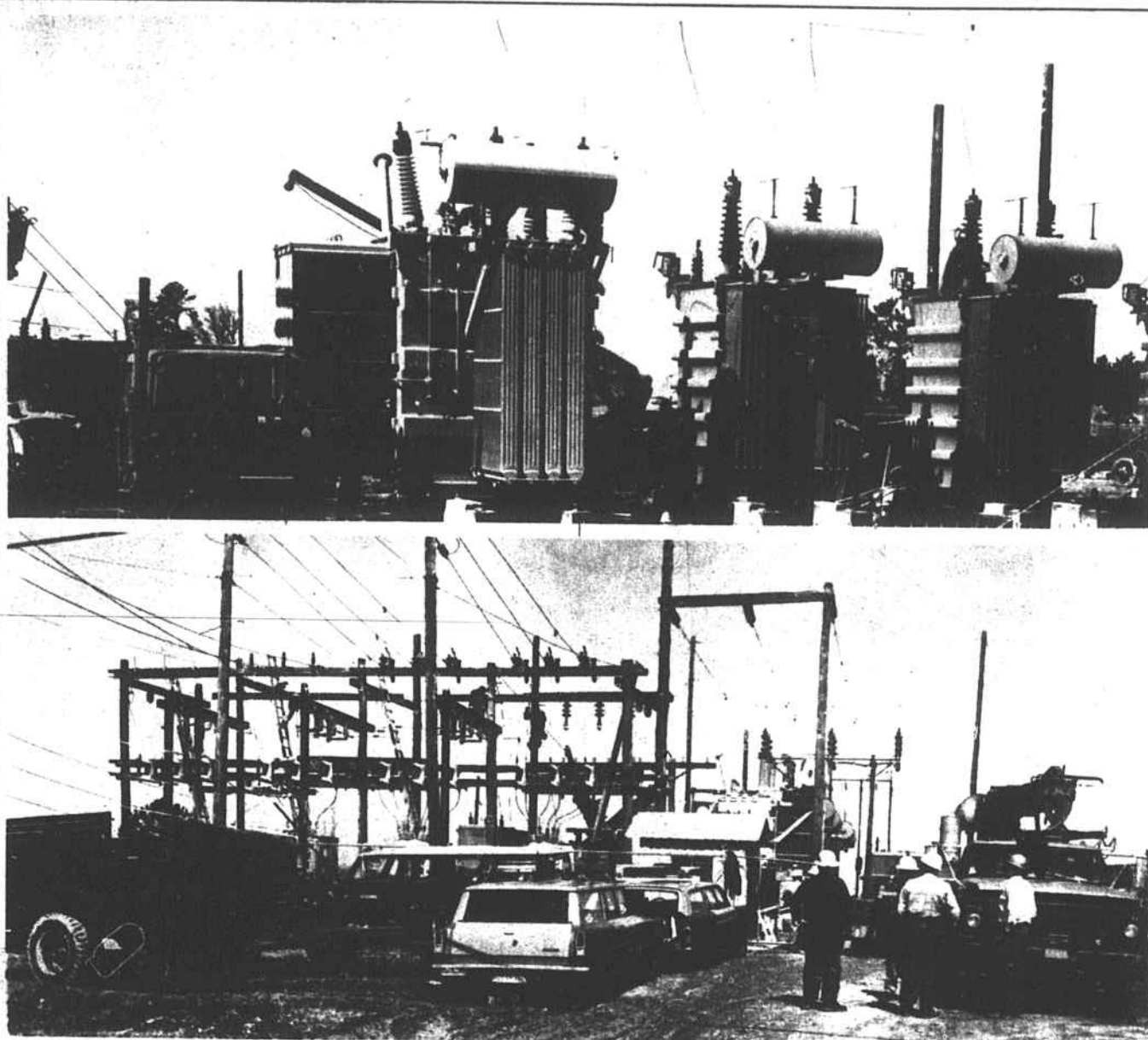
Headed north was a 1954 Chevrolet driven by Frank Williams and headed south was a 1962 Chevrolet driven by Nelson Allen Basket.

As Williams started to make a left turn into College Street, his car was struck by the car driven by Basket. The force of the impact drove Williams' car into the pickup occupied by Mrs. Daniel, forcing it into the Lancaster car.

Damage to the Daniel truck was estimated at \$650; to the Lancaster car \$400; Williams' car \$350 and Basket car \$100.

Williams was charged with failing to see that movement of his car could be made in safety.

Basket was charged with drunk driving and with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license. He was released from jail under \$200 for his appearance in Warren County District Court.



CP&L Upgrading Service In Area

Carolina Power and Light Company is in the process of completely upgrading entire distribution system in Warren County at a cost of more than \$500,000. H. V. Massengill, local manager, said this company hopes to complete entire project by late fall. He said plans also call for the building of a warehouse and the stationing of a four-man line crew at Warrenton. In the top picture at left is a new transformer doubling the capacity for the area covering Warrenton, Norlina, Littleton and rural areas. The use of the two transformers at the right will be discontinued by late summer. Shown in the bottom picture is new switch gear for Warrenton, Norlina and Littleton areas. The sub-station is located on the old Airport Road near Warrenton.

## Officers Capture Two Stills Tuesday In Warren County

Local ABC and federal officers captured two stills in Warren County Tuesday, one in Nutbush Township in the morning, and the other in Fork Township in the afternoon.

Neither still was in operation. Members of the raiding party at both stills were Warren Deputy Sheriff Dorsey Capps, T. C. Blackmon and W. G. Watkins, Vance County ABC officers, and Tommy Stokes and Stan Burroughs, federal ATF officers.

Deputy Capps said the officers destroyed 700 gallons of mash and 10 gallons of whiskey in the 11 a. m. raid in Nutbush Township. In addition they destroyed eight 180-gallon barrels, five 50-gallon barrels, and one 55-gallon still.

The still in Fork Township has not been operated for some time, Capps said. The officers destroyed one 55-gallon still, one 180-gallon barrel, one 55-gallon barrel and two 10-gallon kegs.

## Tobacco Support Price For 1970 To Be 66.6¢ Pound

Average support price for five-cured tobacco in 1970 will be 66.6 cents per pound, or three cents per pound more than in 1969, the U. S. Department of Agriculture recently announced in Washington.

A similar increase of 4.5 percent was announced for all types of tobacco under quota programs. The rate on burley leaf was raised from 65.8 cents to 68.6 cents per pound for 1970.

The increases are the largest for any given year in twelve years. They reflect higher prices of goods and services bought by farmers during the past three years compared with 1959. Supports, fixed by grades, are minimum prices guaranteed by the government under the tobacco marketing act. The farmer is paid the support price by a federally backed growers' cooperative when a pile of leaf on the warehouse floor fails to receive a company offer at least one bid above the support level.

## National Library Week Sponsored

The week of April 12-18 has been designated as National Library Week and will be sponsored locally by the Warrenton Woman's Club.

Mrs. Louise Twitty, chairman of the education committee of the club, urges all citizens of Warren County to visit and use the public libraries of the county. Parents and others are also urged to visit school libraries.

Mrs. Twitty said that many of the schools in the county are putting special emphasis on Library Week by making posters and bulletin boards. Programs on the work of the library are being given.

National Library Week, she said, will be observed in the school libraries by talks on various books, films and the use of a bookmobile.

## IN HOSPITALS

Mr. John M. Stevenson is a patient in Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisville.

Mr. Nick Moseley is a patient in John Umstead Hospital at Buñer.

## J. Ed. Rooker Resigns Job As Town Manager

J. Ed Rooker, town manager of the Town of Warrenton for the past four years, submitted his resignation to the board of commissioners in a called meeting on Tuesday night effective April 30. Reasons of health were given for the resignation.

The resignation was accepted with regret by the commissioners who expressed their deep appreciation for the fine job done by Rooker during the nine years he has been with the town.

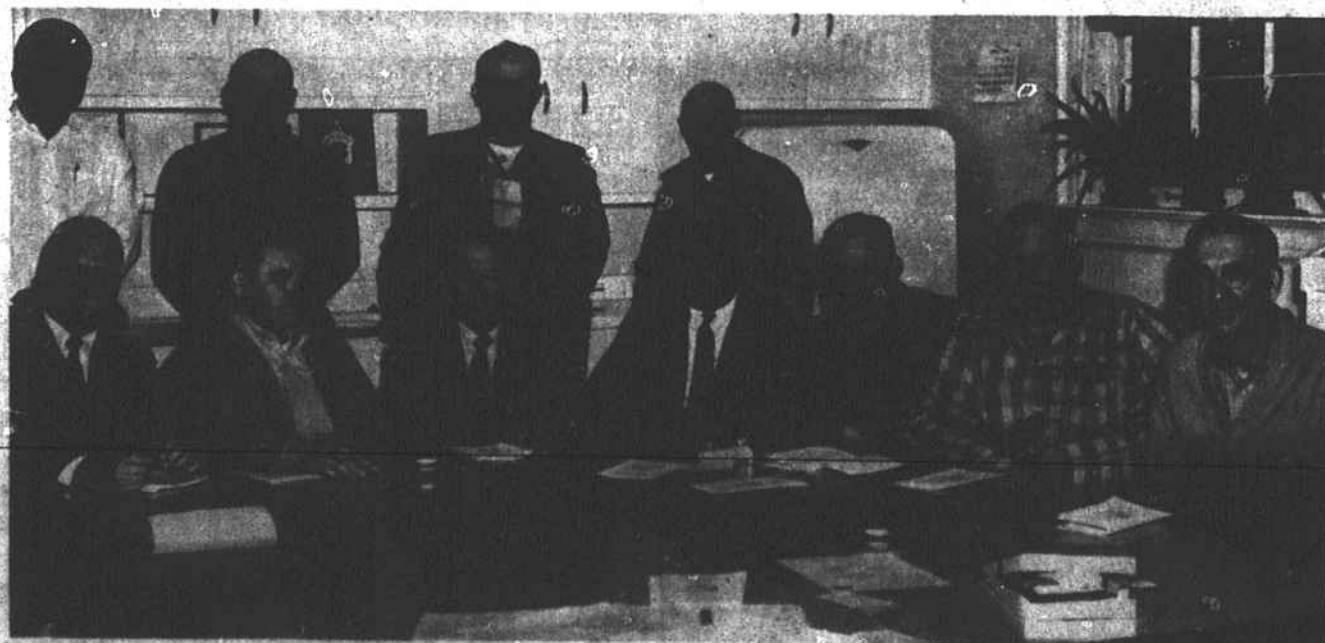
Rooker was employed by the town as town clerk and treasurer in 1961 and was made town manager in 1966.

He served as Warrenton Mayor from 1953 to 1957. Prior to being employed by the town he had served as Recorder of Sudan Shrine Temple in New Bern from 1960 to 1961.

He was former treasurer and general manager of the Old Peck Manufacturing from 1935 until its sale and reorganization when he was made office manager of the mill here and of Clayton Spinning Company until 1960.

Rooker is a member of the Warrenton Baptist Church and a former deacon. He has for many years been active in Masonic circles and is Past Potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple.

Married to the former Mary Crinkley, he is the father of two daughters, Miss Edwina Rooker, librarian at Virginia Wesleyan at Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Robert L. Elkins of Charleston, W. Va., and has two grandsons.



Planning Livestock Show And Sale

Members of the Warren County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Executive Committee were pictured at their meeting last week. They are, left to right: standing—James Harris, Jr., Harry Williams, Jr., William Brauer and Gordon Limer; seated—Robert V. Allen, Travis Pulley, Sidney Fleming, George W. Koonce, William Bender, Elmer Harris, and Landon Davis.

## Final Plans Made For Junior Livestock Show And Sale

The Warren County Junior Livestock Show and Sale Executive Planning Committee met last week to make final plans for the 1970 Junior Livestock Show and Sale to be held April 16, at the Warrenton Lions Club fairground arena. The beef show and beef calf judging will start at 2:30 p. m. with the sale starting at 4:00 p. m. Travis Pulley, vice chairman of the committee, presided at the meeting. During the main business session a resolution was adopted urging the buyers to support calves at a minimum of 8¢ over existing market price.

## Contributions Asked

# Warren Library Must Have Funds To Operate

Unless funds are raised by donations, Warren County Memorial Library must cease to operate, the library trustees said in an article submitted to this newspaper for publication this week.

Federal and state funds were cut off at the end of the last fiscal year and without these funds the library finds itself without sufficient funds to continue operation, the trustees

said in asking for donations.

An explanation of the situation and the reasons for it was outlined in the release as follows:

"The Warren County Memorial Library was incorporated in 1930, for the benefit of all citizens of the county, and any others who would use it. The Memorial part of the name is in memory of world war veterans. It has been used extensively by students in

their school work, by researchers in various fields, and by the general public seeking information, instruction and entertainment. It has been recognized as being outstandingly good for a small town. An official of the State Library Commission considered it the best in this area, covering several counties, and hoped to make it a regional library.

"For many years it went along smoothly, operating by means of local county support and private donations of money, books, articles of interest.

Then the State and Federal Support came along; their financial aid was welcomed. The money contributed by the State and Federal agencies was earmarked for certain purposes, and was so used. Next the pattern that has become familiar, and is inevitable, showed up; when you take their money you give up your control; they furnish the music, they call the tune.

The library trustees and the county commissioners were told that the library, all property, appurtenances, money, gifts, memorials, would have to be formally conveyed to a newly constituted board of trustees, to be appointed by the county commissioners, the name would be changed. The Warren County Memorial Library would have ceased to exist. To be sure that their directives would be carried out all State and Federal funds were cut off. The Warren County Memorial Library has received no State or Federal funds for this fiscal year, beginning July 1969.

"The trustees requested a ruling by the State Attorney General on the legality and propriety of the trustees relinquishing their responsibility by ceding the property to another agency. We have had no decision from the office of the Attorney General.

"It is the desire of the present board of trustees to continue to maintain a local, autonomous library, supported and operated by and for the people of Warren County, and for the use and benefit of all who

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## Cafe To Re-Open

The Puritan Cafe, which was closed several weeks ago will reopen on April 13, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown live on the Norlina Road. He is employed by Carolina Power and Light Company. The cafe will be operated by Mrs. Brown.

## Lewis To Speak

Henry W. Lewis, Professor of Law in the Institute of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will address the Roanoke River Branch, Association for the preservation of Virginia Antiquities on Saturday, April 18, at 3 o'clock in the Court-house at Boydton.

Mr. Lewis will speak on "James C. Bruce of 'Berry Hill'"; His Travels in 1844 and 1845". Bruce was a large landowner, widely known and influential in his day. The public is invited.

## Norlina Blue Waves Down Littleton 2-1

Norlina Blue Waves played and won their first conference game of the season Tuesday when they downed Littleton at Norlina by a two to one score.

The game developed into a pitcher's duel with Littleton getting two hits and scoring one run in the second inning. Norlina connected for four hits and came back in the fifth with two runs for the win.

Jackie Walker was the winning pitcher for the Waves with 11-strike-outs. Jimmy Kearney was the losing pitcher for Littleton.

Norlina will host Warrenton in another conference game this (Thursday) afternoon.—Mitch Mitchell.

## Methodist Parsonage To Be Dedicated

The Warren Charge of the Methodist churches will dedicate its new parsonage at Afton Elberon on Sunday, April 12, at 4 p. m. Open house will be held from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m.

The parsonage is located on Route 401, 10 miles south of Warrenton.

The pastor, the Rev. Leroy Watkins, said that everyone is invited to attend.

## DAYLIGHT TIME

Daylight time returns on Sunday, April 20, and then will continue until the last Sunday in October, when there will be a return to standard time.

Standard time has been in effect since the last Sunday in October. At two o'clock Sunday morning, April 20, clocks will be turned back.