



Dignitaries Pictured At
Groundbreaking Exercises

Dignitaries are shown posing for the groundbreaking ceremonies on last Friday morning. They are, left to right: W. D. Little, cashier Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Norlina; W. A. Miles, Mayor of Warrenton; John G. Mitchell, chairman of the Board of Citizens Bank; Pett B. Boyd, president of Citizens Bank; Major General Claude T. Bowers, chairman of the Board of Bute Development Company; Charles S. Edwards, N. C. Economics Specialist, Economics Development Administration; Selby G. Benton, president of Bute Development Company; T. E. "Red" Cochrane, president Cochrane Furniture Company; Jerry Cochrane, president of Cochrane Eastern; Alfred J. Ellington, Warren County Commissioner; W. Monroe Gardner, chairman Warren County Industrial Commission.

Groundbreaking For Furniture Plant Is Held Here On Friday

The friendliness of people of the Warrenton area and their full cooperation was responsible for the decision of Cochrane Furniture Company of Lincolnton to locate a subsidiary company on the outskirts of Warrenton, Jerry Cochrane, president of Cochrane Eastern, Inc., said at groundbreaking ceremonies here on last Friday

morning. During the ceremonies ground was broken for a new \$1.2 million furniture parts company which will eventually grow to a \$2 million dollar business and employ some 500 local people in Warrenton's Industrial Park. Cochrane said that Cochrane officials inspected many sites

in North Carolina and other states, and while they found some sites that were better suited physically for their plant, nowhere else did they receive the warm welcome and cooperation they received in the Warrenton area. This, he said, was decisive in the choosing of a site. Breaking ground Friday for



Mayor W. A. Miles, T. E. Cochrane and Jerry Cochrane using their shovels as official groundbreakers for the Cochrane Eastern Plant on the outskirts of Warrenton.

the 60,000 square-foot building on the 43 acres of land in the community of 3,500 were Mayor W. A. Miles and Jerry and T. E. Cochrane, owners of Cochrane Eastern, Inc., a subsidiary of Cochrane Furniture Company of Lincolnton. The new firm, largest to settle in Warrenton County, will temporarily manufacture wood parts for maple Early American style furniture. The firm expects to expand within the next two years to a 300,000 square-foot building and manufacture all types of furniture.

Jerry Cochrane said that 95 per cent of the employees will be hired from in and around Warrenton "as much as possible." Construction of the building is expected to begin within the next two weeks. Manufacture of the wood parts is set to begin January, 1970.

Monroe Gardner, chairman of Warren County Industrial Commission, was master of ceremonies for the event attended by town and county officials, company officials, and

dignitaries from other sections as well as local bankers and others who have been active in bringing the plant to Warrenton. Mayor W. A. Miles welcomed the plant to Warrenton and County Commissioner Alfred J. Ellington, acting on behalf of board chairman Amos L. Capps, welcomed the plant to Warren County.

The exercises were held from a truck body in the shade of large trees at the old R. B. Boyd home site with celebrities on the platform. The messages of the speakers was carried to the crowd of around 150 persons over the loudspeaker truck of R. B. Butler Auction Company, with "Junie" Drake at the controls. Traffic was directed by members of Boy Scout Troop No. 617. Invocation was given by the Rev. Ted Wilson, minister of the Wesley Memorial Methodist Church.

Handling the shovels in the official groundbreaking were Jerry and T. E. Cochrane and Mayor W. A. Miles, but afterwards a number of others took

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Warrenton May Restrict Use Of Town Dump After County Board Decision

Warrenton may restrict the use of its trash dump to the use of town citizens following notice from the board of county commissioners that the county would no longer pay a \$25 a month fee for the public use of the dump. Mayor W. A. Miles told the board that he had been notified

By County Commissioner Chairman Amos L. Capps that the county would no longer pay the fee as no provision for its payment has been provided in the county budget. Trash from all over the county has been carried to the town dump and often dumped indiscriminately away from the deep

ravine reserved for this purpose. The commissioners said on Monday night that the \$300 which has been paid annually by the county did not cover the cost of shoving the trash into the ravine.

This problem was taken to the commissioners a few years ago by the town commissioners and the county officials agreed to bear part of the cost of maintaining the dump.

The commissioners said Monday night that debris is being hauled to the Warrenton dump from Macon, Norlina and other sections of the county, and from county buildings in the town, and that under the law the county is supposed to provide a public trash dump for the use of county citizens.

The suggestion was made that the town erect a gate at the entrance to the woods road leading to the dump, but no action was taken pending recommendations of the new street committee appointed by Mayor Miles near the close of the two and one-half hour session.

Major Pope Powell is chairman of the street committee, appointed by Mayor Miles on Monday night. Other members

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Beer May Be Sold On Permit Issued By State

A municipality cannot legally refuse to issue a beer license to any citizen who has been granted a beer permit by the state, L. B. Phillips, head of the State ABC Enforcement Division, told the town commissioners on Monday night.

A town may refuse to reissue a license for cause after a permit has been granted by the state but not when the permit is an original one, Phillips said. He said that the state would refuse to issue a permit where applicant has been found guilty of a felony or found guilty of violation of the prohibition law. Where the state grants a permit, it is mandatory that a town grant a license upon applica-

tion, Phillips told the commissioners. Where a town refuses to re-issue a license, he said, the applicants may demand a hearing before the full board and may appeal the decision of the board to the courts.

Proper procedure, Phillips said, is for a citizen desiring a license, to give notice to the town board of his intent to file for a state permit. The town must state its objection to the state board within 10 days, he

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Opportunity, Inc. Gets \$487,262 Grant

A Federal grant of \$487,262 for a year long community action program for Franklin-Vance - Warren Opportunity, Inc., of Henderson was announced from Washington last week by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The statement said the major portion of the funds will go to 24 classes of year-round, all-day Head Start for 360 children. Another portion will provide emergency food and medical care in the three-county area for six months.

The program has been in operation for several years, and is directed for the three counties from offices in Henderson.

Tobacco Market To Open On Sept. 2

The Warrenton Tobacco Market and other markets in the Middle Belt will open on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

The date was set by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee at a meeting held in Raleigh on Friday night to arrange for openings in the various belts.

The date is virtually the same as last year, when sales began on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The crop in this area is expected to be larger this year than last as to poundage, due to carryover from allotments that were not used in 1968 as a result of the drought shortage.

Horse Show To Be Held At Afton Saturday

The Afton Horse Show will be held at Afton on Saturday, July 19, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children.

The show ring is located five miles south of Warrenton, just off Highway 401, with directional signs.

Food and refreshments will be available on the show grounds.

The judge for the show, which is approved by Carolina Central Western Horse Association, will be Mrs. Esther O. Wisecarver. Lindy Arrington will be ringmaster, and Harold Harris and Lewis Reavis are chairmen.

Tobacco Meeting To Be Held At Oxford

All tobacco farmers in Warren County are invited to a tobacco field day at the Oxford Research Station, L. B. Hardage, county extension chairman, announced yesterday. The tour has been scheduled for Monday, July 21, starting at 9 a. m. and ending at 12 noon.

Hardage said the tobacco farmers will find this event worth their time and suggested that farmers get a carload of their neighbors and go directly to the station.



Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 617 were pictured during lull at groundbreaking ceremonies. Several other members of the troop who directed traffic were not present at the time the group was spotted by photographer. Shown, left to right, are: Walter Gardner, Jr., Smitty Bugg, Sears Bugg, N. M. Hilliard, Jr., E. J. Burgess, Jr., and Stewart Satterwhite.



Bankers W. D. Little, Pett B. Boyd and John G. Mitchell try hand with shovels.

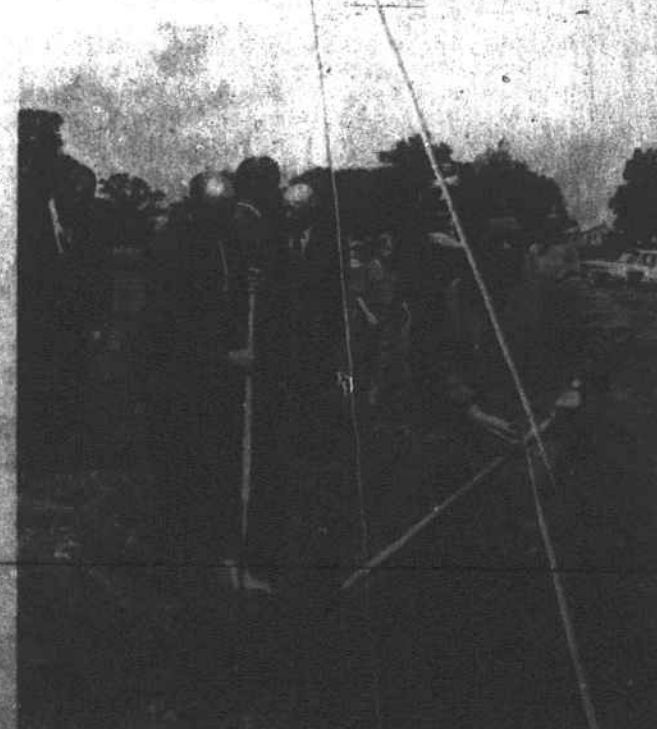


Second Go-Round

Mayor W. A. Miles is really working in this second shot of official groundbreaking. Jerry Cochrane is largely hidden from camera in process before he gets his shovel turned right. T. E. Cochrane sticks shovel into hard dirt.



General Claude Bowers, Charles S. Edwards and Commissioner A. J. Ellington try their hand with shovels.



Selby Benton and W. Monroe Gardner hold their shovels during ceremony.