

Outlook Not As Good For Cotton And Corn Growers

Warren Tobacco Hopes Soar Following Rainfall

A bright picture for Warren County tobacco farmers was painted this week by county farm agents in the wake of weekend rains estimated to be worth several millions dollars to the county's farm economy. Prospects for a banner year for producers of the golden weed followed the rainfall, which drenched every section of the county. L. B. Hardage, assistant county agriculture agent here for 17 years, said the county's tobacco crop was excellent. "Tobacco looks as good as I've ever seen

at this time of the year," Hardage said. He said almost complete absence of disease was increasing crop prospects. George D. Hunter, weather observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau, said Sunday's rainfall measured at a recording station near Arcola was almost three-quarters of an inch. Rainfall varied in several sections of the county, but a cross-section glance at the county indicated that all areas, received sufficient rainfall. While the rains meant untold dollars for

tobacco producers, they came too late to offset severe setbacks to crops of corn and cotton. "Large acreages of cotton," Hardage reported, "have been destroyed due to poor stands resulting from lack of seed germination, frost and early dry weather conditions." He said cotton was spotty and that seed borne diseases had been noted in the crop. Last year Warren farmers were hard hit by the boll weevil, and some farmers failed to meet expenses of production. Farmers

planting 8,370 acres of cotton realized only \$776,769 from the crop and the average yield per acre stood at 306 pounds. "This year we are shooting at 400 pounds per acre, and we might make it if farmers begin applying topdresser and wage boll weevil control," he said. Hardage said many farmers could make a bale or a bale and a half per acre if they took steps to control the boll weevil. "People in the county just won't dust or spray and when the tobacco crop begins

pushing them they are forced to neglect the cotton crop," he said. "Many farmers do not have stands of cotton sufficient to make two bales an acre, even with weevil control programs," he added. Some farmers are plowing under their poor stands of cotton and replacing the cotton with soy beans. Hardage pointed out that the latter crop is increasing in importance here. Last year, roughly 3,000 acres of soy beans brought county farmers more than (See CROPS, page 4)

Court Term Ends With No Need For Grand Jury; Docket Slim

Felonies Not Heard

The June criminal term of Warren County Superior Court—devoted exclusively to the trial of misdemeanors—ended here shortly after noon Wednesday. No defendant charged with a felony was tried during the three-day term presided over by Judge William Y. Bickett of Raleigh. Court officials, including the presiding judge and Solicitor W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr., of Woodland, expressed surprise that no bills of indictment were presented to the grand jury.

Burgwyn, district solicitor for five years, said the term of court here was the first in which he had seen no bills submitted to the grand jury. Judge Bickett excused grand jurors after a court official reported that there appeared no need for an inspection of county facilities usually undertaken by jurors.

The session was marked by a continuation of cases, many because of the absence of John Kerr, Warrenton attorney currently serving in the General Assembly. A total of 14 cases were continued, including the trial of James M. Hargrove, Jack Plummer, and Robert L. Ramey, charged with murder. This case was not placed on the court docket prior to the session.

The last case of the session, in which Robert Henry Dunston, Warren County Negro, was charged with drunken driving, ended in a mistrial after jurors were unable to reach a verdict. Dunston was also tried on a speeding charge, found guilty, and given a 60-day sentence, suspended for 60 days upon payment of \$50 and costs. Every case reaching trial here this week came on appeal from Warren County Recorder's Court. For several defendants, the appeals brought stiffer sentences.

Such was the case in the trial of George Williams and Hilliard Hardy, charged with the larceny of boxwood bushes. Each had received 60-day sentences in Recorder's Court, and each had appealed his sentence. Judge Bickett, after hearing testimony that the pair stole four bushes from County Commissioner Robert Thorne of Littleton, sentenced each defendant to 12 months in prison.

The only cases reaching the jury during the session involved drunken driving. Found guilty by juries were (See COURT, page 3)

Huge Bream Caught By Clyde Edwards

A 31-ounce blue-gill bream, one of the largest ever caught in Warren County, was landed recently by Clyde Edwards in a farm pond near Axtelle. The large fish was caught on a cane pole with a fishing worm in a pond owned by William Bender of Rt. 2, Norlina.

Mrs. Leland Gottschalk underwent surgery in Warren General Hospital this week.



MRS. ANNE W. BAXTER

Mrs. Baxter Wins Grant

Mrs. Ann W. Baxter of Warrenton has been awarded a graduate assistantship in the Department of Bacteriology at the University of North Carolina Medical School in Chapel Hill where she will work towards a Ph.D. degree in Bacteriology. The assistantship will begin in September.

Mrs. Baxter and her daughter, Ellen, expect to move to Chapel Hill in September. This summer Mrs. Baxter will attend the University of North Carolina under a grant from the National Science Foundation. She studied under this grant at the University last summer and has been attending classes on Saturday. She hopes to obtain her M.A. degree by the end of this summer.

Mrs. Baxter graduated from Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois, in 1938, and did graduate work at the Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. Afterwards she attended Ursuline College at Louisville, Ky., taking courses in Education to obtain a Secretary of Education certificate. (See BAXTER, page 4)

National Guardsmen To Depart

Warrenton National Guardsmen will leave this weekend for a two-week tour of active duty at Fort Bragg. Guardsmen will return June 23 after two weeks of intensive training on the giant military reservation.

Four officers and 51 enlisted men, members of Company C, 3rd Battalion, 120th Regiment of the 30th (Old Hickory) Infantry Division, will put into practice at Fort Bragg training received in the local armory during the past year.

Under the command of Capt. Robert L. Duke of Middleburg, local Guardsmen are members of a rifle platoon and headquarters of Company A. A rifle and weapons platoon station in Henderson, also a part of Company A, will train with Warrenton Guardsmen.

During reserve training, the two components will drill at separate armories, but during the annual two-week active duty training period the company drills as one unit. Warrenton has served as headquarters for the company since National Guard reorganizations plans were put into operation in March.

Guardsmen will set up tents and live on the massive reservation for the entire period. A fourth of the company will depart for Fort Bragg Saturday, with the remainder of the company leaving on Sunday morning. Some 10,300 Tar Heel Heel National Guardsmen, under the command of Maj. Gen. Weston H. Willis of Jacksonville, will engage in summer training this year.

In Hospital Mrs. J. J. Nicholson of Macon is a patient in Warren General Hospital for treatment.



Summer???

Summer is bound to be right around the bend when a girl and a beach ball become inseparable companions. For this youngster, the junior-sized waves of Kerr Lake are large enough to ponder and cold enough to prove that summer is still not quite here. (Staff Photo)

Town Posts Unchanged

Commissioner Raby L. Traylor was re-elected mayor pro tem of the Town of Norlina at a meeting of the town board on Monday night.

Also re-elected were Buck White, police chief and superintendent of the street and water departments; Charles Wilson, night officer; Mrs. Mae Gums, secretary-treasurer; and John Kerr, Jr., town attorney.

Also during the meeting, largely occupied with routine matters, Mayor Graham Grisom appointed Traylor as chairman of the water committee; E. G. Hecht, chairman of the street committee; and P. J. Harton, chairman of the sanitation committee.

Negro School Project Costs Reach \$304,882

Bids More Than Hoped

Combined bids totalling \$304,882 for construction of the South Warren Elementary school and for additions at the Northside school at Norlina were received Wednesday by the Warren County Board of Education.

The total low bids, coupled with \$18,293 in fees for Architect Owen F. Smith of Raleigh, exceeded funds earmarked for the two projects by "roughly \$23,000," Supt. J. R. Peeler said Thursday.

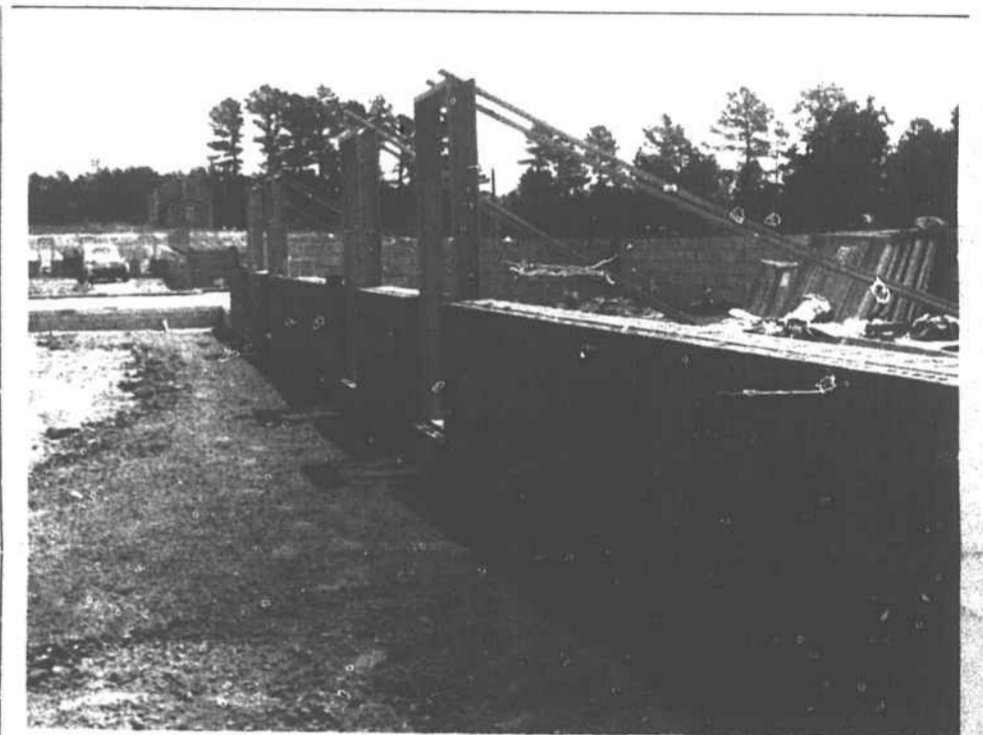
Peeler said board members would meet with Owen Smith at 9 p. m. Thursday to study means of trimming the bids or finding additional money for the projects.

"I hope we won't have to chop the plans to pieces," Peeler said, "but the board doesn't have additional funds available for the projects."

Low bidder for general construction of the South Warren Elementary School to be built near Afton and an addition to the Northside school was Hutchins Construction Co. of Durham. The Durham firm had a combined bid of \$231,900 for both projects, plus an alternate combined bid of \$1,320 for cabinets.

The combined bids, opened at the Warren County Courthouse Wednesday afternoon, did not include bids for kitchen equipment, furniture and a well at South Warren. The Board of Education had set aside a total of \$338,000 for completing both projects.

Actually, individual bids on the South Warren plant fell under the estimate made by the board, but this was more than offset by construction bids for the Northside project. Some \$90,000 had been labeled for use on the Northside addition, but low bids and architect's fees ran the (See BIDS, page 4)



MOTEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION—An 18-unit motel is rising rapidly on US Highway 158 between Macon and Warrenton. Under construction by I. M. Clark, the motel, of brick construction, will contain a restaurant with seating capacity for 160 persons.

Clark expects the motel to be completed within the next two months. Located on the east side of the highway, the motel is situated behind Clark's home, several hundred feet from the highway. (Staff Photo)

Continued Funds For Industry Hunter For Warren Requested

The Warren County Board of Commissioners has been requested to again include in its budget the sum of \$2,000 for the county's part of the salary and expenses of an industrial engineer. The remainder of the \$4,000 fund would be raised by the incorporated towns of the county.

Making the request at the regular meeting of the commissioners on Monday were Selby Benton, president of the Bute Development Company, and Pettway B. Boyd,

a director of the company. Pointing out that it would be a year before the voters would have an opportunity to make their wishes known concerning the hiring of a full-time engineer, Benton said that he feels that it is essential that the work of the part-time engineer be continued until the election. He said that the towns have already agreed to raise their part of the costs of the employment of the engineer.

While no factory is yet in operation as the result of the

employment of the engineer, Benton said, funds are being raised for a shell building at Littleton and one or more prospects are considering locating in or near Warrenton as the result of the engineer's efforts. In addition, he said, other work of the engineer may bear fruit in the coming years.

Boyd said that he feels that the engineer should be retained as an insurance that Warren County would make every effort to obtain industry.

The request for the inclusion of funds for the engineer in the 1963-64 budget, was one of several requests for funds before the commissioners on Monday. It was unique in that it was the only request that did not ask for increased appropriations.

Among others submitting tentative budgets for the commissioners approval were: Wilbur F. Davis for the Forestry Service. He said that this was the year for the purchase of a new truck and that he would have to ask for a small increase.

Mrs. Robert Ranson and Mrs. Elizabeth Baskerville were before the commissioners to discuss the budget requests for the Negro Community Center and for the Negro Library. Mrs. Ranson, who acted as spokesman, said that more funds were needed and expressed the hope that the county could increase its appropriations.

Frank Reams, county agent, accompanied by Miss Emily Ballinger, was before the board with the Extension Department. (See BOARD, page 3)

4-H Representatives To Be Picked Tuesday

Warren County's representative in state and district 4-H competition will be selected Tuesday night during the annual 4-H Health Pageant, Talent Show and Dress Revue slated to begin at the Norlina Gymnasium at 8 o'clock.

Winners of the talent and dress competition will represent the county in district contests, and a king and queen of health will be chosen to represent Warren County in the State Health Pageant in Raleigh in July.

Miss Rita Castleberry, assistant home economics extension agent, said all local blue ribbon winners in dress revues from throughout the county are asked to be at Norlina High School by 3:30 p. m. Tuesday. These persons should be prepared to remain through the night's program, she said.

Talents selections will be presented by blue ribbon winners from local clubs and the talent winner will represent Warren County in the District Talent Contest to be held June 28 at the West Edgecombe School near Rocky Mount.

The king and queen of health will be selected from among senior club girls and boys turning in the best health improvement record.

"The judging of these records is based on improvements made by the member on his own health, his family's health and the community health," Miss Castleberry said.

In addition a senior princess and prince of health will be selected as runnerup in the senior contest, and a junior princess and prince will be selected.



DAIRY PRINCESS — Miss Betty Jean West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert West of Littleton, is Warren County's 1963 Dairy Princess. A 16-year-old rising sophomore at Peace College, Miss West was selected by a county committee. She represented Warren County in an area contest held in Raleigh Thursday.



GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD WINNER — Lew Hege son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hege of Norlina, Sunday, became the first Boy Scout in the town's history to receive the God and Country award, one of the highest awards in Scouting. Lew, a Life Scout, has earned over 30 merit badges and becomes eligible for his Eagle award in October. Pinning the God and Country medal on Lew is the Rev. James B. Parvin, minister of the

Norlina Methodist Church, who conducted the ceremony. Scoutmaster W. K. Delbridge looks on. Sponsored by the church of which a Scout is a member, the medal is given a boy who averages approximately three hours weekly in church work, attends a church camp, becomes familiar with the Bible, participates in youth work, and takes an active part in church life and church projects. (Staff Photo)