



Lawmen prepare to drop dynamite charges into illicit distillation equipment destroyed in northern Warren County on Monday. The large still, under observation by officers for some two weeks before it was destroyed, was not in operation at the time of Monday's raid. However, Federal agents arrested three Virginia men in connection with the raid.

Agents said a truck allegedly used in the still's operation, and later seized at the home of one of the men, had the name of one of the agents carved on the truck. Officers said an agent reportedly crept to the truck and carved his name while the still was under surveillance.

(Staff Photo)

Huge Distillery Is Blasted By Officers; Men Indicted

A mammoth illicit whiskey distillery—located almost within sight of a busy four-lane highway in northern Warren County—was smashed Monday by law enforcement officers from three counties and Federal agents.

No operators were found at the site, but by late Monday officers revealed that three Virginia men had been arrested in connection with the distillery's operation.

Names of the trio were not available but it was believed two of the men were Negroes while the third was a white man. Officers said their arrest followed the discovery of a truck seen at the distillery north of here prior to Monday's raid.

The 600-gallon outfit was termed by Warren Sheriff J. H. Hundley as "the largest still discovered in the county in more than four years."

The sheriff said the still was equipped to manufacture 160 gallons of whiskey a day. Eleven wooden boxes adjacent to the still had a capacity of 4,000 gallons, he said.

The still was discovered more than two weeks ago, and officers began keeping a close watch on the site in an attempt to raid the outfit while in operation.

"Apparently one of the operators saw one of the officers

Local Doctors To Aid In Polio Plans

Doctors in Warren County have voted to cooperate in the coming statewide program for immunization of the public against polio, it was learned Thursday. Local programs will be carried out at the planned times for immunization of the entire populace as far as possible.

This statewide effort to wipe out polio will begin in North Carolina in late October or early November, according to plans announced by Dr. John R. Kernodle, president of the Medical Society of North Carolina. It is expected to be the first statewide simultaneous immunization program for all age groups to be conducted in the United States with the new Sabin oral polio vaccine. Previous programs in other states have been limited to cities and counties, or to special age groups.

Dr. Kernodle said the program has the unanimous approval of the executive council of the State Medical Society and the State Board of Health. Objective of the program is to immunize almost all of the 4,500,000 residents of North Carolina.

Says Father Beat And Cut Her

Girl, 15, Brings Charges Against Father Thursday

A 15-year-old girl charged her father with assault and attempted rape Thursday and told Warren County sheriff's deputies that her father shot at her several times and slashed her with a knife before she was able to escape to the home of a relative.

Officers arrested Joe Nathan Robertson, about 55, here shortly after noon Thursday on charges brought by his daughter. Deputy B. G. Stevenson said Robertson, a Negro, probably would be charged with drunk driving.

According to the girl, Robertson allegedly beat her with a tobacco stick in the kitchen of their frame house two miles

south of here early Thursday. After allegedly breaking the stick while beating his daughter, officers quoted the girl as saying, Robertson allegedly forced the girl and her stepmother to stand on the front of the house "with their arms raised."

Both the girl and Robertson's wife charged that he fired at them three times with the .22 calibre weapon. They said he allegedly told them he was going to kill them if they reported an alleged rape attempt on his daughter.

After Robertson had allegedly fired three times, his daughter ran off the porch and fled from the house, officers said they were told.

The girl reportedly said she ran along Highway 401 in the direction of Warrenton and that her father allegedly came up behind her driving a pickup and stopped the truck near Neal's Store.

There the girl contends her father advanced on her with a knife and when she attempted to escape, he allegedly slashed at her with the knife, cutting her hand.

She told officers she crawled under a fence and ran across a pasture to the home of a relative. Deputy Stevenson said Thursday afternoon that the girl was staying with kinsmen because of alleged "fear of returning home."

Robertson, who will be given a hearing here Friday, was accused by both his daughter and his wife of firing at them with the rifle on several occasions in the past.

The incident Thursday reportedly stemmed from a decision of the girl and her stepmother to report a rape attempt by Robertson which allegedly occurred on Monday, deputies reported.

The girl was quoted by officers as saying she and her father were alone at their home on Monday and Robertson, a tenant farmer on the Dowtin farm, allegedly grabbed her and attempted to rape her.

Officers said they went to Robertson's home about noon Thursday, but that he was not there. They later found him in Warrenton where he was allegedly driving while drunk. He was arrested and taken to the Warren County jail.

Speeders Fined In Brief Court Session

Speeding on the public highways was the cause of ten motorists being cited to appear in Warren County Recorder's Court here last Friday.

In a brief session that saw Judge Julius E. Banzet dispose of 13 cases—involving violations of the state's motor vehicle laws—fines levied ranged from \$10 to \$100.

A fine of \$100 and costs was ordered to be paid by Richard Allen Carter after the defendant tendered a plea of guilty to a charge of drunk driving.

In other cases disposed of during the weekly session of court, the following action was taken: Randolph Silver, speeding, costs.

Louis Edward Henderson, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Richard Allen Carter, speeding, costs.

Herman Rooker, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Vernon Wade Nixon, speeding, costs.

James Edward Burgess, expired operator's license, costs.

Michael Dale Tautz, speeding, \$10 and costs.

Donald Elwood Lynch, Jr., speeding, \$15 and costs.

Jimmie Kirk Morrison, speeding, costs.

Isaac Jerman, speeding and reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Curley Junior Tuck, reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Roy Clark, speeding and reckless driving, \$25 and costs.

Leaf Market Here Will Suspend Sales

Three-Day Holiday Is Scheduled

No tobacco will be sold in Warrenton during the first three days next week.

Warehousemen here will close their doors on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as all flue-cured tobacco markets on the North Carolina Middle Belt, the Eastern North Carolina Belt and the South Carolina-Border North Carolina Belt suspend leaf sales.

Warrenton tobaccoists are hopeful that the resumption of sales on Thursday will bring an increase in prices. The three-day holiday was ordered because of congestion existing in certain processing plants.

The marketing recess was voted unanimously Tuesday night in Raleigh by the sales committee of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association.

Association President Fred S. Royster of Henderson said the committee "feels that the 1962 crop of flue-cured tobacco should sell at prices commensurate with 1961." By this action they want to remove any question about the depressed prices being caused by plant congestion.

Royster said the committee planned no other action before the marketing holiday. "After the holiday ends we will take another look at the price situation and take new action if this is deemed necessary," he said.

The closing of warehouses in the three belts will mark the first time since 1956 that such a situation has caused an interruption in sales.

E. R. Wood, secretary of the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade, said late Wednesday that all five houses selling on the Warrenton market "have been conducting block sales since last Friday." He said prices were running appreciably lower than at the same period in 1961.

Royster said tobacco representatives in all three belts felt that congested conditions on tobacco markets might be the basic reason for lower price levels than last year. He said the sales committee of the association acted accordingly.

"I had calls from county Farm Bureau organizations and the state organization asking that something be done about the price situation," Royster said. "We are going to see if the sales holiday holds the answer."

Wood said that five sales would be held as usual beginning Thursday as the market resumes operations here.

Draft Office To Be Closed

The Warren County Draft Board office here which was closed Thursday will again be closed Friday while the clerk, Mrs. Thomas Ellington, is on leave, Selby Benton, chairman, announced.

Benton asks that boys whose 18th birthday falls on either of these days to report for registration on Monday, Sept. 17.

Norlina Ruritans Hold Meeting

Only routine business matters were discussed Tuesday night at a meeting of the Norlina Ruritans Club held at the Woman's Club clubhouse in Norlina.

President Kenneth Severance presided over the meeting following a supper served by members of the Woman's Club. More than 40 Ruritans attended the meeting, a spokesman said.

Following a business session, members held a fellowship hour.



Once a common sight among tobaccoists here, but now unique, is the wagon of tobacco hauled to market by mule. Marcellus Davis, Warren County Negro of near Warrenton, revived the scene of yesteryear this week when he rolled into Warrenton atop a mule-drawn wagon filled with the golden leaf. Davis and other Warren County farmers will take a pause in the sale of tobacco here Monday through Wednesday with the shutdown of tobacco warehouses in three flue-cured tobacco belts.

(Staff Photo)

At Board of Education Meeting

Possibility Of Locating New School Here Aired

There is a possibility that a proposed consolidated elementary school for Negroes may be located at John R. Hawkins school here if a suitable location can be found.

The change in location from a proposed site in the southern part of the county—as proposed in the bond issue campaign—was discussed by the Board of Education here on Monday night in a meeting largely concerned with the location of a site for the proposed school.

Meeting with the board were Boyd Reams of Afton and Ernest Turner and the Rev. J. H. Wilson, who had been requested by the board to aid in finding a site that would be suitable for the new Negro elementary school.

Turner, who with Wills had been named as representatives of the colored school patrons, said that at a recent

meeting of representatives of the colored race the matter of locating the school at Hawkins was discussed. He said that six of those present favored the school location in the rural part of the county and five favored placing it at Hawkins. Turner said that he served as chairman of the group and did not vote, but if he had the vote would have been six to six. Turner said that he felt that there would be no serious objection to changing the location to Warrenton.

Reason for the suggested change is a request for additional facilities for the proposed school. Negro leaders have expressed the hope that the building would contain a lunchroom and an auditorium, with some talk of a gymnasium. These additions would increase the cost of the building materially. It was pointed out that

if the school were built at Hawkins that the present lunch room, auditorium and gymnasium would serve the new school, allowing all the funds to go into needed classrooms.

Wilson, who Turner said did not favor the location at Hawkins, made no reference to that location. He said that he knew his people would not favor the location of the building at any point further west than the Bill Davis barns on the Afton-Park Town road, a short distance from the present site of the Coley Springs school. To place it further west would get it too far away from the vicinity of schools to be consolidated, he said.

Wilson said that he had found an available site for the proposed school on the road leading from the Warrenton-Louisburg highway to the Warrenton-Henderson highway. He said that 20 acres of the Sylvester Feilds farm, joining Osborne Limer, is available. However, he did not press for this site.

Space News Heard By Local Rotarians

Some 50 Warren County residents got a closer look at one phase of the space program here Tuesday night when they viewed a scale-model satellite which may one day make worldwide communication possible.

A small replica of Tel-Star, a communication satellite now circling the earth, was shown

at a meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club and a program depicting the satellite's function was presented to both Rotarians and a number of guests.

Heading the program was Bill Jones of Rocky Mount, district commercial manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. and a former member of the Warrenton Rotary Club. Also appearing on the program with Jones were Dan Clark, assistant commercial manager for the district, and Area Manager Howard Pitts of Henderson.

The three men explained the construction and function of the satellite and pointed out the use of solar batteries

in the operation of the space transmitter.

During the meal which preceded the program, a small light bulb furnished light which was transformed into energy by solar batteries which powered a small motor used to turn a pinwheel.

Thus, before the program got underway, those attending the meeting were becoming familiar with the operation of the satellite. When the program began, facts and figures relating to the operation of Tel-Star were presented by the speakers.

A question and answer session followed the presentation of data, and scores of persons, including science and math teachers from throughout the county, participated in the discussion.

Program Chairman Bruce Bell said a considerable degree of interest was expressed during the discussion period. The Rev. Troy Barrett, president, presided over the meeting held at Hotel Warren.

Other sites suggested by the group included Tom Brown, or Tom Burton, near Coley Springs; William Bender, part of the H. P. Williams tract; William Davis at Stoney Lawn; and Camella Davis at Parktown.

The board members agreed to have Supt. Peeler and a committee from the board inspect each of the suggested locations, before making any recommendations to the North Carolina School Planning Board, which will have the final word as to the location of the building.

However, the view was expressed that the most likely location for the school would be near Coley Springs, Greenwood or Hawkins.

The board members also discussed the addition of six additional rooms at Northside, to cost between \$35,000 and \$50,000, and agreed to ask for bids on an alternate purpose room at this school. The members agreed that work on this project could be started before the selection of a site for the consolidated school in the southern part of the county, or the construction of a school for the Hawkins tract near Bethlehem.