

Murder Charge Brought

Assault charges against a Ridgeway woman were upgraded to murder last Thursday after her husband died from a gunshot wound sustained on Oct. 2.

Hattie Mae Kearsey, 38, allegedly shot James Kearsey, 41, in the face with a .22 caliber rifle while he was resting in a bedroom of the Kearsey home on Lutheran Road in Ridgeway.

Mrs. Kearsey originally had been charged with assault and arrested under a \$2,000 bond. Kearsey's death Thursday at Duke Medical Center led to the murder charge.

Reports indicate that the shooting was the result of a domestic quarrel, and law enforcement officials reported that at the time of their arrival at the home after the shooting, Mrs. Kearsey was tending to her husband's wounds.

Mrs. Kearsey is now undergoing a pre-trial evaluation at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, according to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Funeral services for Mr. Kearsey were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at Burchette Chapel United Church of Christ by the Rev. R. D. Bullock. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include two daughters, Deborah and Brenetta Kearsey, both of the home; one son, Gregory Williams of New Jersey; his par-

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Faircloth Picks Warren Official

Former state Commerce Secretary D.M. "Lauch" Faircloth of Clinton has appointed a black woman as vice chairman of his campaign for governor.

Eva M. Clayton, chairman of the Warren County commissioners, will hold down the No. 2 slot in the Faircloth campaign.

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Corps Says Pipeline Would Have No Adverse Impact

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers announced yesterday that it has found that a proposed water pipeline from Lake Gaston to Tidewater Virginia would have no adverse environmental impact, but it stopped short of issuing the needed permit for the project.

Col. Ronald E. Hudson of the Corps' Norfolk District Office said at a news conference that the Corps will hold two more public hearings before making a decision on the permit.

According to an Associated Press report, Hudson said that

documents on the environmental studies will be circulated for 30 days for comment by the public to ensure every opportunity for input.

The public hearing will be conducted in Roanoke Rapids and in Virginia Beach, Va. probably in the middle of November, according to Hudson.

He indicated that a final decision on the permit probably would not be forthcoming until early next year.

Brent Hackney, spokesman for Gov. Jim Hunt, said that Hunt plans legal action if the permit is issued.

Hackney noted that Hunt has directed the attorney general to file suit to stop the project if necessary.

Virginia Beach has requested the \$176 million pipeline to provide water for the area's growing population, which is projected to be about 500,000 by 2030.

Plans call for the pipeline to draw a maximum of 60 million gallons of water a day from Lake Gaston.

A crowd of about 3,000 attended a Corps hearing on the project in August at Lawrenceville, Va. to protest plans for the pipeline.

The Warrenton Woman's Club is interested in obtaining a long-term lease on the Jacob Holt House on the corner of Macon and Bragg streets in Warrenton.

Administrator Hired For New Nursing Home

Ms. Diane Smith, 36, has been employed as the administrator of the new 100-bed Warren Nursing Center on U. S. 158-401 between Warrenton and Norlina, according to Woody Brown, director of operations for Autumn Corporation of Rocky Mount, manager of the facility.

Ms. Smith, who is moving to Warrenton this week, comes to North Carolina from Owensboro, Ky. where she was employed with Extencicare Corporation as assistant administrator of a 132-bed facility for skilled and intermediate nursing care.

A registered nurse who trained at Rhode Island Hospital, Ms.

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Asked by Commissioner Charles White what was considered a long-term lease, Mrs. Elaine Coleman said with a laugh, in which the commissioners joined, "99 years."

Mrs. Coleman also told the commissioners that she is certain that the Warrenton Junior Woman's Club would be happy to share the interior with the senior club.

Consensus of the board, without any formal action being at the time, was to grant the request of the committee. The exterior of the building is being rebuilt with several grants. Attorney Charles Johnson said that while he did not know of any legal

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JUST LIKE OLD TIMES — A page of the past came to life here last week when Earl Williams, farmer of Rt. 1, Warrenton, hitched up a pair of mules to his farm wagon and brought three loads of tobacco to auction at High Dollar Warehouse. Williams said he has had the wagon for about 18

months and the mules for a year. He uses more conventional methods of transportation to bring the bulk of his 75-acre tobacco crop to market. For a second look at Williams's wagon, see Page 2B.

(Staff Photo)

Holt House Lease Sought

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Shooting In Macon Leads To Arrest

Ernest Millard Davis, 37, of Macon was arrested Monday and charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury in the shooting of Samuel Townes, also of Macon, around 5 p. m.

According to Warren County Sheriff's Deputy B. D. Bolton, Davis shot Townes in the right shoulder with a .22 caliber rifle from a distance of about 100 yards. The shooting occurred in front of Townes's residence on Highway 158 in the downtown area of Macon.

Deputy Bolton indicated that the incident was triggered by a domestic dispute.

Townes, who Bolton estimated as being about 55 years of age, was transported by the Warren County Ambulance Service to N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill where he was listed in stable condition.

Davis was freed on a \$500 bond.

Sheriff's Deputies Lawrence Harrison and Harold Seaman assisted in the investigation.

The Sheriff's Department also reported the larceny of a power booster and one headlight panel control from a Corvette Stingray on the lot at Brown's Auto Sales in Vaughan.

The theft was reported about 4 p. m. Monday.

Glass was broken on the automobile, and the total value of property involved in the incident was estimated at \$150.

Sheriff's Deputy Roy Clark was assisted in investigating by Deputy B. D. Bolton.



Outdoor Lighting System Approved For High School

Members of the Warren County Board of Education Monday night gave their unanimous approval to a proposal that would provide outdoor lighting on the campus of Warren County High School.

The long-awaited decision came after Assistant Supt. James Jordan gave board members a breakdown of projected costs for the outdoor lighting system, showing that the entire project is expected to cost \$25,700.

That figure came from Tommy Lawrence Electrical Company of Roxboro, which has performed work previously for the local school system. Entering a bid of \$36,000 for the project was Watson Electrical Company of Wilson.

Board members were told by Supt. Mike Williams that figures for putting the auditorium of John Graham Middle School "in a safer condition" is now expected to cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000, considerably less than earlier expected. They would free capital outlay funds—estimated at \$140,000—for the lighting project, he said.

The proposal adopted by the board, following a motion by member Yarborough Williams, calls for the erection of nine 30-foot poles and the installation of metal halide type lights. Three

existing lights at the school will be relocated along the entrance drive.

The board also gave its approval to the expenditure of \$15,000 in

current expense funds for the employment of two painters who would be added to the system's full-time maintenance crew. That was one of

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Races Are Slated In Municipalities

While candidates for mayor in three Warren County municipalities face no opposition, races for board seats in the three towns are assured.

Races for seats on the boards of commissioners in Macon, Norlina and Warrenton took final shape last week as candidates emerged from all directions to have their names included on the ballots to be marked by town voters on November 8.

In Macon, incumbent Mayor M. C. Clary is seeking re-election, as are all five present members of the town board. They include Carroll Harris, W. R. Shaw, Glenn Riggan, W. L. Edwards and Lucille Haitcock. Challenging for a seat on the board is newcomer Lynn Henry.

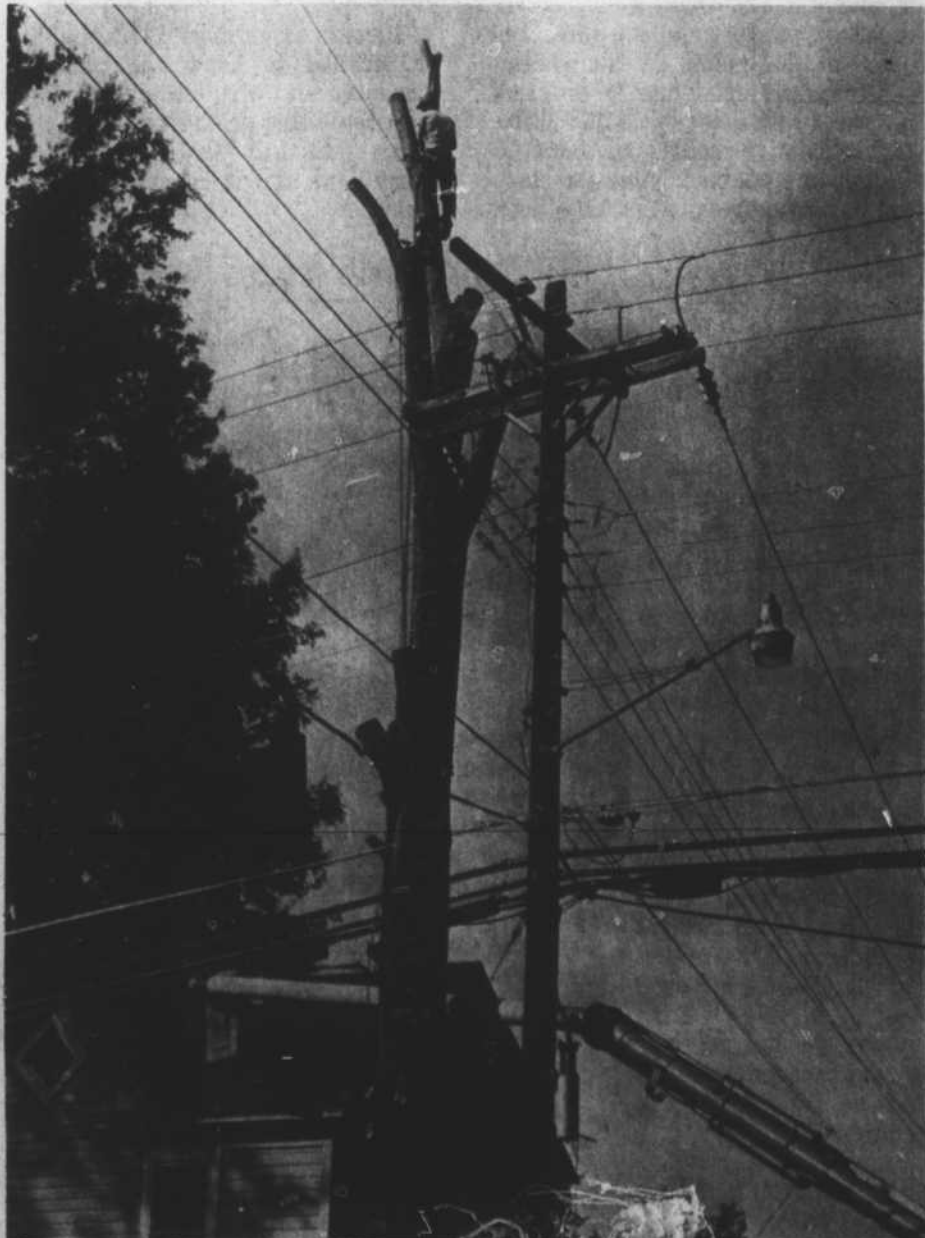
At Norlina, former Mayor E. L. (Bill) Perry faces no opposition as he seeks his sixth term at the helm, but contests have developed for the first

board seats.

All but one of Norlina's present commissioners—John A. Dore—has filed for re-election. They are R. B. Lloyd, James Overby, James Vaughan and William Leonard. Challengers are Dwight Pearce, Kay Bennett, Eleanor Hayes and K. C. Severance.

Warrenton Mayor B. G. White will be seeking his third term next month and he faces no challenger for the top spot. Incumbent board members filing were Eddie Clayton, Gordon Haitcock, William K. Lanier, Jr., W. A. Miles, Charles M. White, III and A. A. Wood. The board currently has one vacancy, created by the resignation of Melvin A. (Butch) Scott.

Newcomers seeking a spot on the seven-member board are Robert (Rabbit) Brown, Phil Daniel, R. D. (Bobby) Edmonds and Ann F. Spence.



This old oak tree on the property of Mrs. S. B. Gibson at the corner of Ridgeway and Spring streets in Warrenton had to be cut down this week, much to the sorrow of its owner. Mrs. Gibson said that although the tree had graced the corner as long as anyone could remember, it had to be removed because its roots were becoming entangled with sewer lines in the area and the limbs were causing interference with Carolina Power & Light Company's electrical lines.

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