



Agriculturally Speaking

By L. B. HARDAGE
County Extension Chairman

From all reports, most sections of the county received some rain. It varied from over 2 inches to 1/2 inch or less, however, the majority received fairly good rains. I have not heard of any section that did not receive any rain. Some did not receive enough to really help a lot, however, any would help some. Let's hope all will get a good soaking rain soon.

The tobacco crop has certainly improved since the Monday and Wednesday rain. We may still make a fair crop, not a brag crop.

A former 4-H club member, Mr. William Perkinson was by my office this week. William was raised at Wise, N. C., now is with the American Breeders Service at Montgomery, Alabama. I was real glad to see him. We discussed dairying in Warren County and Alabama. William stated that they have been terribly dry in that part of Alabama — no hay or silage made to speak of, shipping alfalfa hay in

Wise-Paschall 4-H Club Holds Meeting

By TINA SALMON
Club Reporter
The Wise-Paschall 4-H Club held its monthly meeting August 2 at the old Wise School Building at 7:30. There were seven members, one guest, and one leader present.

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Currie. The American Pledge was led by Pam Currie, the 4-H Pledge by Julia King, and the 4-H Motto by Frank Stegall. The devotion was given by Donna Paynter. The son "Junior Birdman" was led by Sue Salmon. Secretary Lisa Leete read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll.

Old business consisted of a paper drive held August 6 at 9:00. Everyone was asked to leave all old newspapers or magazines on their front porch to be picked up by the 4-H'ers.

A trash pickup will be held August 16 at 8:00 starting at the old Wise School Building and concluding at Luther Paynter's house. Announcement was made of a recreation meeting August 11 and a forestry workshop August 13 at the Warren County Agriculture Building. Jeffrey Bender and Sue Salmon will conduct at the forestry workshop.

The members also decided to have a club cookout at the lake on August 13.

New business consisted of planning for the collecting of funds for Cystic Fibrosis.

Susan Currie then gave an educational program on Communications. She told that to be a good reporter one must have a nose for news. She also told of the "five" W's and "one" H in news writing: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. In concluding her program, she told that accuracy, brevity, and clarity are important factors in news writing.

Refreshments were served by Lisa and Mann Leete before the meeting adjourned at 9:00.

from Missouri under the disaster program. William is the son of Mr. Carl Perkinson and the late Mrs. Perkinson of Wise. He married Connie Young of the Wise Community and they have one child, a daughter probably around 2 years of age.

It makes you feel real good when a former 4-H member or student takes time to come by to see you. I appreciate it very much.

September is the graded feeder cattle sale month. If you have feeder calves that will qualify for these sales, you will in general sell at a higher price than on a regular sale. If you are interested, please let me

Irrigation System Reduces Crop Loss

By MIKE McKINNY
Soil Conservationist

Warren County, like many counties across the state, has experienced some extremely dry weather. Yields have been reduced without normal rainfall.

Yields from tobacco, Warren County's money crop, stand to be reduced drastically. Many farmers will not make their poundage, since they are not able to plant more acreage than allotted, as they have been able to do in the past. Without good tobacco yields, many farmers will be hurt financially. Some will almost be financially destroyed.

Drought is a serious problem and should be treated as such. Irrigation water from farm ponds can improve your chances for good tobacco yields in years such as this one. The Soil Conservation Service can provide the technical assistance to landowners necessary for the construction of an irrigation pit or a farm

4-H Members Hold Terrarium Workshop

By SUE SALMON
"Hey big sis, is this right?" "Ooo! It's a crawling critter!" "Kulia, what plants are you gonna use?" These were some of the exclamations and questions heard at the 4-H terrarium workshop on Wednesday, August 3. This workshop was different from the others in that the workshop leader, Sue Salmon was working with her own 4-H members from the Wise-Paschall 4-H Club. Nicknames and almost-too-casual questions were abundant and so were recollections of trips made to a creek with the leader to look to terrarium type plants.

Pam Currie, Susan Currie, Tina Salmon, Donna Paynter, Frank Stegall, and Julia King participated in the workshop. Tina Salmon was assisting on this workshop as the club members first learned how to make terrariums and then made their own. Afterwards, they filled out project record books. In this way, the 4-H'ers participated in what could become a life-time hobby.

know and I will call or contact you to be certain your calves qualify. The nearest sales will be in Rocky Mount and Oxford.

I am proud that Warren County has two new dairy operations going into production this year. Mr. Travis White and Mr. Hal White, Jr. of the Oine and Wise section are well on their way as well as Mr. Billy Joe Burrows of the Macon section.

Dairy farming is probably one of the most confining operations you could go into; however, it offers a real opportunity to those who are willing to use good management, hard work and just plain good judgment.

pond to be used for irrigation.

If you feel like your farming operation would benefit from an irrigation system, contact the Warren Soil and Water Conservation District or the Soil Conservation Service located in the Agricultural Building.

Haliwa 4-H Club Builds Terrarium

By SUE SALMON
When members of the Haliwa 4-H Club were learning not only about the plants, but also about the assorted "critters" that may live in a terrarium, they probably hadn't guessed that they'd have a chance to hold one if they liked. But that's exactly what happened! "Mikey," the fene lizard tried to make friends with everyone, but "blew it" when he bit leader, Sue Salmon on the finger and was exiled to the terrarium! You'd only expect the 4-H'ers to sympathize with the lizard!

This was just one part of the fun as members from the Haliwa and the Wise-Paschall 4-H Clubs participated in a 4-H terrarium workshop on Friday, August 5, from 8:00 - 12:00. Sue Salmon and assistant, Jeffrey Bender from the Warrenton 4-H Club, taught how terrariums were made, how to obtain plants and animals, and how to care for terrariums. Then Lynn Harris, Douglas Harris, and Morris Harris from the Haliwa 4-H Club made terrariums with the help of Sue, Jeffrey, and leader, Kathy Wilson. Tina Salmon, Pam Currie, and Susan Currie of the Wise-Paschall 4-H Club also made terrariums. This workshop was full of fun and learning.

Dove Season Opens On September 3

The seasons on doves, woodcock, snipe, rails and gallinules have been selected by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission from a frame work offered by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service which controls the seasons on all migratory game birds.

The season on mourning doves will be split as in the past; and the first half will open at noon on September 3, 1977, and close October 15, 1977. The second half of the split season on doves will open at noon December 19, 1977, and close January 14, 1978. The daily bag limit will be 12 doves.

The season on woodcock will be November 19, 1977, through January 21, 1978, while the season on Wilson's snipe will be November 14, 1977, through February 28, 1978. The season on rails and gallinules will be September 1, 1977, through November 9, 1977.

Hawaii is 2,100 nautical miles from the west coast of the U. S.



Miss Estelle Somerville is shown at right reading to Annette Palmer, on lap, and Reginald Pierce, standing. At left is Gladys Banks assisting with the project with Lakesha Palmer on her lap and Jackie Mayfield standing. Miss Somerville says "the children enjoy it and I love it."

Extension Department Holds Lap Reading Program At Macon Club

By BERTHA B. FORTE
Home Extension Agent

The fourth in a series of "Lap Reading" sessions was held in the Macon Club House on August 4.

Miss Estelle Somerville, cultural arts leader for the Macon Extension Homemakers Club is coordinator of the "Lap Reading" project for the Macon Club.

"Lap Reading" is a statewide project of Extension Homemakers for children between six months and school age. The purpose is to help create and enrich the home environment for pre-

school children throughout the state.

It all begins at home with parents and caregivers learning to be better parent-teachers. Earl S. Schaefer has said, "the family initially establishes the child's level of intellectual functioning, and school merely educates at the level established prior to school entrance." It is up to the parents to see that the children are ready to cope with the learning process when they enter school.

Activities such as reading,

music, good conversation, pictures and sharing are part of an enriched home environment. Extension homemakers throughout Warren County can make a difference for many children as they become a "Lap Reader."

With an increased awareness of the importance of the beginning years as the foundation for future learning and development, there is increasing concern for making the first years the best possible for all children.

FHA Emergency Loans Authorized

Farmers Home Administration Emergency loans have been authorized in 56 drought stricken counties in North Carolina. According to James T. Johnson, FmHA State Director, the agency's FmHA's Emergency loan program was made available along with other Federal disaster assistance in response to the recent request from Governor Jim Hunt. The Governor made his request because of the extended period of dry weather which has plagued farmers and other residents of these counties since mid May.

FmHA's Emergency loans are designed to assist eligible farmers who have suffered severe losses of income to overcome the effects of the losses and to return to their normal source of credit as soon as possible. Loan funds to cover actual dollar losses may be borrowed at five per cent interest to be used to repair, restore or replace damaged or destroyed farm property and supplies and for actual expenses incurred in farm production. Loans to cover actual losses to crops and livestock are scheduled for repayment over the useful life of the security up to seven years.

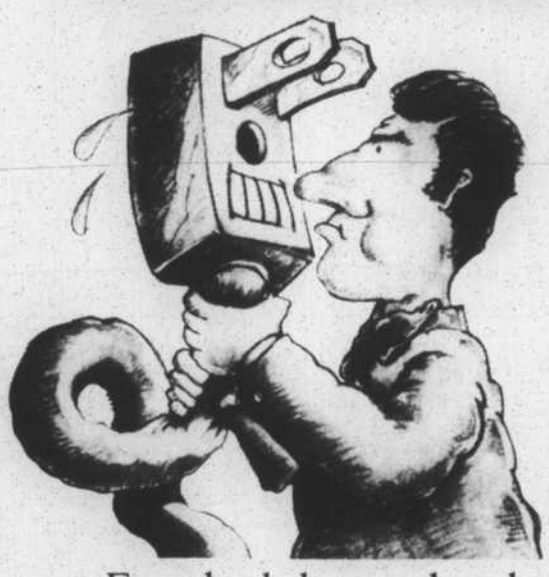
Essential credit needs of farmers for annual production expenses or to make needed adjustments to their operations may also be considered. These portions of the loans carry an eight

per cent interest rate. Repayment periods range up to forty years for long term credit needs where real estate will serve as security.

Johnson emphasized that applications for Emergency loans must be filed no later than September 30, 1977. "Applications on hand at that time may be processed and approved but we will not be able to consider applications for farmers whose requests are not filed by the cutoff date," Johnson said. Applications are filed in FmHA's county office serving the county in which the farm is located. Further information can be obtained at the county offices where listed under U. S. Government (Agriculture) in local telephone directories.

The designated counties are Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Bladen, Cabarrus, Caswell, Catawba, Chatland, Cleveland, Cumberland, Davidson, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Orange, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin.

What to do about the cost of electricity. Besides just complaining.



Everybody knows that the amount of electricity you use this month directly affects the amount of your electric bill next month.

But what few people know is that the amount of electricity you use now also affects how future electricity prices are determined.

You see, right now, we're going through one of the hottest times of the year. When air conditioner usage reaches its peak. And when electricity usage reaches its peak.

Naturally, to avoid having blackouts or brownouts, we must have the generating capacity to handle these "peak load" periods of time. Nobody knows exactly when they will come, but they usually occur during the summer. Last year our peak

load period occurred on July 29. Whenever it comes this year, it determines the maximum generating capacity we have to supply.

During recent years, peak load has continued to climb, requiring us to invest in more generating capacity. And with building costs higher than ever before, eventually this means higher prices for your electricity.

You don't want that. And neither do we.

The trick is to keep the peak load as low as possible.

during early morning or late evening hours, preferably with cold water.

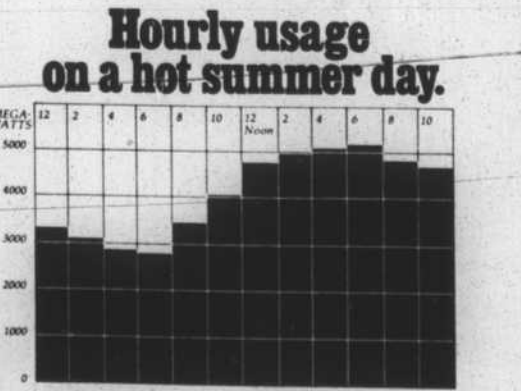
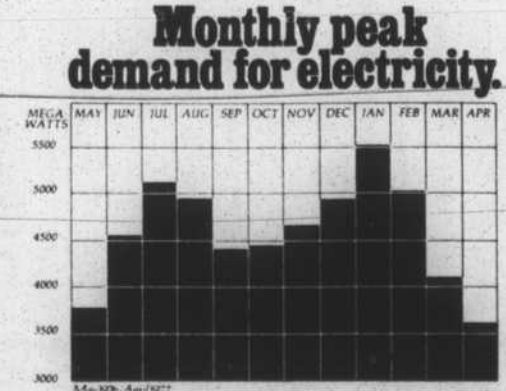
When you have to use the dishwasher, wait until it's full and turn it on just before you go to bed.

Try to take showers before 10AM or after 10PM.

Try serving cooler meals; avoid cooking as much as possible during peak load.

And finally, keep your air conditioner at the warmest possible comfort setting.

Of course, these and other conservation measures we



The best way to help do that is to use less electricity between the peak load hours of 10AM and 10PM during the hottest months, June through September. (As you can see from the chart, summer usage starts getting high around 10AM and stays high until 10 PM).

Do your laundry either

talk about will always help you keep your costs down.

But, during these critical "hot times," they can also help us keep future construction costs down.

And, in the long run, the less we have to spend to make electricity, the less you'll have to spend to use it.



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