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damage and some reports of mildew, but I don't think any damage has been done yet," Featherstone said.

"If the weather holds there is time for farmers to get in the field and make a good crop," he added.

The bad weather has hurt a lot of farmers, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) executive director John Currin said.

Currin, who is in charge of the Payment in Kind (PIK) program is also concerned about farm production.

The unpredictable weather has caused a great many problems, Currin said.

The PIK program, which was devised by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reduce corn, grain, sorghum, cotton and wheat acreage, will be a help to farmers who are participating in the program, Currin added.

Corn producers are seeing the value of this program from a different standpoint because of the weather situation, Currin said.

"The PIK program has increased its value to these farmers because they haven't lost completely," Currin said.

With the PIK program, farmers are paid a specified amount to reduce their acreage.

"The program was devised because in the past few years our supply has out paced the demand," Currin said.

In Hoke County between 125-150 farmers participate in the PIK program, Currin said, noting that "they all seem satisfied so far."

"There are quite a few benefits to being in this program," Currin said.

One of those benefits makes farmers eligible for what Currin termed "deficiency payments."

"If a product doesn't meet the target price set by the government, then they will pay the farmer the difference," Currin explained.

"That is what a deficiency payment is all about," Currin added.

Another benefit of the program is the payment farmers receive from the land they leave idle.

According to Currin, this is where farmers who are in the program and unable to plant corn will see a small, but significant profit from land they keep idle.

"It makes a difference," Currin said.

The program seems to be working because, of the 427 farms eligible for the program, 259 have already signed up.

"I am very pleased with the program, and it appears those involved are too," Currin said.



Turkey for commissioner

North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham (left) recently received gift pack from the House of Raeford as part of Poultry and Egg Month. Graham is one of the lucky recipients of a variety food package presented to him in his Raleigh office. The commissioner is seen here with North Carolina Poultry Federation Executive Director Ed Woodhouse discussing the variety of products produced by the House of Raeford, which include chicken, turkey, eggs, duckling, quail and processed products that are available in North Carolina markets.



Never missed a day

Faberge employees receive awards for Perfect Attendance. Pictured from left to right: First Row: Annie King, Ruby Easterling, Sara Barton. Second Row: Joanne Bowen, Anna Goza, Patricia McPhaul. Third Row: Roland Pate, Leroy McRae and Ann Fellows. A four year award was presented to Ruby Easterling. A three year award was presented to Sara Barton, Anna Goza, Roland Pate and Ann Fellows. A two year award was presented to Joanne Bowen, Leroy McRae, Annie King and Patricia McPhaul.

Warner Tapped To Chair Hoke Tobacco Committee

By Willie Featherstone, Jr. County Extension Chairman

James Warner, Jr. of Raeford Township, a farmer, has been named chairman of the Hoke County Premium Bright Tobacco Committee for 1983.

The local effort is part of a five-state campaign to boost the quality of American flue-cured tobacco and strengthen its position in domestic and world markets.

Kenneth Barnes of the Rockfish Community will serve as vice chairman and Frank Williamson of Raeford Township as secretary-treasurer of the local committee.

According to Warner, a successful future for flue-cured tobacco depends to a large extent on

continued efforts by growers to produce the best quality tobacco that money can buy anywhere in the world.

"Quality tobacco," he said, "can be described as clean, uniform, full-bodied, ripe leaf that possesses a savory aroma, a pleasant smoking taste, and is free from undesirable pesticide residues and meets the visible-detectable, physical and chemical criteria of the consumer."

Warner emphasized that a crop that contributes more than "\$1 billion in gross farm income for North Carolina, plus thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenues deserves all the attention and effort that we can give it."

Democrats Convene Sat.

State District 16 Rep. Daniel H. DeVane will be the keynote speaker at this year's Hoke County Democratic Convention.

The convention, which is being held Saturday at the Hoke County Courthouse, is of vital importance to the political system, County Chairman Harold Gillis said.

At the convention, party leaders from the county and members to the State Executive Committee will be chosen.

Elections will be held for first, second, and third Vice-Chairmans positions, secretary-treasurer and state committee members.

Also during the convention, which will begin at 1 p.m., the delegates will discuss matters concerning the county and its residents, Gillis said.

Gillis is expected to be a candidate for re-election as party chairman during the convention.

Bank Women Hold Session At Raeford UCB April 19

The South Central North Carolina Group of the National Association of Bank Women, Inc. held their April meeting at the United Carolina Bank in Raeford on April 19.

Mary Ann Greene, Chairman of the Group and Retail Operations Administrative Specialist of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., N.A., Laurinburg, presided at the meeting.

The Group met at 6 p.m. and first enjoyed a delicious boxed lunch there in the Board Room of the Bank.

Then Mary Ann Greene taught the group a Management Study Module with the title of "The Effective Use of Incentives." This

module was very beneficial to the members as they are all supervisors in their banks.

During the business session, it was announced that Mrs. Greene had received a promotion since last meeting. Her new title is Banking Officer with Wachovia Bank in Laurinburg. We extend our congratulations to Mrs. Greene.

Alice Glisson, State Council Chairman of NABW and Assistant Vice President of United Carolina Bank, Raeford, gave a report on the NABW State Convention that will be in Pinehurst beginning April 29, 1983.

The next meeting of the South Central North Carolina Group of NABW will be in Pinehurst on May 1, 1983.

Deaths & Funerals

Dougald McDougald

Dougald M. McDougald, age 62, died last Wednesday morning at his home. Funeral services were held last Friday at Galatia Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. David Sutton. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors are his wife: Mrs. Ruth Scull McDougald, one son: Daniel Alexander McDougald of Raeford, two brothers: Wade McDougald of Raeford and Howard McDougald of Raeford, Seven sisters: Mrs. Lymyra Fowler of Fayetteville, Mrs. Ruth Scull of Fayetteville, Mrs. Dorothy Williamson of Fayetteville, Mrs. Margie Carpenter of Fayetteville, Mrs. Laural Sutton of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Mrs. Helen Carver of Sparta, New Jersey and

Mrs. Frankie Richardson of Miami, Florida.

Crumpler Funeral Home was in charge.

Mildred McDuffie Young

Mildred McDuffie Young, 68, died Saturday April 23, in Leigh Memorial Hospital at 5 a.m.

Graveside services were held at Woodlawn Memorial, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Surviving are her husband, William Young; one son, Johnny Brinkley of Los Angeles, California; two daughters: Gloria Kalenowsky of Oak Forrest Illinois, and Mildred Collins of Virginia Beach, Va.; two brothers: Edwin McDuffie of Raeford; and five grandchildren.

Spaying Program In Full Swing

It's been awhile since we last wrote this column, but that doesn't mean the Humane Society has not been busy.

In fact, we have been very busy with our spaying and neutering program.

We have also been busy investigating complaints of animal cruelty in our county. This is a very demanding job and not a very pleasant one, but one that must be done.

The Humane Society has appointed Jack McGinnis as the Animal Cruelty Investigation Of-

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ficer. If you know of anyone who is mistreating an animal please call us at the number listed below and we will investigate all complaints.

The spaying and neutering program is a very important one if we are to spare as many animals as possible from being impounded and eventually put to death.

We are pleased to announce that the prices for the spaying and neutering will remain the same as they have been for the last six months. Usually, there is an in-

crease about every six months of a few dollars per animal.

However, I have just been informed by the Friends of Animals organization that there will be no increase at the present time.

They had hoped to be able to decrease their prices, but contributions have not been as large as they had hoped, so prices will not change one way or the other.

For those of you who are not aware of what these prices are, it is only \$35 to spay a female dog, \$19 for a female cat, and \$20 to neuter a male dog and \$13 to neuter a male cat.

These prices are about half of what a veterinarian usually charges for these services.

Anyone wishing to have their pet spayed or neutered should write to me at the address listed below, and we will send you a registration form, which in turn, you send to the Friends of Animals, along with your remittance and they will send you the payment certificate.

If anyone cannot afford even the low prices that are offered under this program, please contact me.

The Humane Society has some subsidy funds that we can apply toward your contribution.

This part of the program, of course, would apply only to those individuals who cannot afford the entire price.

If you are unemployed or on a fixed income and really cannot pay full price, we will help you.

Anyone who can pay full price, of course, is expected to do so, as the Friends of Animals spaying and neutering program is run strictly on contributions from individuals from all over the country.

We are pleased that we have such a program here in Hoke County and encourage everyone to participate.

The more animals we have spayed or neutered, the less we have ending up in the pound.

We thank all of you who have supported our efforts so far.

For more information contact Sheryl McGinnis, Friends of Animals Volunteer, Hoke-Raeford Humane Society- Route 4, Box 410C, Raeford, NC 28376, 875-1281

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