

Warrenton Tobacco Market To Begin Sales On Tuesday

Opening Of Warren County Schools Delayed By Board Following Court Ruling

Federal Judges Forbid Opening Of Special District Schools At Warrenton And Littleton

Warren County schools, whose 1969-70 plans were changed by injunctions against two special school districts, await the decision of the Warren County Board of Education as to a date for opening.

Federal judges on Monday barred the opening of three municipal school systems created by the 1969 General Assembly. Two of these were in Warren County and a third was in Halifax County.

The Federal court meeting in Raleigh barred the scheduled opening next week of three newly created Eastern North Carolina school districts accused of being segregationist.

Hearing on the cases began in Raleigh on Thursday of last week and continued through Saturday with a decision being given on Monday.

The decision came in two separate orders in U. S. Eastern District Court affecting proposed school systems in Scotland Neck in Halifax County, Warrenton in Warren County and Littleton-Lake Gaston in both counties.

The court said the three systems, set up by the 1969 General Assembly to operate independently of their county systems, could not open until the constitutionality of the laws creating them was determined.

There was no indication when a ruling on the constitutional question might come. Attorneys were given until Oct. 1 to file additional information on the constitutional questions involved.

Both Warren and Halifax Counties are predominantly Negro.

Judge John R. Larkins, Jr., ruling in the Scotland Neck case, said allowing the system there to open would cause "irreparable damage to the United States and the Negro pupils of Halifax County."

The system would function "on a racially discriminatory basis," Larkins said.

Judge Algernon Butler, ruling in the Warrenton and Littleton-Lake Gaston cases, said the systems would "create a refuge for white students and promote segregated schools in Warren County."

Butler also ruled that Warren County must operate its schools "in strict compliance" with a desegregation plan previously approved by the court.

Peeler said that order means, "We will operate substantially as we did last year, under which we had to have a minimum of 15 per cent Negroes in previously all-white schools and at least two Negro teachers in these schools."

Defenders of the proposed separate school systems argued that the primary aim was to improve the schools in the towns. Each town levied a special tax on residents to provide extra money for the schools.

But Butler, in his ruling, cited statistics which he said showed that the effect of the creation of the Warrenton and Littleton-Lake Gaston systems would be segregationist.

He said the Warrenton system's student population would be 94 per cent white, 2 per cent Negro and 4 per cent Indian.

He said the Littleton-Lake Gaston's system's student population would be 53.56 per cent white and 46.44 per cent Negro.

Many whites transferring into the two new systems and a few Negroes transferring out of them would have made the student population in county schools 7 per cent white and 93 per cent Negro, Butler said.

The Warren and Halifax County systems planned to absorb most of the school personnel which would have operated under the following plan:

Board Refuses To Approve Opening

The Warren County Board of Education in special meeting on Tuesday night failed to approve recommendations of both Supt. of Schools J. R. Peeler and school principals that Warren County schools open next week, following a Federal Court order forbidding the operation of the Warrenton City Schools and the Littleton-Gaston School.

Supt. Peeler recommended that the teachers begin work on Aug. 28 and that student registration be held on Aug. 29, with another orientation day for teachers on Sept. 2, with the first regular day of school on Sept. 3. Similar recommendations were made by the principals at a meeting on Tuesday afternoon.

The board was scheduled to meet again last night (Wednesday) for further consideration of the recommendations.

Supt. Peeler and superintendents of the Warrenton City and Littleton School were in Raleigh Wednesday consulting with State Supt. Craig Phillips over problems brought about by the court order.

At the meeting on Tuesday night Supt. Peeler explained to the board that it would actually take several months to fully implement the order given by Judge Butler, but that in his opinion a delay in the opening of schools of two or three days or even a week would help very little. He said he did not see how the principals could begin work on class schedules until students had registered.

Schools are expected to be operated under the following plan:

Warrenton District—Mariam Boyd, grades 1-3; South Warren, grades 4-5; Macon-grade 6; Hawkins-grades 7 and 8; John Graham - grades 9-12. Norlina District—Northside-grades 1-3; North Warren—



FAMILIAR SCENE AT MARKET OPENING

Criminal Term Of Superior Court To Open Tuesday; Hall To Preside

Two murder cases and four cases of manslaughter have been docketed for trial in the Sept. Criminal Term of Warren County Superior Court which will open here next Tuesday morning with Judge Clarence W. Hall of Durham presiding.

Court will open next Tuesday morning due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday and is scheduled to last through Thursday. Cases have been docketed as follows:

Tuesday - Nathaniel Ellis, operating motor vehicle while license suspended; Fred Robertson, second offense of drunk driving and hit and run; Thomas Ralph Phillips, aiding and abetting; William Loyd Reid, drunk driving; Henry Clement Shearin, drunk driving; Milton Samuel Jones, drunk driving and carrying concealed weapon; Eddie Holmes Williams, Jr., drunk driving.

Herman Nicholson, assault with deadly weapon; David Earl Champion, speeding and drunk driving; Robert Donald Moss, drunk driving; Allen W. Brown, drunk driving; George Edward Newell, drunk driving; Clyde

Ray King, driving while license suspended; Jerry Milam, assault with deadly weapon; William Thomas Dickerson, larceny of motor vehicle; Bobby Ray West, driving while license suspended.

Sally Terry Goode, possession of non-taxpaid liquor and possession of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale; John Herbert Terry, possession of non-taxpaid liquor and possession of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale; Jimmie Rodgers Williams, four cases of larceny of automobile; Martha Champion Macklin, possession of non-taxpaid liquor and possession of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale; Nathaniel Bullock, possession of non-taxpaid liquor and possession of non-taxpaid liquor for purpose of sale; Barry Wayne Brown, breaking, entering and larceny.

Phil N. Radford, second offense of public drunkenness; Mitchell Lance King, breaking and entering and improper advances; James Howell, hit and run; Joseph Adkins, breaking and entering coin operated machine; Bill Lee Daniel, breaking and entering coin operated machine; Richard Daniel, breaking and entering coin operated machine; Jerry Daniel, breaking and entering coin operated machine.

Wednesday - Minnie Silver, drunk driving; Willie Ella Burckett, two cases of manslaughter; Hubert Delaney Pulley, manslaughter, speeding, drunk driving and improper brakes; William Atkins Jones, Jr., drunk driving; Arthur Rick Alston, murder; David Lee Alston, murder; William Harden Daniels, manslaughter; Lawrence Paul Wyatt, drunk driving; David Alston, third offense of drunk driving; James Lee Miller, possession of utensils for manufacturing intoxicating liquor and manufacture of non-taxpaid liquor.

John Clifton Banks, assault with deadly weapon; William Crump, larceny; William Meadows, second offense of public drunkenness within one year; Robert Lee Williams, drunk driving; Cleveland Haw-

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Five Warehouses To Operate; Outlook Good

Five warehouses are in readiness for the opening of the Warrenton Tobacco Market next Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 9 a. m. First sale will be held at Thompson's Warehouse, followed by sales, in order, at Boyd's, Centre, Farmers and Currin's.

The only major change in operating warehouses at Warrenton this year is that Boyd's Warehouse will be operated by B. W. Currin. Currin bought the warehouse several months ago from the estate of the late Walker P. Burwell who had operated it for many years.

Warehouses will be operated this season on a four-day week. Next week's sale will start on Tuesday and run through Friday. For the remainder of the season sales will start on Monday and sell through Thursday.

L. Owen Robertson, Jr., will be sales supervisor, succeeding Edward Wood, deceased.

Robertson said yesterday that all major companies will be represented on the Warrenton Market, with most of the buyers returning.

Earl Lightsey of Florida will be the auctioneer at Currin's, Farmers and Centre. Bill Martin will be the auctioneer at Thompson's and B. W. Currin will be the auctioneer at Boyd's.

With a good crop in the area, Warrenton warehouses are expected to sell at least a million pounds more tobacco this year than they did last year. Robertson, who has been on the Border Market for several weeks, said that demand for tobacco is good and little tobacco found its way into Stabilization. He said that, based on Border Market prices, he expects that Warrenton Market to average between \$72 and \$73 on opening day.

Weather conditions generally have been favorable for maturing the crop this year, and quality is described as being much above last season. Fully two-thirds of the 1969 crop has been harvested, and the remainder will be housed in the next several weeks.

Market procedure this year will be largely unchanged as to selling hours. Tobacco offered by growers will be prepared in the pre-sheeting process on farms before being taken to warehouse floors for sale.

All Middle Belt markets will open on Sept. 2. They are Durham, Henderson, Oxford, Fuquay-Varina, Louisburg, Warrenton, Sanford, Carthage, Aberdeen and Ellerbe. In all areas the crop is considered to be of highly acceptable quality.

One Killed, Three Injured In Wreck

One person was killed and three others were seriously injured in a two-car wreck on the Norlina Road around 8:30 o'clock on Saturday night, and two other persons were painfully hurt in a second smash growing out of the first wreck.

Killed was 17-year-old Willie Perry, a passenger in the back

seat of a 1966 Mustang being driven by Walter McLean Pitchford who escaped injury.

Hospitalized were three other passengers, Edna Mae Burton, 20, Annie Burton, 19, and Larry Perry, 19. A fifth passenger in the Mustang, Marvin Boyd of Newport News, Va., was discharged from Warren General Hospital following examination.

Henry Boyd Stallings, driver of the 1964 Oldsmobile which crashed into the Mustang, was taken to Warren General Hospital where he was treated and released.

Highway Patrolman V. R. (Pete) Vaughan who investigated the wreck said that evidence was that Pitchford, the driver of the Mustang, was attempting to make a left turn into a drive almost diagonally across from the old Riggan Place now owned by Durwood Johnson, when he was temporarily held up by another car coming out of the drive. Before he could make the turn the car driven by Stallings ploughed into it, almost completely demolishing the car, and causing minor damage to the Stallings car.

The patrolman said that two of the girls riding in the back seat of the Mustang told them that they could see Pitchford's turn indicator light flashing before the car was struck.

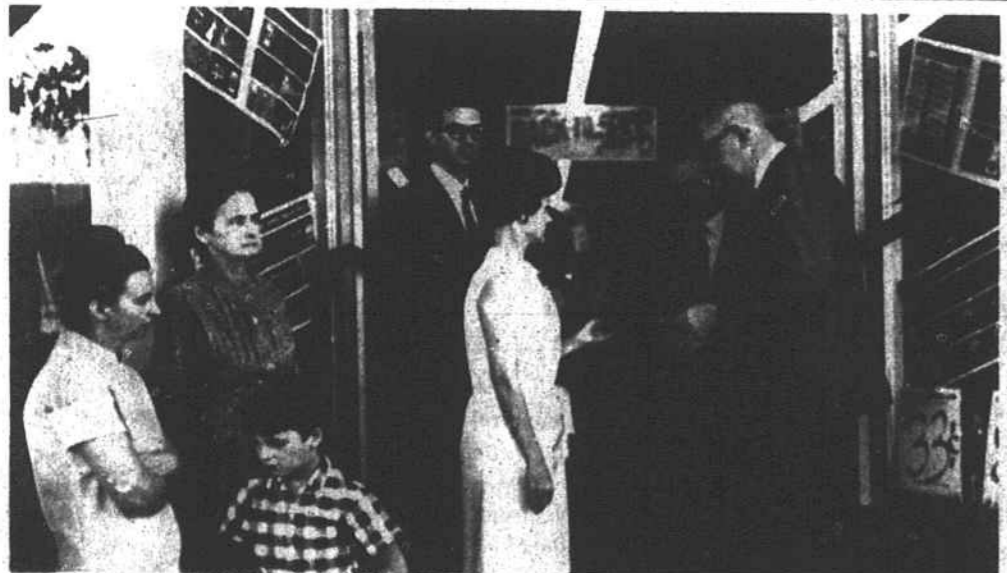
A large number of cars gathered near the scene of the wreck. Among these was a 1964 Chevrolet driven by Gaynelle Brown of Warrenton. Brown had stepped out of his car when a 1966 Chevrolet driven by Durwood Wright, John Graham High School baseball player, crashed into it, causing extensive damage to both cars.

Wright and Reno Dicks, riding with Wright, were taken to Warren General Hospital where they were treated and released.

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TO PRESENT PROGRAM The all-male chorus of the First Baptist Church of Warrenton, N.C., will give a musical program on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 8:30 p. m. at the Church.



TOWN MANAGER J. ED. ROOKER CUTS RIBBON OPENING STORE

Rooker Cuts Ribbon At Store Opening

With Town Manager J. Ed Rooker cutting the ribbon in the absence of Mayor W. A. Miles, a colorful ribbon cutting ceremony in Warrenton last Thursday morning marked the opening of the city's newest member of its growing family of merchants.

The Super Dollar Store is the 48th store to be opened in the Carolinas and Virginia since its commencement of operations in Sept. 1968.

The new store is being managed by Mrs. Elizabeth Hight. Mrs. Hight was formerly with Eflord's Department Store of

Henderson. She has lived in Warrenton for more than 20 years, and she and her husband, Albert and one of their three children reside on 511 Ridgeway Street.

Mrs. Hight said yesterday that the opening weekend was very successful. The chain carries clothing, housewares, and has a discount health and beauty aids department.

A G.E. television set will be given away on Saturday, Aug. 30. Registration for the drawing will be open until 4 p. m. that day. No purchase is required to register and the

winner need not be present to win.

L. M. Melvin, president of Super Dollar Stores, said that it is reported to be the fastest growing chain of discount stores in America, with capital resources in excess of one and one-half million dollars. He said that plans are underway to open an additional 32 stores in 1969-71, bringing the total number of stores to 80. The company is headquartered in Raleigh.

The new Super Dollar Store will be supervised by Ralph Myers of Garner.

Cases of drunk driving and other violations of the motor vehicle laws, public drunkenness and other violations of the alcoholic laws and a number of other cases occupied the time of court officials in Warren County District Court last Friday.

Harvey S. Neal was sentenced to the roads for three months when he was found guilty of drunk driving. The sentence was suspended for three years upon the condition that he remains of good behavior, surrenders his driver's license and not operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state except as allowed in limited driving privileges and that he pays a \$100 fine and court costs.

James Otis Townes, charged with drunk driving and 3 on breathalyzer, was found not guilty.

John George Mustian, charged with drunk driving, pled guilty to a charge of careless and reckless driving and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and court costs.

Wilson Dalton, 17-year-old, was charged with illegal possession of beer, and sentenced to jail for 30 days. The sentence was suspended for two years provided the defendant pays court costs and remains away from the Shadow Club in Norlina for two years.

Larry Dean Strange, failed to appear in court to answer to a charge of selling beer to a minor. Citias was issued and defendant was placed under \$50 bond for his appearance at the Aug. 29 term of court. Curtis R. Jenkins was charged

with public drunkenness. The court took a nolpro with leave.

Marshall G. Newton pled guilty to a charge of illegal possession of whiskey and was ordered to pay a \$15 fine and court costs.

Will Drumgo pled guilty to the second offense of public drunkenness within the period of one year. The judgment of the court was that the defendant be placed in the custody of the Commissioner of Correction for an indefinite sentence of not less than 30 days and not more than six months.

Calvin Lee Stansbury was ordered to pay court costs when he pled guilty to failing to stop at a stop sign.

James Thomas Burnette was sentenced to the roads for 30 days when he pled guilty to a charge of speeding 70 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone. The sentence was suspended for six months upon payment of a \$25 fine and court costs.

The state took a nolpro with leave in the case of Tommy West, charged with reckless driving.

Kimbrow Crew Smith entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of following another vehicle too closely. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

James Van Overton also entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of following another vehicle too closely. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Charles Cleveland Williams pled guilty to two charges of speeding and reckless driving and was sentenced to the

roads for 60 days in each case. The sentences were suspended for six months provided the defendant remains of good behavior and not violate any laws of the state for six months, pays a fine of \$35 and court costs and that he surrenders his driver's license for 30 days and not operate a motor vehicle upon the public highways of the state for 30

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Peoples Bank And Trust Company To Handle Food Stamps

People's Bank and Trust Company in Norlina will begin handling Food Stamps beginning in September, Julian Farrar, Social Service Director, said this week.

Farrar said that this makes two places in Warren County at which the stamps may be purchased. The Citizens Bank Drive-in on the Norlina Road and at the Peoples Bank in Norlina.

The State Department of Social Service personnel recently visited the Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Norlina to brief its personnel on issuing the stamps.

Farrar said that People's Bank and Trust Company request that it be certified after receiving several requests from merchants in the area and also from citizens who were having problems in getting transportation to the bank at Warrenton.