



To Be Scene
Of Mini-Market

Hicks' old store and grill on Norlina road being torn down to make way for modern restaurant and mini-market. The Hicks home, store and grill and rental houses have been sold by Levi Hicks to Tommy Blanks of Henderson. Hicks said that Blanks has ordered a 28x60 building which will be constructed where the former store and grill were located and hopes to have his new market and restaurant open by Jan. 1. The store will be open seven days a week. Hicks built his store in 1932 and the grill was opened in 1957 and for many years was a gathering place for young people of Norlina and Warrenton.

Warren County Tax Rate To Be Based On 50 Percent Valuation

Warren County's tax rate for 1969 will be based on 50 percent of appraisals instead of the 40 percent of valuations in effect here for a number of years.

This was decided at the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday when a motion to make the increase was made by Commissioners A. J. Ellington, seconded by Commissioner Robert Thorne and carried without dissenting vote.

Since the tax rate goes down as valuations are increased, the only persons who will be adversely affected by the increase will be owners of motor vehicles.

The board ordered that the Consolidated Appraisal and Mapping Company, which is now in the process of reevaluating property in Warren County, not be required to appraise the valuation of public utilities since this work is done by other means.

Jack Harris, a member of the Warren County Planning Board, accompanied by George Monahan of the Department of Conservation and Development appeared before the board to discuss the county zoning ordinances. Harris said that the board does not want any changes made in the ordinances, but said that they should be enforced. He asked the commissioners to appropriate \$1,800 for the salary of a part-time man to see that regulations of the ordinances is not violated. The commissioners took no action on the request.

Clay Stone, field representative, and two other representatives of the Social Security Administration, appeared before the board to discuss office space. Stone pointed out that Social Security pay-

ments in January in Warren County were over \$145,000. At this rate annual payments would be over \$1,740,000. Under the new court set up, the office used by the Social Security Administration and Mrs. James K. Polk in the court house, has been assigned to Judge Julius Banzet.

The commissioners promised to investigate the possibility of finding office space at the Armory or in the Hendricks building.

Paul Wells, owner and operator of Camp Triston on Gaston Lake, appeared before the board to ask that the county request the State Highway Commission to delete from the county system that part of Road No. 1355 within the boundaries of his property. Wells said that he planned to build a summer

camp for boys and girls and since the road dead-ends on his property he wanted that part of the road closed.

The board ordered that Wayne Adkins, Jr., district engineer, be contacted and asked that Road No. 1355 be abandoned at the property line of Camp Triston.

It was ordered that James Jefferson, Jr., and Candies Miller, trading as West Market Street Game Room, be issued a beer license upon receipt of state permit.

The commissioners interrupted their morning session and adjourned to the court room for about 40 minutes to hear a delegation of Warren County Negro citizens present a list of grievances responsible for a boycott of Warren County merchants.

Students May Register At Home

College students over 21 who maintain their residences in Warren County may vote in the Nov. General Election if they will register at their regular polling places and apply to Paul Lancaster, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections for an absentee ballot.

The registration books will be opened for the next three Saturdays.

Lancaster said that he had not made an accurate check but he estimated that a little over 1,000 persons registered in the new registration last Saturday. He said that this is only a small part of the total number of potential voters in the county.

Lancaster pointed out that a total new registration is required for this year's election as the old registration books have been discarded. He urges all those planning to vote to be sure that their names are placed on the registration books during the next three Saturdays. Due to the expected heavy registration, he asks that citizens register as soon as possible.

Jack Kidd Funeral Held Here Monday

Funeral services for John Carlton (Jack) Kidd, 51, of Roanoke Rapids were held from the Blaylock Funeral Home in Warrenton on Monday at 2:30 by the Rev. Marshall Whitehurst of Roanoke Rapids.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery in Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Kidd, was born and reared in Warrenton, died early Saturday morning at his residence on Summit Avenue in Roanoke Rapids. He had been living in Roanoke Rapids for the past 20 years where he was owner and operator of the Red River Saddle Club and Shop. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hazel Benson Kidd; two daughters, Miss Hazel Karyl Kidd of the home and Mrs. Ruby Kidd Cox of Burlington; his mother, Mrs. W. W. Kidd, Sr., of Roanoke Rapids; two sisters, Mrs. Margaret K. Blaylock of Warrenton and Mrs. Alvis K. Bell of Greensboro; and two brothers, Walter W. Kidd, Jr., of Scotland Neck and Dr. William E. Kidd of Washington, N. C.

MEMBER ROYAL SOCIETY

Dr. Charles Bunch has received certificate from London, England, of his election to membership in the Royal Society of Health, with the designation of M.R.S.H. This organization was founded in 1878 and is under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen. Lord Cohen of Birkenhead is its president. The motto of the organization is "Health is the common ground between Nations."

Mrs. Lonnie Radford of Centerville visited her mother, Mrs. B. C. Tharrington, on Saturday.

To Be Intensified

Negro Group Tells Board Boycott To Be Continued

The boycott of Warren County merchants by the Negro Citizens Committee will be intensified and continued until Jan. 2 unless grievances of Negro citizens are met, a delegation of Warren County Negroes told the board of county commissioners here Monday morning at a meeting held in the county court room.

Blamed for triggering the boycott was the refusal of the board of education to hear Mrs.

Eva Clayton speak when she appeared as spokesman for the Negro Citizens Committee at a recent board meeting. At the meeting, held on Sept. 9, Frank Banzet, board attorney advised the board that since the opening of the schools was by court order that no one but an attorney was qualified to speak.

Among the demands which Mrs. Clayton was not allowed to present, was that J. Roger

Peeler, superintendent of schools, be discharged.

John Hawkins, one of the spokesmen for the group, said that immediately following the meeting the Negro group gathered at one of their churches and decided to boycott Warren County merchants. What the Negroes want, he said, are first class citizenship and fair treatment.

Mrs. Clayton, during the reading of a list of grievances,

said that the committee asks for the formation of a Human Relation Committee for Warren County for better race communications.

The meeting of the board of commissioners was transferred from the commissioners room to the court room due to the size of the delegation. Board Chairman Amos L. Capps recognized Ernest Turner, president of the Warren County Negro Citizens Committee, who announced that Mrs. Clayton would read the lists of grievances in which ten points were listed. They were:

Failure of Negroes to have fair representation on the various boards in the area of education, health, welfare, elections, etc.

In the field of education, it was charged that the board of education is not responsive to the wishes and needs of the majority and parents and school children since the school population is composed of 70 per cent Negro and 30 per cent white. The board and superintendent have demonstrated, it was further charged, they are not really concerned about a first rate education system in Warren County. The resignation of Supt. Peeler was asked.

More opportunities for job employment. "We charge the county commissioners and others with the failure to attract and help create new jobs."

Fair protections of all our citizens, and the hiring of a Negro deputy.

It was stated that the committee feels it a disgrace that Warren County provides no recreation opportunities for its young people.

It was charged that the full potentials of the Welfare Department to aid needy persons is not being used.

It was requested that Warren County take fuller advantages of federal programs for its economic development.

Failure to integrate library facilities was the ninth grievance.

The tenth grievance, added in recent days, was:

"Justice Warren County Style—An example of Warren County's version of justice, which in every case is just to the white person and unjust to the Negro is where a white man assaulted and physically injured a Negro lady for no good reason and when being tried in Recorder's Court went unpunished."

Chairman Capps told the delegation that any group was always welcome to appear before the county commissioners and assured them that they would always receive a courteous hearing. He said that many of the grievances were not within the power of the board of commissioners to correct.

Memberships in most of the offices are by public election. The board, Capps said, has no control over the board of education. The board has already determined to hire a deputy on July 1, 1969, when the new budget is adopted. The board is permitted to place only one person on the welfare board and that must be a commissioner. The board has no control over the board of elections. There has been no change made in library appropriations, and that an industrial commission is working to bring industries into the county.

Following Mr. Capps' remarks, and after some exchanges from members of the delegations County Attorney asked to be heard in order that he might clarify several legal angles. He told the group of the legal responsibilities of the board in the field of education and welfare. He said that each elected official is responsible for the acts of their assistants and must be the judge of whom they must hire.

Limer pointed out that the FHA has a program by which groups of citizens may obtain funds for recreational facilities. For the moment, he said, the board is not aware of any such program in Warren County.

Says It Is Needless

Negro Woman Decries Boycott

Mrs. Candies Miller, a well known Negro business woman of Warrenton, whose own business has alleged to be threatened with a boycott because of some remarks made by her mother, for which Mrs. Miller says she is not responsible, this week strikes back at the boycott in a letter submitted to this newspaper.

In her article, Mrs. Miller says that the boycott is a bad thing for the county and is being led by persons who are not natives of the county, and suggests that many of the things wanted by Negroes could be provided by their own efforts.

Elsewhere in this newspaper the grievances of the Negroes engaged in the boycott of Warren County merchants are stated at some length and the merits of their contentions may be judged. Below, the grievances of Mrs. Miller is given similar publicity and their merits may also be judged:

TO WHOM THIS MIGHT CONCERN: I am a born citizen of the town of Warrenton and have my life thus far lived.

I was informed by a member of the N.A.A.C.P. that my business is to be boycotted because of the exchanging words with some teenage members and my mother on the street and not

my place of business, namely "Laundry Mat" on Franklin Street. While working on my job at your county hospital this happened. Yet I am the one who has the blame for what goes on in the street one and one half miles away. So to get to me with your ill mind of thinking, you broke your way through by my mother. I am a person who has and always will meet my problems, troubles, and misunderstandings face to face, and not go to Richmond to get back to Roanoke Rapids.

It's sad how many of Warren County's citizens are being led by such poor leadership of some who are natives of other towns and counties, yet want to be the pilot of Warren County Negroes.

Yet you say Negroes and Whites should live in good relationship. But how can this be when Negroes are boycotting Negroes; so how can Negroes and Whites live together when Negroes can't do it?

Dear one or ones — Stop and think for a minute, for Sunday School, our Churches are so few with class members and the collections are shameful; but in the afternoon N.A.A.C.P. meeting you have your babies from the cribs, and everybody has plenty to say about it all, of how not to love one another but how to hate, and work against one another, and from pockets come your green-dollar bills, making your collections great. Try to find a prayer from your heart and which is best.

And how about our Police Staff? We have a Negro Policeman, the greatest, I personally think. Your group are not satisfied with him. Yet you want white and black to live together. Because of a past incident in which he only carried out a police duty, he was talked about and looked on with scorn.—Now you all who cried out for Negroes on Police Force (See MILLER, page 2)

Course In Food Services May Be Offered In County

Provided there are enough persons in this area, a course will be given in food service, Mrs. Sue Skinner, Warren County Lunchroom Supervisor announced yesterday.

The course, "Overview of School Service," is designed to give training to anyone hoping to work with foods in schools, hotels, restaurants, etc.

Mrs. Skinner said the course will be taught on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. by Mrs. Esther Delbridge of Norlina and will be offered through the Halifax Technical Institute. Fifteen students are needed for class organization.

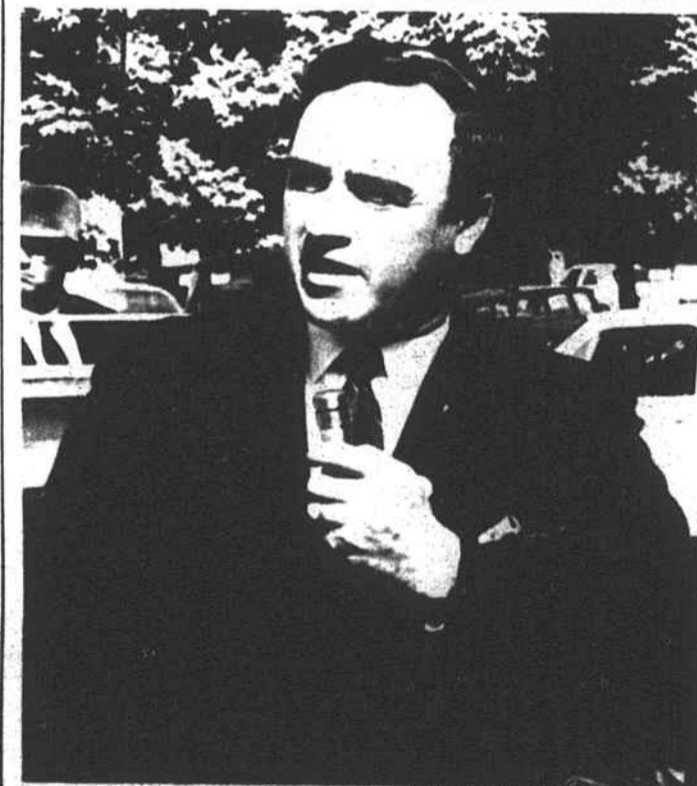
The first meeting will be held in the John Graham High School lunchroom on Oct. 15. All those interested should contact Mrs. Delbridge at 456-4971.

Bartholomew To Speak At Two Churches

Fred Bartholomew, principal of John Graham High School, will be the speaker at Laymen's Day services at Shady Grove Methodist Church at Inez and at Bethlehem Methodist Church in Arcoles on Sunday. The service at Inez will be at 10 a. m. and at Arcoles at 11 a. m.

Laymen's Day services are held the second Sunday in October in the United Methodist Church to remind the church of the necessity of the work of laymen in the mission of the church.

The Rev. James H. Collins, pastor of the two churches, invites the public to attend these services.



Bob Scott speaks to a group of supporters on the courthouse square here on Tuesday afternoon during a brief visit to Warren County towns.

Bob Scott Makes Brief Visits To Warren Towns

Lieut. Governor Bob Scott in a brief talk here on Tuesday afternoon pledged his support to better education and farming and to work for the continuing development of the State. Pointing out that he is and has been a farmer all his life, Scott said that he feels that he understands the problems of the farmer and that as Governor he would be able to do many things that a state can do to strengthen its agricultural program.

One thing that would help North Carolina Agriculture, he said, would be for North Carolina industry to use North Carolina farm products. An example, he added, would be North Carolina apples in apple fritters. He was referring to his opponent, Republican Jim Gardner, large stockholder in Hardy's which buys its beef and apples outside the State.

Scott said that he has little patience with those who are constantly knocking North Carolina and America. North Carolina citizens, he said, can be proud of the progress that the State has made under Democratic Administrations and would continue to make progress under a Democratic Administration. Not all is right in either North Carolina or the United States but a great deal is. America is still the best country in the world with the best form of government and we all can work and vote to make it better, he concluded.

Scott, who spent about 20 minutes at Warrenton, was on his way to Roxboro to attend a five-county Scott Rally. Early in the afternoon he spent a short time in Littleton and following his appearance here he passed in Norlina.

Harris Says Farmers Need The Farm Bureau

Pointing out that the Warren County Farm Bureau is in the middle of its annual membership drive, Dennis Harris, president of the local bureau, said yesterday that farmers are at a crossroad and there is a real debate as to whether many of them will continue to farm. "The cost-price squeeze that has plagued farmers for the past five years has taken its toll and will continue until the parity ratio is raised enough to allow the average farmer to make a profit," Harris declared.

The farm leader pointed out that farm prices are lower at the present time than they have been since depression days. "At the same time," Harris said, "the cost for farm equipment and supplies is higher than ever before. It is high time the farmers took the bull by the horns and joined together to fight this bad situation."

"There is no better way for a farmer to be heard than through the North Carolina Farm Bureau," Harris ven-

tured. "The total number of farmers has dwindled to less than six percent of the nation's population. We must realize that our numbers are insufficient to cause any particular stir in Washington," President Harris revealed. "Even congressional agricultural committees are not taken too seriously any more in the Congress. Only by uniting solidly in Farm Bureau can farmers make their voices effectively heard."

Harris disclosed that there are over 70,000 farmers in North Carolina who belong to Farm Bureau. The organization has nearly two million members in the 50 states.

"Farm Bureau offers the farmer a democratic forum through which he can make his complaints known," Harris indicated. "Then, with the farmer's support, something can be done about it. We are in the middle of our annual membership drive. We invite all farmers to investigate Farm Bureau."

Punt, Pass And Kick Contest To Be Held Saturday

The Punt, Pass and Kick Contest, sponsored by Fowler-Barham Ford Agency, will be held at the John Graham Athletic Field on Saturday morning at 10 a. m.

All boys who have registered from 8 to 13, will compete.

Branley Overby, sales manager for Fowler-Barham, will be in charge. The young boys will compete to see who can punt, pass and kick a football the furthest.

The six first place winners will be notified where the next competition will be held on Oct. 19.