

The Warren Record



Performing Sunday under the direction of Howard Lee Stultz is the Eagle Chorus at Warren County High School. The chorus presented a program of traditional and contemporary religious music. (Community Schools Photo by Mary Hunter)

Mail Referendum Is Held

Warren Tobacco Growers Give Guarantees Approval

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With legislation regarding the future of the federal tobacco program still pending, local flue-cured tobacco growers voted an overwhelming approval of the continuation of price guarantees and production controls in the recent referendum conducted by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

A spokesperson in the local ASCS office reported on Tuesday that the turnout for the vote this year was higher than in the past, although only 48 percent of the local eligible voters marked and returned their ballots. Of the 676 ballots cast, 656 were affirmative votes. The number of eligible voters totaled 1,399, the spokesperson said.

This year's referendum was the first conducted by mail.

For price supports and acreage controls to be continued, at least 66 percent of the producers voting must approve the measure nationwide. Approximately 97 percent of the local voters indicated their approval.

The referendum carried unusual concern this year because farmers were voting prior to a disposition of the tobacco legislation by the U.S. Congress. The referendum was postponed in December and again in January prior to the recent vote. The referendum must take place before March 15.

The two houses of Congress appear to be seesawing a budget bill which has attached a revamping of the federal tobacco program. The bill would reduce support prices to an average of \$1.44 per pound and cut the no-net cost assessment to a few cents a pound.

Action already taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, set the assessment at 32 cents and the price support level at \$1.72 per pound.

Agricultural economists have argued that the higher support price will discourage sales to tobacco companies and will add further to the surplus tobacco in the stocks of the Flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation.

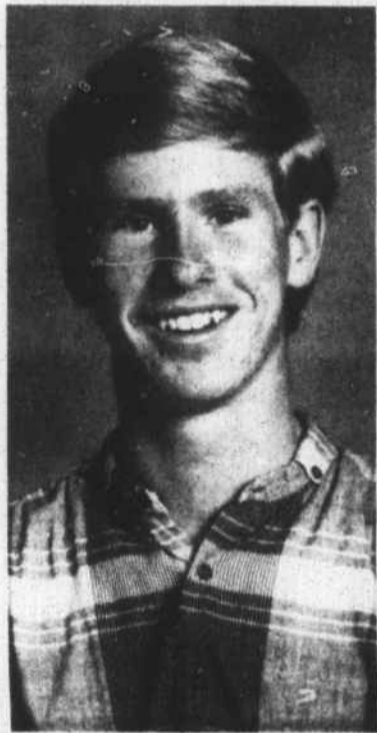
The grower-owned Stabilization co-op buys the tobacco which fails to draw on the warehouse floor a bid at least as high as the support price for its grade. The leaf is processed and stored for resale later when companies want the tobacco and the price is higher.

During recent years, more and more tobacco has gone into storage through Stabilization because tobacco companies have been offering lower and fewer bids.

On the grounds that taxpayers should not have to subsidize the tobacco program, farmers are assessed a per-pound fee to pay the government's administrative costs in operating the program. The no-net cost assessment proposed by the Department of Agriculture is the highest since the assessment was implemented a few years ago.

Support for the measure now before Congress has been voiced by State Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham and by John H. Cyrus, tobacco affairs specialist for the N.C. Department of Agriculture. Cyrus warned that tobacco foes in Congress may gain the upper hand and therefore prevent the return of the tobacco program if it is voted down this time.

Approval of the legislation was also given by Edmund Aycock, chairman of an ad hoc committee representing 10 North Carolina groups of growers, warehousemen, farm credit officers and bankers. Because this state produces two-thirds of the nation's flue-cured tobacco, Aycock noted that North Carolina farmers stand to lose more than growers in other states.



MOSELEY



LAWHORNE

Two WCHS Students Named To Attend Legion Event

Thedric J. Moseley and Mark D. Lawhorne, students at Warren County High School, have been selected as delegates for the 1985 session of The American Legion, Department of North Carolina's Annual Tar Heel Boys' State.

During the six-day intensive workshop in state government and politics, the delegates will participate in a variety of activities designed to improve their awareness and understanding of the organization and operations of government and politics in North Carolina and major areas of state public policies which are being debated currently in North Carolina.

Boys' State is designed to improve citizenship for future and current generations of Tar Heels.

Candidates for Boys' State are selected on the basis of leadership, character, scholarship and service. They must be rising seniors.

This year's session will be held on the campus of Wake Forest University during the week of June 8-14.

Moseley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Moseley and Lawhorne is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lawhorne.

Banquet Well Attended

Approximately 150 persons attended a mother-daughter banquet in celebration of Girl Scout Week last Thursday evening at Vaughan Elementary School.

Guest speaker for the observance was Mrs. Rachel Ricks, assistant superintendent for instruction of Warren County Schools. She was introduced by Mrs. Harriet Cooper, Girl Scout field director for Warren County.

The opening flag ceremony was led by Troop 1006, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise, "Girl Scouts Together."

Troop 666, hostesses for the evening, led the devotion before dinner.

A presentation of "We Are the

World" was given by Junior Troop 115 of North Warren School and a skit and songs on dental health were presented by Brownie Troop 503 of South Warren School.

Firm Is Closing

A propane gas company which operated for many years in the old Boyd-Boyce Motor Co. building on West Market Street closed last week.

Pargas of Warrenton closed its headquarters here as the result of a merger with Suburban Propane, which affected operations of both firms nationally.

The manager of Pargas here, Gerald Clifton, who moved with his family to Warrenton in 1973, has been transferred to Suburban Propane in Oxford. His wife, who had been in the Pargas office here, is now working at Pargas in Roanoke Rapids. The couple, with their two children, plan to maintain their home on Graham Street and commute daily.

Clifton said Warren County Pargas customers will be served from the Oxford facility and that deliveryman Robert Shearin would continue to provide delivery.

Distribution Of Food Scheduled Next Week

The spring USDA surplus food distribution is set for March 26 at the Warrenton National Guard Armory, according to Julian Farrar, local Social Services director.

The distribution will include six food items: rice, flour, cheese, milk, corn meal and honey, Farrar said.

All active food stamp households have received a computer-printed authorization card that will serve as application and certification; and this card must be presented at the Armory by food stamp households

who plan to participate in the commodity program, Farrar said.

Low-income families who wish to participate in the distribution with income at or below the following gross income levels will qualify: family of one, \$569 income; family of two, \$764 income; family of three, \$959; family of four, \$1,154; and family of five, \$1,349.

Distribution is expected to begin about 7:30 a.m. and will end around 4 p.m., the director noted.

Anyone picking up for an invalid or housebound individual must bring a signed statement from the individual showing income and approval for the food to be received by the representative.

Food Stamp households needing someone to pick up food for them will need to write the name of the person to pick up the food on the back of the card and sign the back right side of the card before giving the card to the person who is to receive the food, Farrar instructed.

Warren County Wants Another Winner Of First

Warren County will attempt to bring home the first-place winner again this year in a regional spelling bee scheduled for Friday in Louisburg, according to Ms. Rosalind Gilliam, elementary supervisor for Warren County Schools.

Robert (Bo) Williams, first-place winner in the local contest, and second-place winner Amie Rideout will compete with spelling bee champions from the 18 school systems in the Central Education Region, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Media Center of the Franklin County Schools Central Office. This is the Third Annual Regional Spelling Bee.

In last year's competition, Warren County's Angela Balance took home the champion's honors.

Miss Rideout also competed in last year's contest. She is a seventh-grader at John Graham Middle School and Williams is in the fourth grade at Vaughan Elementary School.

The spelling bee winner from Region Three will receive a trophy and compete in the state contest which is sponsored by the "Winston-Salem Journal." The state winner will compete for national honor in the Scripps-Howard Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

When Thieves Strike Firms

A total of \$390 was stolen from Bowers & Burrows Oil Company and AAA Gas Company, which share the same building north of Warrenton, over the weekend, according to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

The break-in and burglary were discovered around noon Sunday by an employee.

Reports indicate that \$190 was taken from AAA Gas Company's safe and \$200 from a Bowers & Burrows safe, both located in the latter's office.

AAA Gas Company's office was also ransacked.

The Sheriff's Department has two suspects in the case, according to a department spokesman. Deputy J. A. McCowan investigated, assisted by Sgt. Lawrence Harrison.

Two other burglaries were also reported to the department last Thursday.

Harold G. Vaughan of Route 1, Macon reported that his residence was entered and seven guns and two chain saws stolen sometime between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Value of the items was not listed.

Also on the 13th, Milton G. Davis of Route 1, Warrenton reported the theft of four men's suits and a grandfather's clock valued at \$450 from his mobile home.

Davis also reported that a clock and stereo were tampered with, but were not taken.

There are no suspects in either case.

Deputy McCowan investigated.

Funding Applications Are Now Being Sought

Grant applications for funding for programs which aim at delinquency prevention are now available, according to Roosevelt Alston, chairman of the Warren County Task Force on Delinquency Prevention.

Applications are available at Alston's office at Warren County High School.

Twenty copies of the application for funding must be returned to Alston by March 28.

Public or private programs providing direct services to juveniles ages 10-17 for residential programs and 7-17 for all other programs are eligible to apply for funding, if the targeted youth population is involved with juvenile court for status offense or delinquency petitions or behaves in a manner that places them at risk of such court involvement.



VICK

Vick Named Winner Of Morehead Award

Eric P. Vick of Raleigh, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Alston of Rt. 2, Warrenton, is one of three Wake County students who have been awarded Morehead Scholarships to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The awards, which provide an all-expense-paid undergraduate education at UNC, this year went to 60 high school students, 38 of them in North Carolina.

The Morehead Scholarship, which is worth more than \$30,000 to North Carolina residents and more than \$40,000 to out-of-state students, is based on merit. Qualities considered in the selection process are leadership and service, character, academic standing and motivation.

Vick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Vick of 5212 Duraleigh Road, Raleigh. Mrs. Vick is the former Geneva Alston, a 1962 graduate of John R. Hawkins High School.