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Farm And Home Week To Be Held August 8-11 At College In Raleigh

Last year's Farm and Home week was cancelled due to the infantile paralysis epidemic in North Carolina and this year an even bigger and better event is planned for farmers and farm officials for the week of August 8-11th. The meeting is to be held as usual at State College in Raleigh.

Extension Department workers in Jones and Lenoir Counties are expecting good-sized delegations from both their counties to attend one or more days of the four-day meeting. The final day of the meeting, Thursday, August 11th, is to see some of the biggest speakers of the get-together and efforts are being made to arrange for bus loads of interested farmers from both counties to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Banks and Mr. and Mrs. Rom Mallard of Jones County have already made plans to attend the entire week. Any other persons who'd like to attend all or any one of the sessions are urged to contact the county agent's office at once so reservations can be made. Rooming and eating prices are most reasonable and the expenses of the trip will be as low and possibly lower than in the past. Full details can be obtained from the county agent's office in either county.

In the first days of the assembly of farm families from all over the state the discussions will be given over to the subjects of farm crops and farm living. The

farm legislation by State Commissioner of Agriculture L. V. Ballentine and the Hon. Harold D. Cooley, fourth district congressman and chairman of the House of Representatives agricultural committee. They will also participate in the forum discussion with R. Flake Shaw, Harry B. Caldwell, Dean I. O. Schaub and others.

Financial Condition Of Jones County Better Than In Many Years

Jones County is in better financial condition for the coming fiscal year than in any number of years past, the county commissioners in their first Monday meeting were told by Auditor E. E. Franks of Kinston. Its general fund had a surplus June 30, the end of the fiscal year, of \$3,995, as compared to a \$3,400 deficit last year. The difference, Franks reported, was a saving of \$4,300 in expense in the past year, plus approximately \$4,000 more realized in revenue, less some miscellaneous expense.

There is also a \$5,000 surplus cushion in the bond fund if needed in bond retirement emergencies. The county in the recent past has also been able to purchase at a premium \$13,000 of its own securities, to give it a return of four per cent on its funds, which have been held in banks at a lesser interest. The "sound, solvent financial condition" reported by Franks was enthusiastically commended by Board Chairman G. O. Mallard, Members P. W. Westbrook, J. W. Creagh, Jr., and Cephus Foscoe, and County Attorney George Hughes.

TOBACCO LEFT IN FIELDS IS SMALL; TIME CUT STALKS

Few farmers had more than one "cropping" of tobacco left in the fields this week in Jones and Lenoir Counties. A great many fields have had the last of the "tips" pulled and in one or two fields over the week-end stalk cutters were making their rounds.

Tobacco specialists for years have tried to instill in tobacco farmers the idea of cutting the stalks as soon as the last of the crop was pulled, but the idea has gained small ground, since a great majority of the farmers are either too busy grading and getting ready for the selling season or just plain lazy and leave the stalks to sucker out in the fields.

The stalks that continue growing not only use up valuable plant foods in the soil but offer a breeding and feeding ground for countless millions of tobacco parasites. More recently the stalk fields have offered another spot for tobacco diseases to get an extra month's work done in the same summer.

Every farmer is urged to make an honest try at getting his stalks cut immediately.

Diphtheria Victim

Jones County's diphtheria victim, three-year-old Jerome Bass, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bass on the Foscoe farm near Pollockville, is recovering this week after the administering of toxoid vaccine. Dr. R. J. Jones, Lenoir-Jones County Health officer, has reported. Other contacts in the family have been given prophylactic vaccines to prevent the spread of the disease.

Tax Rate Set

A resolution setting the tax rate for the county at \$1.90 per \$100 of tax valuation was passed by the commissioners. Making up the tax rate was 72 cents for debt service, 23 cents for current school expense, 11½ cents for capital outlay for schools, 36½ cents for public welfare, eight cents for farm and home agents, 14 cents for public health, 15 cents for the county general fund and five cents each for the county accountant and for repairs and upkeep of buildings.

Other actions taken by the commissioners included the naming of Darius Koonce to the post of county veterans service officer, granting the Health Department employees permission to participate in a state retirement plan at the request of Dr. R. J. Jones, Jones-Lenoir County Health officer, and the approving of the application of two stretches of county roads for improvement by the state.

More than 226,000 farmers cast ballots in the recent referendum on flue-cured tobacco quotas. Of this number, more than 152,000 were North Carolinians.



The very handsome buildings pictured here are the Manse and Presbyterian Church in Pollockville. Aside from being as nice looking as any small town church in the State, both at present lack a pastor. With the housing shortage still enough of a problem to call for a national housing bill it's a shame for such a fine pair of buildings to sit idle, waiting for a pastor to be found.

The first Presbyterian Church in Jones County was established about one mile from Pollockville on the Old Beaufort Road, where services were held in a school house. The first services were held there in 1868. The first Presbyterian Church was built in 1878, largely through the efforts of Elders L. H. Barrows, Tom Lee and Bryan Bender, each of whom was the founder of well known families in the county.

Rev. S. H. Isler, a native of Beaver Creek Township, conducted services in the church until his death in 1910. After Rev. Mr. Isler a number of pastors filled short terms in the pulpit of the church until 1917, when Rev. J. R. Phipps came from Greensboro. For the next 28 years Rev. Mr. Phipps filled the pulpit. Succeeding him was Rev. G. F. Miller, who remained until the spring of 1947. Since that time the church has been

without a regular pastor but supply sermons have been delivered by Dr. L. A. Taylor of Wilmington, Dr. William Hollister of New Bern and at present Rev. R. A. Berry of Camp Lejeune.

At present the church has 100 resident members and the Sunday School averages above 60 each week. The present board of Elders is comprised of R. P. Bender, a son of one of the founders, who is chairman, H. A. Parker, B. H. Bender, John H. Bender and E. E. Bell. The board of deacons is made up of the following: P. B. Bender, V. A. Bender, Jr., John W. Creagh, J. E. Parker and John M. Wright. Fred Roper is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

The beautiful nine-room Manse pictured here was obtained for the church in 1921. The first Manse for the church was purchased from Miss Maude Cobb on Pollock Street in 1817. After four years it was sold and the present Manse was purchased from Mr. and Mrs. Guy Simmons. The first pastor to occupy the home pictured here was Rev. G. F. Miller. For two years now the Manse has had no occupants and during this time it has been completely renovated and now stands, freshly painted inside and out, waiting for a Presbyterian minister. (Whitaker-Leffew photograph)

HAVE YOU HELPED THE BLUE BABY?

Funds continue to come into the office of County Welfare Department Superintendent and Mrs. Lurley Hines, Production Credit Association representative in the county, to help foot the expense of a "Blue Baby" operation that five-year-old Florence Marie Canady of Pollockville is to undergo soon in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The little girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Canady of near Pollockville, is suffering from a congenital heart defect that will make her an invalid permanently and shorten her years considerably if not corrected soon. Dr. Tom Parrott of Kinston has contacted officials at the famed Baltimore hospital and has written for a date for the preliminary examination and entry of the child. A minimum of \$700 is needed for the operation and hospital care and it is felt by many in the county that this sum will be raised very soon by interested parties in Jones and surrounding counties. Donations until now have been received from the following persons, businesses or churches: New Bern Holiness Church, Joe Becton, G. S. Killingsworth, Mrs. E. E. Bell, Linwood Canady, Comfort Holiness Church, L. R. Matthews, Mrs. M. W. Foscoe, Emmett Mallard, Mrs. Furney Brock, Sr., Mrs. C. L. Foy, Kay's Men's Store in Kinston, J. F. Reynolds, Mrs. B. A. Phillips, F. B. Killingsworth and Tyndall's Seed, Feed and Supply Store in Kinston. All persons desiring to help the little girl can either send their money to the Jones Journal or to Mrs. Lurley Hines in Trenton.

TIDEWATER AGENT REPORTS ON RECENT VISITS IN COUNTY

Tidewater Power Company Farm Agent Neil Bolton, who is one of the supervisors of the "Better Farming For Better Living" program that is conducted each year in Jones and surrounding counties, reports that several Jones County farmers are "really on the ball" and doing a lot to make the slogan of the contest mean something.

Commenting on W. E. Phillips, Bolton says, "Just one look at his property tells you that he does things right. His tobacco barns are all on good brick foundations. He always uses a chicken wire screen below the sticks of tobacco hanging in his barns, to prevent fires caused by tobacco falling on hot flues. He showed Assistant County Agent G. T. Wiggins and me one barn that has been used for 26 years. Phillips also had a nice bunch of hogs on feed for the early August market."

Bolton passes out what is evidently an unneeded bouquet to Mrs. B. C. Gray, whom he says "loves her flowers and sees to it

INSURANCE MEETING

There will be a meeting of all interested Jones County farmers at 8 Wednesday night, August 3, in the Agriculture Building in Trenton when Julian E. Mann, state director of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, will explain the workings and benefits of federal crop insurance as they would apply to the tobacco farmer. An earlier meeting in Jones County revealed considerable interest in this type insurance and County Agent A. V. Thomas urges all persons interested in the program to be on hand for the session Wednesday night.

that plenty are growing about her home."

The agent reports that Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Mallard are "new home thinking, that Mr. and Mrs. Norris Banks are working on a new home and that Linwood Cox is also building a new cement block home."

Total July cultivated cotton acreage in the United States is estimated at 26.3 million acres, 14 per cent larger than last year. The crop is the largest since 1937.

JURORS DRAWN FOR SEPTEMBER COURT

Jurors for the September 19 term of Superior Court in Jones County were drawn by the county commissioners in their Monday session. The September term will be the first court in Jones County since December 1948. Clerk of the Court Murray Whitaker has announced that the proposed August term has been consolidated with that of the following month for the hearing of civil and criminal cases.

The 36 jurors drawn from the county's townships were: From White Oak—F. L. Meadows, C. M. Bynum, Norman Eubanks, Jr., Earl D. Jones and Frank Maides; from Trenton—Johnny Howard, Harvey Oxley, L. H. Quinn, L. L. Eubanks, Emmett L. Mallard, Lemmie Reynolds, Leo C. Mallard and Albert A. Hardy; from Beaver Creek—Dan Gooding, Eugene Hood and W. C. Flowers, Jr.; from Comfort—George Earl Gooding, Dolphas Banks, Ralph Scott, Z. A. Koonce, W. E. Phillips, H. P. Sutton and Adolph Cox; from Pollockville—Murphy Duval, Martin M. Batts, W. R. Booth, Bruce H. Simmons, Johnny F. Ipock, John L. Bender, D. L. Waters and Hugh Loftin; from Tuckahoe—Cecil Hargett, Ed Craft and R. L. Fordham; and from Cypress Creek—Earl Killingsworth and John Harvey Taylor.

Wagon Is Demolished

An automobile driven by Richard Jones along the highway one mile north of Trenton at 9:30 p. m. Saturday crashed into the rear of a wagon being driven by Booker T. Kornegay. The wagon was demolished, and Kornegay suffered severe bruises on his head and side. The two mules drawing the wagon were injured but not seriously. No charge in the highway mishap has yet been made, pending completion of the investigation by State Highway Patrolman Bill Clagon of Trenton.