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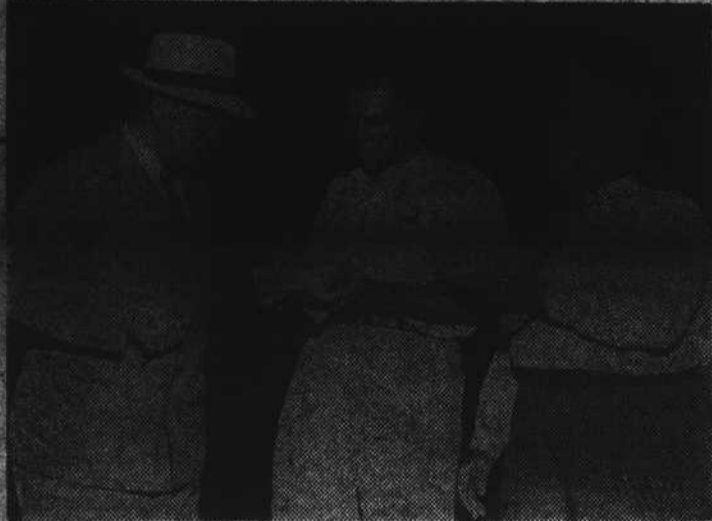
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## INSTALLATION IN JONES COUNTY PASTURE



W. C. Flowers, Sr., stood in his own pasture at Oliver's Crossroad in Jones County on Thursday night to be installed as Chef-de-Gare of Voiture 589 of the Society of Forty-and-Eight, the American Legion honor society for Jones, Craven and Pamlico counties. Facing him across the table, administering the oath of office, is George Bar-

tholomew of Wilson, North Carolina's Grand Chef-de-Gare. Seated in the foreground is State Commander R. C. Godwin of the North Carolina Department of the Legion. Commander Godwin of New Bern is a member of the tri-county Forty-and-Eight voiture. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)



North Carolina American Legion Commander R. C. Godwin (left) of New Bern and Raleigh is being lectured here on the art of chicken stew consumption by Senator John D. Larkins Jr., (center) who is polishing off a fourth tray of the delicious concoction that was prepared for the installation last Thursday night of W. C. Flowers, Sr., (right) as Chef-de-Gare of the Craven-Jones-Pamlico Voiture 589 of the Society of Forty-and-Eight. Flowers was host to the tri-county meeting and had the honor of being sworn in in his own pasture where tables and seats had been arranged under some of tallest pines in Jones County. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

## Jones County Voiture Of 40-and-8 Installs Officers On Thursday

Fellowship in the pasture of W. C. Flowers, Sr., under towering pine trees at Oliver's Crossroads was the order of the evening in Jones County on Thursday. The menu of the evening was chicken stew, heavily accented with chicken, followed by ice-cold Bogue Sound watermelons.

The occasion was the installation of the host as Chef de Gare of Voiture 589 of the American Legion's Society of Forty-and-Eight, as well as other officers for the coming year for the Jones-Craven-Pamlico County organization. Chef-de-Gare Flowers succeeded Alpheus Godley of New Bern.

The meeting was honored by the presence of national and state officials of the American Legion and the Forty-and-Eight. Leading them was the Legion's new state Commander, R. C. Godwin of New Bern, a member

of Voiture 589. Others were B. A. Brooks of Raleigh, Legion field secretary for North and South Carolina and former state commander of Arkansas; Nash McKee of Raleigh, state adjutant of the Legion; Grand Chef-de-Train George Bartholomew of Wilson, state official of the Forty-and-Eight, who conducted the installation; and Charlie Daniels, past state departmental adjutant.

Other officers installed at the Thursday meeting of Voiture 589 were Chef-de-Train M. P. Duval, Correspondant T. Gates Matthews, John T. Berry, J. R. Whitcomb, S. Salem, Kenneth Heath, Hallett Mayo, Louis P. Dunn, Alton Whitley, O. O. Raper, State Commander Godwin and C. J. Shopp.

Tobacco exports from Africa in 1948 totaled about 120 million pounds.

## JONES COUNTY 4-H CLUBBERS PREPARE FOR RALEIGH VISIT

Thirteen Jones County 4-H Club boys and girls will go to Raleigh with the county's Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin to attend the annual 4-H Club short course at State College.

The principals in the group will be the Jones County clubs' 1949 health royalty, Queen Kathleen Stillely of Trenton and King Virgil Mallard of Mallardtown. Others to enter state contests will be Sybil and Alta Ann Mallard of Mallardtown, senior and junior winners respectively in the 1949 Dress Revue of Jones County clubs.

Other Jones County youths to make up the attendance at the week of the short course at State College are Jackie Pollock, Jean Gray, Peggy Howard, Agnes Faye Mallard, Audrey Phillips, Warren Mallard, Roger Wilson, Braxton Howard, Kenneth Pollock and James William Henderson.

## Ministerial Student At Bethel Church

Supply minister for the summer months at Bethel Baptist Church on the Richlands Highway is Charles Wellons of Kinston, a ministerial student at Wake Forest College. He will conduct the services there each second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m.

## GEORGIA AVERAGES

Opening day on the Georgia-Florida market saw packed warehouses of medium grade tobaccos going for about a \$43 per hundred average. Top grades offered were going for \$59, but there was little high grade tobacco on the floors. American Tobacco Company Buyer James MacRae Lamb reports that the houses are all packed, that grade for grade the weed is going for about the same price as last season and that in the opening break little of the higher quality leaf is being offered.

## Twenty-Six Out Of 35 Petitioners Get Tax Relief From Board

### JONES VOTES 'YES'

Only five tobacco farmers in Jones County voted against continuation of acreage controls on their crop in the referendum held Saturday to decide whether the controls would be held over for three or one year periods or done away with completely. Voting for three full years of acreage controls were 1335 farmers and four persons voted for a one year period of continued controls. This Jones County vote was in step with the voting all over the flue-cured tobacco growing area since there was a 43 to 1 majority in the overall vote in a preliminary unofficial return of the voting as listed by the Associated Press.

## LEE MERCER HOST ON 70TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY 24TH

More than 100 friends and relatives gathered Sunday, July 24th, to help Lee Mercer celebrate his 70th birthday anniversary. Mercer has spent practically all of his life in Jones County and is one of the county's best known citizens.

Barbecue and Brunswick stew were the main attractions of the day and the short subjects included fried chicken, sandwiches, cake and cold drinks.

## CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN BY TRENTON YOUTHS

Last week Luther Tyson and his Young People's class of the Trenton Methodist Church gathered one afternoon and did a fine job of cleaning up the grounds around the church, trimming the shrubs and mowing the lawn. When they finished with the church "prettifying up detail" they adjourned to the home of Mrs. W. W. Pollock and enjoyed a "cooling off" spell assisted with home-made ice cream and cake.

## NEW RADIO STATION

This section will have another radio voice, and Kinston will again have two, as soon as the application filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the Commonwealth Broadcasting Company is approved. Company President E. L. Scott of Kinston said the new station could be established within 60 days of the approval. A change in the operation of the company's Station WLOW in Norfolk, Va., would allow them to move its equipment to Kinston. The new station, if approved, would take the place of the 1010 kilocycle frequency vacated by Station WKNS in the consolidation of that station with WFTC by the Kinston Broadcasting Company on June 1st. The 1,000 watt, daytime operation proposed by the new station, Scott said, will give Lenoir County and the entire section the second radio outlet which is justified.

North Carolina has a lower infection rate of Bang's disease in cattle than any other State in the Union.

President Truman has proclaimed the week beginning July 24 as National Farm Safety Week.

Twenty-six petitioners for relief from a too-high property valuation for tax purposes got an okay from Jones County commissioners at the second of two meetings on last Wednesday. A total of 35 citizens had applied, and two of those had their valuations "equalized" upward. Present at the meeting beside Commissioners G. O. Mallard, P. W. Westbrook, J. W. Creagh, Jr., and Cephus Foscoe were County Attorney George Hughes, Register of Deeds George Noble and tax assessors Grover Mallard, T. N. Wooten and Carl Gray.

Most of the valuations scaled downward by the commissioners were for "wastelands" which had been cut-over in lumbering operations or which had been devalued for other reasons. None of the valuations were cut back past the 1946 mark.

One petitioner pointed out that two of his five tobacco barns were valued at \$150 each, while three were rated at only \$100. He claimed that all should be the same. The commissioners made them all of equal value—\$150 each. The second valuation raise was the \$30 per acre listing of farmland to \$35.

Petitioners getting relief from the board of commissioners were Mrs. J. K. Brock, E. E. Bell, W. H. Banks, F. F. Banks, Mrs. Eunice Foy, A. Mc. Bradley, F. W. Pollock, Aaron Mallard, R. E. Mallard, Emmett Mallard, International Paper Company, Luby Henderson.

Others were Hogan, C. D. Jones, Tom White, James Barbee, Zelle Phillips, J. K. Warren Estate, Lois Brock et al, George Meadows, Fred Jones and W. F. Morton.

## Documents Recorded

There have been seven transfers of land in Jones County since July 14, Register of Deeds George Noble reported this week. None of them involved any considerable transfer of real estate, he said. During the same period three deeds of trust were placed on record as loan securities.

## Action for Paving

Action has been started by a group of Trenton citizens to install curb and gutters on the main street of the town from Jones Street to the town limits. If the movement is successful it is expected that the State Highway Department will widen the narrow roadway in that part of town.

## STYLISH SUCKERING

One of the latest and most eye-appealing fashions to be seen this year in the tobacco fields of this section was observed Sunday afternoon in Mallard Town. An attractive but unidentified young lady was industriously breaking suckers from a field of head-high tobacco clothed only in a pair of abbreviated shorts, a halter and a turban. The weather was extremely hot and the tobacco was at its usual sticky worst. Authorities on tobacco field style trends assert that such a garb is traceable to the fact that it is much easier to take a bath than to wash tobacco gum from heavy clothing. Then, there might have been a swimming hole at the other end of the row. Further research may be necessary on this trend.