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Leaf Quota Cut Given Approval

WASHINGTON — A 10 percent reduction in flue-cured tobacco quotas and 16.3 per cent reduction in acreage, announced Tuesday by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block in an effort to balance production with demand was greeted with dismay by many North Carolina producers.

The Quota decision will have a "tremendous impact" on North Carolina's economy and make it harder for domestic growers to compete on the world market, said John Cyrus, tobacco affairs specialist for the state Agricultural Department.

Everett Rank, administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization Service, said in Washington that the marketing quota for next year's crop will be 910 million pounds. In addition the national acreage allotment will be reduced to 475,516 acres.

Reginald Lester, a spokesman for the Tobacco Growers Information Committee, said the production portends "some very difficult times ahead for North Carolina tobacco farmers."

"This 10 percent reduction means they'll only be able to market 90 percent of the pounds they produced in 1982, and that means that their income is probably going to be less next year. The flue-cured crop in North Carolina averaged \$1 billion over the past few years, and that a \$100 million drop in income."

Tobacco production leaders said the cuts in quotas and both pounds and acreage are regrettable, but not unexpected. Agriculture Secretary John Block could have cut the quota by as much as 14 percent under the new rules passed this year in Congress.

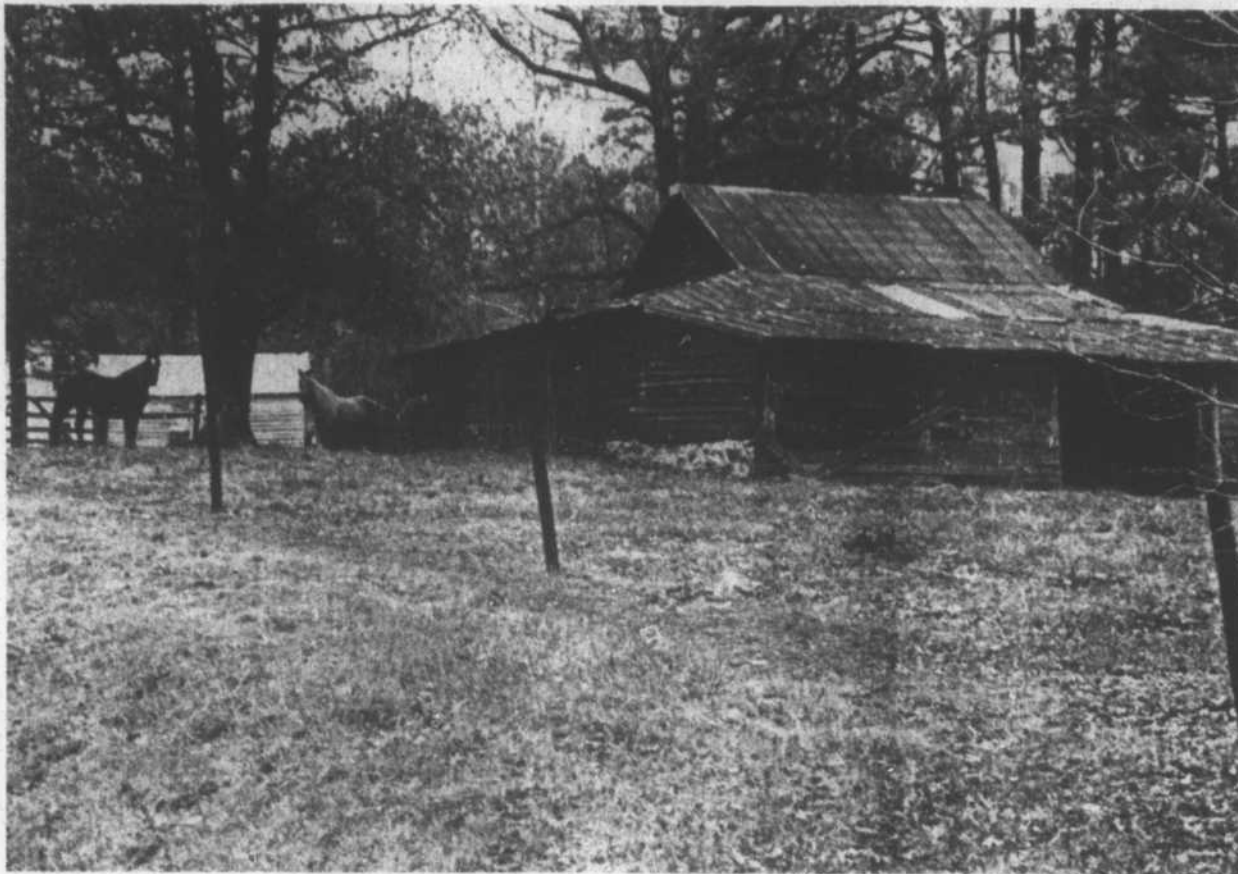
Warrenton's Western Auto Closing Doors This Month

Warrenton's Western Auto Store, in operation here for more than four decades, is closing its doors for good later this month.

Owners of the business have announced plans for a December liquidation sale which is expected to draw customers interested in stock and fixtures of the business.

Opened on Sept. 1, 1940 by Mack and Martha Sloan, the store is situated on North Main Street. Two years later, following graduation, Mrs. Helen James Burton began working there. She left a few weeks ago after 40 years' service.

On October 1, 1946 Milton Ayscue began work with the Sloans



This rural scene, shot between Warrenton and Norlina, is typical of the attractive pictures now to be found throughout Warren County as the year

slowly begins its change from autumn to winter. (Staff Photo)

Zoning Change Approved

Following a public hearing of the Warrenton town commissioners and the Planning Board at 7 p. m. Monday at the Town Municipal Building a change in property of A. K. Mustian located directly behind the office of CP&L from R-20 (Residential) to C-II (Highway Business) was approved by both boards and the extension of the zoned portion of the lot was extended some 40 feet.

As soon as the planning board had unanimously agreed to grant the extension of the lot from R-20 to C-II, the town commissioners were notified of their decision and voted unanimously to approve the action of the planning board.

Members of the Planning Board present were Roy Pat Robertson, chairman; Mrs. H. S. Andersen, Leon Cheek and McCarroll Alston. McCarroll Alston made the motion that the planning board approve the request of Mustian and his motion was seconded by Leon Cheek and was unanimously adopted.

Commissioners pre-

sent were Gordon Haithcock, Charles White, III, Billy Lanier, Jr., and Melvin "Butch" Scott. Making the motion to accept the recommendation of the planning board was Commissioner Charles White, III, which was seconded by Commissioner Scott and was unanimously passed.

The property which had been previously zoned for highway business lies along Highway 401 and extended 400 feet from the center of the highway. An acre of this property had been purchased by CP&L upon which they had erected an office. A decision by the power company to erect a warehouse behind their office necessitated the purchase of at least another acre of land from Mr. Mustian. To be certain that all the land was zoned for business purposes, Mustian requested that the property zoning be extended some 40 feet.

Gordon Greene, local CP&L manager, told those present that having the warehouse in close proximity to its office would greatly improve the operation

of his company.

No one appeared in opposition to the zoning amendment. Appearing with Greene were company attorneys and other CP&L officials. Greene said that he hoped that construction of the warehouse could be started without undue delay.

The legal notice announcing that a public hearing would be held on the Mustian property also stated that a public hearing would be held on gin property formerly owned by

Reward Is Offered In Wake Of Beating

A thousand dollar reward has been posted by the wife of Billy Hawks of Warrenton for information leading to the conviction of the person who beat up

Man Said Shot By Girl Friend

A man shot by his girl friend early Tuesday morning and taken to Warren General Hospital from where he was transferred to Duke Medical Center in Durham is expected to recover.

According to information obtained yesterday afternoon from the office of the Warren County Sheriff, Clarence Leon Harrington, 23, of Rt. 1, Warrenton (in the Warren Plains section) was on his way to work when he went by the home of his girl friend, 16-year-old Arlene Shanks, also of the Warren Plains section. When he insisted on going to work instead of staying with her, according to the report, she shot him twice in his left side.

Miss Shanks was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury and released under her own recognizance. She will be given a hearing in District Court on December 8.

Warrenton Cotton and Fertilizer Company at the corner of Franklin and Hall Street; wanted the property amended from residential to highway business. However, before the hearing Monday night present owners notified the commissioners that their request had been withdrawn.

Several interested persons who planned to be heard on this parcel failed to attend the hearing when they were notified that the gin lot would not be considered.

Hawks on last Tuesday afternoon.

Freddie Robinson, Warrenton police chief, said yesterday that while he had been following a number of leads, no arrests have yet been made.

Hawks, a young Warrenton business man, was dozing in his office around 2:30 p. m. Tuesday when he was struck in the jaw by an assailant from behind and badly beaten. It is reported that he glanced the fist of his assailant, which was white, but failed to further see his assailant.

Hawks said that after he was knocked unconscious he was dragged into a back room where after some time he regained consciousness. Police were notified, and he was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson.

While still sore from the beating, Hawks is expected to suffer no permanent injury as the result of the assault.

Graduates

Airman Carolyn B. Christmas, daughter of Larmon and Larren Christmas of Rt. 3, Warrenton, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force avionics instrument systems course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

Night Event Slated

Yule Parade Plans Listed

The arrival of another holiday season will be celebrated here Saturday night when the annual Christmas parade — complete with Santa Claus, reindeer and mules — passes through downtown Warrenton.

Sponsored by the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, the parade will begin promptly at 6 p. m. Walter Gardner, parade chairman, said the procession will follow a route different from that of previous years.

This year's event will begin at Hall Springs Shopping Center on East Macon Street, advance to Bragg Street from where parade participants will march to Church Street before making their way to Main Street at the Warrenton Post Office corner.

Floats and marching units will parade south along Main Street until reaching Plummer Street, and make their way back to the shopping center via Hall Street.

Santa Claus will make his appearance aboard one of ten floats expected to participate in the parade. He will travel on a float provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

Other floats scheduled to appear are being sponsored by the Warren County Jaycees, Roanoke - Wildwood Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Warrenton Junior Woman's Club, Warren County High School French

Club, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Village Pharmacy, Cool Springs 4-H Club, Smith-Douglass Fertilizer and South Warren Brownie Troop 503.

Fire departments which have indicated that they will have trucks in the parade are the Town of Warrenton,

Warrenton Rural Fire Department, Roanoke - Wildwood Fire Department and Soul City Fire Department.

Music will be provided by the Warren County High School marching band, and a calliope.

Horseback riders are expected to join with (Continued on page 9)

At Raleigh Meeting

Hunt Pledges Industry Help

Governor Jim Hunt has promised Warren County industry hunters "to do absolutely the best job we can to encourage industry to go to Warren County."

The pledge by the governor to push industrial recruitment for Warren County came during a 30-minute conference held in the governor's office in Raleigh last Wednesday.

The governor said the state is committed to help Warren County for two reasons: first, because the county is poor and there are not enough job opportunities, and second, because Warren was chosen as the site for the PCB Landfill.

During the meeting the governor said Warren County "deserves special help" and he directed the State De-

partment of Commerce to "undertake an offensive strategy for industrial development."

Hunt said he wants the Department of Commerce to "encourage every business and industry that might be suitable to go up and take a look at the county." He instructed the department to put their top people in charge of the effort and to do "the best sales job we can."

He promised to contact company officials expressing interest in Warren when that would seem helpful to industry hunters. He also ordered the Commerce Department to report to him every two months beginning at the end of January to apprise him of any prospects.

Hunt said Warren (Continued on page 9)

Office Holders To Be Honored

Federal Official's Address Highlight Of Special Day

A high-level federal official will be the keynote speaker here Monday night during a banquet which will climax a day of celebration staged in conjunction with the swearing in of Warren County's new office holders.

He is Arthur E. Teele, Jr., administrator of the U. S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Teele will address county officials and guests at a banquet to be held at Warren County High School at 7 p. m.

Sponsored by the John R. Hawkins Alumni and Friends, Inc., the banquet is expected to be a highlight in a day which will see newly elected officials take oaths of office during a noon ceremony at the Warren County Court House presided over by Resident Judge Robert H. Hobgood of Louisville.

These same officials will lead off a 4 p. m. parade here which will include the Warren County High School Band, the Hillside High School Band of Durham, the J. F. Webb Senior High School Drill Team from Oxford and other marching units and entries.

Following the Teele address and banquet, a

dance will be held at the county's high school beginning at 9 p. m. Tickets are available for both banquet and dance, according to Mrs. Patsy T. Hargrove, executive secretary for the alumni group.

Teele, 35, is a Florida attorney who was highly decorated while serving as an airborne ranger in Vietnam. He was nominated to the federal post by President Reagan last year and heads an agency that provides grants-in-aid to local public mass transit systems throughout the United States and has an annual budget of over \$3 billion.

A graduate of Florida A&M University, Teele received his law degree from Florida State University. He is the nephew of Mrs. Cora T. Watson of the Vaughan Community.



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