



ST. STEPHEN'S BAPTIST CHURCH target of rifle fire

Negro Church Target Of Rifle Fire Friday

Rifle slugs found in a rural Warren County Negro church have been turned over to law enforcement officers here to be used in the investigation of an unexplained Friday night shooting. At least seven of the slugs, believed fired from a high velocity rifle, tore into St. Stephen's Baptist Church about 11 p. m. Friday. The white frame church, located about two miles south of Inez, was unoccupied at the time. Sheriff Clarence Davis said yesterday his department has been unable to learn the identities of the persons responsible. Officers theorized that the shots were fired from a vehicle on the highway about a hundred yards away. The bullets ripped into the west entrance to the church, about 12 feet above the floor. Damage to the church was negligible. Plaster was broken in several places, but no damage was done to the church furnishings. The church has an active membership of approximately 300. Sunday school services are held there weekly, with regular Sunday worship services conducted once a month by the Rev. S. W. Williams of Henderson, who was said to have been holding services there for a quarter of a century. The church is sometimes used by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as a meeting place, but since the completion of a club house in the predominantly Negro community, the church is rarely used for civic meetings, a community leader said. Mrs. Ernest Turner, wife of the Warren NAACP leader who himself is an officer of the church, said residents near the church reported hearing nine shots fired last Friday night.

Newspaper Is Target Of Klan Criticism

A speaker at the Ku Klux Klan rally at Elberon Saturday Night charged that the Warren Record newspaper is "a nigger newspaper" run by a white man "who is but a nigger at heart." The attack on the Warren Record newspaper and its editor came amid attacks on President Johnson, The News and Observer and an attack on the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, one of whose officers is allegedly a Negro. Governor Moore, usually a target of the Klan rallies, seemed to have escaped criticism. Klansmen participated. Plans for a walk-in were abandoned when the Warren Merchants Association asked that no robes or Klan symbols be worn. The march, well advertised, drew an unusually large crowd of both white and colored, and passed off without incident. Editorial Brings Klan Harrassment

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The editor of The Warren Record came in for a bit of harrassment over the weekend as the result of editorial comment carried in this newspaper last week in which Klan activity was deplored. The harrassment took the form of two anonymous telephone calls, one on Thursday night when the editor was charged with making up lies, and a second at 12:50 a. m. Saturday when the editor was awakened to be told to "Get up as the Klan is coming to town." On Monday morning the editor received a call from Grady B. Mars of Arcola, paid Klan worker, who came by, he said, for a discussion. He "allowed as how the newspaper never (See KLAN, page 2)

Residence Numbers To Be Assigned Soon

The assignment of numbers to residences of Warrenton and its suburbs is about completed and the selling and installation of mail boxes and numbers will shortly get under way, Lion W. A. Miles, told members of the Warrenton Lions Club last Friday night at a meeting held at Drewry. The placing of mail boxes and residence numbers is a part of the efforts to have free mail delivery at Warrenton, and the Lions assumed this part of the program as a club project. The Warrenton Lions were treated to a fish fry supper by members of the Drewry Rural Fire Department. Following the supper the club held its regular meeting with Lion President W. L. Turner presiding. Guests for the meeting were Dr. L. H. Harrison, guest of Lion Monroe Gardner; J. Edward Allen, guest of Lion W. A. Miles; and Bob Mills, guest of Lion John Andrews. It was announced that the annual Calendar Birthday Drive would begin on August 15. President Turner also gave highlights of objectives of the club for the coming year, which will include a Christmas party in December, annual Ladies' Night Supper in February and Farmers' Night in March.

Prices Are Higher On Ga. Market

Valdosta, Ga. - First sales of the 1965 crop of flue-cured tobacco on the Georgia-Florida Belt Wednesday averaged about \$5 a hundred pounds higher than last year, the Federal - State Market News Service reported. Prices on some grades were considerably higher, with low primings up \$8 to \$13 a hundred over last year's prices, and nondescript was up \$16. Companies were paying a top price of \$72 to \$73 in most cases, with a few bids as high as \$75. Quality of marketing was also an improvement over that of opening day last year. Principal sales consisted of low and fair grades of both lugs and primings, as well as nondescript. The percentage of non-descript was about half that of opening day last season, and there was considerable more orange tobacco and less green. Growers generally appeared to be bringing their best quality of leaf to market first. J. C. Willis, a Lowndes County grower, sold 11 baskets of tobacco at 71 cents a pound. He smiled and said, "I don't know how long I'll be bragging, but I'm doing it now." Bobby Pafford, a sales supervisor at the Nashville market, said, "I'm overwhelmed at our price today. I wish we had a little more but you can't complain at this."

The Nashville market sold 172,766 pounds at an average price of \$66.18 per hundred pounds. This was described as the largest opening day and probably the highest price at the Nashville market, about 30 miles northeast of Valdosta. Converse McKey, a Quitman warehouseman, said, "Tobacco is selling as high as a cat's back." Sales during the first hour at Quitman topped the \$65 per hundred pound figure. General averages on several selective markets were estimated from \$61 to \$64 per hundred pounds. On opening day last year, 8,422,675 gross pounds averaged \$51.54. Wednesday's volume of sales was fairly light to medium, and most warehouses had less tobacco offered for sale than on opening day a year ago. Delivery to the Stabilization Corp. was estimated at about 1 percent of turnover, compared with 3.9 percent on the first day last year. Auction bid averages per 100 pounds on a limited number of representative U. S. grades, with changes from opening day a year ago: Leaf, fair lemon 70, up 8; low lemon 67, up 6; cutters, low lemon 72, up 4; lugs, good lemon 72, up 4, fair lemon 70, up 4, fair orange 66, up 5; primings, good lemon 69, up 5; fair lemon 66, up 5, low lemon 62, up 8; fair orange 66, up 5; low orange 61, up 8; nondescript, best (priming size) 51 up 16, poorest 38, up 16.

Benton Sells Service Station To Wemyss

Fred Benton, operator of Benton's Service Station at Norlina since February 1927, will retire from active business Sunday. He has sold his service station, corners of Highways 1 and 401 at Norlina, to Macon Wemyss, who has been employed for some time with the Warrenton ABC store. A native of South Carolina, Benton came to Warren County in 1924, after having been engaged in the lumber business for several years. "I had been working with large mills," he said Wednesday night, "and when the large mills played out I decided to enter another business." This other business was a service station at Littleton, which he operated until he purchased his present station at Norlina, which he enlarged and remodelled several years ago. The successful operation of a service station calls for long hours and hard work, and Benton devoted both to the building of a successful business. Operating a service station was Benton's vocation, but Golf was his avocation. Usually, in recent years, if he could not be found in his service station, he could be found on the Warrenton Golf Course, more often than not playing with Julius Banzet, St. Nunn, Lloyd Cook and other close buddies. He said that he began to play golf shortly after he came to Norlina on a small course in the late J. H. Hundley's cow pasture, where a few Warrenton persons played before the Warrenton course was built. Benton says that golf is his only hobby, practically his only diversion and that the game has meant a lot to him. Between his service station and golf, Benton has found time for other activities seeking to better his town. For a number of years he served as a member of the board of town commissioners, and is at

No Services

No services will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church here on Sunday morning due to the absence of the rector, the Rev. James M. Stoney, Jr. The rector's absence is caused by the recent death of his father, Bishop James M. Stoney of New Mexico. In a letter to the vestry, Mr. Stoney said that he desired to express his deep appreciation for the letters, prayers and telegrams from the people of Warrenton.

MRS. NOBLE DIES

Mrs. Edna Noble died in East Orange, N. J., on Thursday, July 22, it was learned here yesterday. She was the mother of Mrs. Robert Fleming, and was a frequent visitor here.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mr. J. T. Mitchiner returned Tuesday from Duke Hospital in Durham where he had been for almost a month.

Tobacco Marketing Cards To Be Issued By ASCS Office

Moonshiners Given Suspended Sentences

Two white men - Charles and Curtis Privette - captured at a whiskey still in Hawtree Township on July 13, were given five-year suspended sentences in Warren County Recorder's Court last Friday. Terms of the suspension were that each defendant pay a \$500 fine, not violate any prohibition laws of the state for five years and pay court costs. Charles Earl Privette pled guilty to charges of manufacturing illicit whiskey, for which he was given a two-year road sentence; guilty of possession of materials for manufacturing whiskey, for which he received a two-year road sentence; guilty of possession of illicit whiskey for purpose of sale, for which he was sentenced to serve two years on the roads. Each sentence was to start at the expiration of the preceding sentence. Curtis Lee Privette pled guilty to identical charges and received identical sentences. Charles Vance Tally was found guilty of an assault on a female. Prayer for judgment was continued for two years on condition that the defendant pay court costs and six dollars for use of Dr. F. P. Hunter to pay medical expenses of Betty Tally. Luther Boone was sentenced to the roads for 12 months when he was found guilty of non-support. He noted an appeal to Superior Court and appeal bond was set at \$100. Edward Lee Hicks pled guilty to operating a motor vehicle without a valid operator's license. He was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs. Junior Hargrove pled guilty to a charge of drunk driving and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs. Samuel Raymond Clark, who pled guilty to a charge of careless and reckless driving, was ordered to pay a \$25 fine and court costs. Alvis Nathan Hudgins, Jr., was found guilty of possession of whiskey for purpose of sale. Prayer for judgment was continued for five years if defendant does not violate any prohibition laws of the state for five years and pays a \$25 fine and court costs. Whiskey which was illegally transported was ordered confiscated. Thomas Robinson, charged with failing and refusing to cooperate with Welfare Department infilling medical discharge requirement, and with failing to support wife and children, was found not guilty. Defendants in speeding cases and verdicts of the court were as follows: Silas Fletcher, costs; Cecil Calvin Baird, costs; Jimmie Poythress, costs; David Henry Bundy, costs; John Henry Wallace, costs; Larry Wayne Morrow, costs; Daniel Franklin Clark, \$15 and costs; Paul Ray Weathers, \$10 and costs; Lyons Gray, \$15 and costs.

Tobacco marketing cards are not being prepared in the Warren County Stabilization and Conservation Service office and will be issued to farm operators prior to the opening of the local markets, Thomas E. Watson, office manager, said yesterday. Watson said the marketing cards to be used under the new acreage - poundage program are similar to those used in prior years. The farm's poundage quota will be shown on the inside front cover of the cards this year and a cumulative total of marketings will be carried so that farmers will know at all times just how much of the poundage quota has been sold and how much remains. Under the acreage - poundage program, farmers will be required to take their marketing cards to the warehouse when the tobacco is delivered and leave it there until they pick up their checks. Watson said that it has been concluded that if the warehousemen are to be held liable for any ineligible tobacco consigned to Stabilization under government price support program and for the payment of penalty, they must be provided with some means of protecting themselves. Two or more marketing cards will be issued for a farm upon request of the farm operator, Watson said. If more than one card is issued for the same farm, the farmer must indicate how much of the farm's poundage quota he wishes assigned to each card. The quotas assigned to the cards will be charged upon request. Dr. Harrison To Open Office Monday

Dr. Lloyd H. Harrison, Jr., who moved to Warrenton on July 12, plans to open an office here Monday in the Huntley Building on Graham Street, formerly occupied by Drs. Allen and Cline. His office telephone number will be 257-4754. Dr. Harrison, who had planned to begin the practice of medicine here on August 1, has found himself quite busy in recent days with emergency cases at Warren General Hospital.

Mrs. Skinner Second In Mrs. N.C. Contest

Mrs. William T. Skinner, III, Littleton homemaker, was first runner-up in the Mrs. North Carolina contest held in Burlington on Saturday following three days of grueling competition. Also competing from Warren County was Mrs. L. O. Robertson, Jr., of Norlina, who was sponsored by the Norlina Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Skinner's appearance at Burlington was sponsored by Leggett's of Warrenton and Roanoke Rapids. The winner was Mrs. Jo Ann Hair, 28-year-old wife of Fayetteville attorney Lucy Hair. She will represent North Carolina in the Mrs. America contest at San Diego, Calif., in late August. Mrs. Hair won out over nine other contestants by scoring first in baking and sewing and a third place in the written driver's test. The new Mrs. North Carolina, a brunette mother of three who likes to go barefoot and have an early morning cup of coffee, felt that it was "far time a little recognition came the way of just housewives." She said her coffee habit probably helped her through the three days of cooking, sewing, ironing and driving. She said she even brought a coffee pot with her so she wouldn't feel grouchy in the mornings. (See CARDS, page 2)



The charred remains of a storage house and corn crib on the farm of Percy Somerville near Embro set on fire during a severe electric and rain storm on Monday afternoon is pictured above. Warrenton Rural Volunteer firemen responded to the alarm, but the structure was practically consumed by flames before their arrival. (Photo by Bill Jones)

Warren FFA Members Attend State School - Future Farmers of Warren County were well represented last week at the State-wide leadership school for FFA members at Barnardsville. Presidents Bruce Perkinson of Norlina and Ronald Wells of Warrenton represented the (See FFA, page 2)