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Opening Leaf Date Confirmed

The president of North Carolina's Middle Belt Warehouse Association Friday confirmed Sept. 2 as opening day for tobacco sales.

John N. Watkins, Jr. made the announcement and later said "we expect prices to hold up real well."

"It looks like it's going to be a real good year," he said. This season's tobacco crop is "one of the best in many years," he added.

Walker Stone, Durham warehouse operator and member of the association, said opening day would have "full buyer and grader representation."

A total of 10 markets are included in the middle belt: Durham, Oxford, Henderson, Louisburg, Warrenton, Sanford, Carthage, Aberdeen, Fuquay-Varina and Ellerbe.

Watkins announced the date in Raleigh at a meeting of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corp.

Centerville Fracas Trials Continued

Judge Julius Banzet, presiding over District Court here Monday, continued until September 8, trial of three Centerville men charged in a shooting incident at Centerville Sunday of last week.

Eleven warrants were issued in the aftermath of the affair which sent two white youths to the hospital with serious injuries.

Four of the warrants, charging assault with a deadly weapon, were lodged against Tyree Lancaster, county dog warden. Six warrants, including four charging felonious assault, were sworn against his brother James Lancaster and a single warrant charging simple assault was issued against Jerry Lancaster, the warden's son. All cases were postponed in Monday's actions.

James S. Finch, Jr., 20, Rt. 4, Louisburg, was hospitalized with shotgun wounds of the back and head following the incidents and Elmer C. Griffin, Jr., 19, Rt. 4, Louisburg, suffered a broken arm and head injuries. A third youth, Bobby Debnam, 18, claims he was struck in the face with a fist.

According to reports from Sheriff William T. Dement at the time, about 25 young white men gathered at a Centerville service station lot for what some witnesses described as a "drag-racing session." The noise created by the youth's activities disturbed the area and Tyree Lancaster reportedly told Dement that he tried for "an hour and a half" to get a State Trooper to Centerville to handle the situation before he and the others became involved.

Dement and State Trooper G. C. Todd arrived at the scene around 1 A.M. according to their reports.

Ervin To Introduce Stronger School Amendment

U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. has expressed his intentions in regards to the Whitten Amendment on school desegregation in a letter to a Franklin County man. The Senator says he will not only support the House passed amendment limiting the cut-off of school funds but he will introduce stronger legislation when the matter comes before the Senate.

In a letter to John W. Strickland of Route 2, Louisburg, Senator Ervin said: "You may certainly rest assured that I shall support the Whitten Amendment when it is presented to the Senate."

The Whitten Amendment to the Appropriations bill for HEW calls for the following:

"Sec. 408. No part of the funds contained in this Act may be used to force busing of students, the abolishment of any school, or to force any student attending any elementary school to attend a particular school against the choice of his or her parents or parent.

"Sec. 409. No part of the funds contained in this Act shall be used to force busing of students, the abolishment of any school or the attendance of students at a particular school as a condition precedent to obtain Federal



Issuing ID Cards

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Toni Gupton of Gold Sand, Vice President of the Student Government Association, seated left and Leighton Strader of Lynchburg, Va., Association President, seated right, are shown issuing student identification cards as freshmen arrived Sunday at Louisburg College.

465 Strong; Sophs Due Next Sunday

Frosh Arrive At Louisburg College

They came almost from every where Sunday as 465 first-year students said goodbye to mothers and fathers and took up residence at Louisburg College. The day of arrival of freshmen brought the usual amount of confusion. Bag and baggage, mini-skirted girls and boys with coat hangers formed a steady parade on the campus.

Cars bearing licenses from Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Virginia were in evidence along with tags from other states. Mostly they seemed to bear North Carolina and Virginia tags. Many cars loaded with students and parents could be seen touring the town—usually at a traffic stopping pace.

Four men were assigned to the apartment of a house mother. This was later found to be a mistake—naturally. And 16 men were housed in the new infirmary. They aren't sick. They showed up unexpectedly or rather more freshmen men showed up than were expected. They will be moved as soon as quarters are found.

Next Sunday, 355 second-year students are expected to return bringing the estimated total enrollment this year to 820. Of this number, 625 to 630 are expected to be housed on campus, the others will be housed in private homes around town.

The first-year students have little time on their hands as a full schedule of activities are planned for this week.

Sunday they attended an orientation and welcoming speech by President Cecil Robbins and later attended vespers and Sunday night were guests at a social hour in the cafeteria sponsored by the Student Government Association and Food Services Director Bill Beckham.

Monday was filled with meetings, mainly with the Dean of Men and Dean of Women. Tuesday will be spent getting familiar with the library and the card catalogue system. Tuesday night freshmen will attend a reception to be formally introduced to the College President and administration officials. Wednesday they will meet their faculty advisers and will attend a special matinee at the Louisburg Theater at 1:30 P.M. to see the feature movie compliments of Grover C. Harris, Jr. and the Theater.

Wednesday night is set aside for meetings of the various religious groups on campus and Thursday, classes begin.

New parking facilities in front of Main building relieved some of the congestion usually experience by newcomers on opening day and David Daniel, Director of College Relations said: "While it was hectic, as opening days usually are, it was not as hectic as usual."

Former Cuban Ambassador Tells About Latin America

Dr. Emilio S. Cancio-Bello, Professor of Spanish at Louisburg College and a former Cuban ambassador under Fulgencio Batista, told the Louisburg Rotary Club Thursday night that New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller was not the right man to send to Latin America.

"If I was the President of the United States trying to impress the people of Latin America, I would never have sent a man named Rockefeller", he said. He explained that the name Rockefeller was synonymous with the United States' old "big stick" policy in Latin America.

He said "Communications between North and South America have never been adequate" and compared communistically inspired demonstration that plagued Gov. Rockefeller's recent visits with those that dethroned French President Charles De Gaulle. Speaking of Latin America, Professor Cancio-Bello said, "The Communists will for ever and ever be there to show that America is not liked." He added that they represent, in his opinion, 1/10,000th of the Latin American people.

"I will confirm that they do not hate the United States. They admire everything about this great country. But", he added, "They do not understand the foreign policy of the United States—not only in the world, but particularly in Latin America." He said Latin Americans suffer from a "bitterness of the spirit" and would never cast shameful remarks at American officials as was done to President Nixon in 1958 and Gov. Rockefeller recently. He said these demonstrations were led by Communists.

He reviewed U. S. policy in South America over the years from the Spanish-American War when this country "moved to the center of world leadership (1898) through the change in early 1900 to the "open door" policy, the "good neighbor" policy in 1939 and the end of U. S. active investment in the South in 1959.

He spoke of the exploitation of the Latins by American business and pointed to the Rockefeller family as

funds otherwise available to any State, school district or school."

Senator Ervin also wrote Strickland: "I intend to introduce a stronger amendment of my own to the Education bill which will withdraw jurisdiction from the Federal courts to join in any decision abolishing freedom of choice plans, or forcing the transfer of children away from their neighborhood schools, or establishing teacher ratios based on color."

The Senator added, "Of course, my amendment will be difficult to pass but I intend to pursue it when the Education Bill is considered by the Senate."

Gives Wage Hike

Increased wages and improved fringe benefits have been put into effect for employees of Louisburg Sportsweaver.

In an announcement by Plant Manager, Don Hartness, among the improvements are increases in hospitalization benefits and increases in surgical benefits. The wage increase varies up to 13 cents per hour depending on job classification.

Opening Delay Rejected

Board Amends Tuition Policy In Special Session

The Board of Education, meeting in special session here Monday night, held a lengthy discussion on its tuition policy for out of county and out of state students. Following a telephone conference this morning with State Deputy Attorney General Ralph Moody, school officials amended the 1968-69 policy.

Under the amended policy pupils whose parents reside outside the unit will be allowed to attend county schools this year, pending outcome of the federal court case and subject to further orders of the federal court.

Under the 1968-69 policy, now under attack by the Justice Department and the NAACP, students whose parents lived outside North Carolina could not attend Franklin schools. Students whose parents live inside North Carolina but outside Franklin County could attend by paying a tuition fee.

This policy was set a year ago but the pending court case necessitated another look at it Monday night. The State Attorney General is defending this policy in the federal suit. The Franklin Board followed a 1958 and 1960 ruling of the Attorney General in setting the policy last fall. Mr. Moody could not be reached while the Board was in session last night and the conference was held this morning by attorneys Charles Davis and E. F. Yarborough with Superintendent Warren Smith and Board Vice Chairman Clint Fuller.

Under alternatives approved by the Board, the four announced the amendment as follows:

"That pupils in the Franklin County Administrative Unit, and whose father, mother or legal guardian has his or her permanent home outside of Franklin County, may be admitted to a school operated by the Franklin County Board of Education upon payment in advance of the following schedule of tuition, subject to a de-

cision of the Federal Court in the case of 'Coppedge et als vs. The Franklin County Board of Education et als,' and subject to further orders of the Federal Court:

Elementary Grades - \$40.00 per pupil
High School Grades - \$50.00 per pupil"

The Attorney General had ruled in November 1958 that pupils whose parents reside outside North Carolina were not eligible to attend any schools in the state. Last fall, the Board, See POLICY Page 4



Walter J. Cooke

Rites Held For Walter J. Cooke

Funeral services were held today for Walter J. Cooke, 82, of Franklinton, who died Monday morning. Services were conducted this afternoon at 3 P.M. from the Sandling Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Lawrence Bridges. Burial followed in the family cemetery on Peach Orchard Road near Louisburg.

Mr. Cooke was a retired Seaboard Railway agent. He served at Youngsville and Franklinton prior to his retirement several years ago. He was a former member of the Franklinton City Board of Education and a member of the Youngsville Baptist Church. A nephew of the late Judge Charles M. Cooke, one of Franklin County's most prominent citizens, Mr. Cooke is the last of his immediate family.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Willie Harrison Cooke; one daughter, Mrs. Clifford A. Rest, Jr. of Raleigh; one stepson, James A. Mitchiner of Scotland Neck; and two stepgrandchildren.

Franklinton Man Nabbed

A dawn raid by officers from three counties brought arrest of two men, seizure of six wood and metal stills, three trucks and other equipment in the Grove Hill section of Granville County.

Apprehended at the scene Sunday were Douglas Eugene Wood, 24, of Franklinton, and Joseph Perry, 40, of Vance County.

Bond of \$2,000 was posted for each of the men for appearance Sept. 3 in Granville District Court.

Granville ABC Chief A. R. Currin said both men have a prior record of whiskey making. In addition to Currin, the raid party included ABC officers from Wake and Vance counties and Granville sheriff's men.



Locals Tour Courthouse

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.

Deputy Sheriff Dave Batton is shown above with part of the nearly 300 people who toured the courthouse Sunday. County officials and their staffs were on hand to show the renovated facility to visitors during open house.