

Johnston 4-H Members Lead At Kinston Show

Exhibiting the grand champion, reserve champion and third ranking steers at the Coastal Plain Fat Stock Show and Sale held at Kinston Thursday and Friday, Johnston county 4-H club members captured a major share of honors in what State College agricultural extension leaders termed "the best stock show ever held in Eastern Carolina."

Joe C. Johnson of Four Oaks, Rt. 3, former active 4-H clubber who is now a second class seaman stationed at Sampson, N. Y., exhibited the grand champion steer and his sister, Blanche Johnson, showed the reserve champion. Both animals were Herefords. Joe and Blanche are children of Mr. and Mrs. Calbert Johnson. Joe showed his commanding officer a picture of his prize steer of two years ago and gained leave to participate in this year's show at Kinston.

The third place steer, a short-horn, was exhibited by Ivan Lassiter, also of Four Oaks, Route 3, who is a cousin of the Johnsons.

The three top-ranking steers were entered in county group baby beef competition, giving Johnston county first place among the nine counties offering exhibits.

Other Exhibitors
Nine other steers were exhibited by Johnston club members. Nolan Lassiter of the Four Oaks club showed two steers and the following exhibited a steer each: Elman Massengill, James Lee, Harold D. Lee, Harold Mahler, Wilton Temple, Four Oaks club; Worth Wooten, Princeton club; and Avon Matthews, Cleveland club.

Johnston county's 13 4-H steers won \$19.35 in premiums out of \$280 offered in the whole show. Seven of the Johnston county steers ranked in the top group.

Joe Johnson's grand champion brought 56 cents a pound at the sale, setting a new state record for show beef. Gross returns on the steer including premium was \$515.85. Joe realized a net profit of \$359.32 on the animal.

Blanche Johnson's reserve champion, which brought 42 cents a pound, grossed \$403.65 including premium, giving Blanche a net profit of \$236.12. Ivan Lassiter's net profit on his prize steer was \$108.32. The steer brought 28 cents a pound.

\$89.19 Average Profit
Assistant Farm Agent John E. Piland, who with Farm Agent M. A. Morgan and Assistant Agent Charlie C. Clark, Jr., accompanied the boys to Kinston, said the 12 steers exhibited by Johnston 4-H members showed an average net profit of \$89.19. The steers were fed on an average of 233 days and the average gain per day was 1.52 pounds.

"These steers meant a contribution of 10,140 pounds of beef to the war effort by Johnston county club members," Piland stated.

One adult farmer from Johnston was a prize winner at the Kinston show. County Commissioner Jack Wooten was third place winner in the pens of three, open class for heaves.

The Smithfield Hog Market, formerly Williams and Williams, was represented among buyers at the hog sale. The firm bought the champion 4-H hog at 21 cents a pound. The champion was exhibited by Josie Galloway of Walstonburg.

Joe Johnson's grand champion steer was purchased by the King Bee Cafe of Jacksonville.

Frank Jeter, agricultural editor at State College, H. L. Meacham, marketing specialist of the State College extension service, and Edmund Aycock, farm agent in Lenoir county, declared that the Kinston show was the best they had ever seen in Eastern North Carolina.

Red Cross Bandages Have Now Arrived

The Selma Red Cross Room has been opened up again for making bandages. The bandages have arrived and helpers are badly needed in this work. The room will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2 to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 to 10 p. m.

Selma Cards Play Ball With Princeton Team

The Selma Cards have organized their baseball team again, and played their first game with Princeton, at Princeton, defeating Princeton by a score of 5 to 0. The Cards got 10 hits and 5 runs, while Princeton got 2 hits and no runs.

Ray Price, 15, of Princeton, did a good job at pitching, according to the manager of the Selma Cards.

Sf. 2-C William L. Hamilton, who spent 14 months in Alaska, will leave for the West Coast Saturday of this week, after spending a 30-day furlough here with his family, and at Raleigh with his father, Mrs. Hamilton is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones of Selma.

Tornado Strikes Pine Level Section Monday

Several Farm Homes Totally Destroyed And A Number Of Persons Injured — Loss Placed At More Than \$100,000 In The Pine Level Area Alone.

Floyd Price McDonald Manager

Floyd C. Price, Sr., Selma merchant has been named chairman of the McDonald For Governor Committee in Johnston county and Joe Mitchiner, Clayton township farmer, has been named co-chairman, it was announced this week by E. D. Broadhurst, state manager of the McDonald campaign.

Mr. Price, a resident of Pine Level, is one of the county's leading business men and is a farmer. He is president of Carolina Packers, Inc., and is a director of the Bank of Pine Level.

Mr. Mitchiner is a leading farmer and an active churchman.

In accepting the chairmanship of the McDonald campaign in Johnston county, Mr. Price said:
"I am supporting Ralph McDonald for governor because of his record of service to the average people of the state, and not because of the promises now made by either him or Mr. Cherry. Let's look at the record. McDonald, as a foe of the sales tax cities facts which prove that this tax law can be repealed without injury to the state government and without any state tax on land; and incidentally Johnston county citizens during the last fiscal year paid \$164,592.23 in sales tax. If elected governor McDonald will not be controlled by any selfish group, but his record shows his friendship for and interest in our farmers and his sympathetic understanding of the problems with which our boys will be faced when they return from this terrible war."

Mr. Mitchiner issued the following statement:
"I am for Ralph McDonald for governor first of all because he is a high-toned, sober, Christian gentleman, and a consistent and outspoken friend of the farmer; and further because in Ralph McDonald my boy, who is now in the South Pacific, and his buddies will have a real friend, McDonald's personal life and character assures us that he will be a worthy successor to the great governors who have served this state."

Fifth War Loan Drive To Begin On June 12

The Fifth War Loan drive will be launched June 12 and extend through July 8. In this effort America is faced with the most gigantic war financing program the world has ever known. \$16,000,000,000 is the total quota—\$6,000,000,000 of which is to be raised from individuals.

A large volume of sponsored newspaper advertising with its broad and effective coverage among all individuals throughout the nation is absolutely essential to the success of this stupendous undertaking, says the Treasury Department.

Angier Union Meeting At Willow Springs

The next session of the Primitive Baptist Angier Union meeting will be held with the church at Willow Springs, Wake county, N. C., on Saturday and fifth Sunday in April, 1944. The public is invited to attend the services.

COTTON

Cotton Week will be celebrated May 22 to 27, reports the National Cotton Council of America. Posters in red, white, and blue, carrying a fixed bayonet and a "V" of cotton bolls will be featured.

Keep the soil under the house dry and remove wooden supports from contact with the soil in preventing termite damage, says J. Myron Maxwell, Extension entomologist at State College.

Twister That Visited County Monday Afternoon About Six O'clock Injured a Number of Persons, Demolished Farm Homes and Interrupted Tele- graph and Telephone Com- munication.

Accompanied by a violent thunder storm, a tornado swooped down on a rural community about three miles east of Pine Level Monday afternoon about 6:00 o'clock, demolishing homes and outbuildings, twisting off giant trees in the forests and doing damage estimated at around \$100,000.

The storm came up from the southwest and traveled towards the northeast. It was accompanied by a deluge of rain and some hail.

Around 20 persons have been reported injured by this storm, and another of kindred proportions which swept through a rural community in Wayne county the same afternoon.

The path of the storm which visited the Boon Hill township community was around 500 yards wide and about 10 miles in length, striking in greater force at some points than at others.

The five-room house of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Roberts, who lived on the Fletcher Futrel farm about three miles southeast of Pine Level, was completely destroyed, injuring Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and their daughter, Maybelle. Clifton Renfrow and son, Bobby, of Pine Level, were visiting in the Roberts home when the storm struck. All five of these people were taken to the Johnston County Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained when the home was swept away, but their injuries were not regarded as serious and they were allowed to leave the hospital that night.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Little was demolished. Mr. and Mrs. Little and son, Bobby, who live on Princeton, Route 2, received treatment at the office of Dr. E. N. Booker in Selma.

In addition to the Roberts and Little families, three other families were driven from their homes which were partially destroyed.

These families included: Archie Woodard his wife, their two children, Woodard's sister and her two children.

Garland Howell, his wife and two children.

Joe Tom Creech, his wife and one child.

Steps are being taken by the Johnston County Chapter of the Red Cross to provide aid for the homeless. Mrs. Kirby Rose, home service secretary, and O. A. Tuttle, disaster chairman of the chapter, visited the scene of the tornado Tuesday morning to make a survey of the destruction and the needs of those suffering losses.

The homeless meanwhile are living with neighbors and relatives.

Heard Roaring Noise
Mr. Roberts gave this description of how the tornado struck:

"My family and Mr. Renfrow and his son were in the front room when I heard a roaring noise that sounded like one of these fast airplanes flying low. A moment later everything turned dark and part of our tobacco barns came crashing through the window. Then the whole house seemed to fall in. We were buried underneath scantlings and parts of the walls and ceilings, but fortunately got out alive. The storm lasted just a few seconds."

The Roberts residence, which was owned by A. F. Futrel of Pine Level, was a total loss along with practically all the family's belongings. An old range was the only thing of value left in the wreckage and it will have to be repaired.

Destroyed along with the dwelling were two tobacco barns, a corn barn, pack barn and mule stables.

The picture was practically the same at the Little place several miles away. The house was left in splinters. Parts of the ceiling and furnishings were scattered over fields and forests for miles around. The family radio landed in a field several hundred yards from the house.

The Little automobile was destroyed, the hood of the car being blown a half-mile away.

Mr. Little also said he heard a roaring noise just before the storm came.

"It sounded like a train, but when I went to look out the door, I saw parts of tin roofing coming toward (Continued On Page Four)



U. S. Signal Corps photograph.

YOUR TREES ARE GOING TO WAR

Rifles being packed for shipment to the fighting front. Wooden gunstocks and wooden crates for shipment. Uncle Sam needs your wood for these purposes. Mr. Farmer—have you any lumber that you can harvest—NOW? Produce more lumber.

Capt. Macon Williams Returns From England

(The Smithfield Herald)

Just back from England where he has served as an engineer in the 9th Air Force of the United States, Capt. Macon G. Williams in an interview here Monday declared he had found "too much complacency and overconfidence among the people on the home front" and warned that such an attitude "could cripple our war program or retard our victory."

Captain Williams arrived Saturday to spend a three-week vacation with his wife, who is residing in Selma for the duration. He returned to the United States after two years of service in the British Isles.

"A lot of people over here don't seem to realize there is a war going on," said Captain Williams, who is fresh from daily contact with American flyers who are participating in the pre-invasion aerial assault upon continental Europe.

"Anyone who thinks we are not already losing men in fairly large numbers in the assault on Europe is badly mistaken," Captain Williams stated, pointing out that a loss of 50 bombers on a single mission meant the loss of 500 men. "The American people should prepare themselves for a sharp increase in casualties during the coming months."

Says Germans Not Weak
Captain Williams said "this talk about the Germans being weak" is nonsense.

"The German air force perhaps is not striking with the power it used in the attempt to destroy London," he said, "but it is still powerful, and our flyers are not finding it easy to carry out their missions over the continent of Europe. The Germans have well trained flyers and good fighter planes. They are making it tough for our boys, make no mistake about that."

The officer said American soldiers in England are anxious to start the invasion and "ret it over with as soon as possible."

He said morale was excellent. Captain Williams, since going across in 1942, has seen service in Scotland, Ireland and England.

Reminded that Johnston county soldiers in large numbers had been going into England in recent months, Captain Williams recalled an incident in Ireland where he ran up with a Negro soldier from Selma.

"There were some colored boys in front of our headquarters, and I asked them where they were from," he related. "One spoke up, saying he was from North Carolina. I asked, 'What place in North Carolina?' and he said, 'Selma.' You should have a happy expression on his face when I handed him a copy of the Selma paper which I had just received."

Williams said he did not know of any more.

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Johnston Deputy Sheriff Dies of Heart Attack

Deputy Sheriff D. S. (Dock) Strickland, 49, of Four Oaks, died at Rex Hospital in Raleigh Saturday afternoon at one o'clock following a heart attack which he suffered Thursday night.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4:30 at the Methodist church in Four Oaks, by the Rev. B. H. Houston, pastor of the Smithfield Methodist church. The body lay in state at the church from two o'clock until the funeral hour. Interment was in the Four Oaks cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Sheriff K. L. Rose, G. C. Uzzie, Monroe Parker, Lester Hales, Will Barbour and Alfred Coates.

Members of the American Legion and other friends were honorary pallbearers.

The deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Strickland of Four Oaks. He was born and reared in Johnston county. He served in the first World War and was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clyde Barber Strickland; one daughter, Mrs. J. R. Pinkham of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Lee of Angier, Route 1, and Mrs. W. A. Barber of Four Oaks; two brothers, J. B. Strickland of Smithfield, Route 1, and R. B. Strickland of Four Oaks.

Ministerial Association To Meet In Selma

The monthly meeting of the Johnston County Ministerial Association will be held with the Selma Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Geo. W. Blaunt is pastor, on Monday, May 1st.

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10:05 o'clock — Scripture Reading, Prayer etc., Rev. N. L. Horton

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