

## Two Students Die In Gunfire Burst

ALBION, Neb. (AP) — An honor student and the daughter of a prominent farm family died in a burst of gunfire last night from the rifle of a rival for the girl's attention.

The shots that shocked this town of 2,132 population were fired by Kermi Keeshan, 17, his father William is a former county attorney and mayor in Albion. Keeshan tried to kill himself with a bullet in the head after he killed Jerry Sherwood, 18, and Diane Zaruba, 17. He is expected to recover.

Young Sherwood, whose father Lynn is a former school board president, was killed at the rooming house where Diane stayed while in school.

Diane was slain despite the bravery of housewife Mrs. Frank Sherwood, who said she didn't have

time to get scared as she tried to keep Keeshan from Diane. Deputy County Atty. Ray Medlin Sr. said Keeshan, carrying a .22 rifle, found Jerry with Diane. Apparently there was a struggle between the boys and then a shot that hit Jerry in the heart. Diane ran screaming from the house toward the Svoboda backyard, where Mrs. Svoboda was working.

A shot hit the running girl in the leg but she hobbled onward to the side of Mrs. Svoboda, who stayed her on to the Svoboda back door.

Mrs. Svoboda stood quietly as Keeshan raced up, then, when he came to a halt, slapped him hard in the face. He dropped his gun.

The housewife turned, walked to her back door and stood guard in front of Diane.

But Keeshan picked up his gun. He advanced and fired again at Diane, who was crouched behind Mrs. Svoboda. The shot hit her in the chest.

Keeshan then turned and walked back to the room where Sherwood had died. There he tried to kill himself.

Jerry Sherwood, whose term as school board president expired last week, was scheduled to be the high school commencement speaker tonight when he would have given his son his diploma and a University of Nebraska regents scholarship.

Miss Zaruba's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Zaruba, farm in rich territory about 15 miles from Albion.

## Starkweather Bets On Chair

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Charles Starkweather, who says he is betting he'll be sent to the electric chair, listens today to the final arguments in his murder trial.

The case probably will go to the jury early this afternoon.

As testimony drew to a close yesterday, Starkweather offered to make his bet that he'd die in the electric chair.

He leaned forward and to psychiatrist Dr. John Steinman, a defense witness, said, "I'll bet you a pack of cigarettes that I get a battery charge."

Later Dr. Steinman said "battery charge" was Starkweather's term for the chair.

A jury of eight women and four men will decide the fate of Starkweather, who admits involvement in 11 slayings and admits he shot Robert Jensen, 17, for whose death he is on trial.

The defense pleaded Starkweather innocent by reason of insanity.

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**NORTH CAROLINA:** Sunny and warm this afternoon. High temperatures in the 80s. Warmer tonight and a little cooler west portion Friday. Scattered showers and thunderstorms northwest half of the state late tonight and throughout the state on Friday. Lows tonight 55 to 60 in the mountains, 60 to 65 elsewhere.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** Mostly fair and warm this afternoon and tonight. Friday, partly cloudy and continued warm, low tonight in the 60s. High Friday in the 80s.

**GEORGIA:** Mostly fair and warm this afternoon and tonight. Friday, partly cloudy and continued warm, low tonight in the 60s. High Friday in the 80s.

**TEMPERATURE SUMMARY**  
Highest yesterday 84.  
Lowest yesterday 71.  
Average yesterday 77.  
Normal yesterday 75.  
Excess for month 15.  
Deficiency for month 40.

**PRECIPITATION SUMMARY**  
Total for 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. 2.32.  
Normal for month 2.86.  
Excess for month .54.  
Sides at METEOROLOGICAL STATION

High 10-21 a. m. 10-21 a. m. 10-21 a. m.  
Low 10-21 a. m. 10-21 a. m. 10-21 a. m.

**RELATIVE HUMIDITY**  
Now, 48 per cent.  
Night, 84 per cent.

**SEA LEVEL PRESSURE**  
Now, 30.0 inches.  
Normal today 30.0 inches.

**Table of temperatures for the 24 hours ending at noon today:**

| Time     | Temp. | Time     | Temp. |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1 p. m.  | 78    | 11 a. m. | 82    |
| 2 p. m.  | 80    | 10 a. m. | 84    |
| 3 p. m.  | 82    | 9 a. m.  | 86    |
| 4 p. m.  | 84    | 8 a. m.  | 88    |
| 5 p. m.  | 86    | 7 a. m.  | 90    |
| 6 p. m.  | 88    | 6 a. m.  | 92    |
| 7 p. m.  | 90    | 5 a. m.  | 94    |
| 8 p. m.  | 92    | 4 a. m.  | 96    |
| 9 p. m.  | 94    | 3 a. m.  | 98    |
| 10 p. m. | 96    | 2 a. m.  | 100   |
| 11 p. m. | 98    | 1 a. m.  | 102   |

## Sentencing Postponed

## Mother Of Five Guilty Of Murder

WOODBURY, N. J. (AP) — A 36-year-old Scottish-born former model was convicted last night for the fatal shooting of her husband, despite her mother's efforts to shoulder the blame for the slaying.

Mrs. Margaret Wells was found guilty of second degree murder in the death of her husband, Charles, a 51-year-old New York industrial analyst, during a quarrel at their home in nearby Pittman Feb. 8, their second wedding anniversary. The verdict carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. Sentencing was postponed, and Mrs. Wells was confined to the county jail under \$40,000 bail.

Three of Mrs. Wells' five children heard the verdict.

After she was led sobbing from the courtroom her 17-year-old daughter Sandra, collapsed and was treated by a doctor. Her two teen-agers were quietly. All three are children of Mrs. Wells' first marriage.

The jury of nine men and three women deliberated six and one-half hours before returning the verdict, then solemnly confirmed it when each was polled by Mrs. Wells' lawyer, Frank Sahl. He did not say if he would ask for a new trial.

The defense maintained the Feb. 8 shooting was an accident and Mrs. Wells testified she did not think the pistol was loaded.

Mrs. Wells' 69-year-old mother, Mrs. Jeanette Reade of Edinburg, Scotland, who was visiting her daughter at the time, blamed herself for the killing. She said she had come downstairs to the kitchen and was trying to wrest the gun from her daughter when it apparently went off.

Prosecutor Guy Lee Jr. asked for a first degree murder conviction with life imprisonment.

Mrs. Wells came to this country from Scotland with her first husband, Thomas Louis, and lived with Wells before Louis divorced her. Her two youngest children were by Wells.

## Third Of Vote Lies In Gaffney

GAFFNEY, S. C. — More than one-third of Cherokee County's newly-registered voters live in Gaffney and about one-third of these are in Ward 5, records released yesterday by the county registration board showed.

The city has 4,592 registered, with 1,554 in Ward 5. Total county registration is 11,245, the board of registration said.

Ward 1 of Gaffney is second in total registration with 828. The county's registration in 1956 was 15,715 but board members said that included numerous duplications and of persons not properly registered.

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## Segregationist Papers Passed

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Attitude toward other Christians, and not draw into an abject corner."

Hays, a long-time church lay leader and a veteran House member, was re-elected overwhelmingly in a race with two others, one described as opposing interdenominational cooperation.

L. F. Minnis of Seattle, Wash., criticized the national and world councils of churches, and said community agreements, by which denominations seek to avoid head-on collisions, were limiting congregational autonomy to operate as they wish.

Southern Baptists don't belong to the national or world council, nor do they join in community pacts with non-Baptists. However, their common work with northern and other Baptists has increased greatly.

Regarding race relationships, a keen issue among Southern Baptists, Hays has taken a moderate stand and has played a conciliatory role in his home state of Arkansas.

The convention also:

1. Heard a report from its hospital commission executive secretary, Frank Tripp of New Orleans, of expanded hospitals in New Orleans and Jacksonville, Fla., which last year cared for 72,000 patients.

2. Watched a stirring pageant last night on foreign missions work. The Rev. Dr. Baker J. Carter of Nashville, Tenn., head of the Foreign Missions Board, said great new mission opportunities beckon.

3. Was told by R. Alton Reed, head of the denomination's Relief and Annals Board, that government Social Security for ministers had caused many to withdraw from "our retirement program."

4. Heard a report from Miss Alma Hunt of Birmingham, head of the Women's Missionary Union, of growing membership — up 61,347 last year to a total of 1,367,773.

5. Learned from the Rev. Dr. Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, director of promotion, that many churches have doubled their annual budgets by using a newly developed "forward program of church finance."

## 2-Stage Rockets Lift Sputnik

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kurt Stelling, top propulsion expert on the Navy Vanguard rocket project, says calculations indicate that the Soviet Union has been using two-stage rockets to launch all its Sputniks.

Stelling told an Air Force Assn. dinner meeting last night that information points to the use of the same propulsion system for the 154-pound Sputnik I, the 1,123-pound Sputnik II, and the 3,000-pound Sputnik III. He estimated the rocket's length at 175 feet and total thrust at about 555,000 pounds.

Stelling also told the group to watch for another Vanguard satellite launching attempt in the not too distant future. He declined to pinpoint the date of the launching of a 20-pound satellite.

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