

Sales Light Here After \$55.05 Opening Sale

Market Tops Belt Average

More than \$100,000 exchanged hands here Monday as light sales marked the opening of the Warrenton Tobacco Market...

Growers selling on Warrenton's five warehouse floors were paid \$119,576.21 for the 217,216 pounds auctioned on the season's first day of sales.

The Federal-State Market News Service said the opening average for the belt was \$2.10 per 100 pounds below the \$56.67 mark posted on the first day of sales last year.

Volume totaled 3,573,164 pounds Monday, compared with a 2,801,920 pounds on the 1962 opening.

Although sales have been light here this week due to a late crop, warehousemen report that sales have been steady.

Marketing hours were curtailed on the Middle, Eastern and Border Belts Wednesday for a four-day period to relieve congestion at the redrying plant of Imperial Tobacco Co., a leading export buyer.

Prices by grades for tied tobacco on the Middle Belt Tuesday were steady to \$1 lower. Quotations for loose-leaf offering ranged from steady to \$1 higher.

Wilson Named Zoning Administrator Here

The Warren County Board of Commissioners moved to make possible adjustments in the zoned area of Gaston Lake Tuesday night when they appointed A. E. Wilson of Warrenton as zoning administrator.

Wilson, deputy tax collector for Warren County, will be charged primarily with issuing permits and seeing that they conform with zoning regulations. R. L. Salmon was named assistant administrator.

Commissioners, meeting in a special session, also named a five-member Zoning Board of Adjustment and appointed two alternates to the special board. Board Adjustment members named were Herbert C. Harris, Alvis Fleming, Ernest Whitby, Dr. C. H. Woodburn and McKinley Wilkins. Josh Harris and Eddie Williams were appointed alternates.

Commissioner John Wilson made the motion that the administrator and board be appointed following a request from Jack Harris, a member of the Warren County Planning Board.

Lions Club To Honor Teachers Saturday

Teachers from John Graham, Mariam Boyd and Nathaniel Macon schools will be entertained Saturday night at a dinner at the Warrenton Country Club. Members of the Warrenton Lions Club, sponsors of the event, said a hospitality hour would begin at 6 p. m. and that dinner would be served at 6:30 p. m. by Nunie Adams.

The Rev. Milton Mann of Macon, a Methodist minister, will be the main speaker. J. Howard Daniel will be master of ceremonies.

Special entertainment will precede a dance as the "Villagers," a recording group from Raleigh, present a musical program.



TOBACCO SALES Begun Here Monday

Vance Bus To Pick Up Pupils Despite Ruling

A two-county fight over the right to pick up pupils living in one county and transport them to a school in the other took shape here this week with a decision of the Vance County Board of Education to transport bus children from western Warren County to Middleburg High School in Vance County.

The gulf between Warren and Vance County boards of education widened this week with a decision of the Vance board to send a Middleburg school bus into Warrenton County in order to pick up pupils. The two school boards have been embroiled in a dispute for several months over a handful of Warren County children who previously attended the Vance County school. At first the Warren board ruled that the Warren pupils must attend Norlina High School, but after conferences with patrons of both schools and members of the Vance board, agreed to alter their decision.

The revised proposal of the Warren Board, adopted last month, would have allowed pupils who had previously attended Middleburg High School to continue to attend the Middleburg school. However, students enrolling in the first grade after the resolution was passed would be required to attend Norlina High School.

Warren board members attached a proviso that no Vance buses operate in Warren County for the purpose of transporting Warren students to the Middleburg school. The resolution was forwarded to Vance County officials for action.

Monday night the Warren board was informed that Vance Supt. J. C. Stabler requested permission to operate a bus in the county, but no mention was made of transporting Warren pupils. The Warren board, contending that there was no legitimate reason for operating the bus if Warren pupils were not involved, failed to change their stand.

On Thursday morning Warren Supt. J. R. Peeler received a letter from Stabler saying that the Vance Board had voted to defy the wishes of the Warren board and would operate a bus on the road leading from Jacksonville in Vance County through Drewry and Manson and along US Highway 1 into Middleburg.

The letter, written by Stabler, stated that the Vance board "takes the position that, considering all of the circumstances involved in this case, it would not be fair or

right to operate the bus on the road and refuse to pick up the children in question and force them to provide their own transportation to the Vance County line or to the Middleburg school."

Stabler wrote that he had been instructed as of Sept. 10 to begin operation of the bus and said he regretted "very much that it becomes necessary for us to take this action against your will and without approval of your board."

Stabler said that "it should be pointed out for all parties concerned that some of the Warren County buses are now operating in Vance County and transporting both Warren and Vance County children to Warren County schools."

He wrote that the Vance board was interested in co-operation with the Warren officials and "working towards the end for harmony, peace, and good will."

Early Meal To Launch County's Scout Drive

The annual Boy Scout fund drive will reach its peak here next week with a kick-off breakfast scheduled to launch sales of general and special gifts.

Volunteer solicitors will meet at Hotel Warren Thursday, Sept. 19, for a 7 a. m. breakfast held for last-minute discussion of sales plans.

Daniel Tells Of Work Of Campaign Groups

Activities of various fund raising groups in Warren County were outlined here last Thursday night by J. Howard Daniel, Warrenton banker who was guest speaker at a regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Daniel, introduced by Mrs. W. L. Wood, spoke on the various campaigns conducted annually in the county. Listed and discussed at length by Daniel were the Tuberculosis, Easter Seal, March of Dimes, Heart, Cancer, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Salvation Army, Red Cross and White Cane Drives.

To Sponsor Stew The Drewry Fire Department and Community Center will sponsor a Brunswick stew sale on Saturday at 11:30 a. m. at the Drewry Fire Department. The stew will sell for 88c per quart.

Alderman Traylor Resigns

Raby L. Traylor, a member of the Norlina Board of Commissioners for more than 20 years, resigned Monday night during a special session of the board.

Traylor said he was resigning "due to heavy personal and business responsibilities." He was the oldest member of the Norlina board in years of service and served as mayor-pro-tem.

His son, R. Leigh Traylor, Jr., was named to succeed him on the three-man board. The younger Traylor, a Norlina clothing merchant, will take office immediately.

Norlina Mayor G. P. Grissom said that "Traylor's service to the town through the many years" would be missed and that he wished to publicly thank Traylor "for his interest and energy as a board member in trying to make Norlina a better town." Grissom said that Leigh Traylor "has an energetic and dynamic personality and will make a fine board member."

In his letter of resignation, Traylor said he regretted that his resignation had become necessary "as I have enjoyed serving in this capacity for many years."

Over 200 Shriners Expected Saturday For Parade Here

More than 200 Shriners comprising the Divan and uniformed units of Sudan Shrine Temple are scheduled to arrive by bus in Warrenton Saturday for a Shrine parade through town.

Manley S. Martin, chairman of the local Shrine committee, said visiting Shriners would parade along Warrenton's Main Street, beginning on South Main Street and moving to John Graham High School.

Mrs. North Carolina, Mrs. R. Leigh Traylor, Jr., of Norlina, will appear in the parade. Also included will be the colorful bands, patrol and clown units of the temple. The parade is slated to begin at 10:30 a. m.

Following the parade, visiting Shriners will board their buses for Roanoke Rapids where a similar parade is scheduled at noon.

MILTON AYSOUE

Mayor Will Appoint Bi-Racial Committee

Inaction Is Said Cause Of Boycott

Charging that the appointment of a bi-racial committee to discuss grievances of Negro citizens of Warren County had been treated as a buck-passing, political football between the county commissioners and the Mayor of Warrenton, a negotiation committee of the NAACP, presented their views on "Why Warrenton Has Been Boycotted," in an article submitted to The Warren Record on Wednesday night.

Pointing out that a committee from the NAACP had met with Warrenton merchants on June 13, 1963, with the object of trying to find a solution to the problems confronting the races, and that the committee's requests have been ignored, the committee in its article listed these requests and other pertinent facts leading to the boycott of Warrenton stores as follows:

THE "WHY" OF THE BOYCOTT

We address ourselves to the editorial of September 5, 1963, entitled "Why the Boycott?" On the evening of June 13, 1963, Mayor W. A. Miles and several persons of the white and Negro races met for the purpose of discussing the local problems of race relations and finding possible solutions for solving those problems. At that meeting, copies of a petition were given those present and additional copies were left with the Mayor to pass on to all town and county officials and business executives. The petition reads as follows:

To: The Honorable W. A. Miles, Mayor of Warrenton, Business Executives and County Commissioners of Warren County.

From: NAACP Negotiating Committee and Negro Citizens of Warrenton County.

This group, we are sure, is aware of the problems of race relations faced by all Americans at this time. In the furtherance of democracy and the enjoyment of all its rights; this committee has submitted the herein requests to ascertain that all the rights, privileges and use of all facilities in Warrenton and Warren County be enjoyed by all citizens regardless of race, color, religion or national origin. We are submitting the herein requests in GOOD FAITH and are asking that each and every item be carefully considered immediately.

We seek for the Negro Citizens of Warrenton and Warren County:

1. The prohibition of all discriminatory practices in public places, public accommodation in any Hotel, Motel, Restaurant, Theater, Hospital in Warrenton and Warren County because of race, color or religion.

2. We seek fair employment practices in all local, state and federal agencies located in Warren County. We further seek fair employment practices among employers at factories, local and chain stores from discrimination against applicants because of their race, color, religion, or national origin.

3. We request that Negroes be placed on all appointed committees (which are representative of all people) of various townships and the county.

4. We are requesting that an investigation of Police (sheriff or deputy) brutality be made and that remedial steps and disciplinary acts be taken against any police officials. (See BOYCOTT, page 4)

Witnesses Ready To Testify Here

At least a dozen witnesses are expected to take the stand here next week during a special term of civil court before Judge Howard Hubbard of Clinton rules on an appeal from a \$190,000 condemnation suit.

The sum, the largest ever awarded in a Warren County condemnation, was awarded Nannie P. Robinson and heirs of the late J. R. Robinson by three court-appointed commissioners last year.

Virginia Electric and Power Company, plaintiff in a condemnation suit heard here in July, 1962, noted an exception

and appealed the case to Warren County Superior Court. The power company, which recently constructed a large hydroelectric dam on the Roanoke River, brought the condemnation to acquire 533 acres to be covered by waters of Gaston Reservoir.

The award of \$190,000 was made by Hugh W. Holt, M. P. Burwell, Jr., and W. B. Ellington, commissioners appointed by the court for the purpose of appraising the 533 acres and timber which is part of a 1500-acre tract owned by the defendants.

Negro Pupil Transfer Is Approved By Board

Requests of approximately 25 Negro school children seeking transfer from several frame school buildings in southern Warren County to Warrenton's John R. Hawkins High School was approved here Monday night by the Warren Board of Education.

Board members instructed Supt. J. R. Peeler to begin transfer of the students to the Negro high school here after patrons had requested that their children not be taught in the frame buildings—scheduled to be abandoned early next year.

Peeler said most of the requests were prompted by an unforeseen delay in construction of a new Negro elementary school to serve the southern end of the county. Peeler told board members Monday night that it would be "six or seven" months before the new school is in operation.

Board members expressed concern that the student shift might cause an overcrowded condition at Hawkins, but

Peeler said three mobile classrooms were slated to be in operation at the Negro high school early next month. He said the students could be handled until they are assigned to the new elementary school next year.

Warrenton Attorney T. T. Clayton appeared before the board in behalf of one patron seeking the transfer. Other patrons had made their wishes known prior to Monday night's meeting.

Peeler also reported that Negro attendance was off from "40 to 50 per cent," but blamed the lack of attendance on a late tobacco crop which has kept both white and Negro students at home helping with the harvest. He said lack of attendance in white schools was not severe.

A portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of problems revolving around the opening of schools last week. Peeler said school officials had run into "few difficulties," and that operation of the county's schools was progressing well.

Funeral Conducted For R. L. Capps On Sunday

Funeral services for Robert Lewis Capps, 80, who died on Friday afternoon, were conducted at Bethlehem Methodist Church at Arcola on Sunday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. William Sabiston, pastor. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Capps served as a member of the board of county commissioners for more than a quarter of a century, and all his life showed an interest in public affairs of the county and of Arcola. He was a leader in the recent establishment of the Arcola Community Center Clubhouse and offered the land as a site for its erection.

The son of the late Alexander L. Capps and Hattie Wood Capps, Mr. Capps was a lifelong resident of Arcola where he was the operator of a general merchandise store and where he had operated a cotton gin for many years. He was a member of Harris Chapel Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Tharrington; five daughters, Mrs. Paul E. Shearin of Chapel Hill, Mrs. C. C. Liles of Whitakers, Mrs. Travis Barham of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. J. C. Harris of Hampton, Va., and Mrs. J. A. Hillard of Warrenton; one son, Clarence Capps of Rocky Mount; three sisters, Mrs. Elmo Gupps,

Mrs. Lena Reid and Mrs. Alvin Shearin, all of Arcola; four brothers, Daniel I. Otis and George, all of Rocky Mount, and D. L. Capps of Winston; and 16 grandchildren.

Warrenton Youth Is Burned In Accident

A Warrenton boy was painfully injured here early Wednesday night while tending a fire in the back yard of his home.

Larry Hayes, a 1963 graduate of John Graham High School, received first- and second-degree burns of his face, neck, arms and chest when a gasoline-fed trash fire suddenly blazed up.

Given emergency treatment at Warren General Hospital, Hayes was transferred to Henderson's Maria Parham Hospital. His condition was listed as "satisfactory" Thursday morning by a hospital spokesman.

Hayes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Hayes of Norlina Road.

Miss Sandra Jones left Tuesday to enter Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. She was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duke Jones.

Merchants Ask Miles For Group

Mayor W. A. Miles agreed on Monday night to appoint a bi-racial committee to work with Warren County Negroes in seeking to redress a number of grievances.

Miles said yesterday morning that he expected to be able to name his committee early next week.

The agreement to appoint the committee came at the regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners after more than two hours of discussion by the mayor, board members and a delegation from the Warrenton Merchants Association.

Acting as chief spokesman for the group was Sam Warwick, Jr. Other merchants present and asking for the appointment were Billy Lanier, president of the Merchants Association, W. K. Lanier, Sr., Scott Gardner, and Hy Diamond.

Warlick recounted that Negro leaders had sought a hearing for some two months, that the merchants felt that the Negro leaders were entitled to the courtesy of a hearing, and that the solving of the present race problem was vital to the interest of the town and county. He said that he felt that as mayor, Miles should take the lead in settlement attempts and that as the first step that he should appoint a bi-racial committee.

Billy Lanier, said that he had been requested by a committee from the Merchant's Association to request the appointment by the Mayor of a bi-racial committee.

Mayor Miles said that while he felt that since this was a rural county that the committee should be appointed by the county commissioners, but if the town commissioners approved he would be glad to make the appointment. This remark precipitated a long and heated argument.

Town Attorney Frank Banzet, asked for an opinion, said that the board had no legal authority to ask the mayor to appoint such a committee. Commissioner Dixon Ward, who led the discussion for the commissioners, said that he did not oppose the appointment of a committee, per se, but that he did oppose the commissioners' endorsement of the proposal on the grounds that requests presented by the Warren County NAACP covered grounds over which the commissioners had no jurisdiction. (See MAYOR, page 4)

Last Rites Held For Miss Tempe Dameron Thursday Morning

Funeral services for Miss Tempe Hillard Dameron, 79, who died Tuesday, were held at 11 a. m. Thursday at Wesley Memorial Church by the Rev. Troy Barrett, pastor. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

Miss Dameron, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dameron, was a native of Fork Township, but spent most of her adult life in Warrenton. She was a member of Wesley Memorial Church.

Surviving are one brother, Thomas Barber Dameron of Goldsboro; and two sisters, Misses Josephine and Lillian Belle Dameron, both of the home.