

The Warren Record

Warrenton Bloodmobile Visit Slated

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Warrenton Lions Den on Monday, Feb. 24, from noon to 5:30 p.m.

Alice R. Robertson, Warren County Blood Services chairman, said this week that she hoped local citizens would take the opportunity to give blood.

"There has been some concern lately that blood donors could be exposed to AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in the process of giving blood," Mrs. Robertson said. "But that simply is not possible."

Drug users who inject themselves are at high risk for AIDS because they often share needles with other users, providing an opportunity for transmission of the disease, Mrs. Robertson said.

"But when you give blood to the Red Cross, the needle used is taken fresh from an individually sealed and sterile package," she noted. "And once it is used, it is destroyed. No blood donor has ever shared a needle at the Red Cross."

Mrs. Robertson also said the chances of getting AIDS from a Red Cross blood transfusion were virtually nil.

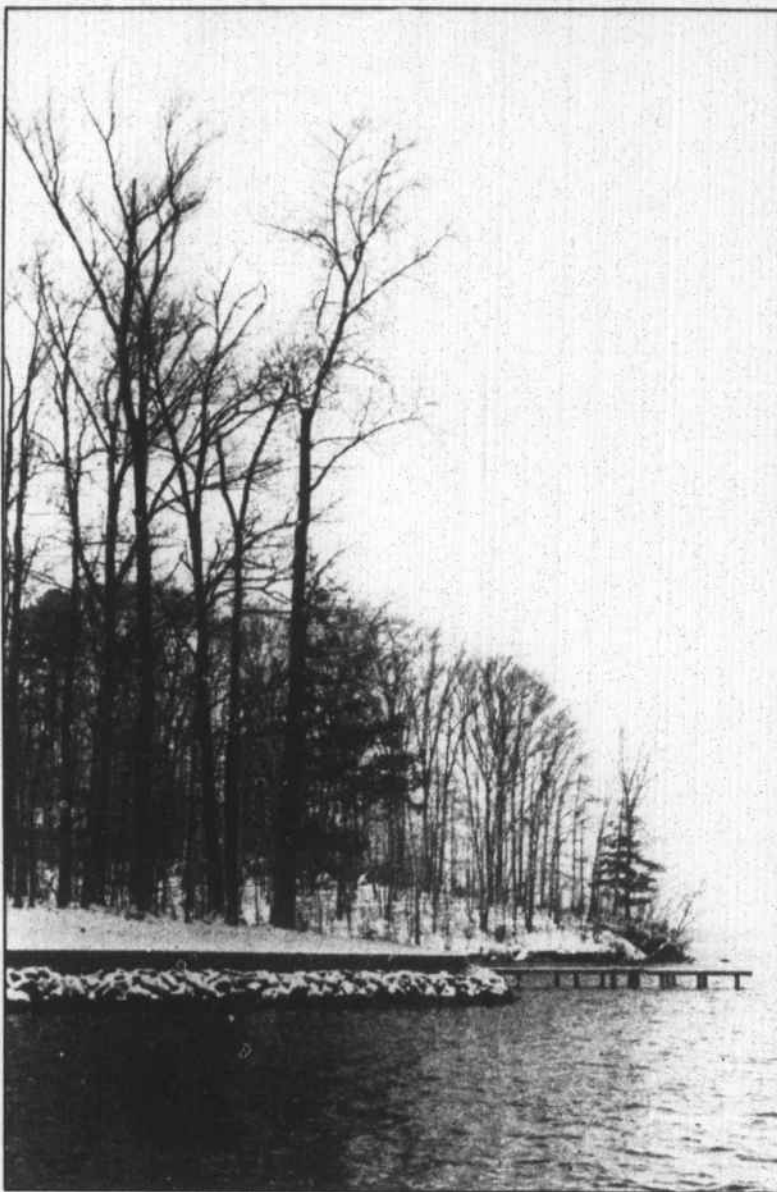
"According to Jerry Squires, M.D., since April 1, 1985, all blood donations through the Red Cross have been tested for AIDS," Mrs. Robertson said. "A test called HTLV-III can detect antibodies linked to the AIDS virus from a small sample of donated blood. If the test is positive, the unit of blood is immediately destroyed."

"Before a person is permitted to donate blood, a Red Cross nurse asks a series of medical and other confidential questions to determine the potential donor's possible exposure to AIDS," she commented. "Anyone who is thought to have been exposed to the disease is not allowed to give blood. Through careful screening and thorough testing, the Red Cross is making sure that each unit of blood and other blood products hospitalized patients receive is pure and safe."

"We need to know the facts about giving blood," she concluded, "because every time we donate, we could be giving someone their life. The donation is that important."

Celebrates Birthday

Miss Eula Lee Allen celebrated her 95th birthday Monday at Warren Nursing Center. Among those attending the celebration were her grandniece, Willie Overby Cassell, and her great-great grandnephew, Wesley Allen Pittman, both of Cary. Miss Allen is a lifelong resident of the Axtell community.



The chilly waters of Lake Gaston were framed by fluffy white banks following the season's first measurable snowfall Friday night. The official measurement of snow for the county was one and one-half inches. (Staff Photo by Kay Horner).

At Anniversary Gala

Lions Club Observes 50 Years Of Service

The Warrenton Lions Club Saturday night celebrated a half-century of service as members and guests held a 50th birthday party at the Warrenton Lions Den.

President Phil Daniel presided over the banquet, which featured prime rib and was followed by a dance. Singing was led by Past District Governor Monroe Gardner and his wife Nellie. The invocation was given by Past President Howard Daniel.

Guest speakers for the occasion were Carlton Gilfillan, district governor; Howard Stallings, past district governor and William Woolard, past international director and candidate for third international vice president.

Special membership pins were handed out, and certificates were given to the club's three charter members — Claude Bowers, J. Ed Rooker and Clarence Britton.

A 50th anniversary cake was cut by John Andrews, chairman

of the arrangements committee, and Ida Russell, president of the Warrenton Lionesses Club.

The Warrenton Lions Club received its charter on the first Ladies Night, held March 9, 1936. Charter members included R. H. Bright, William T. Polk, Duke Jones, John G. Tarwater, Harold R. Skillman, M. C. McGuire, C. R. Rodwell, Wallace F. Mustian, William K. Lanier and Will Kline.

Also, C. P. Allen, J. Edward Allen, James B. Boyce, William Boyce, W. M. Boyd, W. Butler Brown, Stephen E. Burroughs, Harry Cohen, P. W. Cooper, T. B. Creech, G. R. Frazier, W. B. Gardner, E. E. Gilliam and C. E. Jackson.

Also, Bignall Jones, Howard Jones, Jr., Rufus S. Jones, W. W. Kidd, John G. Mitchell, J. C. Moore, George Robinson, W. P. Rodwell, P. G. Seaman, W. F. Stallings, W. R. Strickland, Charles A. Tucker, V. F. Ward and A. A. Williams, Jr.

Tobacco Decline Factor In Lower Farm Income

By MARY C. HARRIS
Staff Writer

Preliminary figures released recently by the Warren County Agricultural Extension Service indicate a drop in the county's farm income last year, but Russell King, agricultural extension chairman, warned against over-reaction to the figures.

The estimate of cash farm income showed that during 1985 Warren farmers took in approximately \$32.5 million, almost 19 percent less than the 1984 total of slightly more than \$26.4 million.

"Tobacco showed a significant decline," King said, "but overall we seem to be on an even keel." The golden leaf, which ranks at the top of the list in dollars received, dropped from \$10.9 million in 1984 to \$9.4 million in 1985, off 13 percent.

King pointed out that other agricultural products are gradually gaining importance in the local farm picture. "Poultry," he noted, "has become more significant in recent years." Cash income last year from poultry, which included broilers, cull hens and other fowl as well as commercial and hatching eggs, was about \$430,000 less than during the previous year, however.

The agent pointed to the fallacy of comparing line-by-line figures. "It's sometimes like comparing apples to oranges because the same factors are not always taken into account each time," he said. "Also, the figures are based on information which comes to us from a number of sources and some of it involves a certain amount of guesswork," King said.

Among the farm products which generated more income in 1985 than in the previous year were: rye, increasing 52 percent; hay, 39 percent; and beef and other livestock, excluding swine, 12 percent. The figure for beef and other livestock included income from beef and dairy cattle and calves, sheep and lambs.

Also, government payments of \$104,255 for all farm programs in 1984 were upped to \$109,831 last year, an increase of five percent.

On the other hand, the greatest percentage of decline was indicated by receipts from: grain sorghum, decreasing 45 percent; corn, 40 percent; forestry, 34 percent; and swine, 26 percent. King noted that some of the sizeable swine operations in the county had gone out of business in 1985.

The accompanying table, which records cash farm income for major products for the past two years, does not take into account a number of additional products which are marketed by a small number of producers but which are a significant part of the total income figures.

Warren County Estimated Cash
Farm Income 1984 And 1985

Product	1984	1985	% Gain Or (Loss)
Tobacco	\$10,916,554	\$9,444,001	(13)
Corn	846,000	504,000	(40)
Wheat	804,000	765,000	(5)
Oats	50,120	48,720	(3)
Barley	103,500	93,100	(10)
Rye	8,550	13,000	52
Grain Sorghum	246,500	136,640	(45)
Soybeans	1,416,100	1,345,890	(5)
Hay	420,000	585,000	39
Other Field Crops	11,000	12,000	10
Horticultural	1,203,055	1,100,537	(9)
Forestry	8,735,700	5,743,500	(34)
Swine	2,409,020	1,777,700	(26)
Beef & Other Livestock	512,130	571,700	12
Dairy	977,130	876,000	(10)
Poultry	3,708,630	3,276,749	(12)
Gov't Payments	104,255	109,831	5

New Program Aimed At Providing Help For Some Warren Persons

By KAY HORNER
News Editor

A personal services program designed to assist Medicaid recipients in their homes has been started by the Warren County Health Department in partnership with the staff of the County Home Health Agency.

According to Judy Wilson, home health director, the Personal Care Services Program will offer assistance in such areas as meal planning and preparation, medical monitoring, and housekeeping and home management tasks that are related to the recipients' health care needs such as grocery shopping, changing and laundering of bed linens, and cleaning bathroom, kitchen and living areas used by the recipient.

There is no age limitation for participation in the program and unlike some government assistance programs, the recipients are responsible for no co-payment. All expenses are covered by the Medicaid program.

While the home health program requires that the patient be homebound to receive services, the Personal Care Services Program has no such restriction.

Mrs. Wilson said she anticipated that the program's services would be used primarily by the elderly.

"There is a real need for a program of this type in the county," she said. "We have so many older

people on Medicaid who need attention but are not homebound and don't qualify for the home health program."

Those interested in taking advantage of the personal care services offered should contact the Home Health Agency. A nurse with that program will visit the person making the request, determine his or her eligibility, and contact the person's physician for authorization of the services. The nurse will make a follow-up visit every two months.

The Home Health Agency staff will provide personal care services initially to get the program under way.

"The Health Department is pleased to be able to offer this service in cooperation with the Home Health Agency," Mrs. Doris Dryden, R.N. with the department said. "And we hope Medicaid recipients in need of assistance will take advantage of the service."

The Personal Care Services Program is housed in the office of the County Home Health Care Agency at Williamsburg Manor, 108 South Bragg Street in Warrenton. The office is open from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday. For more information on the program or to make an appointment, call 257-4081.

Stegall Named Division Engineer

Luther Earl Stegall, 48, of Norlina, a 26-year veteran of the state Department of Transportation, has been named to head the department's fifth highway division headquartered in Durham.

He replaces C. C. Painter of Durham, who will retire as division engineer later this month.

Stegall currently serves as area construction engineer for the department. He is responsible for construction work in the fifth, seventh and ninth highway divisions.

As division engineer for the fifth division, he will direct field operations in Wake, Durham, Vance, Person, Franklin, Granville and Warren counties.

His promotion is effective Feb. 22.

In announcing the appointment, Transportation Secretary James E. Harrington said

Stegall's firsthand knowledge of operations in the fifth division would be a valuable asset in helping him deal with the issues in the division.

Stegall spent more than 14 years as a resident engineer in Henderson. He also served as a resident engineer in Raleigh and district engineer in Nashville.

A Warren County native, Stegall graduated from Norlina High School in 1955. He holds a B.A. degree in civil engineering from N.C. State University.

He is a registered professional engineer in both North Carolina and Virginia and is a registered land surveyor and real estate broker.

He is married to the former Nell Davis. They have two daughters.



STEGALL



A 50th anniversary cake with candles ablaze is rolled out in front of Lions and guests attending the 50th birthday of the Warrenton Lions Club held Saturday night at the Warrenton Lions Den. Cutting the first slices of cake were John Andrews, left,

chairman of the arrangements committee; and Ida Russell, president of the Warrenton Lionesses Club. In center is Phil Daniel, local club president who presided over the festivities.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)