

**Agriculturally Speaking**

By RUSSELL KING  
Extension Chairman

Two new disease resistant tomato varieties suitable for home gardens have been developed by North Carolina State University researchers. The varieties Cherokee and Mountain Pride will be available for the 1984 growing season. Cherokee and Mountain Pride are the first varieties to be released from the fresh market tomato breeding program at Fletcher, N.C. Both Cherokee and Mountain Pride produce large, high quality fruit, and both varieties are resistant to race 1 of verticillium wilt and races 1 and 2 of fusarium wilt. Both of the new varieties are larger with better flavor than the Flora-Dade variety. Flora-Dade currently is the predominant verticillium wilt resistant variety grown in North Carolina. The fruit of Mountain Pride are globe shaped with a glossy finish and deep-red color. The flavor is somewhat acid and this variety also resists cracking and black shoulder. If you are having problems with wilt in your garden, try these varieties next year. They should give you good results.

# Farmers Reminded Of Community Vote

Warren County farmers were reminded this week that the County ASCS Office is now receiving nominations for ASC community committee election candidates. T. E. Watson, county executive director, encouraged farmers to use this opportunity to nominate their farm neighbors as candidates in the ASC committee election. The ASCS election will be conducted by mail from Nov. 25 to Dec. 5. Eligible farm voters will be provided with instructions for filling out the secret ballot and returning it to the County ASCS Office. Most resident farmers are eligible to hold office as ASCS committee members. If a farmer would like detailed information concerning eligibility requirements, he or she should contact the County ASCS Office. In filling out a petition, farmers should be careful to include the name of only one nominee, the signatures of at least three eligible

ASC voters who support the nominee and signature of the nominee certifying that he or she is willing to serve if elected. Petitions must contain this information; without it, they will not be accepted. The completed petition should be dated and mailed or delivered by hand to the County ASCS Office no later than Oct. 31. ASC committee elections are open to all eligible ASC voters without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Watson explained that any concerned farmer with an interest in serving fellow producers would be an asset to the ASC committee. For this reason, farmers are urged to petition for the farmers of their choice.

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## Twelve From Warren Attend State Meet

By DOROTHY M. PITCHFORD  
Twelve 4-H leaders from Warren County attended the North Carolina State Convention Saturday at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Those attending were: Mrs. C. N. Arrington, Mrs. Jeanetta K. West, Mrs. Jeanette Crews, Mrs. Portia Barnes, Mary S. Alston, Mrs. Edna Hunt, Mrs. Sallie Patillo, Miss Mary Patillo, Mrs. Constance Davis, Miss Josephine West, Mrs. Dillie Johnson and Ronald Hunt. At the Warren County 4-H Leaders Association meeting on Monday, leaders gave highlights of workshops they attended. They included "Partners in Learning," "Do and Review," "Making 4-H Interesting," as well as others on computer programming and parent motivation. Mrs. Nannie Spruill, who attended the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga. as a delegate, shared her experiences with the group. Other leaders shared with the group that 4-H Clubs observing 4-H Sunday were: Oine Club, Norlina Youth Improvement Club, Northern Vaughan Club, Lake Gaston Club, Ridgeway Cavaliers Club, Best Better Club, Parktown Youth in Action Club, Three Point Youth Development

Club and the Shining Star Club. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Portia Barnes, president. During the business session, the minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Barbara Rowlette, followed by a report from the banquet committee stating that our Leaders Association Banquet will be held Dec. 5 at 7:30 p. m. at the Lion's Den. The fund-raising committee reported that Mark VIII All-Purpose Cleaner and Degreaser will be on sale again this year. Anyone interested in purchasing the product may contact the Extension Office at 257-3640 or Mrs. Ann Crawford at 257-3001. Twenty-seven leaders were present, with 12 clubs represented. After remarks by George Koonce, the meeting was adjourned.

## Consider Costs Of Operating

You are comparison shopping before buying a new refrigerator. Two units have the same capacity and similar features, but one is \$400 and the other is \$500. Which one should you buy? "You need one more piece of information. Check the yellow and black label on the front of the appliance," says Nadine Tope, extension foods and nutrition specialist, North Carolina State University. The Energy Guide Label will help you determine which appliance is more energy efficient. "If that \$500 refrigerator is more efficient, it may save you more than \$100 in electricity over its 15-year lifespan," Dr. Tope says. The Federal Trade Commission requires Energy Guides on refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, furnaces, water heaters, dishwashers and clothes dryers. These appliances account for 73 percent of the energy consumed in the average American household.

**Salt Tolerant**  
Millions of acres of U.S. land that are useless for crops because of high salt and mineral content may become productive, thanks to an analytical technique in use at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The technique, nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), is being used to identify plant cells that are salt tolerant. Such cells could produce plants that would grow well in salty soil. If successful, the process would be a boon to agriculture.

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## Homemakers Plan Trip

The Warren County Extension Homemaker Clubs will sponsor a bus trip to Halifax County for the "Ideas For A Country Christmas Treasured Traditions" program and tour on November 17, according to Miss Margaret J. Woods, associate home economics extension agent. The bus will be leaving the Extension Building on Main Street in Warrenton at 9:00 a. m., returning at 4:00 p. m. The cost of the bus ride will be \$4.75. Deadline for the money is November 14. Make checks payable to: Warren County Extension Homemaker Council and send to: Mrs. J. B. Russell, Rt. 3, Box 392, Warrenton, N. C. 27589. Persons attending will be expected to provide their own lunch. "If we do not get 35 or more persons to go the bus will be cancelled and checks returned," Miss Woods said. For more information, call the Warren County Agricultural Extension Office.

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## Lake Gaston Members Gather

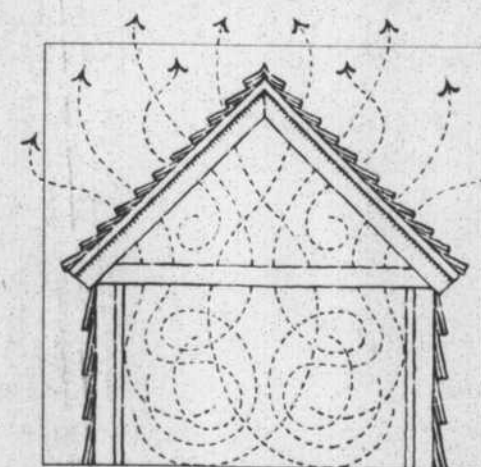
By RONALD PAIGE  
The Lake Gaston 4-H club held its regular monthly meeting on Oct. 15. The business portion of our meeting consisted of collecting money for a visit to the State Fair, on Oct. 22, and election of officers. Ms. Gloria Harrison our organization leader discussed projects to be turned in. Also, 4-H Sunday singing with Northern Vaughan 4-H Choir was planned. Our next meeting will be to complete our plans for Christmas. We at Lake Gaston are proud of Janice Harrison and Patricia Hawkins for exhibiting pullets, and being blue ribbon winners. The meeting adjourned with the 4-H Motto.

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