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## Largest Crowd of Year Gathers At Trenton For Opening Superior Court

### FRIDAY CHECK TO BE MADE OF CORN PLOTS IN LENOIR

County Agent Joe Koonce, Jr., has invited every interested farmer to be on hand at 3:30 Friday at the Palmer Mewborn Farm at Mewborn's Crossroads in Vance Township of Lenoir County when a check is to be made of the more than 35 new hybrid varieties of corn planted there.

The test plot has been seeded, fertilized and cultivated by Bob Palmer, son-in-law of the owner and care has been taken to give each of the many types of corn an "even break" so that a fair check can be made of the adaptability of each to the soils of Lenoir County.

All farmers interested in increased corn yields are urged to make an effort to see the results of the more than 200 plots in this demonstration.

### 4-H BOYS BUY THREE FEEDER CALVES AT SALE

Three Lenoir County 4-H Club boys are certain to have feeder calves ready for the Cassell Farm Fair Show when it gets underway next April. They purchased calves last week at the feeder calf sale held in Rocky Mount.

Vance Williams, son of Redding Williams of Deep Run, who was a top prize winner in the swine division of the fat stock show last year, is one of the new Clifton Tyndall, sons of Linwood Tyndall of Pink Hill are the other two who now are getting ready for some prize ribbons and prize money at next year's show.

Interest in fattening out feeder steers is considerably ahead of last year at this time. Some 16 boys and girls in the county have orders in for steers and efforts are being made by extension department officials to obtain stock for them at reasonable prices.

On Friday of this week effort will be made to fill some of these orders at a sale being held at Maple Hill. If it is impossible to fill all the orders at this sale further attempts will be made at Western Carolina and Western Virginia sales later in the month and early in October. Prices are ranging from 25 to 28 cents for top feeder calves.

### No Seasonal Mix-Up

In an opinion handed down this week James MacRae Lamb, noted bird-watcher of Rountree Park, a suburb adjacent to Kinston, has stated that there are no snowbirds in the vicinity to confound the seasons. He says, however, that there is some bird-life even more rare—an albino sparrow. Some bird-watchers, he reports, have confused the pure-white creature with its cooler cousin. Lamb says he has had several opportunities for close study of the albino, even to noting faint brown markings of the male sparrow about its head. He promises to substantiate his opinion by some trapping activity as soon as he gets loose from the Williamson tobacco market.

The largest crowd of the year gathered in Trenton on Monday. Jones County Superior Court was convened by Judge E. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids, for the first time since last December. The courthouse was packed and the traffic on Trenton's main street was heavy.

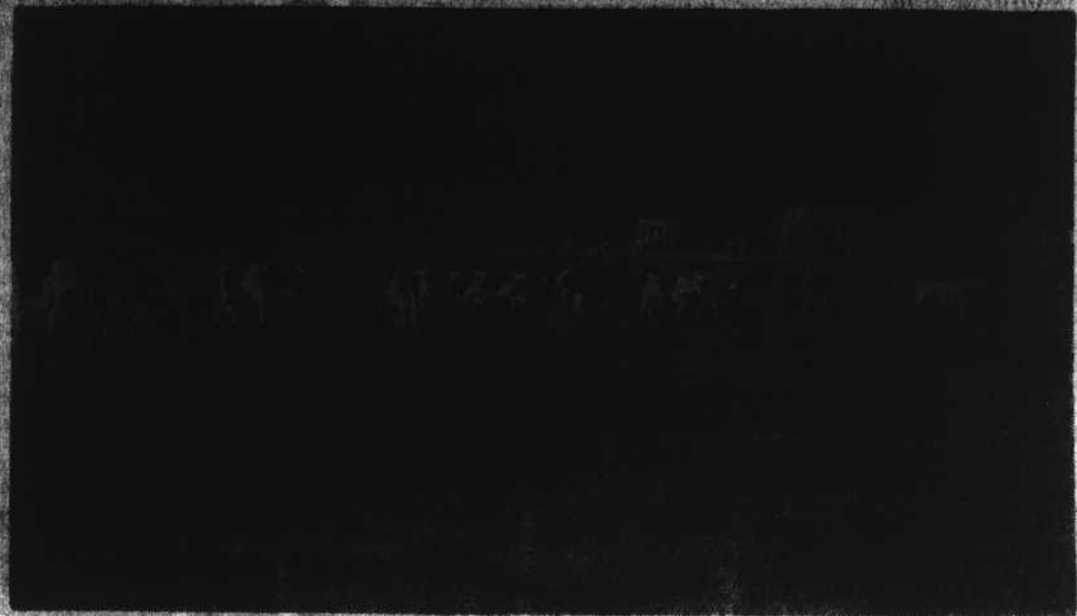
Following the empaneling of the 18-man Grand Jury Judge Parker instructed them in detail and at length on their duties as the chief fact-finding body of the county. The Grand Jurymen faced more than 100 bills of presentment or indictment upon retirement to their chamber.

Cecil Hargett was named foreman of the Grand Jury and Jack Mallard was designated its officer. The other members included F. L. Meadows, Johnnie Howard, C. M. Bynum, Murphy Duval, Ralph Scott, W. R. Booth, Earl D. Jones, H. P. Sutton, L. L. Eubanks, Bruce H. Simmons, Z. A. Koonce, Johnnie Brock, W. E. Phillips, John L. Bender, Emmett L. Mallard, Earl Killingsworth and R. L. Fordham.

A total of 107 criminal cases made up the docket of the court on Monday, Clerk Murray Whitaker reported, and 14 civil actions for divorce were scheduled for attention. The first case to be disposed of was that of attempted larceny against J. D. Heath and J. W. Tyson, in their attempt to take gasoline from a school bus on the property of Raymond Banks. The pair was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Parker.

Another case heard on the first day of the court was that of drunken driving against John Hughes White. White submitted, and despite it being his first indictment of any kind, under the prayer for judgment, had to pay a \$100 fine and costs and to surrender his driver's license for one year beginning September 19. He was allowed two days to complete the payment of the fine.

Assisting Judge Parker in the court were Solicitor Dick Bundy of Greenville, Superior Court Clerk Whitaker and Jones County Sheriff Jrtee Taylor.



Caswell Training School Herd On Temporary Pasture.—Whitaker-Leffew Photo.

## No One Answer To Livestock Feed Poser; Balanced Pasture Program And Ample Corn Acreage Needed

### SUNDAY MURDER

Police are holding Matthew Wiggins, Jr. of the Dawson Station section of Lenoir County on a charge of murder as the result of the death of John Frank Taylor of the same neighborhood, who succumbed to gunshot wounds at 12:30 p. m. Sunday in a Kinston hospital. Wiggins admits the shooting, officers say. The slaying took place at 10:30 Sunday morning.

### Arrests Are Few

The major arrest listed in Jones County this past week was that of William J. Turnage on a charge of reckless driving and no driver's license. The arrest was made by State Highway Patrolman Lem S. Meigs of Maysville, who is doing double duty in Jones County since the transfer of Corporal Bill Clagon to Morehead City. Turnage was required to post a \$200 bond for appearance in Superior Court this week. Sheriff Jeter Taylor said other arrests were of a minor nature for simple drunkenness and liquor law violations.

The men now in livestock production and those thinking about this new money crop in Eastern Carolina are confronted with one basic question: Cheap feed. Experts say Eastern Carolina can feed livestock as cheaply as any section of the United States but this feed program is not an overnight proposition and much intelligent work has to be done before the actual production of meat on the hoof is begun.

At this time of the year, with heavy, almost continual rains plaguing the farmer just at hay-making time, many anxious farmers are coming to the County Agent for some answer to this dilemma.

Lenoir County Agent Joe Koonce, Jr., this week-end again echoed the fact that there is no single answer but that the answer lies in properly doing many things. One immediate and easy to begin partial answer is spring hay as well as fall hay. Here the spring labor pressure of tobacco rears its head and causes this partial answer to meet with little approval from the average tobacco farmer.

Permanent and temporary pasture are perhaps the biggest means of whipping the hay question. Properly fertilized and seeded pastures can give over

300 days of grazing in this part of the State. Last year many farmers were able to graze their livestock for the full 366 days due to the mild winter.

Temporary pastures planted to supplement permanent pasturage late in the fall and early in the spring are an important part of this overall question.

Larger producers of livestock are turning to silage more and more. Green hay can be preserved in this manner and such a treatment comes in handy during a wet haymaking season such as Eastern Carolina is fretting with at present.

Ample corn acreage, intelligently grazed and planted permanent pasturage plus temporary pastures at the right time of the year can and will make livestock production expand profitably in Eastern Carolina. The trend is definitely, in this direction and not even 50-cent tobacco is going to prevent final recognition of such a deep-seated agriculture trend.

### SCOUTS AT TRENTON GET A NEW CHARTER

A major event for Trenton's Troop 109 of the Boy Scouts of America took place on last Tuesday at a dinner in their honor by their sponsor, the Trenton Rotary Club. The 24 members of the troop received a charter under the new reorganization of the unit.

The special guest of the occasion was Dr. W. L. Hand of New Bern, commissioner of the Crojopam District, who presented the document to Rotary Club President W. C. Moore. Troop officials receiving the charter from President Moore were Scoutmaster Darris Koonce and Assistant Scoutmaster Mack Griffin. The troop this year expects considerable growth, the officials said.

### BASEBALL FAN

An ardent rooter for the Kinston Eagles, who for obvious reasons prefers to remain unknown, was the victim Sunday of some individual who stole his automobile while he was attending the ball game. This is not super-unusual but the reason the fellow prefers to remain anonymous is the fact that his wife died Sunday morning and he just had to see them Eagles beat "Pappy" Williams Sunday afternoon.

### READY FOR 1949 FAIR ACTIVITY



This new building is the home of the Glen Newton Smith American Legion Post in Trenton, and on October 25 it will have its first major use. It will be the main exhibit hall on the Trenton Fairgrounds on the shores of Brock's Mill Pond. Much of the labor and materials for the construction of the attractive and sturdy building was donated by the members of the 134-man post. The

30 by 80-foot building has a concrete floor, ideally suited for fair activity, as well as many other community events such as dances. In its construction are two 18-foot doors and one five-foot door. The building was dedicated last week when a delicious barbecue supper was served. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)