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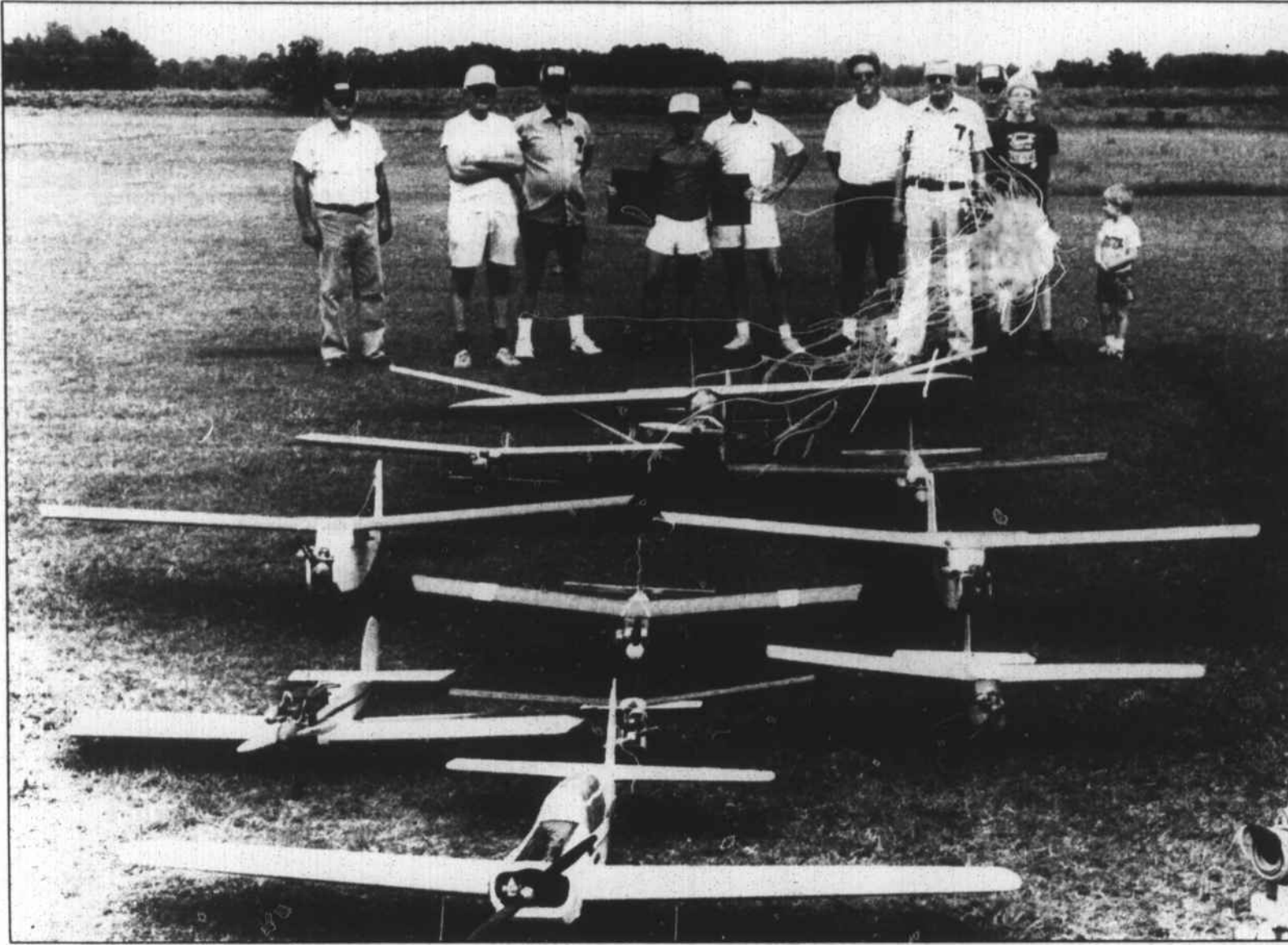
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An array of radio-controlled model airplanes was put on review Sunday afternoon as a national champion—14-year-old Chip Hyde of Yuma, Arizona—put on an exhibition of the skills which recently won him recognition at the international radio-controlled airplane meet at Lake Charles, La. The grandson of a Henderson resident, Hyde was here to show the prowess which gave him the international championship in his age group and a second place finish in the interna-

tional open competition. Shown before the demonstration at the Warrenton Airstrip are, left to right, Robert West, John Pope, Cecil Baker, Hyde, his father Merle Hyde, Ervin Manning, Jr., Eddie Q. Clayton, Warren Deines, David Deines and Peter Lannon. All except the Hydes are local model flying enthusiasts who can often be found at the airstrip for summer weekend model flying.

(Staff Photo by Howard Jones)

Warren Growers Are Now Eligible For Drought Help

Drought-stricken Warren County has been declared a disaster area by U. S. Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng. The designation, made earlier for a large number of counties in North Carolina and the Southeast, came about a month after county officials had requested aid.

Notification that the U. S. government was extending drought aid to Warren County farmers was received Tuesday morning, Thomas E. Watson, executive director of the Warren County ASCS Office. Watson said that the declaration makes Warren farmers eligible for immediate assistance under several new or expanded programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Under the Feed Cost-Sharing Program (formerly known as the Emergency Feed Program), USDA will share with livestock producers the cost of purchasing feed grains and hay. The cost share will be up to 50 percent of the cost of feed, not to exceed five cents per pound—an increase from the previous level of three cents per pound.

Watson said the cost-sharing payments will be made in generic certificates. Farmers will have the flexibility to convert the certificates into cash or redeem them for Commodity Credit Corporation commodities.

The declaration means that Warren County farmers can now buy CCC corn at 75 percent of the loan rate—\$1.58 per bushel for corn.

Lyng also announced that under the Farmers Home Administration's emergency loan assistance program, family farmers who cannot obtain credit elsewhere are eligible for low-interest loans. The interest rate is five percent for loans up to \$100,000, and eight percent for larger loans. Loan amounts are limited to the governments estimate of farmers' losses.

In addition to new and expanded government assistance programs, Watson said the following previously announced measures continue in effect:

—Haying and grazing of all crops is permitted on acreage

set aside under the Acreage Conservation Reserve requirement of the commodity programs.

—Acres designated to be put to a conservation use under Acreage Conservation Reserve requirements may be planted for winter pasture with fast-growing grasses or small grains for grazing.

—Producers participating in federal farm programs will still be eligible to receive deficiency payments on planted acreage, even though the crop is used for forage or not harvested at all. Participating producers who harvest their crops for forage will be permitted to retain their acreage bases.

—Cost-sharing assistance under the Forestry Incentive Program is available to re-establish stands of planted pine trees lost due to drought conditions.

The USDA is operating a national toll-free hotline to respond to farmers' questions and to facilitate drought relief efforts. The number is 1-800-433-0709.

Highly Erodible Cropland Aid Seen

Warren farmers can now volunteer highly erodible cropland for entry into the 1987 Conservation Reserve Program. The third sign-up period for the new USDA program, which began August 4, will end August 15.

The Conservation Reserve Program encourages farmers to stop growing crops on highly erodible cropland and plant it to grass, wildlife habitat, or trees through 10 year contracts with USDA. Farmers will have an opportunity during this sign-up period to bid on a program contract for the 1987 crop year. Successful bidders will be allowed to harvest their 1986 crop before the contract becomes effective, if necessary.

For retiring highly erodible cropland from production, farmers will receive conservation payments of up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing trees, wildlife habitat, or grass on the acres placed in the program. They also will receive

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Transportation Officials Provide More Funds For Secondary Roads

Secondary road construction in this area received a boost last month when the State Board of Transportation approved an additional \$6.9 million for road work during the next fiscal year.

The extra allocation is due, in part, to the "Roads to the Future" program initiated by Governor Jim Martin last spring and adopted by the General Assembly in July.

At a meeting on July 11, the results of which were publicized this week, the board allocated \$47.9 million for use on the state's secondary road system.

The total \$54.8 million secondary road allocation will be distributed to each county by using a formula based on the number of miles of unpaved state-maintained secondary roads in the county as compared with the total number of miles of unpaved state-maintained secondary roads in the state.

Unpaved mileage in Warren County as of Jan. 1 was listed at 189.77 miles. The 1986-87 allocation is \$594,582.

The money will be used for construction, safety and stabilization work on secondary roads. During its July meeting the board also continued its priority paving system for secondary roads.

Under that system, each unpaved secondary road is rated by assigning points for such things as number of homes, schools, churches, businesses or industries on the road, along

with average daily traffic volume and whether or not it is a school bus route.

Points are tabulated and the road assigned a priority in the county. The priority list is then submitted to the county board of commissioners for review.

Last year the department paved approximately 265 miles of unpaved secondary roads.

Sidney Williams Store Building Gutted By Fire

An unoccupied store building in the Essex community was destroyed by fire early last Thursday morning, according to Wemyss Harris of the Arcola Rural Fire Department.

Harris said when his department arrived on the scene the structure, the old Sidney Williams Store building, was completely engulfed in flames. The origin of the fire could not be determined, he said.

Close to 30 firefighters from the Arcola, Littleton and Warrenton Rural departments fought the blaze for over two hours, Harris said.

The building was used only for storage at the time of the fire and the owner of the property had not been determined.

Academy Students To Report Aug. 27

Warren Academy students will report to school on Wednesday, August 27, at 8:30 a. m. to begin academic year 1986-87, Headmaster B. L. King announced yesterday.

Students in kindergarten (K-4 and K-5) will be dismissed at 11 a. m. Students in grades 1-12 will be dismissed at 11:15 a. m.

The school store will be open to students to buy snacks and school supplies, King said.

"All students planning to attend Warren Academy this year should be enrolled in the school office before August 25," he said.

Unnoticed Fund Given Attention

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The recent resignation of Howard Daniel as treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund for Warrenton focused the attention of the town's commissioners on the fund which goes generally unnoticed.

During their regular monthly meeting Monday night, the commissioners heard a report on the relief fund from newly appointed treasurer Jack Harris. The report showed a balance of a little more than \$38,000 which may be used to provide aid to town firemen who become injured or disabled in the line of duty, Harris informed the board. A claim has never been made by the town of Warrenton, he said.

The Firemen's Relief Fund receives monies from insurance premium taxes collected by the state insurance department and from investment income, Harris said.

Commissioner Phil Daniel, chairman of the town's fire committee, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the fund's board of trustees left by the resignation of Howard Daniel. Other trustees are Dick Miles, Hugh Holt and Leon Cheek, who serves as chairman.

Appearing before the board Monday night was Mayor Vivian Edwards of Middleburg who sought the commissioners' assistance in making water service available to her town. The commissioners suggested that Mrs. Edwards approach the county governing body in view of the fact that the water line in the Middleburg area is owned by the county. The board further pledged their support of the mayor's efforts and offered to help within their jurisdiction.

Mark Gott and Robert Stegall of Public Service Propane Corporation of Warrenton Monday night requested consideration of their company as a vendor for gasoline used by the town's vehicles. Prior to Public Service Propane's purchase of Bullock Oil Company, the town rotated on a yearly basis between Bullock and Bowers and Burrows Oil Company of Warrenton, it was pointed out. The commissioners decided to continue the rotation system between the two local companies.

Peoples Bank Planning To Close Local Office

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. has applied to the State Banking Commissioner to close its office in Warrenton and serve Warrenton customers at its larger office in Norlina.

Marshall Tetterton, president of the bank, said the Warrenton office, which opened over two years ago, failed to generate enough business to justify remaining open. Tetterton and Peoples Bank Vice President Del Jones were in Warrenton Thursday to discuss the closing.

Tetterton said, "We knew it would be a challenge for the Warrenton office to meet the financial requirements we have for any new office. But we opened the office here because our bank has always had a commitment to serving smaller communities in rural areas."

He added, "Our experience has not been satisfactory, so we have reluctantly requested the Banking Commissioner for permission to close this office."

Tetterton noted that the bank's larger Norlina office is only four miles from Warrenton and that customers can be served there.

"Because the Warrenton office has operated as a 'satellite'

branch of Norlina, our personnel in Norlina are familiar with our customers in Warrenton and their needs," he said.

Tetterton said the bank has notified its Warrenton customers of the proposed closing. The State Banking Commissioner has published notice of the change in the news media.



TETTERTON



Six-year-old Holly Rodwell appears proud of the string of fish she caught last Wednesday in a private pond in Warren County. Holly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rodwell of Warrenton. (Staff Photo by Howard Jones)