

**Agriculturally Speaking**

**Good Weather Helped Produce Record Yield**

**By L. B. HARDAGE**  
Extension Chairman  
Warren County's estimated gross farm income for 1976 is a record of \$18,814,000. The tobacco income was \$11,998,496 in 1976. In 1975, the tobacco crop brought \$8,103,694, an increase of \$3,894,801 over the 1975 crop.

The yield per acre was estimated at 2014 pounds per acre due to better weather, good plants, proper fertilization, and doing a better overall job in producing the crop. Tobacco accounted for about 2/3 of the total farm income in 1976.

Total crop income was \$14,510,000. This included corn, small grains, soybeans, etc. The soybean income was \$1,330,000.00 or the 2nd ranking crop in income.

The total income from vegetable and fruit crop was roughly \$356,000.

In 1970, the income from cucumbers in Warren County was \$171,000.00. In 1976 it had dropped to \$150,000.00, however, acreage in 1970 was estimated to be 950 acres and in 1976 around 500 acres, prices increased considerably.

Saw timber, pulpwood, and other wood products over the years has been a steady and reliable source of farmer income. Normally over the past several years the farm income has been about a million dollars. In 1976 it was estimated this to be \$1,250,000 - this does not include forest products from company lands in the county. The income from swine was

up very little in 1976 over 1975. However, there was a good jump in income from beef cattle due to a large feeder operation and some increase in feeder calf sales.

Grade A milk production and income dropped slightly in 1976. The total livestock income for 1976 was about 2 1/2 million. This is somewhat larger than in past years due to larger incomes from beef cattle, swine, and other miscellaneous livestock and products from livestock.

Total government payments to farmers in 1970 was \$502,440.00. In 1976 this had dropped to \$72,638.00.

The total estimated farm income in 1975 was \$14,230,000. A word of caution, gross income does not mean that the net income increased accordingly. Hope it did but would tend to think not due to increased costs of nearly everything farmers used in 1976.

**Bake Sale**

The Mamie Russell Acteens, from various churches in the community, will sponsor a bake sale on Saturday, March 12. The sale will begin at 9 a. m. at the AAA Gas Company building.

**To Attend Meeting**

Warren County Extension Agents will attend a state conference of Extension Agents the week of March 14 through 18, at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

**Lily Day Drive Will Be Launched At Court House**

4-H leaders and members from around the county will be meeting at the Courthouse Thursday night, March 10 at 8 p. m. to kick-off the annual Eastern Seal Society Lily Day drive. A film of the Society's special camping program at Camp Easter-in-the-Pines near Southern Pines will be shown by Charles Drake, Regional Director for the Pine Valley Easter Seal Society.

Warren County 4-H clubs are defending champions of Lily Day for the most money collected by 4-H Clubs within the nine county Pine Valley Region. Last year \$388.00 was collected county-wide. A higher goal will probably be set this

year according to local Lily Day leaders. Miss Deborah Tarleton of Wise is this year's Chairman and Mrs. Eva Holtzman of Ridgeway will be co-chairman. Mr. George W. Koonce, County Extension Agent for 4-H, will be aiding in coordination of the drive.

Lily Days will be held throughout the county on the last two Saturdays prior to Easter, April 10. "The Society provides many services to handicapped children and adults in Warren County each year," according to Mrs. R. B. Butler, State Society President.

**Haliwa 4-Hers Have Session**

**By TYRONE CARTER**  
Reporter

The Haliwa 4-H Club met on Monday evening, March 7, at the Haliwa School. An educational program was presented on "Safety in the Home." A skit was presented called "The Go-Go Ghost Club" narrated by Mrs. Kathy Wilson, adult counselor. About ten members participated in the skit robed in white bed sheets symbolizing their ghostly nature having died in some way from accidental poisoning in the home. It was sad as well as heart warming to see simulated tragedy and success team up for youth education.

Carol Richard, president, presided over the meeting. Business discussed included an Indian Culture Film Series scheduled for later this month, community projects and fund raising.

Nineteen members and two other adults including Herbert J. Richardson, leader, and Marshall Wilson were present.

The next meeting of the club will be scheduled later pending the arrival of the expected film series.

**Warren Eligible For Federal Aid**

Warren County is among 30 North Carolina counties declared by President Carter as being eligible for emergency aid for livestock feeding because of drought damage to last year's feed crop. The U. S. Disaster Assistance Administrator said the aid is being provided so livestock farmers can maintain their base of foundation herds and not have to sell them off because of the high cost of feed. The program will allow qualified applicants to be reimbursed for a part of the cost of livestock feed grains bought under an emergency program which will run through April 30.

Program details are available at the county ASCS office and applications are being accepted now.

**Woodland Owners Look For Banner Year During '77**

The economic outlook for farmers is spotty for 1977, depending on the commodity produced, but one source of income that appears strong for the year is farm woodlands.

The outlook is good for forest products demand, according to an analysis by North Carolina State University extension forest resources specialists. A strengthening national economy, that is expected to result in more new home building, is one major factor in the anticipated strong demand for wood products.

A 13 per cent increase in housing starts is expected this year.

Prices for timber of all marketable species are expected to increase moderately as demand continues to grow. Southern pine stands suitable for lumber and plywood are expected to experience the strongest demand and the sharpest price increases.

Demand for hardwood timber is expected to strengthen also, but with only moderate price increases.

Pulpwood demand statewide should be slightly stronger than 1976 levels. Clearcut tracts will continue to show the strongest demand with only limited demand for thinnings in most counties.

Christmas trees, another important income source from North Carolina farms, are expected to continue to find a strong market. Tar Heel growers last year harvested about 700,000 trees at a value of almost \$4 million. A strong demand for Fraser fir and sheared white pine produced wholesale price increases of 10 per cent.

Prices for high quality Christmas trees are expected to increase 10 per cent in 1977.

Over the long term, the NCSU specialists believe the demand for forest products will remain strong. But they caution landowners with mature stands of trees to time sales carefully, since demand and prices can vary within a given county throughout the year.

**Field Trip Is Held**

**By LINDA WILLIAMS**

The second period Biology class of John Graham High School went with their teacher, Mrs. Cora Hawkins, on a field trip in the Largo community, recently, and visited the Devil's rock. This is a high, high rock with the Devil's Hot Rod (or chariot) prints and it also has big foot prints on the surface. Climatic conditions had caused the rock to have cracks similar to an earthquake. We walked on the rock, which was

very level.

After visiting the rock, some of the students went to Dianne Davis' house and her mother served fried chicken. Dianne's grandmother owns the rock.

We wish to thank our principal, Mr. W. E. Terry, for allowing us to go on this trip. This trip was made in connection with our study of our changing world in the chapter on "Organic Variation" from our textbook.



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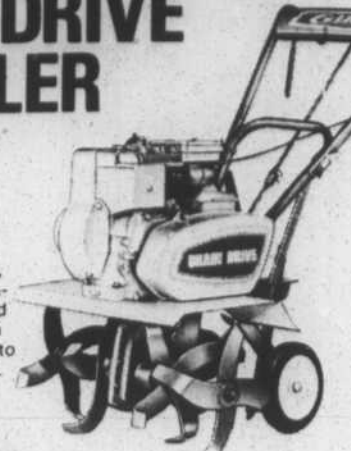
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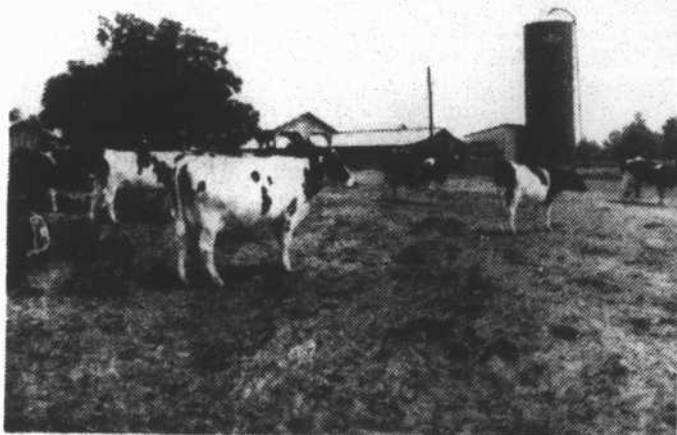
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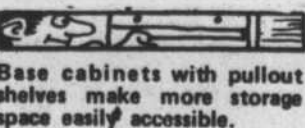
Potato chips, it's said, were invented in the last century when a diner kept refusing his French Fries demanding thinner ones. The irate cook sliced them paper thin, fried them up and created the first potato chips.



There are three kinds of molasses, blackstrap, usually used for feeding livestock, ordinary molasses, a by-product of sugar refining that contains sulphur dioxide and unsulphured, such as the kind called Grandmama's Molasses, that's the sweetest of the three and is pressed directly from sugar cane.

According to Greek historians, the builders of the great pyramids in Egypt did it on a diet of onions and garlic.

It's not a good idea to cook vegetables, particularly asparagus and artichokes, in iron or aluminum pans. They may discolor the food and give it a metallic taste.



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