



Agriculturally Speaking

By L. B. HARDAGE
County Extension Chairman

Rains have finally covered the entire county. They will certainly help. However, they came too late to help a great deal in some sections of the county, except pastures and to some extent soybeans, milo and tobacco. In general over the county we have a fair crop, and in some sections a good crop. Take the county as a whole, would think we could come up with about 100 per cent of the quota. Some will not make over 50 per cent of

their quota. The tobacco prices should be much better as the tobacco matures. I hope all can do a good job of curing. Some may be hard to cure due to too much nitrogen and this dry year. Basically on most land in Warren County 50 to 70 pounds of nitrogen is usually sufficient in a normal year. Wet years takes more nitrogen. Graded Feeder Calf Sales start in the first week of September. Calves must be consigned to these sales and have to meet certain standards. If you are interested in consigning

calves, call at once 257-3640. Some help will be available in Warren County under the disaster program from the A.S.C.S. Office as well as the F.H.A. Office. Contact these offices for information on these programs. Now is the time to sow small grains, rye grass, etc., for winter grazing, also permanent pastures. Most pastures in the county need some nitrogen applied at once, others need a complete fertilizer. If a complete fertilizer was used in the past year, would use only nitrogen this year.

Grain Farmers Minus Allotments May Obtain Aid

Wheat and feed grain farmers who have no acreage allotments or who have overplanted their allotments for these crops may become eligible for government disaster payments under the Farm Bill agreed to by congressional conferees, according to P. H. Slade, Acting State Executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Under provisions of the conference bill, a farmer who has suffered reduced yields due to a natural disaster may be eligible for a payment based on the number of acres actually planted for harvest. Mr. Slade said. In the past, payments were based on the farm's allotted acres.

In anticipation of possible adoption by Congress and enactment by the President, and to speed resulting payments to farmers, Mr. Slade said, ASCS will begin accepting disaster claims from all farms for wheat and feed grains (corn, sorghum and barley). However, no payments may be made under these provisions until enactment of the Farm Bill.

Farmers who wish to file or refile a disaster claim or who wish more information concerning the disaster payment program should contact their county ASCS office or agricultural service center.

Improvement Club Holds Meeting

By CHARLIE FIELDS, JR. The Norlina Youth Improvement Club held its monthly meeting August 15 at Norlina First Baptist Church at 6 p. m. Devotion and minutes followed.

Our business session was based on the county council meeting and the N.Y.C. workshops. Wayne Kersey demonstrated the recreation activities and Charlie Fields showed how to build terrariums.

Our trip to Carowinds was exciting and everybody enjoyed it.

Dues were paid and refreshments served by Al Smith.

State Farm Leaders To Meet In Raleigh

Farm leaders from throughout North Carolina who were previously appointed to North Carolina Farm Bureau commodity advisory committees will meet in Raleigh on September 1 to begin the Farm Bureau policy development process, according to Dennis Harris, president of the Warren County Farm Bureau.

He said representatives in nine commodity areas - flue-cured tobacco, peanuts, dairy, field crops, livestock, cotton, poultry, horticulture and forestry - will meet for the purpose of raising "areas of concern" to be offered as suggested issues for discussion in the Farm Bureau policy development process.

Representing the Warren County Farm Bureau at the meeting will be Dennis Harris, tobacco; Sidney Burton, field crops; Nick Williams, horticulture; E. C. Robertson, forestry and William Brauer, livestock committee.

Harris said that after issues are surfaced and discussed by commodity committees they are submitted to the individual counties for consideration by resolutions committees prior to the county annual meetings.

Harris pointed out that the

Locals

Robert Benson of Stone Mountain, Ga., visited his grandmothers, Mrs. Zelma Benson and Mrs. Iola Roberts, last week.

Mrs. Estelle Stephens and granddaughters, Karen and Vicki Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., returned home Sunday after spending several days with Mrs. Zelma Benson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benson of Nashville, visited his mother, Mrs. Zelma Benson on Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. King is spending this week in Raleigh in the home of her daughters, Mrs. J. W. Coley and Mrs. Becky King.

Mrs. Zelma Benson is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. J. Alston, of Hollister.

Football Play To Begin Friday

Norlina To Play Friday Night; Graham Sept. 1

The 1977 high school football season will get under way Friday night when the pigskin is kicked off at 8 p. m. at Norlina High School Athletic Field. Norlina will begin the season against Northwest High School of Halifax County, a member of the Roanoke River Conference.

Head coach Bob Price's home team will be spearheaded by Charlie Bullock, a tackle and all-conference member last year, and Johnny Fleming, quarterback.

Norlina's returning veterans will include David Rowlette, Charlie Bullock, Marvin Jones, Chip Gums, Johnny Fleming, Shelton Hunter, Darnell Champ and Clifton Green. About 25 men will be on this year's squad. Coach Price is assisted by

Carl Spragins, Billy Fuller and Dan Settles.

This year's regular season for Norlina will begin a week earlier than last year.

While Norlina's game is under way, John Graham and Warren Academy will be practicing steadily in preparation for their season opens on September 2.

Warren Academy's game will begin at 4 p. m. at Warrenton against Wake Academy. Coach Jim Kearney's hopefuls include Victor Coleman, Tom Hardy and Scott Williams, returning as seniors, as well as Jerry Brown, Hinton Alston and Joey Threewitts.

Approximately 22 men reported for the team and Kearney hopes to get an assist from some of the freshmen and sophomores.

Butch Hale is assisting with the football program at the Academy.

Though John Graham lost a coach this year when Coach Jerry Willard moved to another conference, Coach Frazier doesn't believe that the missing coach will hurt his ball team as much as the inexperience.

Frazier says his team is "green" after losing almost half of last year's squad at graduation. He said, however, that although his team is inexperienced he has been very hopeful at the results of practices.

Daryl Lyles has been shifted to a new position this year, running at quarterback, and Frazier said he "looks real good." Also looking good are Brownja Alston and Victor Harrison.

Frazier's ace this year may be in defense. Eric Perry, a gigantic 320-pounder, will be on that line. Frazier said Perry is "the strongest guy I have ever associated with" and that he is doing "extremely well."

Battling for first team positions are Lyles, Alston, Harrison, Perry and Horace Simes, Calvin Young, Nathaniel Hawkins, Jason Young, Amos Cheek, Robert Williams, Sam Wiggins and Ronald Hymon, along with Greg Stith, Melvin Robinson, Melvin Williams, Marcell Smith, Stephen Foster and Danny Pitchford.

They will have a chance to prove their ability tonight

(Thursday) at 7:30 p. m. at a scrimmage game against a tough 3-A Ahoskie team. A new ruling in football this year permits public attendance at the scrimmage game and admission will be charged. Thursday night's game will cost \$1.

John Graham will lead off the season with South Granville of the 2-A Capital Area Conference at 8 p. m. on Sept. 2 at John Graham.

Ben Howard To Head Conference

Ben Howard, coach at John Graham High School, was elected president of the Tar-River Conference during a conference meeting at the Murphy House in Louisville on August 17. The meeting was held to fill the position left vacant by Jack Haskins, coach at Bunn who transferred to Raleigh during the summer.

Haskins had been named president for 1977. Other officers for the conference include Bob Price, Norlina High School, vice-president; and J. Alford, principal at Bunn High School, secretary-treasurer.

Prices of games were included in the business session. The group voted to change the ruling and charge \$1.50 for adults and students at conference games. Last year's prices were \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

In Tar River Loop

Franklinton Favored

Franklinton seems to be the best choice among teams of the Tar River 2-A Conference for the conference crown and Coach B. W. Holt hopes he can meet the challenge with defense.

Coach Holt's Rams, 5-5 last year, have most of their offense returning. Veteran quarterback Ricky Bray will probably be assisted on offense by tailback Jim Reynolds, setback Mike Allen and fullback Alton Perry.

Help on defense came with Scott Bowman, a starter at 4-A South View High in Hope Mills last year who has moved to Franklinton. He is a linebaker. Another plus for the Ram defense is Larry Allen, a 238-pound tackle, who will probably be eyed by college scouts this season.

These combinations put Franklinton in a good position to take the crown from defending Norlina, last year's conference champion.

Norlina

Coach Bob Price's team will probably be the best challenge for the Franklinton team. The team has been hampered in practice sessions by tobacco harvesting and lack of support. Only about 25 men have appeared at practices.

The Blue Waves have veterans Charlie Bullock, all-conference tackle, Chip Gums, and Clifton Green with hopes of good assists from underclassmen.

Coach Price will see where the Waves are headed in Friday's game, the first regular game, against Northwest.

Warrenton

The Yellow Jackets are too inexperienced to sting early in the season. Coach Bill Frazier is counting on Brownja Alston and Victor Harrison behind Darryl Lyles, shifted to quarterback, for defense.

Frazier said his interior is stronger than he had anticipated. His defense will be aided by Eric Perry, 320-pounder, and Robert Williams and Sam Wiggins.

The young team will have to demonstrate their hitting and running abilities today (Thursday) as they run up on 3-A Ahoskie for a scrimmage game.

Bunn

A replacement for Jimmy Strickland, quarterback, is still pending for Coach Charles Taylor's Bulldogs.

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Appointed NCO

Stanley M. Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hawkins, Jr., of Rt. 3, Littleton, has been appointed to noncommissioned officer (NCO) status in the U. S. Air Force.

The newly selected sergeant completed required training in management, leadership, human relations and NCO responsibilities, before being considered for this new rank.

Sergeant Hawkins is a weapons mechanic at Langley AFB, Va.

The sergeant is a 1973 graduate of Littleton High School.

His ball club is also green but has hopefuls Dennis Tabron, Donald Crudup, Brian Crudup and Donald Satterwhite. The Bulldog line, though inexperienced, has potential with George Ballance and Jan Alford.

Louisburg

Ron Strickland, starting quarterback for Louisburg last season, has given up football, only one of Coach Charles Edmonds' problems.

The team has a strong offensive line but appears weak on everything else.

Hopefuls for the Bulldogs are Chip Davis, Ricky Green and J. T. Perry.

Board

(Continued from page 1) This motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler and passed with Commissioner Leary abstaining.

Commissioner Anna Butler moved that the board proceed with advertising of a public hearing on the zoning ordinance changes.

Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Norfleet Cliborne and duly passed.

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