

Beat National Average

Pupils Do Well On School Tests

Elementary school children in Warren County public schools scored above the national average in annual state achievement tests administered here last spring.

Members of the Warren County Board of Education were told of the just released test scores during their regular meeting held here Monday night. The report to the board was made by Mrs. Rachael Ricks, assistant superintendent.

While elementary school children fared well, ninth graders scored considerably lower when compared to state and national rankings. Sixth graders who took the test finished at just below national average.

Student tests, taken in March and April, showed Warren County first graders scored 1.9 (first grade, ninth month) on reading, which was one month higher than the state averages. They were at the 63 percent level, or 13 percentile points above the national average. On math, the first graders scored 2.4, one month above state averages and 35 percentile points higher than the national average.

Second graders scored 3.1 (third grade, first month) on reading and 3.2 on math, above the national averages, but slightly below the state averages (3.3 on reading and 3.5 on math). Their scores were 10 and 17 percentile points above the

national averages.

Third graders scored 3.8 on reading and on math, slightly lower than the state averages but slightly above the national averages.

Sixth graders scored three months below grade level (6.4) on reading, and at grade level (6.7) on math. Their total score was 6.7, which ranked them at the 49 percent level nationally, and somewhat below the state averages.

Ninth graders scored considerably below grade level - 8.0 on reading and 8.3 on math. Mrs. Ricks said this is a typical pattern with scores generally showing greater gaps between grade placement and achievement on tests at successively higher grade levels.

Mrs. Ricks also presented board members with a table comparing scores over the four-year period during which the state testing program has been in effect. She said this revealed an encouraging picture, with scores generally showing increases each year.

Mrs. Ricks said that although ninth graders remain below the national and state averages, they compare favorably with ninth graders in administrative units with demographic factors similar to Warren County. She said ninth graders had shown a small but significant gain in their scores this year for the first time in four years.

Dr. Crouch To Leave Church Position Here

The Rev. W. H. Crouch, Jr., pastor of the Warren Baptist Church since January, 1977, has resigned. His final Sunday here will be July 26.

In a letter to his congregation, Dr. Crouch said that he had decided to begin work in pursuit of the Doctorate of Education Degree with an emphasis in college administration at the University of South Carolina.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Crouch, Sr., of Charlotte, Dr. Crouch is a native of Louisville, Ky. He received degrees from Wingate Junior College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary.

He served as president of the Warren County Ministerial Association and as president of the Cullom Baptist Association's Ministerial Association. He is a former officer of the Warren Academy PTO and is a member of the Warrenton Rotary Club.

He coached varsity girls basketball at Warren Academy during the past season and earlier he had been an assistant girls basketball coach at John Graham High School.

Dr. Crouch, who has three daughters, will be making his home in Greer, S. C.

Libertarian Party Qualifies In State

The State Board of Elections has notified the Warren County Board of Elections that the Libertarian Party qualified on June 29, 1981, as a legal political party in North Carolina. Mrs. Miriam Coleman, executive secretary, said this week.

The action of the state board was taken in pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 163-96 prior to the effective date of Chapter 219; Session Laws of 1981. "Therefore, as of this date any person may register as an affiliate of the Libertarian Party, or any registered voter may change his (or her) registration to affiliate with said party," the notice stated.

"David A. Braatz, Post-office Box 114, Mt. Mourne, North Carolina, 28123, is state chairman of said party," the article concluded.

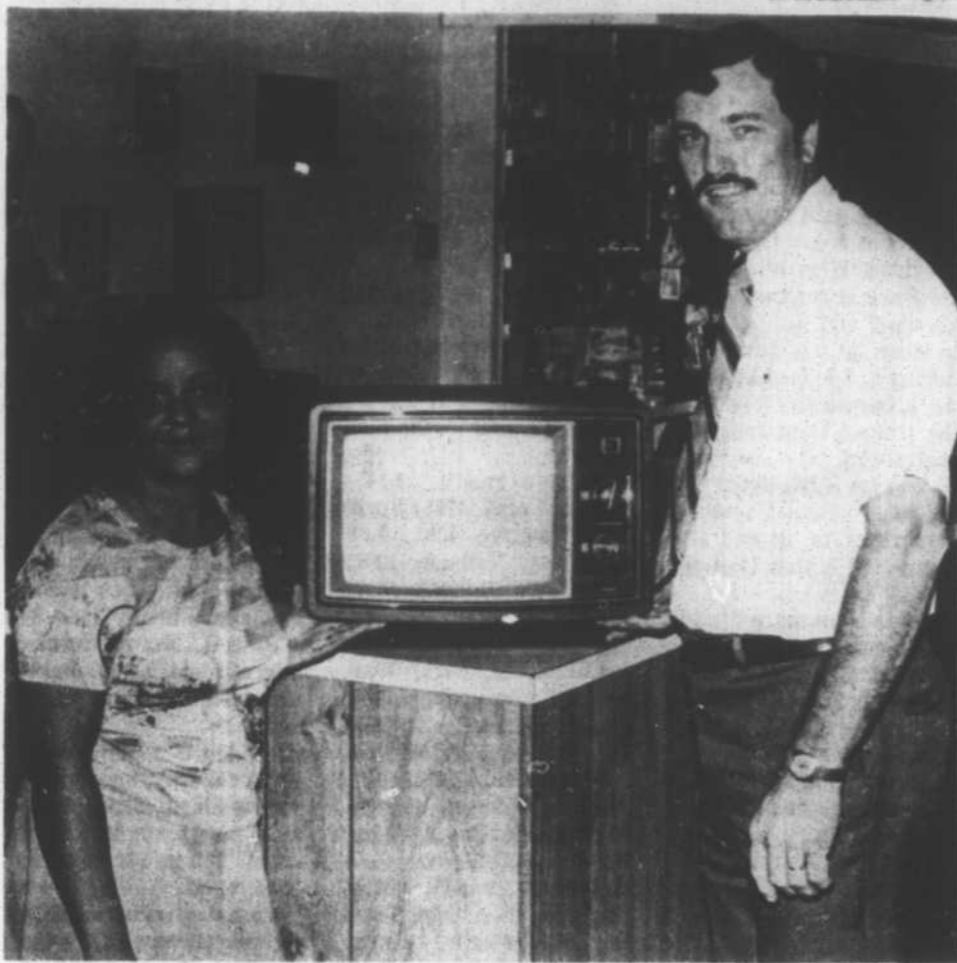
Mrs. Coleman said that several people in Warren County signed the petition when the Libertarian Party was circulating the petition, therefore, those people might like to come to the County Board's Office in the Hendricks Building in Warrenton to change their party affiliation.

Correction Is

Made For Article

In a front-page article last week bearing my credit line it was stated that all personnel of the combined offices of County Manager and Industrial Director had been retained under an agreement worked out in executive session by the county commissioners in executive session on Tuesday morning of last week. This was

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Mrs. Doris Hargrove of 204 Warren Street, Warrenton, is shown as she receives a 13-inch color television set which she won during a fund raising drawing held by the Leo Club of Warrenton. Presenting Mrs. Hargrove with the set, furnished by Western Auto, is Roy Pat Robertson, Leo Club director. (Staff Photo)

Warrenton Board Meets In Open And Closed Sessions

The Warrenton Board of County Commissioners held their regular July meeting in the town hall at 8 p.m. Monday with Mayor B. G. White presiding and all members present with the exception of Commissioners Charles M. White, III and A. A. Wood.

An hour of the hour and a half session was spent in executive session. Before going into the executive session, the commissioners heard reports from the Fire, Water, Railroad, Street and Finance Committees, with little discussion and few recommendations.

There was a brief discussion by Eddie Clayton, Street Committee chairman, concerning a clean up of lots, and a discussion with Bill Neal, Water Superintendent, about adjusting heights of some hydrants on Front Street, with a suggestion that it would be easier and cheaper to fill in above the hydrants with asphalt than to raise the hydrants. There was also brief discussion about providing water and sewage to new stores built, being built and to be built on the mall under construction off Macon and Hall Streets in East Warrenton. No action was taken.

Neither Commissioner A. A. Wood, chairman of the Police Committee, nor Police Chief Freddie Robinson were present at the meeting, neither was C. M. White, III, chairman of the Zoning and Historical Preservation, so no reports were heard from these committees. No recommendations were made by the chairmen of the Fire, Railroad, and Finance Committees.

There was some discussion with the Water Committee, chaired by Gordon Halthcock, with Bill Neal, Superintendent of the Water Committee, concerning the construction of a power line to the Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant now under construction near Warrenton, but action was deferred until an executive session of the board which was to be called later.

Members of the Planning Board of Adjustments, the Zoning Board of Adjustments, and the Advisory Personnel Board

were re-elected as follows:

Planning Board - R. P. Robertson, Mrs. H. S. Andersen, Lawrence Boyd, and Ann Harris, all re-appointed for three-year terms. Kenneth Mustian, a member of this board, term has not expired.

Zoning Board - Tom Watson, two years, L. B. Henderson, Sr., one year, Mary Hunter, two years, Charles Fitts, one year. Other members of this board are Lee Cheek, McCarroll Alston and Jim Davis.

Advisory Personnel - Alpheus Jones, one year, Aaron Allen, two years. Howard Daniel is the third member of this board.

There was some discussion about cleaning up a pond which the town has leased for a number of years from Dee Harmon. Mr. Harmon requested that the town clean chemicals which had accumulated in the pond while being leased by the town. It was suggested that the local military company would possibly clean the pond since it is under Warrenton lease. The Town Manager and Supt. of the Water Company were asked to pursue the matter.

The Town of Benson has been operating a waste water treatment plant similar to the one under construction here, and the Town Engineer has suggested that it would be well for the commissioners to visit this plant before the plant at Warrenton is completed. The Benson plant has now been in operation for about a year. The commissioners decided that members of the board, the Mayor, Town Manager, and Superintendent of the Water Company would visit the plant on Tuesday, July 28.

Two items were taken up in the hour-long executive session. The first concerned an agreement with Carolina Power and Light Company concerning a power contract at the regional waste water plant at Warrenton. In the open discussion board members had expressed the view that this was not a town responsibility, but of the county, until such time as the plant is completed.

In the executive session, it was agreed that Mayor White and Jack Harris,

Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, who has been out of town this week, should meet and work out an agreement as soon as Chairman Harris returns to Warrenton.

The second matter before the commissioners in the executive session concerned a purported claim against the town in the amount of \$1585 due to failure to return five chemical cylinders to Moreland - McKinsion Chemical Company in 1978, and this \$1585 is supposed to represent the cost of the cylinders and accrued interest.

Shortly before the town cancelled an agreement with the chemical company it alleged it returned the five cylinders in one of the chemical company's trucks which happened to be in town, instead of returning them by truck line when special receipts are required. The town has written the company that it has returned the tanks. Two or more times the town's attorney has written the chemical company about the matter, but has been unable to obtain an answer to his letters. Within the past few days the town has received a letter suggesting that it now owes the chemical company \$1585, and the company may go to court to collect. This the town denies and this is where the matter stands.

Residents Are Advised Of Change In Policy

Warren County residents have been advised that there is a change in the amount of money a one or two person household can be credited with paying for utilities.

The notification came from Mrs. Barbara Kinton, Food Stamp supervisor for Warren County. She said the new policy became effective July 1.

"A Food Stamp household that is billed for utilities can be given credit for a standard amount in place of the actual billed amount," Mrs. Kinton said.

She added that in many instances this enables these households to qualify for additional food stamps.

New Policy Implemented

Board Balking At Granting Transfers

The Warren County Board of Education Monday night balked at granting student transfer requests, granting less than half the total number of requests as the board implemented a new transfer policy.

Most of those requests approved were done so in extreme and unusual conditions which the board felt constituted a legitimate basis for approving the requests.

After a marathon four-hour attempt to deal with the batch of transfer requests, the board gave approval to the following:

- A request of Robert and Iris Frazier that their son, Robert Heath, be permitted to enroll in the eighth grade at John Graham in the fall of 1981. The Fraziers live in the Norlina attendance area.

- A request of James and Laura Jones that their child, Lynn, grade nine, be permitted to attend school in Franklin County.

- A request of Roger and Johnie Williams that their son, Robert, be permitted to enroll in kindergarten at Vaughan in the fall of 1981. The Williamses live in Halifax County.

- A request of Bertha R. Richardson that her son, Patrick, be released to attend school in Halifax County.

The following requests were denied by the Board of Education:

- A request of Mary Pat McGhee that her son, Hunter, be allowed to enroll in kindergarten at Northside in the fall of 1981. Mrs. McGhee lives in the Mariam Boyd attendance area.

- A request of Carol Collier that her daughter, Stacy Lynn, be permitted to enroll in the first grade at Mariam Boyd in the fall of 1981. Mrs. Collier lives in the South Warren attendance area.

- A request by Mrs. Shirley Faulcon that her daughter, Charlene, be permitted to enroll in the third grade at Mariam Boyd in the fall of 1981. Mrs. Faulcon lives in the Vaughan attendance area.

- A request by James and Laura Jones that their children, Jamie Sue, grade seven, and Kevin, grade three, be permitted to attend school in Franklin County.

- A request by Mrs. Delores Woodard that her daughter, Donna Jean, be released to attend school in

Franklin County. Mrs. Woodard lives in the South Warren attendance area.

- A request by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton J. Terry, who live in the Vaughan attendance area, that their daughter, Avera Gina, be permitted to enroll in the fourth grade at Hawkins in the fall of 1981.

- A request by Mrs. B. C. Brown that her son, Ryan, be permitted to enroll in kindergarten at Mariam Boyd in the fall of 1981. Mrs. Brown lives in the South Warren attendance area.

- A request by Rowena West that her daughter, Valerie, grade one, be permitted to attend school in Halifax County.

- A request by Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Kearsay that their son, Rodney, sixth grader, and Travis, kindergarten student, be permitted to attend school in Halifax County.

- A request by Mr. and Mrs. William Mills that their daughter, Shaneka, grade one, be permitted to attend school in Halifax County.

- A request by Mrs. Myrtle Felts that her son, Patrick, grade four, be permitted to attend Hawkins rather than North Warren.

- A request by Gloria S. Wilson that her son, Daniel, grade two, be permitted to attend school in Halifax County.

- A request by Mrs. (Continued on page 14)

Prices Are High

Farmers Awaiting Market Opening

Local tobacco farmers are looking forward to the opening of the Middle Belt Tobacco Markets, including the Warrenton market on July 28, in view of prices paid on the Florida-Georgia Bright Leaf Markets on Tuesday.

Headlines in Wednesday morning's News and Observer read "Tobacco Sales on Ga.-Fla. Belt Bring Surprisingly High Prices," and an AP story from Valdosta, Ga., read in part, as follows:

"The first day of tobacco sales on the Georgia-Florida belt brought higher prices than predicted Tuesday, and state agriculture officials praised the crop as one of the best in recent years.

"Prices for flue-cured tobacco at some markets averaged between \$1.40

and \$1.60 per hundred pounds... Total sales for the belt on opening day were 3,798,362 pounds at an average of \$141.73 for a sale of \$5,283,596."

The Georgia-Florida flue cured markets opened the selling season on Tuesday, July 14. They will be followed by the July 20 opening of the markets in the Border Belt, made up of northeastern South Carolina and southeastern North Carolina.

Opening day in the Eastern Belt, which includes most of central and eastern North Carolina, is July 22, while sales in the Middle Belt, a small territory from Durham to Virginia, will open on July 28. The Old Belt, in North Carolina's Piedmont and Virginia, will open Aug. 4.

Wolfe Wins Medal On Italian Tour

The following UPI story clipped from Saturday's The News and Observer and brought to our desk will be of interest to Warren County readers:

ROME (UPI) - The Atlanta Boys Choir sang for Italian President Sandro Pertini in a private concert at Rome's Quirinale Palace Friday.

The 58-member choir, on a concert tour of Italy to raise money for handicapped children, sang selections from Bach-Gunod and Benjamin Britten during the 30-minute concert held in the Palace's Hall of Mirrors.

After the concert, Pertini awarded choir director Fletcher T. Wolfe, 49, the Commendation of Merit, the highest civilian medal given by the Italian government. Wolfe is a native of Durham and a former resident of Norlina.

"It is a tremendous privilege to receive this medal and I accept it on behalf of the Atlanta Boys Choir and the United States of America as well," Wolfe said after receiving the gold and ivory medal.

The singers Thursday taped a special concert on

Italian national television for Pope John Paul II, who is recovering from the effects of an attempt on his life May 13.

The choir, which includes boys ages 9 to 13, performed in the Italian cities of Venice, Florence and Spoleto before arriving in Rome July 5. The mayor of Florence awarded them the city's medal of honor.

Pertini left his chair in the audience to kiss all 58 members of the choir during the private concert. The group responded by singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Wolfe presented a bouquet of flowers to the 84-year-old president.

"Singing for the president of Italy is as thrilling as singing for the president of the United States," said Bill Evans, a 12-year-old soprano.

"It has been such a thrill to be in Italy that we'll come back even if we have to walk," Wolfe said.

The Atlanta Boys Choir is scheduled to give their final concert in Rome during mass today at St. Peter's Basilica before leaving for Georgia Sunday.