

Market Opening Brings Optimism

Farmers, warehousemen and business men were jubilant over the fine opening of the Warrenton Tobacco Market on Monday. Not in many years has been heard so much satisfaction expressed here by many citizens as on Monday and Tuesday.

The market had a block sale but sold 311,894 pounds of tobacco for an average of 55.89 cents per pound, and paid out to farmers a total \$174,321.51. These are official figures as compared with higher "estimated" figures for some other markets in Tuesday's daily newspapers.

Few tickets were turned during the day and very little tobacco went into stabilization. A veteran buyer said Tuesday that he figures five per cent or less went into stabilization, but cautioned that this was only an estimate. This is quite in contrast to sales on this and other markets in recent years.

Due to excessive rains in July, followed by extreme heat in August, much of the tobacco was light, some of it was trashy, but this tobacco brought a good price. There was, however, some good tobacco on the floor that sold for around 70c a pound, some piles for a penny or two more, but 70c was just about the top figure. One farmer had a row long ways on one of the tobacco warehouses that averaged 70c.

Taken as a whole, the tobacco was not of the quality offered here during many years, but the price was good, grade for grade, and general satisfaction has been expressed.

Much of the money turned loose here Monday found its way into trade, and merchants generally are pleased with both the price received by the farmers for their tobacco and with the business here on opening day.



AUTOMOBILE LIES BOTTOM-UP NEAR CREEK
After Crashing Through Wooden Bridge Rail

Car Plunges From Bridge; Boy Is Hurt

A 17-year-old boy was critically injured shortly after noon Saturday when the automobile in which he was travelling crashed through a bridge barricade and landed bottom-side-up on a creek bank.

Injured in the accident was Benjamin Sills, Negro youth of Henderson, who received a broken neck and spinal injuries when the auto toppled off the bridge and fell twenty feet to the water's edge.

Sills was taken by ambulance to "Warren General Hospital here, but was later transferred to a hospital in Durham. Doctors there said that if the boy lives he will be crippled for life.

The accident occurred when the driver of the car in which Young Sills was riding, Daniel Lee Johnson, 26, former Warrenton man now stationed at a Charleston, S. C., Air Force Base, lost control of the car and backed off the bridge.

The bridge crosses Fishing Creek on the Warrenton-Henderson highway and has a protective wooden barricade on each side.

According to Highway Patrolman V. R. Vaughan of Warrenton, the investigating officer at the scene of the accident, Johnson heard someone in a car that was parked near the bridge call his name. Johnson after hearing the voice, began backing his car across the bridge in the direction of the parked vehicle.

The car began swerving, Johnson was unable to regain control, and the auto plummeted over the bridge. He was charged with careless and reckless driving. Johnson received minor lacerations in the wreck.

Two unidentified occupants, who were riding on the rear seat of the automobile, escaped injury. The car was listed by Patrolman Vaughan as a total loss.

Warren Man Hospitalized, Son Uninjured In Separate Wrecks

Two automobiles one driven by a Warren County man, the other by his son—skidded out of control two miles from the Vicksboro community on Monday night and were demolished.

One automobile skidded sideways down the paved highway for 500 feet before overturning twice. The other vehicle skidded 450 feet down the roadway, ran down an embankment, and splintered two sizeable trees.

Brooks Wilbert Overby of near Vicksboro was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson for treatment for a broken shoulder and possible internal injuries. His son, Samuel Brooks Overby, 20, escaped injury.

State Highway Patrolman R. A. Clark of Norlina, who investigated the accident which occurred about 10:30 Monday night, said that he thought "both cars were running at an excessive rate of speed."

Officer Clark was told by the younger Overby that both cars were running in the neighborhood of 50 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Samuel Overby said that he and his father had just left a rural store when he glanced in the rear view mirror and saw his father's car careening out of control. When he looked back at his father's car, he lost control of his own, he reported to the Patrolman Clark.

No charges have been preferred as yet, Patrolman Clark said yesterday, pending the completion of his investigation. Both the elder Overby's 1956 Chevrolet and Samuel Overby's 1951-model Ford were total losses.

Doctors Wives Head Committee

Chairman for the 2nd annual Harvest Sale sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Warren General Hospital are Mrs. Thomas J. Holt and Mrs. W. D. Rodgers, wives of Warrenton physicians, it was announced here yesterday by Mrs. John Kerr, Jr., publicity chairman.

The festival will be held at the armory on October 14.

The area chairmen and their plans will be announced next week, Mrs. Kerr said.

This is a county-wide project for the benefit of the hospital.

Power To Be Off

There will be a power interruption in this area on Sunday morning.

C. P. Gaston, local manager for the Carolina Power and Light Company, said yesterday that power service in Warrenton, Norlina, Littleton, Macon, Wise, Ridgeway, Middleburg, Drewry, Manson and rural areas will be off Sunday, September 6, from 4:30 a. m. to 5 a. m. He said the outage will include REA customers in the above named areas.

Gaston said the interruption is necessary in order to install heavier conductors on 20 miles of line from Henderson to the Virginia State line.

Warren Co. Gives Triangle 1st "Grass Roots" Donation

Warren County on Wednesday became the first county in North Carolina to make a contribution to the Research Triangle from the grassroots level as the result of action taken by a group of Warrenton citizens.

The group, with H. M. Hardy as spokesman, contributed \$500 to Governor Hodges for the Triangle and promised an additional \$1,000 over the next two years.

Making up the group in addition to Hardy were Claude Bowers, chairman of the board of Bute Development Company; Selby Benton, president; Monroe Gardner, secretary-treasurer; and John G. Mitchell, president of the Citizens Bank.

The appointment with Governor Hodges Wednesday morning was made by George L. Simpson, Jr., chairman of the research committee of the

Research Triangle, who also attended the meeting, as did Archie K. Davis, chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, and Akers Moore, president of the Research Triangle Foundation.

Simpson was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Warrenton Rotary Club, Lions Club and Jaycee Club on Tuesday night of last week

when he talked on the Research Triangle.

Hardy said that Governor Hodges was well pleased with the donation from the Warren group and expressed both his appreciation and pleasure.

Hardy also reviewed efforts being made to get more industry for Warren County and said that he felt that many new projects would grow out

of research at the Research Triangle, and that these projects would have to be manufactured somewhere. He suggested to the governor that Warren County would be a good place to manufacture some of these projects and also suggested that Warren County would be happy to have his help in making this come to pass.

At Norlina Friday Night

"Brace And Bit Burglars" Snatch \$3000 In Supermart Safe Theft

Thieves bored their way through the roof of a supermart in Norlina Friday night, lowered themselves into the building, smashed open a large safe and walked off with approximately \$3,000 in currency and payroll checks.

Norlina police, left without a clue to work on, called it "a clear-cut professional safe-cracking job." Norlina Night Officer J. R. Harris called the robbery "the best planned and carried out theft I have ever seen."

Manager Dowling said yesterday that payment on the payroll checks had been stopped but that none of the checks had been recovered.

After 3 a. m., the supermart becomes a beehive of activity, with paperboys picking up their supply of papers and with delivery trucks rolling into the parking lot.

After snatching the safe's contents, which the thieves sorted while in the supermart, the robbers left by way of

a well-lighted rear doorway. Police surmised that the thieves reached the roof by first climbing on a small edifice which housed the plant's air-conditioning unit.

Investigating officers termed the robbery "definitely the work of more than one person." It was the first safe-cracking reported in Warren County since this spring when a thief tore open a small safe at a service station in the Oakville community.



SUPERMARKET IN NORLINA RESIDENTIAL AREA
Where Thieves Grabbed \$3000 After Safe-Cracking

Criminal Term Superior Court Opens Tuesday

The September criminal term of Warren County Superior Court will convene on Tuesday morning instead of Monday on account of the Labor Day Holiday Monday.

Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Louisburg will preside over the term scheduled to be held for four days. He will hear a number of cases concerned with charges ranging from assault with intent to kill, assault with deadly weapons, violations of whiskey and traffic laws, to the alleged failure of a number of Warren County citizens to pay their taxes.

While the term of court may run for more or less than four days, the calendar of cases has been set for four days as follows:

Tuesday—State vs. Clemon R. Silver, manslaughter and reckless driving; Albert Alston, possessing of tax-paid whiskey for purpose of sale; Elnora (See COURT, page 10)

Legion To Launch Membership Drive At Dutch Supper

Limer Post No. 25 will have its annual membership kick-off supper on Thursday, September 10, Frank Daniel, publicity chairman, announced yesterday.

The Dutch supper will be held at the Warrenton Armory at 7 p. m. All veterans are invited to make a special effort to attend this meeting.

Daniel said that plans have not been completed but a guest speaker would be on hand for the occasion.

Damage Action Payment Finished

HALIFAX — The Littleton Pierce-Crawley \$11,000 damage action was closed out recently when J. A. Crawley, one of the two defendants, paid a total of \$158.95 in court costs.

Crawley has previously paid over to Pierce's attorney the sum of \$4,750 said to be a compromise in the \$5,500 jury verdict on June 4 in Halifax County Superior Court.

William L. (Bill) Pierce, Littleton newspaper man, sued J. A. and Leon J. Crawley, a father-son Littleton business firm, for \$11,000 because of an alleged beating administered by the younger Crawley in the firm's business place on December 24, 1958. A jury cut the amount asked in half in its June 4 verdict.

Daughter Born
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie C. Waller of Norlina announce the birth of a daughter in Warrenton General Hospital on September 3. Mrs. Waller is the former Miss Nellie Royster of Durham.

Misses Sarah Ann Fuller and Betty Frazier were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ellis and son in Washington, D. C.

Name Omitted

In listing in The Warren Record last week the names of a number of business firms who made cash contributions towards the erection of the Sportswear factory on the Norlina road, the name of A. & P. Tea Company was inadvertently omitted.

Claude Bowers, chairman of the board of Bute Development Company, said yesterday that A. & P. made a substantial cash donation and expressed his regret that the firm's name was omitted from the list of donors.

HOBGOOD TO SPEAK

Judge Hamilton Hobgood of Louisburg will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Inez Community Club at the club house on Monday night, September 7, at 8 o'clock, James C. Harris, president, announced yesterday.

Harris said that in addition to Judge Hobgood's talk, Jim Davis and Emily Rideout will perform a talent number.

Tobacco Market, Stores To Be Closed On Monday

The Warrenton Tobacco Market will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Also closing for the holiday will be the banks and business houses of both Norlina and Warrenton.

Warrenton stores, which have been observing Wednesday afternoons as half-holidays since the first of the year, will be open on Wednesday afternoon of next week and for the remainder of the year.

Announcement of the stores closing at Warrenton on Monday and the end of the half-holidays here was made here yesterday by Scott Gardner, president of the Warrenton Chamber of Commerce.

Leon Knight, president of the Norlina Chamber of Commerce, said that while no canvass had been made of Norlina merchants, it is expected that the stores at Norlina will be closed as has been the custom for several years.

An announcement received this week from Dwight Scotten, cashier of the Peoples Bank of Norlina, said that the Peoples Bank of Norlina would definitely be closed on Monday, and a similar announcement was made here for the Citizens Bank by John Mitchell, president.

Arthur P. Rodwell Retires As Agent Of Seaboard Railroad At W. Plains

Arthur P. Rodwell, veteran agent of the Seaboard Railway at Norlina, retired on Monday, his 70th birthday.

He has been succeeded as agent-operator by E. L. (Bill) Perry of Norlina.

Rodwell had been connected with the Seaboard for 54 years, 53 of which had been spent at Norlina. About 30 years of this service was as agent-operator.

He is the son of the late James R. and Pattie Gardner Rodwell. He married Miss Mary Tucker in 1913 and they have two sons, A. P. Rodwell, Jr., Warren County Auditor, and Stephen S. Rodwell, superintendent of the Warrenton Railroad Company. Their only daughter, Mrs. Harry Norvell, died in 1952. They have four grandchildren, and a great-grandson, born in England, whom they have never seen.

Rodwell is a member of the Warren Plains Baptist Church where he has been an official and Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

Uniforms Wanted

Some members of the Warrenton Pony League baseball team have overlooked turning in their baseball uniforms.

The Rev. John R. Link this week requests that all boys who were issued suits for the Pony League baseball team of Warrenton turn their suits in either to him or leave them at the Baptist Church.

New Supervisors In Warren Schools

Warren County schools began a full-day schedule of work on Wednesday, following registration on Tuesday, in what Supt. of Schools Roger Peeler yesterday described as a most satisfactory opening of schools.

Peeler said that teachers meetings were held on Monday and registrations on Tuesday and as a result teachers and children were ready for a full day's work on Wednesday, the first official day of school.

This year the Warren County school system for the first time has a supervisor of libraries, Miss Emma Lewis Whitakers, as well as a new school supervisor, Calvin C. White.

Peeler said that the supervisors would serve both white and colored schools.

Calvin C. White, the new school supervisor, is a native of Louisburg. He has had experience as a teacher, coach and principal. He earned the B.S. degree at Wake Forest College, and the Master of Arts degree in administration and supervision at East Carolina College.

Peeler said the work of a general school supervisor is varied and useful. Perhaps, he said, the primary function of supervisors is the "improvement of the teaching-learning situation." The following list is indicative of the ways and means by which improvement may be made:

1. Becoming aware of the needs of Warren County teachers, pupils, and schools.
2. Visiting in the schools for the purpose of evaluation, observation, and improvement.
3. Helping teachers with specified problems and needs.
4. Securing materials for teachers that will help them in their work.
5. Working with pre-school clinics and beginner days.
6. Carrying out a county-wide program, such as the Science Fair.
7. Giving assistance in the county-wide testing program.
8. Assisting principals in the instructional program as the need arises.
9. Helping teachers in their self-evaluation in order to improve their practices.
10. Working with others to constantly make the teaching profession alert and worthwhile.

The duties of a supervisor involve co-operative relationships and democratic processes, Peeler continued. His job will take him over the county many times, in and out of schools, to meetings and conferences, working with individuals and groups. There will be much planning in order that sound actions and practices may follow. Evaluations will be made, and courses of action will be charted. "It is the aim of the supervisor," Peeler concluded, "that these teaching aids, conferences, planning, and overall view will result in happy relationships with school people and better educational opportunities for the children of Warren County. It is apparent that a good foundation has already been laid for this accomplishment. Much good work has previously been done in this respect in our county."

Miss Emma Lewis Whitakers, new library supervisor, for the past seven years has served as library supervisor in Union County schools. She did (See SCHOOLS, page 10)

OPENING DAY — The three John Graham High School students shown above were among the 6500 school students that began the 1959-60 school session throughout Warren County on Tuesday. Students at most of the county schools attended a half-day on Tuesday before going into the full day schedule on Wednesday. (Staff Photo)