

## Shady Grove, Southw'd Meetings This Week For Drainage Discussions

### FINALS IN EASTERN LEAGUE PLAY BEGIN AT KINSTON STADIUM

The playoffs in the Eastern State Baseball League were scheduled to begin at Grainger Municipal Stadium in Kinston on Monday, but were postponed because of rain. Weather permitting, the final contests of the season will begin, however, during this week. The six teams, the top half of the league standings, to battle for the title are Sasser's Mill, Comfort, Dover, Jasper, Cove City and Deep Run. The first elimination will be in two out of three contests, and the final play will be three out of five games between the two top teams, League President Darris Koonce said.

In the final regular contests of the season Comfort bowed to Sasser's Mill 6-2, and defeated Pollockville 5-0; Cove City handed Beulaville a double defeat, 5-2 and 5-3, and tamed Trenton 6-1; Deep Run topped Dover 3-1 and then Dover bowed to Maysville 15-5; Maysville added a pair of victories by defeating Pink Hill 6-2 and 21-0; and Sasser's Mill was awarded a 5-1 decision over Trenton in the sixth inning when the Trenton club walked off in protest at the decisions.

Team	W	L	Runs
Sasser's Mill	22	5	315
Dover	22	7	253
Jasper	19	11	333
Cove City	17	13	567
Deep Run	17	14	547
Trenton	12	19	387
Maysville	11	18	379
Pollockville	11	18	379
Beulaville	6	23	207
Falling Creek	4	24	143
Pink Hill	2	25	074

Two meetings are scheduled for next week by landowners in the area between Kinston and Trenton and both sessions are aimed at doing something constructive about the draining situation as it affects areas of Jones and Lenoir Counties.

Tuesday night (August 30) there is a meeting in Southwood School for landowners whose land is drained by Joshua Creek and its tributaries and Wednesday night (August 31) there is to be a meeting at Shady Grove Church for those owners whose land is drained by Vine Swamp, Beaver Creek and their tributaries.

Both meetings are of extreme importance to landowners in these parts of the two counties and a full representation is urged whether the individual is in favor or opposed to action in the field of soil conservation.

If interest is sufficient and the inclination of the two gatherings is favorable Drainage Districts will be set up for the specific purpose of improving the present situation.

Officials of the soil conservation service, their engineers, soil experts from the Agriculture Department and representatives of the Production Marketing Administration will be on hand for both sessions to give technical information that will be needed if the meetings are to reach decisions for later action.

The Southwood meeting is at

Every landowner whose land is drained by either of these streams or their tributaries is urged to make a serious effort to be on hand. Elm Grove, Pleasant Hill, Woodington, Beaver Creek Township are areas that will be most concerned with this effort to improve the condition of these watersheds.



### SEASONAL PAYOFF

This is the beginning of the payoff that began in this section for work that started almost a year ago—the seasonal cash for the bright leaf tobacco crop. At right is shown the line-up at one of the cashier's windows in a Kinston warehouse for the checks from the opening day sale. Below is the throng in a Kinston bank converting the pieces of paper into folding money—100-dollar bills and smaller. Comments from tobacco growers selling in the first few days of the market ranged from outspoken dissatisfaction through "fair" to the superlative compliment "all right". It was estimated that the Tobacco Stabilization Corporation was taking in about 30 per cent of the leaf this year. Biggest headaches in this section was the property of Kinston warehousemen in the handling of a short-staffed fifth set of buyers for that market. A good percentage of the leaf offered the first days of the sale became "house" tobacco. (Whitaker-Leffew Photos)



## Fifth Set Of Buyers Is Still In Balance

For the first time in history the Kinston Tobacco Market had five sets of buyers when the season's sales got underway last Friday. Reception of this additional set of buyers was mixed to say the least. Tobacconists in every phase of buying and selling were optimistic over the additional buyers but many growers were soreheaded and left no uncertainty of this.

In the opening sale that caught the short fifth set of buyers rumored estimates vary from 30 to 50 per cent as the amount of tobacco that was purchased by the warehouses.

Admitting that some sacrifices must be made all along the line, the average seller points in the other direction when the sacrifice hits next to his pocketbook. Numerous farmers refused to accept checks for sales made Friday by the short fifth set which only included four big buyers and sprinklings of speculators.

Already farmers are extremely leery about putting tobacco on a floor that is scheduled to catch this abbreviated set of buyers and it is probable that many houses will not have full sales when their time comes up for the new set of buyers.

On opening day only one major company, Reynolds, was represented along with three independents from Kinston. Webb's, Dixie and Jenkins. Even one Kinston independent was missing from the starting line-up and pre-market calculations had counted on all local companies being represented.

Monday the fifth set of buyers was strengthened a little with

the addition of buying orders from P. Lorillard that were in the hand of the Webb buyers. "Buy orders" were expected to be in the hands of the other independents before the week was out and there remains at least a 50-50 chance that the fifth set will stick.

Farmers have several things to gain from going along with the market in this effort. Faster sales and shorter hauls to an open spot on a warehouse floor being about the most important. Leaders of the Kinston market are urging all farmers to help keep this fifth set of buyers going by placing their tobacco on the floors and going along with the sales, no matter which set of buyers is on hand.

The price picture on the opening few days of the 1949 sales season was not too bad. Good tobacco was still commanding a good price but the sorrier grades were less than last year. An unusually large amount of sorry tobacco pulled the whole belt's opening average down to the lowest level in a long time. About 46 cents was the average overall for the 17 markets of the New Bright Belt.

Wet weather is blamed for most of the poor grades of tobacco and the story seems to be about the same all over the belt. Hopes for a 50-cent average still swell in the hearts of all interested in the crop but there is little chance that this half dollar average will be made unless the opening two days sales have far more than their usual average of sorry tobacco.

## Jones County Group To Make 4-Day Study Tour Mountain County Farms

The busload of Jones County folks leaving the Agriculture Building at Trenton on Monday for a four-day trip to the mountains of western North Carolina is not entirely pleasure bent. The 26 men on the trip will mix a lot of study of balanced farming on their tour of Union, Henderson, Buncombe and Iredell Counties. The tour, Jones County Farm Agent A. V. Thomas said, is under the direction of the Farm Management Division of the Extension Service, and M. S. Wil-

liams of that organization will be in charge of the tour.

The three overnight stops scheduled on the tour now are Monroe, Hendersonville and Statesville, in that order, Thomas said. The major sightseeing will take place around Asheville on Wednesday morning, including a look at the Woolworth-Vanderbilt Estate. The tour will turn homeward from Statesville, 250 miles away, on Thursday.

Jones County citizens who have signed up for the mountain county tour are C. M. Mattox, Z. A. Koonce, B. R. Harrison, R. O. Mallard, Harold Mallard, D. A. Jones, W. E. Phillips, W. R. Bender, E. V. Scott, E. C. Simpson, W. W. Simpson, Carl Tyndall, Carl Killingsworth, W. G. Mallard, J. J. Conway, Emmett Mallard, B. C. Gray, W. W. Lowery, Horace Haddock, Clifton Pollock, Duffy Trott, J. M. Foscoe, Jr., Hugh Loftin, Dalton Jones, Assistant Farm Agent G. T. Wiggins and Farm Agent Thomas.

Large marketings of chickens are in prospect the next few months, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

### QUIET WEEK REPORT IN JONES COUNTY IS TOPPED BY PARADE

The past week in Jones County was the quietest in some time, according to all public officials. The biggest event was a parade of colored citizens through Trenton to the banks of the Trent River for a picnic on Friday. One traffic death marred the quiet week.

The major activity was by Sheriff Jeter Taylor and State Highway Patrolman Bill Clagon. Sheriff Taylor booked two men for abandonment and non-support of dependents, and took charge of 300 gallons of mash and an unattended steam whiskey distillery in the White Oak Pocosin. Patrolman Clagon investigated the wreck of the overturned auto of George Boomer one-half mile out on the Pollockville highway from Trenton. Boomer received fatal injuries, and two passengers, Joe Dove and Bud Bradley, were thrown from the vehicle, but not seriously injured.

But still most spectacular was the parade of the Negro citizens, with the Adkin High School Band from Kinston. The parade was led by Patrolman Clagon and Sheriff Taylor handled traffic for its uninterrupted march.

Adult farmers and 4-H Club boys are doing a good job of improving the stock of Hampshire hogs in Vance County, reports Assistant Farm Agent Hugh D. Barden.

### CHANGING WORLD

Mechanized marketing was sharply emphasized to at least one tobacco grower in the opening of the Kinston market last week. He claims he had to get special permission to take a mule-drawn load of tobacco into one warehouse . . . for sanitary and other reasons. He sold his tobacco, but pondered at the same time at the trucks and motor-drawn trailers surrounding himself and mule. He recalled when extensive stables were a part of any tobacco warehouse plan, for the care and feeding of the means of transportation.

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