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ASC Election Through Mail Is Being Set

"Farmers are asked to nominate candidates of their choice by Oct. 28 to be on the ASC community committee ballot," says T. E. Watson, executive director.

The ASC community committee election will be conducted from Nov. 22 to Dec. 2 by mail ballot. The eleven ASC communities in Warren county are: Fishing Creek, Fork, Hawtree, Judkins, Nutbush, River, Sandy Creek, Sixpound, Smith Creek, Warrenton and Shocco.

ASC committees are responsible for managing federal farm programs on the local level. To meet the needs of individual producers, ASC committee members must be concerned and responsible individuals, Watson said.

Warren County farmers have the opportunity to nominate persons they feel would best serve the farm community. Farmers have received petition forms by mail and are now submitting them to the county ASCS office.

A few basic considerations should be kept in mind when circulating petitions, Watson said. In order to be valid, petitions must be limited to one nominee each, must include written certification that the nominee is willing to serve if elected and must be received in the county ASCS office by the Oct. 28 deadline.

Farmers may circulate or sign nominating petitions for as many candidates as they choose. Anyone wishing to nominate a farmer for the ASC committee election may contact the county ASCS office for full details, including eligibility requirements for office holders.

"Farmers should petition for and elect those individuals they feel would do a good job as a member of the ASC committee. The election of concerned farmers to position on ASC committees is essential in the administration of farm programs," Watson said.

Watson further explained that the county ASCS office welcomes all valid petitions. The opportunity to nominate, vote and be elected to office is guaranteed to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, age, color, handicap or national origin.

Grand Opening Begins Wednesday

Warrenton's newest grocery store, Food-Ville, was scheduled to open this morning with a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m.

Located on 237 South Main Street, the store, a Red & White supermarket, will be managed by owner C. M. Mason, who also has a Food-Ville store in South Hill, Va.



Representatives of the Roanoke-Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department ride atop their Best Tanker entry in the Third Annual Firemen's Day Parade Saturday. The department also took top honors at

competitive events among nine fire departments at the Warren County Fairgrounds Saturday afternoon. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Marijuana Smuggling Ends At Jail; Flim Flam Charges Pressed Locally

A Warren County man was arrested Sunday afternoon in an apparent attempt to smuggle marijuana into the Warren County Jail, according to Deputy Thomas McCaffity, investigating officer.

Steve A. Holtzman of Ridgeway was charged with simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, McCaffity said. Both charges are misdemeanors.

Jail officials reported some two weeks ago that they had detected the odor of marijuana among the prisoners but were unable to pinpoint the user, McCaffity said. They suspected visitors were responsible for bringing the substance into the jail.

A tip led to the arrest of Holtzman, a recent regular Sunday visitor, the deputy reported. When Holtzman arrived the usual visit last Sunday the jailer contacted the sheriff's department and deputies found two marijuana cigarettes and a pack of paper for rolling the reefers.

Holtzman was scheduled to appear in Warren County District Court today (Wednesday).

In other reports from the sheriff's department, Chief Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton stated that three men from outside the county were arrested Friday and charged with fraud.

Wallace Ray Taylor, 53, and Willie Alton Robinson, 56, both of Rocky Mount and Tommy Steele Ramsey, 41, of Sharpsburg, were arrested at the Vaughan residence of Ms. Virgil Brown, where they had been doing general repair work periodically since March, Bolton said.

The flimflam artists had submitted bills totalling \$8,000 to Ms. Brown for work valued at considerably less than that amount, Bolton stated.

Shortly before the arrests Friday, one of the men had taken the homeowner to the bank to make a \$2,200 withdrawal for the next payment, Bolton said. The men were arrested before the money was delivered to them.

Bolton and Deputy Lawrence E. Harrison investigated because of suspicion that flimflamery was involved in the repair work.

In another report, Deputy Bolton said a juvenile was arrested in connection with two recent break-ins in the community of Arcola.

A 15-year-old boy was charged Sept. 26 with a breaking and entering earlier that day at the residence of Sallie Warrick on Route 3, Warrenton.

Reports stated that the daytime entry was made through a broken windowpane. The suspect left immediately through the same window when he realized the home was occupied.

The same juvenile was charged with a Sept. 23 break-in at the home of Iris Evans in the same community, Bolton stated. The suspect had gained entry through a back bedroom window and was inside the house when Ms. Evans arrived home, Bolton said. The suspect fled and the sheriff's department was contacted.

The juvenile is being kept in a detention home in Durham County until

his first court appearance, scheduled for Oct. 10, the deputy reported.

In a final report from the Warren County

Stainback Schedules Second Restaurant

Maurice Stainback, owner of Stainback's Barbecue in Norlina, is scheduled to open a second barbecue restaurant in Warrenton on U.S. 158/401 today (Wednesday).

Stainback's No. 2, which will operate in the building that until recently housed MidWay Grill, will feature Stainback's hickory smoked barbecue and brunswick stew, with other specialties of the day as well as desserts, in-

cluding banana pudding and cobblers.

Stainback, who opened the Norlina location four years ago, said this week that he and his wife, Ruby, will manage the new restaurant.

The restaurant has been renovated, with expansion of the dining area to seat about 70 people and relocation of the kitchen.

Stainback's No. 2 will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Clinic Scheduled

A clinic for vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies will be conducted on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1-5 p. m. at the Warren County Landfill, according to the county's dog warden, Frank Twitty. There will be a charge of \$4 per animal. This will be the final clinic of the year, Twitty said.



Julian Farrar, director of the Warren County Department of Social Services, presents Mrs. Laurie Tucker an inscribed silver bowl on behalf of her co-workers and in honor of her retirement after 20 years of service to the department. The presentation was made on Sept. 27 in the conference room of the Social

During Special Day Here

Warren Fire Units Compete For Honors

Roanoke - Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department took top honors at the Third Annual Firemen's Day Saturday, as it has each year since the event's inception, according to Captain Walter Gardner of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, chairman of the activities.

Departments from Drewry and South Hill kept the competition keen for first place, however, and the winner was not decided until the final event was completed. Nine departments competed.

Winners of the competitive events held at the Warren County Fairgrounds Saturday afternoon were as follows: One-Man Hose Coupling, Drewry; Four-Man Hose Coupling, Drewry; Four-Man Command Post, Roanoke-Wildwood; Five-Man Water Tug-of-War, Roanoke-Wildwood; and Five-Man Dressing, South Hill. Judging was done on a point system and wins in the final events were crucial to the Roanoke-Wildwood victory, Gardner said.

The activities at the fairground followed the annual Firemen's Day Parade along Main Street in Warrenton. Thirty-one units representing 19 departments in addition to the Warren County Forestry Service participated in the procession. Eleven departments from Warren County entered the parade.

Units were judged just prior to the parade and winners were announced in the following categories: Best Brush Truck, Churchill-Five Forks; Best Tanker, Roanoke-Wildwood; Best Pumper, Norlina; Best Antique, Bear Pond; and Best Apparatus, South Hill.

Life Flight, a helicopter ambulance service, also participated.

Gardner rated this year's event as the best in the history of the three-year-old observance. The attendance was excellent, he said, a factor which he at-

tributed to relocation of the competitive events at the fairgrounds.

"We're already making plans for next year," Gardner stated.

To Ward Off Flu

Health Officials Urge Vaccination

State health officials are urging older adults and people with chronic illnesses to get their flu shots now, according to Warren County Health Director Dennis Retzlaff.

The influenza viruses usually arrive in late fall or early winter and immunization must be given well in advance in order for an immunity to develop, Retzlaff stated.

The high-risk group for influenza generally includes persons over 65 and those with chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart, lung and kidney diseases, Dr. J. N. McCormack, chief of the N. C. Department of Human Resources Epidemiology Section, reported.

The infection is usually mild in children, young adults and middle-aged persons who are healthy, but it can be life-threatening for older adults and those with chronic illness. It lowers the body's resistance, making the person more susceptible to secondary infections such as pneumonia, one of the five leading causes of death in persons over 65, according to Dr. McCormack.

Influenza is a viral infection of the nose, throat and lungs which can be confused with the common cold. The flu virus is usually accompanied by significant fever, whereas the cold consists primarily of nasal congestion.

Warren Unemployment Rates Up Slightly

Warren County's unemployment rate rose slightly during the month of August, according to a recent report by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina.

The figures, which reflected employment activity in all counties and metropolitan statistical areas, showed the state's seasonally unadjusted rates of unemployment with a negligible increase, up to 5.8 percent from 5.6 percent

in July. The largest single group of unemployed represented in the 5.8 percent figure continued to be textile workers, said Bob Campbell, ESC public information officer.

The August rate of unemployment in Warren County was 8.4 percent, a small increase over the 8.3 percent of the previous month.

Franklin County and Granville County followed the state trend with increases in unemployment: Franklin, up to 7.7 percent from 5.7 percent in July and Granville, up to 5.9 percent from 5.7 percent in July.

Halifax County showed a decline in unemployment figures, down to 8.8 percent from the 9.5 percent in July, as did Vance County, down to 7.7 percent from 8.5 percent the previous month.

The unemployment rate, by definition of the Employment Security Commission, represents "the number of persons unemployed, expressed as a percentage of the civilian labor force."

The civilian force is the "sum of all employed and unemployed persons 16 years of age or older in the non-institutional population but not in the Armed Forces."

Data released by the Commission represent estimates and relate to the mid-week of the month.