

The Warren Record

Nickels Vote Is Slated Tuesday

By RUSSELL KING
The nature of North Carolina's soil and climate is so varied that the products which could come from its soil are almost unlimited. As bountifully as nature has favored the state, this agricultural diversity has not been an unmixed blessing.

For each producer of these varied agricultural products has problems which he must solve. For solutions he has looked to the research and educational programs at North Carolina State University. And he has supported these programs directly with the Nickels for Know-How program.

The Nickels for Know-How program was authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly and initiated through a referendum of the farm people of the state in November, 1951.

By giving their approval to the program, all users of feed and fertilizer agreed to assess themselves a nickel on each ton of feed and fertilizer they buy, the funds to be used to support agricultural education, research, and extension at North Carolina State University. This year they are being asked to increase this assessment to two nickels per ton.

Funds are collected by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture from feed and fertilizer manufacturers who will add the two nickels per ton to the wholesale price of their products.

A referendum is held every six years to give feed and fertilizer users an opportunity to say whether or not they want the program continued. The election this year will be held on November 24.

The Nickels election is conducted by local farm and home leaders. All buyers of feed and fertilizer, their husbands or wives, are eligible to vote.

Your nickels have made it possible to initiate new projects, not provided for by appropriations, thus speeding up work that will aid you in meeting the many problems of production and marketing in a rapidly changing agricultural world.

Both the quality and

quantity of the agricultural research and education programs of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences have been improved. Nickels funds provide that extra boost whereby the best trained people can be obtained and held, raising the total agricultural research and education program above the mediocre to the excellent. Graduate assistants, hired with Nickels funds, are lending additional minds and hands to the senior research scientists. Their work has touched almost every area of North Carolina agriculture, the animals, the crops and the people.

Yes, the future looks brighter for farm people in North Carolina, and the Nickels effort, an investment program you helped start, has made it so. However, the times require that increased emphasis be given to these vital resources in solving the growing complexities of agriculture.

Your vote to continue the Nickels Program for another six years says that two nickels today will buy much more than most people realize. They will buy much if we all invest together profitably.

The Nickels Program is YOUR program. You initiated it and pay for its benefits. YOUR vote of approval declares that you believe the agricultural education and research efforts at N. C. State University are paying you rich dividends.

YOUR favorable vote means you want the researchers at N. C. State to continue to seize every opportunity to solve new problems in agriculture as soon as they arise.

YOUR vote is your way of expressing a willingness to continue to be assessed for the operation of the Nickels program. This voluntary action is what makes YOUR Nickels Program successful.

YOUR nickels alone could not make this program successful, it takes the investment of thousands of others as well. It just makes good sense that the more people who vote, the stronger the program will be because more people will have shown active interest in its objectives.



Glenn Holtzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben G. Holtzman, Sr., of Ridgeway, is receiving an expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago as state winner in the agricultural program. Shown with Holtzman is R. L. Quinlaw of International Harvester Co., sponsors of Holtzman's trip.

Holtzman Will Make Trip To Chicago

Some 37 delegates from 22 North Carolina counties will attend the 60th National 4-H Congress at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

Among them is Reuben Glenn Holtzman, Jr. of Ridgeway.

The Tar Heel delegates won the expense-paid trips as state winners in a 4-H program or activity.

While in Chicago, they will compete for more than a quarter-million dollars' worth of scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each and made available by private sector donors.

Planned and conducted by the National 4-H Council and the Agricultural Extension Services of the land-grant universities, the congress will attract more than 1,700 members from across the country.

The congress officially opens Sunday afternoon. Several 4-H donors will host major entertainment and meal events during the congress.

The annual Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. breakfast leads off Monday's events. At noon, delegates will attend the all-congress luncheon, sponsored by International Harvester Co. The evening

will feature a concert by Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass and Rushour, courtesy of International Paper Co.

Tuesday's sessions will focus on personal development workshops. Delegates also will be given a broad choice of educational field trip experiences in Chicago.

The National 4-H Fashion Revue, sponsored by Simplicity Pattern Co. Inc., will highlight the Wednesday morning assembly. Tours and workshops are scheduled in the afternoon.

Eight national 4-H alumni winners will be honored Thursday morning. A special visual newsletter of congress, developed by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension staff, will be presented to delegates. That evening, the annual banquet and farewell party will conclude the congress.

Throughout the week, 4-H delegates will be honored at recognition events arranged by individual program sponsors.

The North Carolina delegation, which includes six adults, will travel by plane, leaving Nov. 27 and returning Dec. 4.

Most Yields Reflect Good Year

Warrenton Tobacco Market Sells Over \$16.7 Million

The Warrenton Tobacco Market sold more than \$16.7 million worth of tobacco during the 1981 auction season which ended November 10.

George W. Shearin, sales supervisor, said the market enjoyed a banner year and that the dollar total paid for tobacco was the highest in history.

The market sold 10,413,270 for \$16,767,902 — an average of \$161.02 per hundred pounds.

Preliminary figures indicate that 1981 has been a good farming year in North Carolina from a production standpoint, particularly compared to 1980.

Although the year had its damaging dry periods, flue-cured tobacco growers harvested 733 million pounds, down only 2 percent from the year before despite 5 percent fewer acres.

The average yield is estimated at 2,090 pounds per acre, an increase of 77 pounds from last year.

Unlike the situation with some of the other commodities, the market for flue-

cured tobacco was generally strong and is expected to push total income from the crop to over \$1 billion.

Burley tobacco production was up 39 percent, and much of this contrast is due to the very light crop grown in 1980. Production is expected to be around 23.5 million pounds with a yield of 2,400 pounds per acre.

Maryland type air-cured tobacco was grown on many flue-cured farms this year. Acreage jumped from 900 to 9,800 acres and resulted in a crop of around 122.7 million pounds.

Soybeans production in North Carolina is expected to be a record when this last-to-be-harvested crop is in the bin. The N. C. Farm Report indicates an

increase of 33 percent over 1980 at over 46 million bushels. The yield is tentatively pegged at 25 bushels per acre, one bushel below the 1969 record.

North Carolina farmers harvested about 133.6 million bushels of corn this year, a 29 percent increase over 1980. The acreage yield is expected to be 73 bushels per acre, or 13 bushels more than the previous crop.

Peanuts, which were dealt the most damaging blow by late season dry weather in 1980, came through the recent season in fine style. Production is up 58 percent. Tar Heel farmers have harvested 456 million pounds. Yield per acre may approach 2,700 pounds, which would

be almost 1,000 pounds more than in 1980.

Sweet potato production was up about 7 percent with the nation's leading yam state harvesting 456 million pounds from 38,000 acres. The average yield is expected to be up about 500 pounds per acre over last year at 120 hundred weight per acre.

Cotton made a comeback in '81 with a crop of 80,000 acres which was expected to produce 80,000 bales of 480 pounds per bale. This would be an increase of 54 percent in number of bales produced, an acreage increase of 23 percent and an increase in yield of 99 pounds per acre.

Apple production in the state was down about 8 percent to 375 million pounds.

Graham General Store Is Helping With Education

By KAY HORNER

Don't look for Graham General Store on Main Street. And don't plan to shop there for this week's groceries. The store is located in Mrs. Lois Atkinson's classroom at John Graham Middle School in Warrenton and the commodity she offers is far more valuable than a dozen eggs or a loaf of bread.

John Earl Harris knows this. He's one of the nine students in Mrs. Atkinson's class for the trainable mentally handicapped. He's also a success story that Mrs. Atkinson delights in telling.

John, along with Mrs. Atkinson's other students, is participating in the Elsmere Project, an innovative approach to preparing mentally handicapped students to function in the community, to travel, to work, to enjoy their leisure time and to relate to others. On-the-job training is encouraged for accelerated students. The program was recently adopted by Warren County Exceptional Programs and John is the first student in the county to become employed while a part of the project.

John works part-time as a janitor at the school. The son of Ernest Harris and the late Mrs. Harris of Afton, John is 19 and proud that his accomplishments have brought him to the place where he is earning his own money, proving his ability to make a contribution to the community and exercising the responsibility needed to hold down a job. Although working during part of the day, John continues to participate in Mrs. Atkinson's classroom activities, too.

The skills John uses in his job — skills that most of us count among the ordinary — are the product of his determination and diligence.

One of Mrs. Atkinson's goals is to equip her students with skills that will provide them the independence of a life's work and an income. Her classroom is a microcosm of the working world. In the Graham General Store, students learn to count

change, pack groceries and shelf merchandise. In the post office, mail is sorted according to zip code. On the assembly line, erector sets are assembled in rapid succession. In the office, paper is stacked and collated.

Clocks line the wall over the chalkboard telling the students their schedules for the day, and Mrs. Atkinson never misses an opportunity to stress the importance of punctuality. Keeping to that schedule is serious business.

But the room is not always awash in seriousness. Moments of levity abound. The students learn that plants, just like people, don't thrive when overfed. They enjoy the artistry in matching the colors of their would-be wardrobes for a day in the park. They excitedly plan their leisure time.

Mrs. Atkinson and her teacher's aide, Mrs.

Ellender Coleman, face daily the challenge of providing a stimulating environment for children whose ages and learning capacities vary greatly.

Local merchants and businessmen can expect to hear from Mrs. Atkinson in coming weeks. She will be contacting them to talk about her class and the possibilities of on-the-job training for some of her students.

As I left Mrs. Atkinson's room, the students were busy cleaning up — a chore that reinforces some of the basic skills they are taught and an assignment they take on with enthusiasm. Some were dusting, others mopping and others putting away supplies.

I hurried down the walk only to hear someone behind me hurrying even faster. He outpaced me and passed me on the run. It was John on his way to work. After all, he couldn't dawdle. He had a job to do.



John Earl Harris At Work

Early Next Week

The Warren Record will be published one day earlier than normal next week in order that Thanksgiving advertisements will be in the hands of readers prior to the holiday.

Persons wishing to submit news articles are reminded that next week's Record will be published on Tuesday, November 24, and are urged to have their articles in this office not later than Monday.

Watkins Appointed

RALEIGH — Rep. William T. Watkins of Granville County has been appointed to the Joint Legislative Committee to Review Federal Block Grant Funds by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey.

The joint committee was established by the General Assembly during its budget session October 5-10. It will review the acceptance and use of all federal block grant funds received by the State of North Carolina between now and July 1, 1983.

The federal government's switch to block grants to states, as opposed to categorical grants, provides a lump sum to cover broad program areas, rather than specified amounts to specific services.

Watkins is chairman of the House Appropriations Expansion Budget Committee. He represents the 13th House District made up of Caswell, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren counties.

Warrenton Firemen Answer 100th Call

Warrenton rural volunteer firemen answered their 100th fire call of the year on Monday, Fire Captain Walter Gardner reported yesterday.

Eight members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department with a pumper and a woods truck responded to a woods and field fire at the home of the Rev. Mr. Spruill at Grove Hill at noon Monday.

The fire had been put out by the Arcola company when the Warrenton firemen arrived.

Both the cause of the fire and the amount of damage were reported unknown by

the local firemen.

A fire reported at 9:40 a. m. on Thursday of last week caused an estimated \$1,000 lost to a frame building on Rt. 1, Norlina, occupied by John Thomas Kearney and owned by a Mr. Boyd.

Eleven members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department responded to the call with two pumpers and a tanker and extinguished the flames, said to have caught from a chimney.

On Friday, Nov. 13, at 9 a. m. 11 members of the Warrenton Rural fire (Continued on page 11)