

**Agricultural Notes**

**Jones County**  
 Assistant County Agent G. T. Wiggins has been doing considerable traveling around Jones County during the vacation of County Agent A. V. Thomas and from his observation has been able to get a clear picture of the tobacco crop damage. The most damaging blight to the leaf crop this year is root knot, he has reported. The worms in the roots of the plants, causing a stunted growth, in one instance have cut an \$800 per acre yield of last

year more than one-half. Although black shank and Granville wilt have continued to crop up in new locations, neither they nor the heavy rains of June and July have done as much damage as the root knot. The planting of disease resistant varieties has prevented black shank and wilt damage, and the water damage has been counted only in few locations.

Wiggins urged all farmers with disease problems to visit the county's demonstration plots to find out the exact nature of their trouble through comparison. He added that rotation to small grains and corn was the recommended solution to get away from the worms causing the root knot. It was pointed out also that the Bottom Special variety of tobacco this year seemed more resistant to black shank and wilt, but that farmers should not depend upon the unusual resistance performance.

Assistant Agent Wiggins announced that now was the time for 4-H Club youths to make arrangements to purchase feeder

calves for the competition of the fat stock shows of the spring. He said all boys wanting feeder calves should come to the Agricultural Building without delay to make the purchase arrangements with County Agent A. V. Thomas or himself.

Home Demonstration Agent Mary Helen T. Loftin has issued a caution to save trouble in the canning of tomatoes. She said the rainy season has caused much of the crop to rot inside while presenting a healthy appearance outside. Most unnecessary work and trouble can be avoided by checking the tomatoes for the rot before they are blanched.

One of the busiest men in Jones County this week is Secretary N. S. Barker of the Production and Marketing Administration (AAA), who not only had a referendum for acreage control on his hands, but was also passing out marketing cards for the 1949 sale of the tobacco crop. Many of the cards are being mailed, but Secretary Barker has had plenty of visitors in his office at the Agriculture Building in Trenton.

The first Home Demonstration Club meeting since June will be held on August 9th at the home of Mrs. J. R. Pelletier in Maysville. Home Agent Mary Helen T. Loftin has announced. The meeting, at 2:30 p. m., will have for its study a slip cover demonstration, and all club members interested in learning the craft are invited to be present.

The County Council of Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs will meet at 8:15 p. m. Thursday in the Agriculture Building. The speaker for the meeting will be Mrs. Mary McAllister, district home agent, who will talk on the "1950 Plan of Work". All club officers and leaders are urged to be present.

The 10 poultry projects of 4-H boys and girls, sponsored by the Sears, Roebuck Company in Jones County, are looking good. The judging and sale of the prize pullets in the growing poultry chain will be held at the Jones County Fair in October, Assistant Farm Agent G. T. Wiggins said.

**CHICAGOAN SEEKING WORD OF RELATIVES IN THIS SECTION**

A letter addressed to the "Hie Cherr" of Kinston, North Carolina, has been delivered to Sheriff Sam Churchill, who admits that he has been called equally confusing things during his tenure as the county's top police official. This letter is from Eddie Gillom of 1054 East 133 St., Chicago, Illinois, who is trying to contact relatives in this part of the country.

Gillom says that he is the great-grandson of the late John Watson, the grandson of John Watson, Jr., and the son of Fanny Watson Gillom. He says that he last heard of his great-grandfather and would appreciate any news from members of the family who may still be living in this part of the country.

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