

**Agricultural Roundup:**

**4-H Club Boys And Girls Across South Busy Improving The Farms And Homes**

Negro 4-H Club boys and girls across the South are busy with a variety of activities designed to improve their farms, homes, and community life.

Twenty-six Florida 4-H club girls are giving a series of demonstrations at the State Fair in Tampa February 3-14. In their demonstrations, the girls are showing the spectators how to select and care for various items of clothing, says Miss Floy Britt, district home demonstration agent.

In West Virginia 13 club boys and girls have just received state awards for achievements last year in farming and homemaking. Nine received \$50 saving bonds, one was awarded a \$25 bond, and three were presented pen and pencil sets.

Those receiving \$50 bonds are: Eloise Barnett, Barbour county; Freda Easley, Jerome Eldridge, Camille Gison, Frederick Elvick, and Barbara Loudinon, McDowell county; Monroe Johnson, Jr., James Smith, and Thomas Terry, Raleigh county.

Sandra Boozie, McDowell, received a \$25 bond, and Eddie Howard and Theodore Spradley of Raleigh, an Nads P. Jones of Fayette county were presented pen and pencil sets.

**1959 COTTON PRICES SUPPORT LEVEL**

Upland cotton farmers will receive price support for their 1959 crop of 30.40 or 24.70 cents a pound, depending upon their selection of Choice (A) or Choice (B) program, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

Those using Choice (A) will plant their regular acreage allotments just as they have done

in previous years. To them will be available a level of price support at 30.40 cents a pound, or 80 percent of the February 1958 parity price, based on Middling 7-8-inch cotton, gross weight, at average location.

The choice made by the farm operator will be binding on all other producers on the farm, such as share tenants and sharecroppers.

Choices (A) and (B) were provided for in the Agricultural Act of 1958. There were no such choices for 1958-crop upland cotton. A single level of support was available for those who complied with their regular 1958 acreage allotments. It was 31.28 cents per pound, reflecting 81 percent of the August 1, 1958, parity price, basis Middling 7-8-inch cotton, gross weight, at average location.

Census data show that 26 percent of all Negro commercial farmers grew cotton in 1954.

The Department of Agriculture's Cotton Situation report for January



**ATTORNEY STONEY A. JONES, JR.,** Alpha Phi Alpha's "Man of the Year" has been nominated to run for general president of the fraternity. The election will be conducted by mail later this year, when ballots are mailed to each financial member of the organiza-

tion says consumption of cotton by U. S. mills is running above a year ago but exports are down sharply. Total disappearance in 1958-59 may be the lowest in three years.

**SOUTHWIDE EXTENSION WORKSHOP**

Negro supervisors of Extension work in agriculture and home economics will meet in a six-day workshop. He says that among other things, the supervisors will attempt to assess the new needs of rural people which result from the changing agricultural situation in the South. Changes taking place include the trend toward larger and fewer farms, mechanization, and the shift from cotton to livestock.

**NEED STRESSED FOR MORE RESEARCH**

A shift in emphasis toward marketing and utilization studies was advised by members of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Poultry Research and Marketing Advisory Committee at their annual meeting in Washington recently. The committee said, in order to achieve optimum consumption, consumer preference and attitude studies to learn what consumers want in poultry and poultry products are the most important marketing research need.

Committee members said it is also important to be able to give consumers what they want; thus, utilization research is needed to improve flavor in pre-cooked frozen poultry.

Freedom is a gift from the past but it is not at all certain that it will be a legacy to the future.

Words have a different meaning to different ears, so be careful how you use them.

Tar Heel farm families earned \$60 million from the sale of eggs in 1958.

**Self-Employed Farmers May Use Alternate Tax Method**

Self-employed farmers may use an alternate method for figuring their earnings from their farm, John Ingle, district manager of the local Social Security Administration office, and Taylor Langford, Group Supervisor of Internal Revenue, reminded farm operators today.

DIR pointed out that self-employed farmers may figure their earnings for social security in several ways.

(1) If your gross income from agricultural self-employment is not more than \$1800, you may count as your net farm earnings either your actual net or 2-3 of your farm gross income;

(2) If your gross farm income is more than \$1800, and your net farm earnings are less than \$1200, you may use either your actual net or \$1200;

(3) If your gross farm income is more than \$1800, and your net farm earnings are \$1200 or more, you MUST USE the actual amount of your net earnings.

DIR added that use of the option enables farmers with gross income as low as \$600 to obtain social security protection for themselves to their old age and for their survivors in case of death. However, he emphasized that regardless of the way in which you figure your net earnings, you must have net earnings of at least \$400 (from farming alone or in combination with other SE earnings) in order to get social security credit for the year.

In addition to the revised optional method, the law provides social security coverage to some farm owners who receive cash or crop shares from tenant farmers. If the farm-landlord under his agreement with his tenant, materially participates in the production or management of production of the farm crops raised on his land, this income may be reported for social security purposes.

Requests for information regarding taxes due and tax return forms should be directed to the Internal Revenue Office at Raleigh.

**Bogus Teacher Gets 2 Years On Sex Charge**

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who faked a diploma and passed for more than two years was sent to jail this week after one of his students accused him of molesting him.

John Bringham, a 36-year-old Negro supposedly a graduate from a Tennessee college was sentenced to two and one-half years in the Bridewell jail on three charges - contributing to the delinquency of a minor, attempted fraud, and attempt to commit a crime.

In 1957, Bringham obtained a job as a regular teacher at Grant elementary school. The Board of education said his records were too few to permit him to do more than substitute teaching, but inquiry disclosed that he had doctored the marks and used a forged seal to get his Grant teaching job. He was then suspended.

**FORGED DIPLOMA TOO**

Last month he was arrested when the Illinois Bell Telephone Company complained that Bringham paid his phone bill with a worthless check. Subsequent investigation disclosed that he had also forged his Tennessee diploma.

Then a 13-year-old youth told authorities that Bringham lured him to his apartment, where he remained overnight.

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**TO OHIO WESLEYAN** — Miss Sylvania Black of Marlin, Texas, who is a Junior Commercial Education major at Bennett College, is spending the second semester of the 1958-59 school year as an exchange student at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. Her counterpart from Ohio Wesleyan is Miss Mary Ellen Bender of Lewis, N. J.

**NCC Husband-Wife Alumni Team Speaks To Students**

DURHAM—Mr. and Mrs. George Thorne, bookkeeper - student accounts and instructor in commerce at North Carolina College, will speak on "Organizational Procedures and Techniques" at a campus student leadership conference on February 17.

The Thornes are NCC alumni. NCC President Alfonso Elder opened the series on February 3 with a talk on "The Meaning of Student Self-Direction."

Student Government President Jerome Dudley of Asheville says the program is designed "to give to the volunteering student a fundamental knowledge of leadership technique and an understanding of the problems that confront leaders."

"The Philosophy of Student Leadership" was the topic of Dr. Rose Butler Browne, NCC's

department of education chairman who is SG adviser on February 5.

Eight key student leaders conducted a panel on "Analyzing Student Organizations at NCC" on February 10.

Dean Louise M. Latham will discuss "Red Tape Special" on February 12.

On February 17, Charles A. Ray, director of the NCC News Bureau, is scheduled to speak on "Public Relations and Mass Communication."

Participating leaders and their organizations are Henry Armstrong, president of the Senior Class; Robert Kornezay, vice president of the Student Government Association; Eddie Humphrey, president of the Men's Assembly; Mattie Giles, president of the Women's Assembly; Deiores Brinkley, president of the

senior Dormitory House Council; Carol Gating, president of the Pan-Hellenic Council; Theodore Gilliam, editor of the campus newspaper, "The Campus Echo"; Herbert Owens, panel coordinator; and Dr. James C. Finney, professor of education, adult speaker.

A question and answer period follows each discussion.

All sessions are scheduled for Room 318 of the Biology Building.

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