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AUCTIONEER CHANTS AND BUYERS BID AS TOBACCO MARKET SALES GET UNDER WAY

Growers Well Pleased Market Average Estimate Is Over 70¢ On Opening Day

The Warren Tobacco Market had one of the most successful openings in its history at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning with averages expected to exceed slightly more than 70¢ for untied tobacco. A count Thursday morning of the first 100 piles sold on the opening sale showed an average price of 70.23¢ a pound. Quality was good and prices ranged from a low of 62¢ to a high of 74¢. All warehouses were filled for Thursdays

sale, and a long line of trucks was noted on the outside of the warehouse waiting to get tobacco on the floor for Monday's sale.

Growers appeared well pleased with the prices and apparently no tickets were turned.

Practically all tobacco sold here Thursday was untied. Such sales will be permitted for the first 95 hours of selling time, according to Edgar Wood, Sales Supervisor.

Ridgeway Men To Be Tried On Booze Charge

Two Ridgeway men charged with operating a whiskey still in Warrenton Township following an early morning raid Saturday by sheriff's deputies, ABC officers and ATU officers, will go on trial later this month.

The two, Morris Vaughan, 64, and Arnold Henry Bender, were arrested after law enforcement officers smashed the still and destroyed 600 gallons of mash near the Perrytown community. Destroyed in the raid was a 280-gallon boiler and two doublers.

The raiding party, led by Warren Deputies Dorsey Capps and Lloyd Newsome, also confiscated a 1959 Ford owned by Vaughan, who was arrested at the site. Sheriff's officers said Ben-

der escaped, but was later arrested and charged with resisting arrest and assault. Both were ordered held for trial in Warren County Recorder's Court Sept. 15 on charges of possession of material for the manufacture of whiskey and manufacturing whiskey.

Bender posted \$1,000 bond, while Vaughan was freed on bond of \$500.

Miss Deborah King left Tuesday for Greenville where she entered East Carolina University. She was accompanied to Greenville by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. King.

Miss Linda Shearin will leave Sunday for Hardbarger Business College in Raleigh.

Hinkle Speaker At Rotary Club Meeting

James R. Hinkle, manager of Area Development Department for Carolina Power and Light Company, spoke to the Warrenton Rotary Club on Tuesday night on the subject of industrial development. Hinkle, who was responsible for the location of a new industry in Littleton a few years ago, was introduced by Bud Gaston, local manager of the Power Company.

Hinkle stressed the importance of industrial development to stop the migration of people from Warren County. Warren County's population of 23,539 in 1950 dropped to 19,652 in 1960. Mr. Hinkle cited a study by Dr. Horace Hamilton of N. C. State University which projected that Warren County's population would drop to 12,370 by 1980. This loss of population would occur mostly among the young, productive work force. For example, the population in the age group between 20 to 49 years of age was 4,136 in 1960 and is projected to drop to 1,836 by 1980.

Hinkle stated that industrial development would help to retain young people, raise per capita income, foster more retail sales, and provide for a broader tax base. He described Warrenton's assets in attracting industry as a more attractive town than the average town its size, a good labor force, and excellent recreational facilities, including Lake Gaston and the Warrenton Country Club and golf course.

Hinkle recommended the following two steps to attract the top leadership structure of the community should unite in a determined, long-range effort to attract industry. Secondly, one or more industrial sites should be developed with adequate water and sewage facilities. If these two steps were taken, Hinkle stated, he could probably get a contractor to go into a shell building project in a joint venture with the community and that this would probably offer the greatest assurance of success.

Defendant Is Held Under \$25,000 Bond

Three survivors of an automobile collision which claimed five lives in June have testified that a man previously thought to have been a passenger was actually the driver of one of the death cars.

As a result, a Warren County grand jury this week returned a bill of indictment against Perry Williams, a Richmond, Va., resident. He was ordered held on five charges of manslaughter and bond was set at \$25,000.

Williams, a former Rt. 1, Norlina resident, was one of four persons injured in the June 16 multiple fatality accident which occurred 12

miles north of Warrenton on a ramp overlooking Interstate 85.

At the time, highway patrolmen believed one of the cars was driven by an unlicensed 18-year-old, Clarence Emanuel Chavis. Chavis died in the wreckage of the 1960 Cadillac which state troopers said was travelling at an extremely high speed.

Killed in addition to Chavis were Joseph Henry Fitts, Jr., 49, and his wife, Sally Milam Fitts, both of Baltimore, Md., James McKinley Jiggetts, 29, of Rt. 1, Norlina; and Frank Albert Farrar, 22, of Richmond, Va.

Judge Frees Woman Charged With Murder

A Warren County woman charged with murder in the death of her husband won her freedom during the September term of Superior Court this week when Judge Hamilton Hobgood dismissed the case.

The resident jurist's ruling followed a non-suit motion made by her attorney, Charles T. Johnson. The motion came after the State's two major witnesses indicated that Thelma Valentine shot her husband, Rufus, with an automatic rifle after her life had been threatened.

Although a grand jury had returned a true bill of indictment charging the woman with first-degree murder, she was placed on trial this week on a second-degree charge.

Testimony given by Warren Deputy Sheriff B. G. Stevenson revealed that the woman had shot her husband twice after he had forced her into a room, made her strip her clothes, and threatened her life.

The September term, delayed for the Labor Day holi-

day, moved rapidly toward adjournment Thursday afternoon as witnesses testified in what was expected to be the final trial. The term began Tuesday with W. H. S. Burdette, Jr., of Woodland prosecuting.

A jury freed John Thomas Southerland, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, but jurors found Duster Richardson charged with drunk driving guilty. Richardson was given a suspended 60-day sentence and fined \$100 and costs and ordered to surrender his driver's license.

This was one of a number of drunk driving charges aired in this week's court session.

Bennie Henderson, charged with drunk driving, pled guilty to reckless driving. He was given a four-month suspended sentence, fined \$100 and costs and lost his driver's license for three months.

Wesley Lloyd Edwards, Sydney Sims Stevenson, Jr., James William Prewer, and Wade Forest Shuster, all charged with drunk driving, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of careless and reckless driving. Each drew suspended sentences, \$100 fines and loss of license.

Walter Davis Hawkins, charged with drunk driving, entered a plea of operating an automobile while intoxicated. Prayer for judgment was continued.

Eugene Perry, charged with theft, pled guilty to receiving stolen property and was handed a six-month sentence suspended for two years on payment of \$100 and costs.

Cases continued for the term included George Washington Davis, drunk driving on driveway or parking space of customer; St. Mark Green, drunk driving, property damage and resisting arrest; Robert (Bob) Thomas, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious (See COURT, page 2)

Mr. Sherlie Myrick of Norfolk, Va., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Myrick, near here Sunday. Mrs. Sherlie Myrick accompanied her mother, Mrs. Jesse Shearin, home Sunday.

Board Hires Warden

Warren County Commissioners on Tuesday hired a dog warden in an effort to reduce the problem of dogs in the county.

Named to the position was Claude Fleming, Hawtree citizen, who was among those applying for the position, either on a full-time or part-time basis.

The commissioners decided that a full time employee, to work at least 40-hours a week, is needed, and agreed to pay Fleming \$225 a month for his services, plus 8¢ a mile for travel expenses. He is expected to begin his duties on Oct. 1.

Chairman Amos Capps and Commissioner A. J. Ellington volunteered to visit with Fleming, to discuss his duties and the building of a dog pound early this week.

The site of the pound, and ways Warren citizens may contact Fleming are expected to be announced through the press prior to Oct. 1.

Palmer King Is Named Sanitary Officer For Warren

Amos Capps, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, announced that Palmer King has been appointed Sanitary Officer for Warren County, replacing Sam N. Moore of Littleton who resigned some time ago to assume similar duties with the Halifax Health Department. His employment was effective Sept. 1.

Capps said that the Halifax Health Department would assist in the training of King for his new duties, and would send a man from the Halifax Health Department one day a week to work with King until he becomes familiar with his duties.

King, who lives near Norlina, for a number of years was associated with A. A. Wood as a partner in the operation of Quality Groceries at Warrenton. All his adult life, with the exception of three years he spent in service in World War II, he has worked with meat markets and grocery stores, giving him a familiarity with much of the work he is expected to do.

King is married to the former Miss Louise Brauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Brauer, who holds a position as clerk with the Farmers Home Administration.

Dove Season To Open At 1 P. M. Saturday

The Dove Season will open in Warren County at 1:00 o'clock, Eastern Daylight Savings Time on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Hunters are cautioned not to shoot doves before 1:00 o'clock. North Carolina's Daylight Savings Time is one hour ahead of Federal Time, on which shooting hours are based. For this reason hunting begins in North Carolina one hour later than Eastern Standard Time, or at 1 p. m. Daylight Savings Time.

The hunting of doves with rifles at any time is prohibited, A. D. Pridgen, Warren County Game Protector, said yesterday.

He said that shooting would be permitted Saturday from 1 p. m. until sundown. After Saturday, shooting hours for the remainder of the split season will be from sunup until sundown. The bag limit is 12 and the possession limit is 24.

PACK TO MEET
Cub Scout Pack No. 671 will have a planning meeting Tuesday night in the Fellowship room of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Commissioners Vote To Use Food Stamp Program

Welcome Station Site Change Is Sought

Marvin Newsom of Littleton appeared before the Board of Commissioners Tuesday to ask that immediate action be taken by the commissioners to have the Department of Conservation and Development change the proposed location of a Welcome Station on Highway I-85.

Newsom, who is chairman of the Warren County Planning Commission, told the board that plans for the establishment of three welcoming stations at highway entries to the state requested by the Department of Conservation and Development had been approved. The department, he said, had requested five but funds had been provided for only three. Newsom said that Warren County is fortunate that two of the three sites approved were on each end of Gaston Lake, the other being in the western part of the state.

Purpose of the station, Newsom said, is to welcome travellers entering North Carolina, to give them information about scenic trips as well as other information for their comfort and convenience. Each of the stations, he said, would be manned by two attractive young ladies.

One of the stations is to be located on I-95 near Weldon which is near the dam of Gaston Lake. That should prove very beneficial to the county, he said, and should be a real help in attracting tourists to this fast developing lake.

The site of the second welcome station is on I-85, also near Gaston Lake. Unfortunately, Newsom said, this proposed site is too far south on I-85 to give Gaston Lake maximum service. He said that by the time that tourists reached this point that they were beyond the access road to the lake and too few would turn around. He proposed that the commissioners use every effort to have the station located near the junction of

Franke Resigns As Pastor Of Ridgeway Lutheran Church

The Rev. M. E. Franke, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Ridgeway has accepted a call to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aikens, S. C.

He has been pastor of the local church for 12 years, having come to the Ridgeway community from Western Maryland on Sept. 11, 1955.

Announcement of his acceptance of the call to the Aikens Church was made at the regular worship hour on Sunday morning.

The Rev. Mr. Franke will preach his farewell sermon at St. Paul's on the last Sunday of this month, Sept. 24.

During the vacancy, services will be conducted at St. Paul's as usual at the regular time with the pulpit occupied by guest speakers until the services of a successor to Mr. Franke can be obtained.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Holy Communion will be celebrated at All Saints Episcopal Church at Warrenton at 8:30 a. m. Sunday by the Rev. E. W. Baxter. Visitors are welcome.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Tommy Satterwhite has returned to Bailey Technical School in St. Louis, Mo., after spending the Labor Day weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creed Satterwhite.

Route No. 1 and I-85, which would be near the site of the beginning of a thoroughfare around the lake.

Newsom said that the change in site would be beneficial to Halifax and Northampton Counties as well as Warren and for this reason he was confident that the commissioners of the two counties would work with Warren to have the site changed. He suggested that a joint meeting of the three boards be held at Roanoke Rapids, plans discussed and delegates chosen to appear before the Department of Conservation and Development at a date as early as possible.

The commissioners agreed to the joint meeting and asked Newsom to contact the other boards and set the meeting up on the first Thursday night possible. They said they suggested Thursday night as there seems to be less conflicts on that night.

Newsom also pointed out the need for a continued joint effort of the three counties to have a scenic thoroughfare built around Lake Gaston. He said that he would try and set up a meeting with Highway officials on the same day as the meeting concerning the welcome station. The commissioners also approved this plan.

Steed Cited For His Work At Providence

Howell H. Steed has resigned as superintendent of Providence Methodist Church at Afton after serving for 21 years. He will be succeeded as superintendent by James H. Limer.

As a token of "love and devotion for his loyal and distinguished services during these years," Steed was presented a certificate of appreciation and a Methodist emblem lapel pin during services last Sunday. The presentation was made on behalf of the church by O. M. Limer.

Carolina Sportswear Gives Pay Raise

Effective Sept. 5, all employees of Carolina Sportswear Company at Warrenton received an across-the-board wage increase of approximately 6.3%, John Andrews, plant manager, said yesterday.

Andrews said the wage increase amounts to about ten cents per hour.

Grand Jury Reports Affairs In Good Shape

The Warren County Grand Jury in its report to Judge Hamilton Hobgood on Tuesday recommended that the exterior of the Warren County jail be painted.

This was the only recommendation of the Grand Jury which, found conditions of other facilities in good order.

A committee which visited the jail found everything else in good order at the jail. The committee reported: "The jail, clean, neat and well kept. The grounds are clean and neat and the entire premises in good order, with the exception of the exterior paint which is peeling. The committee recommends that the jail be painted on the exterior. There were seven inmates. Repairs to the jail recommended in the January 1967 session by the Grand Jury and approved by the Warren County Commissioners, have not been made but it is understood that bids were let this day for the recommended work."

Project To Be Started On Dec. 1

Warren County, under the surplus commodity program for the past two years, will enter the Food Stamp Program for the winter months of 1967-68. The program will begin on Dec. 1.

Following several weeks of deliberation, the board of county commissioners at their regular session here Monday, voted to have Warren County come under the stamp plan, and instructed Welfare Superintendent Julian Farrar to make necessary arrangements. How far into next spring the program will be extended has not yet been determined.

The program is expected to cost the county around \$2500.

While the actual distribution of the stamps will not begin until Dec. 1, Farrar is expected to have the training of two assistants begin by Oct. 1.

Under the commodity program in effect here for the past two winters, certified needy persons were able to obtain commodities without charge, under the food stamp plan, favored by merchants, certified persons may obtain stamps redeemable in the stores for goods without being restricted to foods on the commodity list. However, those receiving the stamps must pay a part of the costs, the amount of their contributions being guided by the amount of their needs and resources.

Frank Reams, Extension chairman, appeared before the board and informed the commissioners that the roof on the agricultural building leaked. He was instructed to locate a roofing man and have the roof repaired.

The contract for fuel oil for the county was awarded to FCX, Inc., the low bidder, whose bid was 13.39¢ per gallon, less 1% discount for cash.

Following the report of a commission appointed by the board to determine damage to livestock by dogs within recent months, the commissioners held that the claim was fair and ordered the sum of \$350 be paid to James C. Harris for 50 lambs killed by dogs, and \$100 to Scott Gardner for two calves killed by dogs. The members of the commissioners, Frank B. Newell, J. W. Shearin and Erich Hecht, will receive \$10 each for their services as members of the commission.

A suggestion from Welfare Director Julian Farrar, under consideration for several weeks, that surplus funds from the State Department prorated (See STAMPS, page 10)

The committee inspecting the Clerk's Office, the Sheriff's Office, the Register of Deeds Office, and the Auditor's Office found these offices in good condition and sufficiently maintained financially by the County Commissioners.

C. M. Bullock served as foreman of the Grand Jury.