

## After Fatal Shooting

### Norlina Man Held On Murder Charge

Davis Son Kearney, 36, of Norlina is being held without bond in Warren County jail on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting death Thursday night of Randolph Suite, Jr., 26, also of Norlina.

According to Warren County Sheriff's Deputy Harold Seaman, Kearney was taken into custody shortly after 11 p. m. Thursday when he reportedly confessed to the shooting.

Seaman said Suite was found on the floor of a downstairs bedroom of the Kearney home located just outside the Norlina city limits on U. S. 158. He had been shot in the left side of the upper chest with a 20-gauge shotgun and was pronounced dead on the scene by the Warren County medical examiner.

A statement by Mary C. Silver, Kearney's step-daughter-in-law, indicated that Suite came to the home and was admitted by Kear-

ney. The two men apparently went into one of the bedrooms where Suite's mother was because Suite wanted to talk with her.

Mrs. Silver said that Kearney asked Suite to leave. Suite refused, and Kearney allegedly went upstairs and got a shotgun.

It is reported that the shooting was witnessed by three relatives in the home, Mrs. Silver, Suite's mother, and a grandmother.

According to police reports, Mrs. Silver notified police of the shooting, which occurred around 10:45 p. m.

A 96-hour hearing was held Friday morning in which Warrenton attorney Marty Rooker was appointed to represent Kearney.

Assisting Seaman in the investigation were Norlina Police Sgt. James Champion and Sheriff's Deputies Lawrence Harrison, Thomas McCaffity, and Bobby Dean Bolton.



### Good Luck Token Worked

Janet Leary of Warrenton had this floral replica of the N. C. State University mascot fashioned for her husband, Bill, manager of Peck Manufacturing Company, prior to Monday night when the Wolfpack won the NCAA national basketball crown, defeating a favored Houston team, 54-52. The floral wolf was created by Warrenton florist Gladys Wemyss, who said she spent three and one-half hours constructing it. (Staff Photo)

### Warren County Board Will Meet Twice Monthly

The Board of Warren County Commissioners, beginning in May, will hold two meetings a month instead of the regular first Monday meeting, it was decided near the end of a more than four-hour meeting here on Tuesday morning.

During May the regular meeting of the board will be held at 9:30 a. m. on the first Monday and at 7:30 p. m. on May 18. While during other months the morning meetings will be held at 9:30 on first Mondays, the time and date of the night meeting may be shifted.

The regular April

meeting of the board was held on Tuesday morning, due to the Easter Monday holiday. Mrs. Eva Clayton, chairperson, presided over the meeting which began at 9:30 a. m. and adjourned for a short executive session at 1:30 p. m.

The report of Mrs. Susan W. Whitley revealed that 1982 taxes collected during March were \$45,016.16; 1982 taxes collected to date were \$1,792,601.87, or 86.10% of the 1982 levy.

Other March collections were delinquent taxes and penalties, \$13,055.37; partial payments, \$5,775.63; ad-

vance payments, \$399.59. Total March collections, \$64,246.75.

Percentage of current 1981-82 taxes collected to date as of March 31, 1983, 86.15.

#### Dog Warden Report

The March report of Frank Twitty, dog warden, show that he travelled 1630 miles in answering 130 calls. During March he picked up 100 dogs, killed 88 and gave away 12. One person was bitten and one dog is being held. Seventy dogs were vaccinated.

Budget amendment was studied and adopted.

## From Legislature

### Board Is Asking \$1 Million In Aid

A resolution in support of proposed legislation which would give Warren County \$1 million was endorsed by the county commissioners at their Tuesday meeting. The bill was introduced because of adverse publicity received as a result of the PCB landfill at Afton, and as part of a promise of Governor James B. Hunt to assist Warren County in obtaining additional industry.

A copy of the resolution will be mailed Senators Speed and Allsbrook, and House members Frank Ballance, and John Church, William Watkins and James Crawford, asking for their assistance. Copies will also be sent to representatives from the counties from which PCBs were removed to Warren County.

The Warren County Commissioners will also support Bill 426 for an additional one-cent sales tax. Two other such bills have also been introduced into the House. The reason for supporting Bill 426, as explained by Commissioner Jack Harris, is that this bill is supported by the Association of County Commissioners and would give counties and municipalities one-half of the money raised, whereas the other two bills would give it all to the state.

Mrs. Clayton said that she would support the bill, but decried the fact that it would also tax food, and thus hurt those least able to pay it. She was forced to remove this objection when County Manager Glenn Newsome pointed out that if the tax on food was removed, that Warren County would lose more than half of the funds from the present one-cent tax.

Certification of Roanoke Wildwood Fire Department was approved by the commissioners following a notice of its approval by the Warren County Fire Commission. Without certification the rural firemen would be unable

to share in an insurance plan. Under government regulations two com-

puters must be installed in the Food Stamp office by December 31, and (Continued on page 5)

## By Administrator

### Hospital Reported In Good Health

Operation of Warren General Hospital, with the emergency room being run by Coastal Emergency Services of Durham, has been very satisfactory, so much so that the hospital management has renewed its contract for a year, Frank Hinson, hospital administrator, told the county commissioners at their regular April meeting here Tuesday.

He said that there has been an increase in the number of patients in both the emergency room and the hospital, in laboratory and also in the X-ray room. He said an arrangement had been worked out with Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson that if no local doctor could be found between 2 a. m. and 6 a. m. in an emergency, the patient would be carried to Maria Parham Hospital.

He said he feels that nurses and other employees are happy with the new situation, as are the doctors, for now they have a sense of permanency.

The commissioners passed a resolution supporting the re-enactment of Revenue Sharing. County Manager Newsome told the board that without Revenue

Sharing the tax rate would have to be 20 cents higher.

Newsome also told the commissioners that February sales and use tax collections were \$22,597.61.

Newsome pointed out that a legislative briefing would be held in Raleigh on April 21. Mrs. Clayton and Commissioners Alston and Harris and Newsome are expected to attend this meeting.

The National Association of County Commissioners will be held in Milwaukee, Wis., on July 16-19. Newsome said that he, Mrs. Clayton, Commissioners Harris, Alston and Shearin plan to attend.

Allen Hawks submitted to the commissioners the projected operational cost for the Senior Citizen Center as had been requested at the previous meeting of the board.

Newsome told the commissioners that he had sent a bill to the Town of Norlina in the amount of \$5,000 for in excess of 7,000,000 gallons of waste water treated at the Warrenton Waste Water Treatment Plant since November.

### Mrs. Hicks Killed When Hit By Car

Mrs. Dorothy Seaman Hicks, 53, of Rt. 2, Norlina was killed Friday night when she was struck by an automobile as she lay in the westbound lane of Oine Road near Norlina, according to reports from the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Trooper B. R. Pope said Mrs. Hicks was hit by a car driven by David Howard Vanburen, 17, of Ridgeway Street in Warrenton.

Mrs. Hicks was lying on the road near a mailbox in front of her house when she was struck, Pope said. She was killed instantly.

Reports indicate that Vanburen was traveling west on Oine Road when he saw Mrs. Hicks, but was unable to stop. He was unable to go around Mrs. Hicks, because of an oncoming car.

Vanburen and Tim Felts, 18, of Norlina, a

passenger in the car, were not injured.

Pope said no charges would be filed against Vanburen.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hicks were conducted Sunday at 3 p. m. in Zion United Methodist Church by the Rev. Verne Womack. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, William Hicks; a son, Bill Hicks of Norlina; a daughter, Mrs. Teresa Wimbrow of Yadkinville; two brothers, Lawrence Seaman of Ridgeway and Arthur Seaman of Centerville; a sister, Miss Phyllis Seaman of Raleigh; and four grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James White, Hal Paschall, Tickie Wimbrow, John Dore, Owen Robertson and John Richard Paschall.

### Half Empty Vans Talked By Board

An idea that largely financed motor vans are traveling partially empty over duplicate routes led the Region K Council of Governments to sponsor a plan to coordinate their travel and thus provide better service at lower cost, with each of the five counties of Region K participating voluntarily.

This caused Don Everette, executive secretary of Region K, a Mr. White, of Franklin County, chairman of the consolidated project, and Kathy Childress coordinator, to appear before Warren commissioners Tuesday morn-

ing to explain the consolidated transportation program. The trio is expected to appear in each of the five Region K counties to explain the program and find out the wishes of the commissioners.

Everette said that while he thinks the consolidation is a good idea, that the program is voluntary and that no county will be locked in. He also said that once the program is completed that COG will have no part in its operation.

Following this introduction, White spoke briefly about his work as chairman of the project, (Continued on page 5)

### Susan Whitley Named To State Position

Mrs. Susan Whitley, finance officer for Warren County, has been appointed to serve on the Advisory Board for the North Carolina Cash Management Trust. The NCCMT is a money market mutual fund offered exclusively to local government units in North Carolina.

The Trust was developed as a result of legislation passed by the N. C. General Assembly in 1981 and is the only money market mutual fund certified by the Local Government Commission as a legal investment for North Carolina local units.

The 16-member board is made up of representatives from five counties, five cities, two school boards, one mental health association, one community college, one public hospital and one ABC board.

The purpose of the advisory board is to assist in communications between the representatives of eligible local units and the NCCMT and to insure that trust participant services are designed to meet the needs of its shareholders.



These Norlina and Churchill-Five Forks volunteer firemen have been taking a 42-hour course, entitled "Introduction to Fire Fighting," taught by Wayne Elks (seated, foreground) under the auspices of Vance-Granville Community College. Among participants were, seated, from left, Charles Medlin, Dennis Paschall, Bobby Wilkins,

Jr., Danny Bland, Donnie Mulchi, Frank Killian, Dexter Matthews and Norlina Chief Gene Medlin. Standing, from left, are Mike Devine, Butch Bolton, Churchill-Five Forks Chief Carl Lynch, Wayne Aycock, Ray Robinson, Eugene Mustian, Stephen Daniel, Butch Meek, Warren Commissioner George Shearin and William Leonard. (Staff Photo)



MRS. WHITLEY