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ALL THAT REMAINS OF WARRENTON LIVESTOCK MARKET FOLLOWING FIRE Market Probably Will Not Be Rebuilt

T. B. Creech of South Hill, Va., owner of Warrenton Livestock Company at Warrenton, which was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, said Wednesday morning that it is doubtful that he would rebuild the market.

Creech said that he estimated his loss at around \$30,000 and that he had no insurance.

"Vic" Riggan, owner of Custom Cabinets, housed in the building, said that he would reopen his plant as soon as a suitable building could be found and new machinery obtained. He said that he could not estimate his loss as his records were destroyed in the fire. He said his loss was partially covered by insurance.

The fire, of unknown origin, was discovered around 8:00 Tuesday night and the alarm was turned in by Mrs. Allen Fisher, who noticed the flames from her store in Peck Village, some quarter of a mile away.

Both the Warrenton Fire Department and the Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded to the alarm and protected surrounding buildings. Also responding to the fire call were the Norlina Fire Department, which offered its services, and the Wise Rural Fire Department called in to assist in bringing water to the source of the fire.

A livestock sale had been held in the building on Tuesday afternoon and the fire is believed to have originated near the cattle pens in the rear of the building. Livestock had been trucked away following the sale, with the exception of one hog bought by Warren Freezer Lockers.

Riggan said that he left his plant at 5:30 after he had cut off the air compressor and pulled the switch on his lights. He said there was no evidence of fire at the time. He said his loss included company records, machinery and building supplies.

Creech said that in addition to the building, his loss included a coal conveyor, and some farm machinery and bins stored in the building.

Both Riggan and Creech expressed their appreciation for the assistance of firemen. They said that they are deeply grateful for the fine work of the firemen.

Oral Test Not To Be Used In Registration

Citizens of Warren County who wish to register for the May 4 Primary and the General Election do not have to take both an oral and written literacy test. Only the written test is required.

Following a report that Warren County registrars were requiring both tests, T. T. Clayton, Warrenton attorney, requested Washington to send federal marshals into the county to supervise the registration.

Wednesday morning Paul J. Lancaster, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections issued the following statement:

"In the interest of clarification, the Warren County Board of Election confirms for the benefit of all citizens that Warren County is not one of the 39 counties covered under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"The literacy test, as a prerequisite for registration, must be applied to all persons who present themselves for registration. It is to be noted, however, that under a 1964 U. S. Supreme Court ruling the North Carolina literacy test is administered in writing only. Applicants for registration are required to copy a selected section of the Constitution either by writing or printing. The reading portion of our literacy test is no longer applicable in view of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the subsequent ruling by the U. S. Supreme Court.

"All persons presenting themselves for registration will be given the same literacy test and it will be applied only in writing."

Local Senior Awarded E. C. U. Scholarship

A John Graham High School senior is one of eight North Carolina high school seniors who have been awarded East Carolina University academic scholarships, Dr. James H. Tucker, dean of student affairs, announced yesterday.

He is Robert Allen Rodwell, son of Col. and Mrs. Charles Ray Rodwell, Jr., of Warrenton.

The five girls and three boys, recipients of the scholarships valued at \$4,000 each and payable at the rate of \$1,000 each school year, are top-ranking students in their classes.

Basis of selection included academic achievement, Scholastic Aptitude Tests scores, and participation in leadership activities in their schools and communities.

Dr. Frank G. Fuller, chairman of the Student Financial



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Aid Committee and professor of Education, headed the committee which conducted personal interviews with the students.

Allen King, an officer of the Rural Fire Department, said yesterday that two-way radios had been recently installed on all trucks. He said that all auxiliary companies were on a standby basis, but due to the radios it was not necessary for them to respond to the fire alarm.

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Wake Forest Choir To Sing Here April 22

The touring choir of the Wake Forest University will present a concert at the Warrenton Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, April 22, the Rev. John R. Link, pastor, announced yesterday.

Mr. Link said that churches and individuals of the area are invited.

Mrs. Travis Barham of Baltimore and Mrs. C. C. Liles of Whitakers visited friends here this week.



Easter Services Are Announced

Good Friday and Easter Day services will be held in many of the churches of the county.

The Rev. John R. Link announced yesterday that Easter services will be held at the Warrenton Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon topic will be "Victory Is Certain." He said the church choir will render an Easter cantata, "The Story of Easter," by Swift.

The Rev. Robert Orvis announced Episcopal services as follows:

Mundy Thursday services at 7:30 p. m. when Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Good Friday, from 1:30 to 3:00: Prayer and meditation. All who wish to attend are invited.

Easter Day - All Saints; Holy Communion service at 8 a. m.

Emmanuel; Choral Holy Communion Services will be held at 11:00 a. m. The music will be directed by Mrs. Harold M. Hardy, with Mrs. Leonard Daniel as organist.

Church of the Good Shepherd at Ridgeway; Holy Communion service at 8:00 p. m.

Memorial Service Here Monday

Little Disturbance In Warren Following King's Assassination

With part of American cities in flames, with looting rampant and with troops maintaining order in cities over the nation and in the state, Warren County has escaped violence following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis last Thursday.

The only incident, which some here call racial, was the shooting of a white self-service laundry on the Norlina road on the outskirts of Warrenton late Sunday night.

Officials said six bullets were fired into the segregated building. One bullet hit a bench inside the business and the front windows were shattered.

Warren citizens, both black and white, have joined together in mourning the death of the civil rights leader, in expressing dismay over the violence that caused his death, and in paying tribute to his memory.

Business houses at both Norlina and Warrenton were closed during the hours of the funeral of Dr. King in Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday and white and black joined in a memorial service for Dr. King at the

Warrenton courthouse on Monday afternoon.

The memorial services were under the direction of the Warren County Chapter of the NAACP, with Ernest Turner, president, serving as master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Eva Clayton, candidate for Congress making the principal address.

Participating in the service were Mayor W. A. Miles, the Rev. Alex Brown, J. Edward Rooker, substituting for the Rev. John R. Link, who was ill, the Rev. G. E. Cheek, the Rev. Paul Davis and the Rev. Robert Burnett. The ceremony consisted of hymns, prayers, and tributes and closed with the singing of Dr. King's song, "We Shall Overcome."

Mrs. Clayton declared that "Today all America is saddened by that tragic act of violence that took the life of the great King, the King of peace, King of love, and the King of brotherly understanding."

"I feel a personal loss in the death of Martin Luther King," she said. "Although I was not a personal friend of Dr. King, I felt as most Americans felt, that he was a personal crusader for my human rights in America. I feel particularly close to the death of Martin Luther King when I realize that on the very day his life was taken, he was scheduled to be in North Carolina to help us in our crusade for voters registration and had promised to help me individually through the request of Reginald Hawkins. Therefore, I personally feel more committed than ever before to the cause of non-violence and would like to state here my views - that I believe that non-violence as a philosophy, is not dead and I say this not because I feel only that it is the expedient way to deal with our race-

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Proclamation

At the request of the Warrenton Merchants Association and by direction of the Board of Town Commissioners, Mayor W. A. Miles issued the following proclamation.

WHEREAS, the Warrenton Merchants Association has requested that the places of businesses in the Town of Warrenton be closed as a token of respect for the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King and as an expression of our deep grief at the shocking tragedy which took his life,

I, W. A. MILES, Mayor of the Town of Warrenton, by direction of the Board of Commissioners of said Town, do hereby request that all places of business in our town be closed between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. on Tuesday, April 9, 1968, that this time may be observed as a period of mourning.

Contract Awarded For J. G. Library

The contract for the erection of a \$127,738 library building at John Graham High School was let by the Board of Education last Friday and work is expected to start immediately, J. Roger Peeler, superintendent of schools said yesterday.

The 64-foot by 64-foot building will be erected a short distance north of the main school building and will be connected by a covered walk.

The brick building will contain a conference room, office and storage room, utility room, audio-visual room, 15 study carrels, a reference area and rest rooms.

The main contract calls for 150 work days, and it may be that the library will be completed by the time the local school begins its fall session, Peeler said.

The general contract was awarded to O. K. Tharrington of Henderson at a cost of \$81,126.

Plumbing and heating contract was awarded to Richardson and Skinner of Wilson at a cost of \$3,700.

Heating and air condition contract was awarded to Jones Heating and Cooling of Wilson at \$13,400.

House Electric Company of Warrenton was awarded the electrical contract at a cost of \$7,444.

The contract for furniture was awarded to Southern Desk Company of Hickory at a cost of \$15,829.67.

Owen Smith's architect fee totaled \$6,229.36 to make the grand total of \$127,738.03.

The federal government will pay \$116,563.03 of this cost, and the remainder of \$11,175.00 will be paid from the State school bond fund.

\$9,000 Grant Approved For Rural Plan

Funds have been provided by the federal government to plan development of water and sewer services in rural parts of the county.

Congressman L. H. Fountain wired The Warren Record on Monday that the Farmers Home Administration was approved a grant of \$9,000 to the Warren County Planning Board for this purpose.

James G. Elam, county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration was notified of the grant on Wednesday morning.

Approval of a \$9,000 Farmers Home Administration grant for Warren County, North Carolina, to promote efficient and orderly development of water and sewer systems in rural communities was announced today by James G. Elam, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration.

He said that the Comprehensive Water and Sewer System (See GRANT, page 5)

Haliwa Indian Tribe To Hold Pow Wow Saturday

The Haliwa Tribe of Warren and Vance Counties will hold their second annual Pow Wow at the Haliwa school near Hollister on Saturday, April 13, beginning at 1 p. m.

Arthur S. Junaluska will again be the principal speaker. W. R. Richardson, in charge of the event, said yesterday that the Cherokee Chief would return by public demand.

Chief Junaluska is a descendant of two great chiefs, producer, actor and lecturer and executive director of the American Indian Society of Creative Arts, Inc., of which he is the founder. Richardson said that he made a profound impression at his appearance at the first Pow Wow last year.

The Haliwas' will have as their guests for the outdoor pow wow not only representatives of the Cherokee and Lumbee tribes of North Carolina but also some tribal representatives from Virginia.

During the pow wow, a tribal princess will be crowned and Indian dancing will be featured. Refreshments will be Mrs. Elizabeth W. Wilborn,



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staff historian, Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, will present the speaker. Other distinguished guests expected include Chief Adkins of the Chickahominy Tribe of Providence Forge, Va., and State Rep. James Speed of Franklin County.

W. R. Richardson, chief of the Haliwa Tribe, will serve as master of ceremonies.

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Haynes Promoted By Town Commissioners

Grady J. Haynes, Jr., was promoted to assistant chief of police and training office at the regular meeting of the board of town commissioners on Monday night.

Town Manager J. Ed Rooker brought to the attention of the board the necessity for a revision of charges for sewer and water taps which have been in effect in the town for a long number of years. It was ordered that in the future all water and sewer taps be billed to customers at the actual cost to the town.

It was ordered that a police telephone extension be placed on South Main Street near the intersection with West Franklin Street.

The clerk was directed to issue beer and wine licenses to Billy Ray Jordan and Norman Ivy Halthcock, Jr., trading as Halthcock Grocery and Cab Service.

The application of Clifton Lenwood Rook for a permit to drive a taxicab was not approved.

April Declared Paint Up, Clean Up Month

April was declared Clean Up and Paint Up Month by the Board of Town Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday night.

The board will request all merchants and other property owners to paint and clean up their premises and will request all civic clubs to assist in the effort to make Warrenton a cleaner and a prettier town.

Mayor W. A. Miles said that the town would assist in every way possible and that it would patch, paint and clean up the streets and would have all of its signs repainted.

Miles said that citizens are asked to notify the police department of all trash put out and that the town would pick it up promptly.

REVIVAL AT MACON

Revival services will begin at Macon Baptist Church on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 p. m. The Rev. W. L. Warren of Atlanta, Ga., will assist the pastor, the Rev. Grady J. Haynes, in the services. There will be special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.