

Officers Seek Man Who Broke Window

A smashed store window at Norlina led to a two-hour chase with bloodhounds early Tuesday morning but so far no arrests have been made.

Norlina and Warren County officers are still seeking to learn the identity of the person who smashed a show window at Leigh's Store at Norlina shortly after 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

The would-be thief was frightened off by Chief of Police Buck White before he could either gain entrance into the store or fish any merchandise through the broken window. Store owner Leigh Traylor said on Tuesday afternoon that no merchandise is missing.

Chief White said that a change in his direction of patrol may have fooled the window breaker and to have led to the interruption of a robbery. He said that as he was en route to the store to check the door when Ernest Read, an employee of the Seaboard Railroad, called to him that he had heard glass break.

White immediately called the Warren County Prison Camp for dogs and within 15 minutes, White said, he and Norman Gene Pinnell with bloodhounds were following a trail northward along the railroad tracks.

White said that the trail

followed the rails for nearly a half mile to a church where the pursued man left the tracks and cut around behind the church. The trail, after some wandering, cut back across the railroad tracks and led to the home of J. R. Davis near the Northside Negro elementary school and the dogs were unable to find any trail leading from the Davis home although they circled the home several times.

White said that when he and Pinnell reached the home around 5 o'clock Tuesday morning Mrs. Davis came from the home and said that no person had entered the home and that she had seen no one.

Davis was working a night shift at a Henderson cottonmill at the time that the window was smashed.

White said that he did not search the home as he had no search warrant and that he was inclined to believe the woman.

The store window at Leigh's was repaired on Tuesday afternoon and there is nothing to show that a break-in was attempted, but both Norlina officers and officers of the Sheriff's Department are still seeking for some lead that will lead to the arrest of the person who smashed the window.

May Get Factory

Labor Survey To Be Held At Littleton

LITTLETON—A labor survey will be conducted here August 9 from 8:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. in the Browning Drug Store building to determine whether an adequate supply of labor is available for a firm manufacturing women's sleepwear.

The firm has expressed interest in locating a plant here. The industry has been in operation for 43 years.

Littleton Development Corporation has been working

with the Division of Commerce and Industry of the State Department of Conservation and Development in Raleigh for some time.

If the labor survey indicates sufficient labor to satisfy the industrial prospect, the Littleton Development Corporation will head a community effort to help finance the building.

Women will be considered for sewing machine operation and office work. Some 200 applications are sought.

Sweet Potato Growers To Vote On Promotion

All Warren County farmers who grow sweet potatoes for commercial sale will be eligible to vote in a sweet potato referendum on September 23, according to Frank W. Reams, county agricultural agent.

The referendum, the first ever held by sweet potato growers, has been requested by the N. C. Sweet Potato, Inc., and authorized by the State Board of Agriculture.

At stake will be a grower assessment to be used in promoting N. C. sweet potatoes. The proposed assessment will be two cents per bushel for fresh market sweet potatoes and two cents per 100 pounds for cannery stock.

Two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum must be in favor of the assessment in order for it to carry.

Reams said the polling place in Warren County would be the agricultural building in Warrenton.

Plans call for holding the referendum in Halifax, Vance, Granville, Wake, Lee, Harnett, Franklin, Scotland, Hoke, and all counties east of these.

Counties in the west are not scheduled to participate but can do so if growers in that area request participation.

In asking for the referendum, the N. C. Sweet Potato Association is following a step taken by many other commodity groups in the state, Reams said.

E. E. Goodwin of Dunn, president of the association, said the "promotion money is needed desperately to get people to eat more N. C. sweet potatoes."

"Consumption of sweet potatoes has been going down in recent years," Goodwin said. "Our acreage has been dropping, too. We believe," he added, "that this money will help us reverse these trends."

Goodwin is a leading Johnston County sweet potato grower and a shipper. The board of directors of the newly formed association which he is heading is composed of four producers, four shippers, and one processor.

Goodwin said that there is a good possibility that shippers will match the money the growers contribute.

If the referendum carries, the assessment will be deducted when a farmer sells his sweet potatoes. At regular intervals, buyers will send their collections to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The money will be returned, without any deductions, to be used as the organization thinks best.

If approved the assessment will begin October 1. An estimated \$20,000 to \$25,000 will be collected the first year. In three years growers will have the opportunity to vote on the program again.

Any grower who does not wish to support the program can apply for a refund.

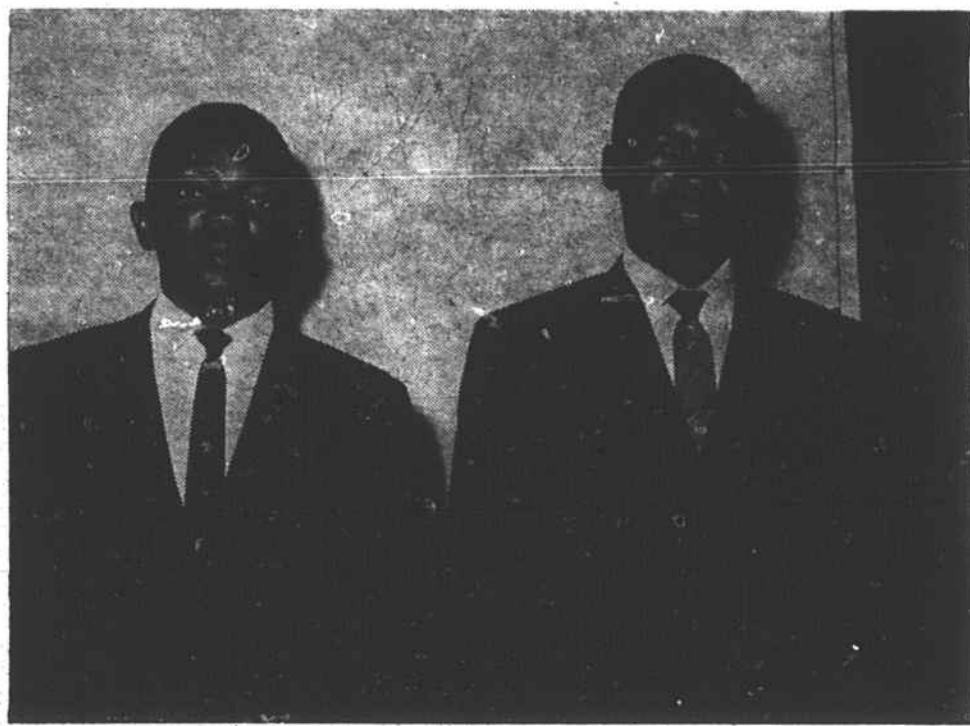
Tobacco Plan Brings Objection

WASHINGTON—The House Agricultural Committee has approved a two year experimental program for renting tobacco acreage allotments, but not without some objections.

The Agriculture Department opposed the program in two respects.

Department witnesses, in testifying before the tobacco subcommittee Monday, said they wanted long-term leasing on sale of allotments, and wanted the program extended to other commodities with acreage controls.

The committee approved a 1962-63 program and limited the lease to one year within the same county.



Justin Frank Mpelumbe and Roram Jilanoeka Mgombela pose for their picture on Tuesday morning. The young men from Tanganyika, East Africa, are in Warren County for two weeks as a part of their study of agriculture in the United States. (Staff Photo)

Heat Not Oppressive, Visitors From Africa Say

In spite of an intense heat wave over Warren County during the past several days, two young men visiting in the county said on Tuesday morning that they did not find the heat oppressive.

They were Justin Frank Mpelumbe and Roram Jilanoeka Mgombela of Tanganyika, East Africa.

The young men, field officers in Agriculture to the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperative Development of Tanganyika,

East Africa, are visiting in Warren County for a two-week period. The African participants are being sponsored by the International Cooperation Administration of the U. S. A. and Tanganyika governments.

Mpelumbe and Mgombela arrived in the United States on February 22, 1961, and spent four months in Texas at Prairie View A. and M. College. They arrived in Greensboro on July 8 and spent one week of training at A. and T. College, one

week at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, and one week at J. W. Mitchell 4-H Camp at Swansboro.

During their two-weeks stay in Warren County the participants are living with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Carroll and family, Route 2, Macon, in the Embro Community, and with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Knight and family of the Coley-Spring Community on the Louisburg highway.

L. C. Cooper, Negro agricultural agent, under whom the young men are studying while staying in Warren County, said the boys will observe the total Extension program involving 4-H, Home Demonstration and Agricultural Extension and Marketing. They are interested in theoretical and research material as it is applied to the farmers and put into practice.

Cooper said they will attend Rural Community Development, Home Demonstration and 4-H Club meetings and visit a number of families throughout the county to learn more about how the Extension program is being projected to raise the economic standard of the family through Extension methods.

Mpelumbe and Mgombela attended private and mission schools and governmental institutes, Cooper said. They speak English fluently and "Swahili," the common language for all East Africa. English is taught in school. They also speak a tribal mother tongue and as many as seven languages of the country.

Cooper said that Mgombela is of the Christian Lutheran faith and Mpelumbe is of the Anglican Episcopal faith.

Motor Law Violators Land In County Court

More than a dozen defendants faced Judge Julius Banzet in Recorder's Court on last Friday on charges of violating motor vehicle laws. Charges ranged from speeding to drunken driving.

In addition, Judge Banzet heard cases in which defendants were charged with assault, drunken and disorderly conduct, stealing, resisting arrest, assault on female, non-support, assault with deadly weapon and disorderly conduct, carrying a concealed weapon, and giving bad checks.

Disposition of the various cases were as follows: Joseph Carlton Poythree, speeding, costs.

Frank Fulghum Ayscue, speeding, \$10.00 and costs.

Charlie Walden, assault, two years on roads.

Joe Ed Lynch, drunk and disorderly conduct, 30 days on roads.

George Burton, Jr., reckless driving, 90 days suspended sentence on condition not operate vehicle in North Carolina for 90 days except while working, paying a \$100 fine, pay the court costs, and pay the Clerk of Superior Court \$17.00 for damages to K. E. Short's car.

In another case, Burton was charged with stealing. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years on condition of good behavior, no violations of the state's criminal laws, and pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs.

Morris Taylor, Jr., was charged with reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes. He was found not guilty on the improper brakes charge. On the reckless driving charge, prayer for judgment was continued for 90 days on condition that defendant pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs, surrender his driver's license for 90 days and not operate a motor vehicle for 90 days.

James William Champ was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was found guilty of reckless driving. The sentence was suspended on condition that defendant not operate a motor vehicle for six months, and pay a \$35.00 fine and court costs.

John Andrew Boyd, speeding, prayer for judgment con-

tinued for two years provided defendant not operate motor vehicle for 12 months, except for his employer during business, pay a \$50.00 fine and court costs.

Boyd was also found guilty on a reckless driving charge. His sentence was suspended for two years upon the same conditions as those imposed in the speeding judgment.

Boyd was also charged with failure to stop for a siren and red light and drunk driving. Both of these charges were not proved.

Clint Whitaker, reckless driving, prayer for judgment suspended for 12 months provided defendant surrender driving license for 30 days, not operate a motor vehicle on N. C. highways for 30 days, and pay a \$25.00 fine and court costs.

Charles Bullock was in court on two charges. Found guilty of resisting arrest and assault, he was given a 90-days road sentence which was suspended for five years provided defendant not violate any criminal laws and pay \$50.00 and costs.

Bullock was also charged with assault on a female. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years provided defendant not violate any N. C. criminal laws for two years and pay court cost.

William McKinley Davis was in court charged with non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years provided defendant provided adequate support for wife and six children, remain of good behavior and gainfully employed, and pay costs.

Wiley Mitchell was fined \$50.00 and taxed with court costs when he was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

Found guilty of following another car too closely, Isaac Shearin was taxed with court costs.

Ronie Edward Clark was in court charged with failure to see that a movement into a highway could be made in safety. He was found not guilty.

Robert Mallette, Jr., charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$25.00 and costs and the weapon was ordered

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Local Warehouseman Dies Of Heart Attack

Funeral services were held at Middleburg Baptist Church at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Daniel Gaston Currin, Sr., 63, who died of a heart ailment at his home at Middleburg early Monday morning. Burial was in the Middleburg Cemetery.

Officiating were the Rev. Lowell Lane and the Rev. Charles Fulbright.

Mr. Currin was a member of the Warrenton Tobacco Board of Trade and a warehouseman here for some twenty-five years.

He came to Warrenton around 1936 as a partner with the late M. P. Carroll, Sr., in the operation of Center Warehouse. Later he built a large warehouse in the western part of Warrenton, and after a few years enlarged this warehouse with a second adjoining building. Since that time these warehouses have been operated as Currin No. 1 and Currin No. 2.

A large tobacco farmer in his own right, Mr. Currin brought much tobacco to War-

renton and was instrumental in the healthy growth of the Warrenton market during a score of years.

A native of Granville County, Mr. Currin had resided in Middleburg for the past twenty-five years. He was a member of the Middleburg Baptist Church, and had large farming interests in Vance and Warren Counties.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ava Bowden Currin of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Charles G. Watkins of Raleigh and Mrs. David E. Tillotson of Middleburg; three sons, Daniel Gaston Currin, Jr., of Henderson, Carroll W. Currin of Middleburg, and George Spencer Currin of Asheville; five grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Ernest O. Eakes and Mrs. Perry Lee Satterwhite of Route 1, Oxford, Mrs. Carl L. Puckett of Oxford, and Mrs. Fred C. Boyd of Stovall; and four brothers, Thomas T. of Oxford, Floyd C. of Petersburg, Va., Willie L. of Portsmouth, Va., and Earl Currin of Angier.

Eastern Belt Leaf Mart Opens Aug. 22

Auction sales of flue-cured tobacco will begin on Tuesday, August 22, on the markets of the huge Eastern North Carolina belt.

The opening date was set Tuesday by the sales committee of the Eastern North Carolina Warehouse Association at a meeting with the association's board of directors at Wilson, N. C.

The date for the Middle Belt opening has not been set but usually the Middle Belt, of which Warrenton is a part, opens two weeks later than the Eastern Belt.

Walker P. Burwell, local warehouseman, said yesterday that the date for the opening of the Middle Belt would not be set until enough tobacco has been sold on the South Carolina market to establish a trend sufficient to know when buyers would be available for the Middle Belt market. He said he feels that the Warrenton market will open around September 1, and that his guess—but only a guess—would be Tuesday after Labor Day which falls on Monday, September 4.

Burwell said that many Eastern warehousemen were making an effort to have the Eastern Belt opening moved up to August 17. If they are successful, he said, it is possible that the Middle Belt would open the latter part of August. But his guess, he added, would be September 5.

The Eastern Belt opening of August 22 compares with an August 23 opening last year and an August 18 opening two years ago.

Julian Fenner of Rocky

Mount, president of the eastern association, said, "We gave it a lot of study, and looking at crop conditions in all areas of our belt we thought this would be the most realistic opening date we could arrive at."

There are a total of 17 markets in the eastern belt.

Markets are at Aoshkie, Clinton, Dunn, Farmville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Kinston, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Tarboro, Wallace, Washington, Wendell, Williamson, Wilson and Windsor.

PRICES CONTINUE HIGH

VALDOSTA, Ga.—Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco prices surged to the highest general average of any day in its history at the start of the first full week of sales, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today.

A massive turnover of 12,708,042 pounds Monday averaged \$61.62 a hundred pounds for total returns of \$7,831,206. The average was up 39 cents from the previous high of \$61.23 reached on Aug. 5, 1958.

Both volume and cash returns were new records for the booming season which opened last Thursday. The former rose 212,724 pounds and the latter \$271,126 over the high marks of the opening day.

The USDA had forecast Monday's record breaking prices by reporting late in the day that primings had moved up \$1 to \$3 over Friday's levels, nondescript \$3 to \$4, lugs were firm to slightly higher and other grades steady.

Sheriff Not Best At Baby Bottle Sipping

When it comes to downing the contents of a baby's milk bottle, Hospital Administrator F. P. Whitley has the edge over Sheriff Jim Hundley.

This was demonstrated on last Friday night when a contest between Whitley and Hundley was staged by Lions Tail Twister W. L. Turner as part of the program of the Lions meeting held at the Afton-Elberon Club House where club members and guests served barbecued chicken by members of the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club. The chickens were prepared by Richard R. Davis and Thomas Pinnell and served by ladies of the community to the Lions Club members and sold to many others in the cafeteria of the Afton-Elberon school.

In the milk drinking contest, in which the club members were divided with Hundley as champion of one group and Whitley as the other, Sheriff Hundley alighted that Whitley as the younger had the most recent practice. As losers, each member of Hundley's group was fined 10c by Tail Twister Turner. The funds went into the blind fund of the Lions Club.

The meeting was featured by an illustrated talk on Europe by Bill White, large farmer and world traveler of Drewry. Presented by Monroe Gardner, White showed colored slides taken during his recent tour of a number of Eu-

ropean countries, and commented on the peoples and customs of the countries visited.

President Duke Jones presided over the meeting. Club singing was led by Monroe Gardner with Mrs. Nellie Gardner at the piano.

1961 Soybean County Support Rate Set

Prices for 1961-crop soybeans will be supported at \$2.26 per bushel for grade No. 2 soybeans in all North Carolina counties, A. P. Hassell, Jr., Administrative Officer for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee announced today. This compares with a rate of \$1.80 per bushel for the 1960 soybean crop.

To be eligible for price support under the 1961 operation, Hassell pointed out, the soybeans must have been produced in 1961, and the producer of the crop in 1961 must have maintained his 1959-60 average acreage of conserving and idle land on the farm.

No change has been made in the premium-and-discount schedule for soybeans under the 1961 support program. Except for moisture content, which cannot be more than 14 percent, minimum requirements for support eligibility correspond to requirements for grade

No. 4 soybeans. As in the past, price support will be carried out through farm and warehouse storage loans and purchase agreements, which will be available from harvest through January 31, 1962. The maturity date for loans will be May 31, 1962.

Further information about the 1961-crop soybean price-support program may be obtained from the County ASCS Office.

Extra Protection Insurance Fee Set

RALEIGH—North Carolina motorists will be charged \$4 a car for policy protection granting coverage in accidents involving uninsured drivers.

Insurance Commissioner Charles F. Gold approved the rate Tuesday. It was requested by the Automobile Rate Administrative Office and became effective immediately.

No Services
There will be no services at Emmanuel Episcopal Church this Sunday.