



With cucumber harvesting nearing its end, Earl Williams and this crew of Mexican migrant workers pulled into a Warrenton receiving station this week with a truck loaded with the product of their labor.

Crop Is Favorable

Reports from cucumber buyers in the county have indicated a favorable season for the crop which has served to offer some compensation to farmers for problems

experienced in tobacco production.

R. B. Butler, area manager for Mt. Olive Pickle Company, and Sydney P. Cooper who, with his partner Karl F.

Hehl, is a buyer for Charles F. Cates and Sons of Faison, both stated on Tuesday that cucumber yields and quality have been high in spite of the dry conditions early in the season.

Cooper commented that cucumber production has proved attractive to a number of tobacco growers because it requires less investment than tobacco for equal return per acre. This season has seen a number of new growers, he said, who are attempting to offset tobacco losses.

Some 300 acres are under contract through the three Cates buying stations in Inez, Warrenton and Oxford, Cooper stated. Migrant labor from Florida, Mexico and Texas has harvested a large portion of the local crop. Cooper predicted that his buying season would extend another 10 days.

Butler stated that the terms of the contract with his company were fulfilled on July 6 but that he is keeping his buying station open to accommodate growers with late cukes. "The cucumbers we are getting now are for the most part under irrigation," Butler stated. Many of the old vines are dying, but a number of growers planted late crops, he said.

Butler complimented the quality of this season's crop but anticipated that final reports of yields would not be up to those of the 1984 (Continued on page 3)

Local Teachers Named Fellows

Two teachers from Warren County have been named Fellows in the Raleigh Capital Area Writing Project. The two Norlina residents, Ronnie Marable, teacher at John Graham Middle School, and Crystal Brantley, teacher at Vance Senior High in Henderson, are among 22 teachers selected to participate in the four-week institute sponsored by N. C. State University in cooperation with Peace College and Regional Educational Center III.

Fellows make presentations centering on their own successful writing activities. They also write, critique and edit their own work, in addition to attending sessions devoted to research in written composition, the evaluation of writing, and the relationship between reading and writing.

During the next school year, Fellows, who receive six hours of graduate credit from NCSU for their project activities, will not only implement project training in their own classrooms, but also act as consultants for schools in their home districts by sharing with their colleagues what they learned at the summer institute. Research nationwide has demonstrated substantial student writing improvement in schools with project-trained teachers.

Co-directors of the Capital Area Writing Project are Ruie Jane Pritchard, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at NCSU, and Sally Buckner, professor of English at Peace College.



Ronnie Marable, right, a teacher at John Graham Middle School, listens intently as Barbara Broadwell, center, teacher at Daniels Middle School in Raleigh, shares an essay during the Raleigh Capital Area Writing Project recently sponsored by N. C. State University and Peace College. Also shown above is project participant Crystal Brantley, left, a Norlina resident who teaches at Vance Senior High School in Henderson.



MILLS

Julian Mills Leaving Post

The Rev. Julian R. Mills, Sr. resigned Sunday as pastor of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in Elberon, effective August 11.

The Rev. Mr. Mills, who has been pastor at Sulphur Springs for more than four years, will become pastor at Love Memorial Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

He served more than 20 years in the U. S. Air Force prior to coming to Warren County and has been active in community/civic as well as religious activities.

He was an officer in the Afton-Elberon Ruritan Club and has been active in the Cullom Baptist Association. He currently serves as president of the Pastors' Conference.

The Rev. Mr. Mills holds an associate of (Continued on page 3)

Sales Start Announced

Mrs. Alice Marie Robertson, sales supervisor of the Warrenton Tobacco Market, has announced August 7 as the opening date of the 1985 season.

Details of the first sales and further plans for the 1985 tobacco market in Warrenton will be decided at a meeting of the Tobacco Board of Trade later this week, Mrs. Robertson said.

An average sale has been scheduled prior to the opening of the new season. On July 20, tobacco growers may sell their leftover 1984 tobacco if they wish, the supervisor stated.

All three warehouses will operate for the sale, which is for only the tobacco carried forward from the 1984 season.

Subject To Confirmation

Retzlaff Given Nod As Health Director

By KAY HORNER
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The Warren County Board of Health voted last Friday to recommend to Warren County commissioners the appointment of Dennis W. Retzlaff as Warren County health director.

The commissioners are expected to consider the recommendation Monday night.

A native of Minnesota and resident of Warrenton, Retzlaff, 37, was employed by the Health Department as a social worker from 1977-80.

He is currently employed as a family planning consultant with the N. C. Division of Health Services in Winston-Salem, a post he had held for five years.

According to Dr. James E. Crenshaw, Jr., a member of the Warren County Board of Health's search committee, Retzlaff was selected from among four applicants for the health director's post which was left vacant in May by the retirement of Joseph S. Lennon.

Retzlaff received an associate of arts degree from Concordia College in St. Paul, Minn. and a bachelor's degree in the theology from Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

He also holds a master

of divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

"We have made our recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and we anticipate no problem whatsoever (with Retzlaff's appoint-

ment), Dr. Crenshaw said. He indicated that if appointed Retzlaff could be on board in his new post in two or three weeks.

Retzlaff, who served briefly in 1979 as family planning coordinator for

Region K Council of Governments in Henderson, has also served as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ridgeway.

He and his wife, Norma, have two sons and live on Battle Avenue.



MRS. MEEK

Teacher, Student At Meet

Warren County High School was represented by a teacher and a student at the National Leadership meeting of Future Homemakers of America held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 8-11.

Mrs. Janis Meek, home economics teacher and FHA/HERO advisor, was one of 50 local chapter advisers selected to participate in the national-level training of the Adviser-to-Adviser program, and Valerie Jordan, a rising junior at the high school, participated in the STAR Events recognition program in the illustrated talks event.

Mrs. Meek was chosen to represent North Carolina as an Adviser-to-Adviser team leader based on her experience as a chapter adviser at Warren County High School. State FHA/HERO adviser, Dr. Hazel Tripp, was also in attendance for the training sessions.

The Adviser-to-Adviser program takes its basis from the theory that the local chapter adviser is the key to an active chapter. Mrs. Meek took part in an intensive training program which included sessions in how to be an adult peer educator, networking and promoting the organization. She will be responsible for organizing adviser training throughout North Carolina during the 1985-1986 school year and will also present programs at state vocational meetings, home economics conferences and regional and state FHA/HERO meetings.

Miss Jordan received top honors by earning the 3-STAR award with her talk, "Roles in Transportation." Her presentation was evaluated by such criteria as context, organization, delivery, (Continued on page 3)

Favorable Report Received Locally

By MARY C. HARRIS
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The Warren County Board of Education heard Elementary Supervisor Rosalind Gilliam report on Monday evening that a favorable report had been received from the visiting committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in culmination of a three-year effort toward accreditation.

Ms. Gilliam explained that the purpose of the committee had been to evaluate the system and to determine the accuracy of the self-study completed by faculty and staff prior to their visit.

"The committee was pleased with the self-study and with the progress being made by the schools and the system," she stated. Further, they commended the board for commitment to and support of long-range goals for the schools, Ms. Gilliam said.

The strengths and recommendations indicated by the visiting committee correlated to those pointed out in the self-study, the supervisor noted. She added that steps are being taken to remedy recognized weaknesses.

The board voted to go a step further in accreditation and to participate in a voluntary program available through the State Board of Education. "The state accreditation program is a natural follow-up of SACS accreditation," Superintendent Mike Williams stated. Accreditation by the SACS focuses on individual schools, he said, whereas the state program involves a system-wide plan of improvement.

Two budget proposals were accepted by the board, one to pay for services of a vocational rehabilitation counselor for handicapped high school students and another to finance installation of outdoor lighting at Warren County High School.

The rehabilitation counselor would work in the county system on a part-time basis at a cost of \$2,733.60 for the 1985-86 school year. Williams noted that the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation which operates out of Henderson has developed a project to provide counseling services to handicapped high school students in Warren and Franklin counties. The major cost (Continued on page 3)

of the project is provided through state and federal grant monies, and the local funding will allow for two days of service per week. Williams continued that Franklin County and Franklinton City Schools had already taken action to participate in the program.

Assistant Superintendent James Jordan reported on bids received for the installation of light fixtures on the athletic field at the high school. Three alternatives to the original plan were offered by the low-bidding contractor, Tommy Lawrence of Roxboro, and board members approved the proposal which reduced the number of fixtures by six and provided for wooden pressure-treated rather than steel poles. The approved contract price to be written into the 1985-86 budget was \$43,000.

Board members accepted the resignation of Mrs. Eva G. Howell, science teacher at Warren County High, and Gilbert Blaylock, drafting instructor at the high school.

Williams explained that Mrs. Howell is resigning to accept a position as assistant principal at Northampton County High School-West in Gaston and that he understood Blaylock had taken a position with the Vance County system.

Yarborough Williams was joined by fellow board members in expressing regret and concern over the loss of effective teachers with long tenure. Chairman Henry Pitchford appointed Richard Roddy and Mrs. Cora Watson to look into reasons behind recent resignations to determine if steps may be taken to discourage teachers from leaving the system.

Three staff changes were approved for employees within the system. Mrs. Francine V. Alston was promoted from the position of cafeteria aide to cafeteria manager at Northside School. Roberta S. Scott was moved from Warren County High to Hawkins Elementary School as Chapter 1 reading teacher, and Thurman Royster was transferred from vocational resource to a building trades teaching position at the high school.

The superintendent (Continued on page 3)