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There were hundreds of entries at the Jones County Fair last week but these were the fairest of them all. They are 17 of the county's beauties in the contest to be named Queen of the Fair. The Queen, Melba Banks, representing the Maysville Home Demonstration Club, is seated at center. Her maids of honor seated at left and right are Agnes Faye Mallard, representing the Highway Safety Division and Barbara Ann Mallard representing Mallardtwn. Oth-

er beauties, standing, are Helen Whitfield, Babley Hargett, Vina Faye Smith, Dot Jones, Jean Wilson, Martha Byrd, Maude Howard, Hazel Moore, Lottie Chadwick, Martha Turner, Daphne Davis, Audrey Phillips, Doris Waters, and Alice Moore. They represented other Home Demonstration Clubs, 4-H Clubs and the American Legion in the county. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

Success of 1949 Jones County Fair Promises Better Event In 1950

The Fair grounds in Trenton Saturday night they rang down the curtain on the most successful Agricultural Fair ever held in Jones County. It has been estimated that 18,000 persons passed through the gates of the Fair in the five-day period. The peak day was Friday, School Day, when the Fair site on the shores of Brock's Mill Pond was crowded with 6,000 men, women and children. The closing day on Saturday was a close runner-up with a count of 5,000.

There were 642 exhibits en-

gaged in the pens and poultry in the exhibit cages.

The Fair directors and officers were tired but happy men this week when the final figures on the Fair showed a profit to give a boost for a bigger and better Fair in 1950. Paid admissions alone, including season tickets, are expected to go above 6,500, and the percentage from the midway amusements will add to the sum for the promotion of next year's fair.

Even the weather was perfect

for the Fair. During the five days only one light shower of rain fell, and that was needed. Human behavior was also above par for the Fair. Not one arrest was made.

The big days of the Fair were Friday and Saturday, as indicated by the attendance figures. On Friday all school children were admitted free, and it seemed that every one was there. The special program for Friday was outstanding with special contests—pie eating, bubble gum, balloon blowing and all the rest. The attraction on Saturday was the crowning of Miss Jones County Fair. That honor went to Melba Banks of Maysville, who received her crown from Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Harris of Grantsboro.

Join The Farm Bureau

TURN IN CARDS

Lenoir County AAA Secretary Horace Mewborn and Jones County AAA Secretary Nelson Barker have asked that all tobacco growers be reminded to turn in their marketing cards. A good many planters have already turned in their cards but a great many have not yet complied with this regulation. It is necessary that the cards be turned in so that final statistics for the 1949 crop can be compiled. AAA offices in both counties are open five days each week but are closed on Saturday. Persons not wishing to make a special trip to the office may drop them in the mail at their convenience.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kinston Production Credit Association will be held on December 3; it has been announced by Secretary Yates Creech at Kinston. The program for the meeting has not yet been completed. Details of the meeting, which in the past has been of widespread interest to farmers concerned with agricultural financing, will be announced later, Creech said.

BAPTISTS CONVENE

Thousands of people crowded Trenton last week, but on two of those days some 500 were there for a special purpose. They were delegates to the annual convention of the Atlantic Baptist Association, representing more than 10,000 persons in Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Onslow and Jones Counties. On Thursday and Friday the delegates reviewed the year's work of the churches in the association under the direction of M. L. Davis, moderator. In the introduction of new pastors on Thursday, the members of the host church met the Rev. Dallas Hill, who will serve Trenton, Piney Grove and Pollocksville, beginning at Trenton on Sunday at 11 a. m.

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

The ladies of Jones County's Home Demonstration Clubs have barely had time to get their breath from the Jones County Agricultural Fair, but they still have a big event coming up on Friday. Home Demonstration Agent Mary Helen Loftis reports that Achievement Night will be held at 6 p. m. in the Agriculture Building on that day. A picnic supper will be served, and the county commissioners have been invited to attend. The speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Verona J. Langford, eastern district home demonstration agent.

By practicing chemical defoliation—ridding the plant of its leaves—many Tar Heel farmers are improving both the yield and the quality of their cotton crops.

Goldsboro Lumber Co. Farms Sold To Edenton Men In Deal Last Week

A name which has been predominant in Jones County agricultural circles, even on highway road markers, is in the process of being erased. The Goldsboro Lumber Company farms have been sold. Three huge tracts, totaling 2,478.4 acres in the southwest section of the county in Tuckahoe and Chinquapin Townships, have been sold by the lumber firm, Johnson and Wimsatt, Inc., to A. C. Boyce and Jeff White of Edenton. The lumber firm, however, has retained 1,555.6 acres of Jones County woodland for its future operations.

State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Trenton was trustee for the \$98,500 land sale. In the sale agreement the lumber firm reserved timber rights on the lands for a period of five years. Ten thousand dollars was paid by the purchasers in the execution of the sale agreement, \$40,000 in cash will be paid in the transfer and payment of the \$48,500 will be made on a deed of trust over a seven-year period. The sale agreement was executed by W. H.

Lachman for Johnson and Wimsatt.

Forty per cent of the 2,478.4 acres purchased is estimated to be cleared for cultivation. Records of the Production and Marketing Administration show that 698 of them are currently in cultivation, and 107.4 acres are planted in tobacco. The new owners are reported to be engaged already in large scale, modern farming operations around Edenton. Mr. White will be the manager of the Jones County operation.

The extensive farming tract is mainly comprised of what is known as the old S. H. Isler farm. In the survey of the three tracts one survey line was reported to run 17 miles without a curve. The option agreement executed by the two parties included 4,034.5 acres for the sum of \$112,000, but that option was only partially exercised by the purchasers. In the final boundary settlements an adjustment of 280 acres had to be made with the adjoining lands of Council Wood-



The standout pie-eating champion of Jones County is Wesley Mallard, shown here in fancy shirt, freckles and pie. The picture was taken in the heat of contest at the Jones County Agricultural Fair last week and caught the action at the instant of shock and amusement. The champ has just discovered that he ate a part of the paper pie

plate, thinking it was a tough crust. His plate-eating progress can be seen. He corrected his handicap to go on to win easily over eight other youngsters. His pie-and-plate eating ability put his competitors off balance in their effort, as can be seen by their expressions. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)