

State Awards Are Won

Mrs. Eva S. Holtzman and the Ridgeway 4-H Club were each presented second place state awards by the North Carolina Safety Council on Friday in Raleigh. This was the 20th annual conference held to recognize individuals, community groups, fire departments, rescue squads, news media, business and industry who excel in safety activities and programs.

Mrs. Holtzman, serving in her 30th year, is an adult volunteer leader for the Ridgeway 4-H Club. Mrs. Holtzman received second place honors in the state for her individual leadership in safety programs.

The Ridgeway 4-H Club received second place honors in the state for a youth group with under 30 members who excelled in safety activities.

The Ridgeway 4-H Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Holtzman, initiated and participated in various safety activities and programs, including bicycle safety, heart massage, artificial respiration, choking, fire safety, smoke detectors, drugs, and gun safety. The club also contributed to the safety of the handicapped.

McKissick Has Land Use Idea

Floyd B. McKissick, Developer of Soul City, N. C., disclosed that he had written President Carter suggesting the use of Soul City and other southern farmlands owned by Blacks for the acceptance of the Haitian refugees.

McKissick stated, "Much attention has been given to the Russian defectors, the Indonesians, the Cambodians, the Cubans and other nationalities being given asylum in the United States. We forget that there are strict quotas on people of African origins and the different treatment afforded Haitians simply because they are Black. The Statue of Liberty beckons to all, regardless of race, creed or religion, who seek asylum and relief from tyrannical oppression."

McKissick indicated that he had not heard from the President as yet, but that copies of the telegram had been sent to members of the Congressional Black Caucus and officials at HUD.

Work To Begin On High School

Work on the construction of phase three of the Warren County Consolidated High School may start in a matter of days, Mike Williams, Supt. of Warren County Schools, said yesterday.

Williams said that contracts have been prepared and sent to the contractors for their signatures. It may take a couple of weeks, he said, to obtain performance bond and insurance, put materials on order, and complete other preliminary work.



Miss Ella C. Dunson and Mrs. Sandra G. Rivers (right), Warren County Extension Service secretaries, were honored by the Warren County Extension staff last week during National Secretaries Week. Miss Dunson is shown receiving a 15-year service certificate signed by Dr. T. C. Blalock, associate dean and director of the N. C. Extension Service. The Certificate was presented by L. C. Cooper (left), county Extension chairman. (Photo by Gleen Woolard)

Drowning Victims Found After Long Lake Search

(From The Roanoke Rapids Daily Herald)

ROANOKE RAPIDS — The waters of Lake Gaston yielded the body of G. C. Robinson, Jr., of Richmond, Va., around 1 p. m. Monday, ending a search and recovery effort which had continued in the vicinity of Thelma since April 4.

Gordon Allen, commander of the Roanoke Valley Rescue Squad, said the body floated to the surface about 400 yards from the spot where the body of his uncle, Kenneth Harris of Roanoke Rapids, was recovered last Friday.

Allen said members of the Roanoke Valley and Warren County rescue squads had "been out all morning" when the body was discovered at the mouth of Jimmy's Creek, a favorite fishing spot for both the men. He said that there had been indications that dragging operations had made contact with the body but at a depth of 80 feet they could not be certain.

Robinson's body was recovered by a Warren County squad boat about 599 to 600 yards from the shore.

Allen said that neither of the men was wearing a life jacket. "The majority of fishermen in this state do not wear them," he said. "The law only says there must be a flotation device in the boat — but does not say they must wear it. Our legislators need to review this law."

Allen, who directed the 24-day search, thanked every organization and individual who assisted the two rescue squads in their efforts. He included merchants in Roanoke Rapids and the surrounding area along with residents of the Littleton-Macon area who provided food. He especially thanked Lt. Mike Baker of the Warren County squad for his devotion to the search.

The two men were last seen when they left on a fishing trip on Good Friday. Allen said the location of the bodies indicates "possibly" Robinson was thrown from the Carolina fishing boat when they attempted to return to the wildlife landing from Jimmy's Creek during a storm over the lake. Allen further theorized that when Harris attempted to

turn the craft around to rescue his nephew, he was thrown out or the boat overturned.

The funeral of George Clack P. Jr., a detective vice squad in Richmond, Va., was conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Hockaday Funeral Home in Roanoke Rapids by the Rev. Dudley Neal and the Rev. Kenneth Honeycutt. Burial was in the Gardner Baptist Church Cemetery near Macon.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jewell Wester Robinson; a son, George (Robbie) Robinson, III; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Robinson, Sr., of Macon; two brothers, Larry Wayne Robinson of Garysburg and Jimmie Ray Robinson of Macon.

Arson Is Suspected In Blaze At House

A two-story abandoned frame house located on the Snow Hill road extension, one mile from Warren General Hospital was completely destroyed by fire around midnight Friday.

The home, owned by Clara Jackson of New Jersey, is presumed to have been set on fire by an arsonist, as a number of fresh footprints were found around the house, according to Capt. Walter Gardner of the Warren Rural Volunteer Fire Department. Gardner said the building was wrapped in flames when the firemen arrived and they permitted it to burn

Grass Blazes Reported By Macon Fire Unit

Two brush and grass fires on the right-of-way of the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad and a grease fire on a stove were reported last week by the Macon Volunteer Rural Fire Department.

One of the brush and grass fires on the railroad right-of-way occurred on Tuesday of last week at 3:45 p. m. when two acres were burned over. A train was the source of the fire. Five men, a pumper and woods truck were dispatched to the scene.

Funeral services for Kenneth Rogers Harris, 48, of Roanoke Rapids, whose body was recovered from Lake Gaston last Friday, were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday from Branch Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. H. Lee McDuffy, minister of the New Testament Christian Church of Roanoke Rapids. Burial was in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

He was employed by Howell Steel in Weldon.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Sylvia Finch Harris; his daughter, Miss Trudy Harris of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Vergie Robinson of Macon and Mrs. Eula Lambert of Roanoke Rapids; two brothers, Melvin and Bill Harris of Roanoke Rapids.

Fire Chief A. A. Wood notified the office of Sheriff Clarence Davis of evidence of arson, and his office is making an investigation. Wood said that one pumper, one tanker and 15 men were sent to the scene. He said that Merlin Andrew, a Warren County resident, and nephew of Mrs. Jackson, said that he would notify his aunt of the loss of her house. He said he did not know whether she carried insurance on the property.

Fire officials would not speculate on the amount of the loss.

Two men and a woods truck responded to a second grass and brush fire on Thursday of last week. The fire originated from a train. An estimated half acre was burned over.

Ten men, a tanker and a pumper answered a call to the home of Len Haithcock around 9:10 p. m. Thursday of last week. A fire had originated from grease burning on a range and was soon extinguished.

In Election On Tuesday

Voters To Determine Fate Of Candidates

Warren County voters will go to the polls on next Tuesday, May 6, to cast their ballots for candidates of their choice for county, state and national offices. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. in the 14 precincts of the county.

The votes will be for nomination of party candidates for the General Election to be held in the fall. Those qualified to vote in the primary must be 18 years of age or older and a resident of Warren County and the State of North Carolina for at least 30 days.

A total of 7960 Warren County voters are registered to vote, and due to the large number of candidates the voting in the county is expected to be heavy. Curb side voting will be available because of age or physical disability between the hours of 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. Such voter is asked to have someone enter the voting place and inform the officials of your desire to vote in this manner.

In addition to Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference ballots, Republican Primary ballot for state offices, Democratic Primary Ballots for Judge of Superior Court, for State Senate, for House of Representatives, for Register of Deeds and a Democratic Primary ballot for State Officers, there will be an official Non-Partisan Board of Education Ballot.

The non-partisan election ballot contains the names of three incumbents and five additional candidates seeking seats on the Board of Education for the first time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Candidates for the Board of Education are as follows: District 2—Henry D. Bobbitt, III, incumbent, Loyd C. Hawkins; District 3—Joycelyn McKissick-Myers, Leigh Traylor, incumbent; District 4—Joyce Darnell Odum, incumbent, Kathy Harris Wilson; District 5—Yarborough Williams, Jr., Harold L. Harris.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

The Republican Primary Ballot contains the names of C. J. (Charlie) Carstens and Beverly Lake; and Keith S. Snyder and Harold A. Covington, for Attorney General.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT

The Republican Primary Ballot contains the names of seven candidates and a place for no preference vote the seven names on the ballot are Howard Baker, George Bush, Phillip Crane, Robert Dole, Ronald Reagan, John B. Connally and John B. Anderson. Since the ballot was printed Baker, Crane, Dole, Connally and Anderson have withdrawn

from the race, leaving only George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT

The Democratic Primary Presidential Ballot for President, contains a square for no preference vote and the names of three candidates, Jimmy Carter, Edward M. Kennedy and Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Since the ballot was printed Brown has withdrawn from the race, leaving only President Carter and Senator Kennedy in the race.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

The Democratic Primary Ballot for Judge of Superior Court, State Senator, House of Representatives, and County Offices, contains the names of candidates as follows:

Superior Court (Vote for one)

Charles E. Hubbard, Robert H. Hobgood.

State Senate (Vote for two)
James D. Speed, Melvin C. Holmes, Dallas Alford, Jr.

House of Representatives (Vote for three)

William T. (Billy) Watkins, William (Buck) Peace, Eric A. Saunders, John T. Church, T. W. (Tom) Ellis, Jr., Sherman Daye, Floyd B. McKissick, Jr.

Register of Deeds (Vote for one)

James W. Byrd, J. H. (Jim) Hundley, incumbent.

County Commissioners (Vote for one)

District 1 — Frank W. Ballance, Jr., Jack Harris, incumbent; District 5 — William T. Skinner, incumbent, Samuel A. Russell, Arthur R. Bobbitt.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT FOR STATE OFFICERS

For Governor (Vote for one)

James B. (Jim) Hunt, Jr., Harry J. Welsh, Robert W. (Bob) Scott, Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one)

James C. (Jimmy) Green, Clyde Pulley, Carl J. Stewart, Jr., Secretary of State (Vote for one)

Thad Eure, George W. Breece, State Auditor (Vote for one)

W. S. (Bill) Chesnut, J. E. B. Davis, Edward Rehffrow, Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for one)

Roy H. Rabon, Jr., W. Kenneth (Kenn) Brown, John Ingram, James E. (Jim) Long, Supt. of Public Instruction (Vote for one)

Trosper N. Combs, Craig Phillips, Associate Justice of Supreme Court (Vote for one)

Ottway Burton, J. P. (Phil) Carlton.

HUD Approves Grant For Warren Sewage Plant

W. J. (Jack) Harris, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Commissioners, was notified Monday morning by Ted Daniels of the office of Representative L. H. Fountain that HUD had approved a grant of \$210,000 to be used towards the construction of a regional sewage treatment plant at Warrenton. The additional grant was made due to a shortfall in construction costs due to delay in starting project.

Harris said that negotiations are now underway with EDA for a second grant which would cover the balance of the shortfall.

While Harris, who has visited Washington with Glenn Newsome, Industrial Director, in an effort to obtain help on county projects, notified this newspaper Monday morning of the grant, Fountain's office later notified the County Industrial office and The Warren Record of the grant.

Newsome said that his office had not only been notified of the grant by Fountain's office, but also by Senator Jesse

Helms and Senator Bob Morgan, all three of whom had been most helpful in Warren County projects. "We deeply appreciate their assistance," Newsome said in commenting on the releases.

Senator Robert Morgan told The Warren Record Tuesday that he had been informed of the HUD grant.

"This grant, together with an allocation of \$246,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency, leaves \$570,000 needed so that contracts can be let to build the system," the senator said. "Hopefully, the needed sum will come from the Economic Development Administration with whom I have discussed this situation."

Leaf Is Designated On 587 Local Farms

April 15 ended the initial period to designate warehouses for the sale of the 1980 flue-cured tobacco crop. Farmers in Warren County designated 8,531,015 pounds of tobacco on 587 farms. This represents 110 percent of their effective quota.

Approximately 265,500 pounds of tobacco on 153 farms have not been designated, however. Farmers will have an opportunity to redesignate after the tobacco market opens.

Lease and transfer of tobacco have also been completed for the initial period. Producers on 363 farms leased 3,603,544 pounds to 1102 farms. The county's effective allotment is 4974.16 acres and the effective quota is 7,996,924 pounds. Leasing will be permitted again after June 14 with certain restrictions.

Warren County had no participation in the 4-leaf program which would have allowed growers to plant up to 110 percent of their effective allotment with the stipulation that the bottom four leaves would not be harvested.

Acreage reports are again required of all farmers planting any crop on their farm. Small grains such as wheat, oats, barley and rye must be reported by May 15. Flue-cured tobacco and peanuts must be reported by June 13 and other crops such as corn, soybeans and grain sorghum must be reported by July 15.

This year all producers of program crops may qualify for loans, purchases, disaster payments, and deficiency payments. There will be no sign-up and no set-aside or diversion of land is required. All tobacco and peanut farms will be measured in 1980 and other crops will be selected at random and spot-checked to determine accuracy.

Failure to make a timely and accurate report may cause loss of program benefits.

The final date to report intentions to plant cotton has been extended to May 6. Growers are required to pay an initial fee of \$2.00 per acre at the time the intentional acreage report is filed.

Heritage Week Activities Held

The combined eighth grade social studies classes of Mrs. Carolyn Goodson and Miss Gail Bullock participated in activities related to North Carolina Heritage Week.

The agenda for the week included the following activities:

Monday, April 21, students were given a background lecture on Warren County.

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