Agriculturally Speaking

By L. B. HARDAGE
County Extension Chairman

Hope that all the county has gotten good rains. It has varied from community to community; however, most have had some rain and all crops look real good.

Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Hardage and I took off and went to Northeastern Virginia — West Point, Urbana, Deltaville, Tappahannock, etc. The crops are pitiful in that section. Corn is about dried up, see a lot of knee to waist high, tasseling out and just about burned up. Soybeans are not nearly as good as here. Grain wheat just finished harvesting. Those farmers are in for some rough times this fall.

Tobacco is growing very fast. Will be time on a lot of the crop to spray a contact, some needs to be sprayed now — week of June 30. Most will need this for sucker control soon. A lot of Warren County farmers put on two contact spray for sucker control. I hope also to use MH 30 after the contact spray or sprays. For further information, contact this office.

So far there have not been any large amounts of insects on the tobacco crop. Some farmers are probably using too much insecticides that are not always needed.

Cantaloupes are looking real good and should be of excellent quality. Should be a good supply starting about the 2nd week in July.

Many farmers it seems have trouble curing tobacco, especially the bottom primings in bulk barns. If there is any interest in bulk curing, I am sure we could get Mr. S. N. Hawks down for a night meeting to discuss this problem. If you have any interest in this, call my office at once and we will schedule a meeting.

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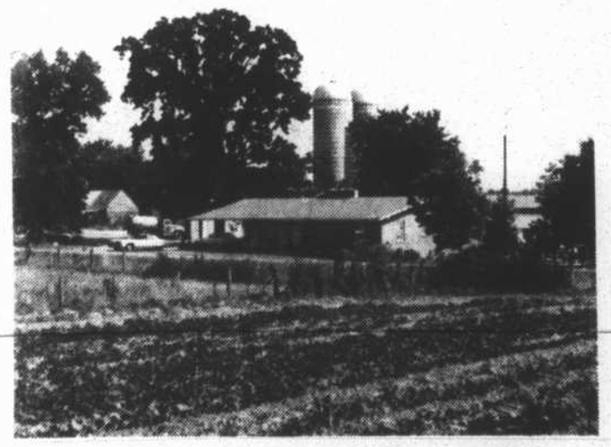

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Eight Take District 4-H Honors

By GLENN E. WOOLARD
Extension Agent, 4-H

Eight Warren County 4-H'ers took top honors as District Winners after competing with 4-H'ers from 15 other counties as forty-four 4-H'ers, parents, leaders and agents from Warren County joined in a crowd of about 900 at the North Central District Activity Day on June 30 near Smithfield. District Activity Day is an annual event at which county 4-H demonstration and talent winners compete for district honors, and a chance to move on to state competition at 4-H Congress.

Named district winners in five events were Jeffrey Bender-Forestry; Pamela Currie-Safety; Susan Currie-Egg Cookery; Cynthia King-Exploring The World of Plants And Soils; Jan Jordan-Open Class (Puppets); and Tom Skinner, John Skinner, and Scott West-Dairy Bowl. These winners compete for state honors on July 26 at 4-H Congress.

Shawn Cheston was runner-up in Archery, Senior. Kevin Cheston was runner-up in Archery, Junior.

Red ribbons were awarded to Derrick Cheston-Beef Char-Grill; Angela Downey-Public Speaking; Tina Salmon-Horse; and Robin West-Fruit and Vegetable Use.

All three talent entries from Warren County were selected for blue ribbons. These who received blue ribbons and their talent entries were Lisa Reavis-Recitation of "The Creation;" Pamela Currie, Susan Currie and Tina Salmon-Dancing With Puppets; and Diane Butler, Patricia Hargrove, Joanna Harrison, Darolyn Alexander, Tina Harrison and Warnetta Harrison-The Oine Specialist (Gospel Singing).

Alvelon Williams in Electric and Elvelon Williams in Breads also participated in the demonstrations. Billy King, the county wildlife winner, was unable to compete due to sickness.

Williams Is Selected To Attend State Meet

By G. W. KOONCE
Extension Agent, 4-H

An outstanding 4-H'er from Warren County will join some 150 Tar Heel youth at the State 4-H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 11-13.

The delegate is Alvelon Eugene Williams of Route 2, Ebony, Va. Alvelon is a member of the Elam Community 4-H Club. Also attending the Congress will be the delegate's mother, Mrs. Grace Williams, leader of the Elam 4-H'ers. Her attendance as counselor is courtesy of the sponsors.

George W. Koonce, Warren County Extension Agent, 4-H, said delegates were selected for achievement in their 4-H projects.

During the conference the delegates will listen to project reports, view electric demonstrations and exhibits and go to Carowinds.

The highlight of the congress is the selection of a state winner and territorial winners and territorial runners-up in the 4-H electric project.

The 4-H Electric Congress is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co., Nantahala Power and Light Co., Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Orientation Meet Held In Russell Union Community

By G. W. KOONCE
Extension Agent, 4-H

A 4-H orientation meeting held June 21 in the Russell Union Church Community with 15 youth and adults attending was most beneficial. The group had scheduled an organization of a 4-H club during the meeting but postponed it until July 12 so that proper orientation of all members of the club could be held.

Meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Terry at 8 p. m., the group received information and exhortation from volunteer leaders, Costel Evans, Leon Terry, Alvin (J. B.) Hawkins, and G. W. Koonce, 4-H Agent.

All youth between the ages of nine and 19 living in the Russell Union area and wishing to join the club to be organized should attend the meeting scheduled to be held at the Terry's on July 12 at 8 p. m. The club will be open to membership and leadership without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

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Industry Board Vice-Presidency Is Awarded Hayes

Charles Hayes, Industrial Director for Warren County, was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Industrial Directors Association at the annual convention held at Wrightsville Beach on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

Hayes, former secretary-treasurer, was accompanied to Wilmington by his secretary, Mrs. Clinton Capps, Mr. Capps and son, Davis. Also attending the convention from Warren County were Frank Reams of Warrenton and Frank Robinson of Soul City.

During the business session at which Hayes was elected vice-president, the Association also endorsed the passage of a proposed $260 million bond issue and a $300 million clean water bond issue.

Final Meet Held By Roads Council

The North Carolina Secondary Roads Council met last week for its final official meeting.

The Council approved additions, abandonments, and improvements to North Carolina's secondary roads.

Each of the 14 members received a letter of appreciation for serving on the Council, signed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.

The Governor wrote to J. L. McInnis of Henderson, "You have worked hard to finalize the improvement priorities for secondary roads for each county in your Division." Governor Hunt also urged McInnis to "continue to assist with the secondary roads program. . . . ."

McInnis represents Division 5 which includes Durham, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, Wake and Warren Counties.

The members of the Secondary Roads Council were appointed by Governor Hunt in March. The Council was abolished by the 1977 General Assembly. Responsibility for secondary roads will now be vested with a new 24-member Board of Transportation.

Annual Bedding Plant Meeting To Be July 13

By L. C. COOPER
Extension Agent

The 1977 Annual Bedding Plant Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 13, reports L. C. Cooper, Agricultural Extension Agent. He says all commercial flower growers are invited to tour the flower trial garden and attend a meeting where valuable floricultural information will be presented. Plan to attend.

The program will get underway at 10 a. m. with the group visiting the plant bedding trials at the Method Horticultural Farm, which is located on Beryl Road across from Capitol City Lumber Company, Raleigh, Dutch Luncheon-N. C. State University Faculty Club, and continuation of the program in the areas of "Bacterial Leaf Spot on Garden Chrysanthemums and Zinnias," "Bedding Plant Nutrition." "Insect Control in the Greenhouse," "Mat Watering and Media," "Poinsettia Diseases and Their Control," and "Seedling Geraniums."

For further information contact your Agricultural Extension Agents.

Cooking With Yogurt Takes Special Rules

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When cooking with yogurt, there are some special rules to follow, say agricultural extension agents at North Carolina State University.

Always be sure to spare the heat. Like sour cream, yogurt may separate under high temperatures and long heating times.

To prevent separation, stabilize yogurt by adding a small amount of flour or cornstarch.

Fold, do not stir, yogurt into other ingredients and it will keep its consistency. For baking, use only ½ teaspoon of baking soda for each cup of yogurt used.

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