

Carolina Taking Bigger Part In National Farm Bureau's Affairs

Seven Lenoir Countians last week were in attendance at the annual convention of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus in Chicago. The local delegation was headed by Lenoir County Farm Bureau President John A. Shackelford and included the following: Home Agent Sus Brickhouse, Marguerite Grady, Jack Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith and Bert Smith.

President Shackelford said this week-end that the convention was the most "peaceful" he had attended in several years. Shackelford says farmers of the nation are more nearly united today than ever before.

"There were no loud squawks about the tobacco control situation this year as in years past," Shackelford says. "The feeling seemed to be: Since the tobacco program is the only one that pays its own way, the tobacco folks should be allowed to run it." Shackelford pointed out.

North Carolina's Flake Shaw is still one of the most influential farm leaders in the nation, Shackelford says, and Hookerton's Alonza Edwards was highly commended for his hard and intelligent work on several of the conventions most important committees.

Shackelford also pointed out that North Carolina has by far the biggest membership of any bureau group in the south and is gradually creeping up on the highly organized states in the middle west. "Those states like Illinois and Iowa have just about reached the limit of their membership but North Carolina, with the nation's second greatest number of farms (second only to Texas) hasn't scratched the surface as far as potential membership is concerned," Shackelford concluded.

STATE RETAIL SALES TOP TWO BILLION IN PAST FISCAL YEAR

The past fiscal year (July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949) saw retail sales in North Carolina reach an all-time high, for the first time passing the two billion dollar mark. The actual figure was \$2,187,223,018. This was a 4.5 percent increase over the previous 12 month period when retail merchants of the state dispensed \$1,998,536,457 worth of goods.

Charlotte, the State's largest city, of course topped its smaller sisters in this flood of sales. Kinston ranked 16th among the State's cities and Lenoir County with total sales of \$27,272,335 ranked 20th among the counties of the state.

In Eastern Carolina Raleigh was high city on the sale totem pole and Wilmington was not too far behind. In order, the other East Carolina cities were as follows: Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro.

In order of their total sales the East Carolina cities of over 10,000 population rank as follows: Raleigh, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Rocky Mount, Goldsboro, Wilson, Kinston, Greenville, New Bern, Elizabeth City.

Total retail sales for the 126 retail establishments in Jones County were \$1,807,534.

On July 1, 1949 Lenoir County had 766 retail establishments, Craven 698, Wayne 1,074.

Double Court Victory

The Trenton High School boys and girls basketball teams took a double decision last week from Deep Run. The boys swarmed

over the visitors 69-21, with Killingsworth and Beaman netting 26 points each. Deep Run's Howard scored high with seven points against the excellent defensive play of Trenton's Kellum and DeBruhl. The Trenton girls did almost as well with a 45-25 victory, with Loftin leading the scoring with 14 points. Jones made the high mark for the Deep Run Girls with 11 points.

Passed Away

CLYDE WHITE, 28-year-old Kinstonian, died in a local hospital early Friday after a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 3:30 Saturday and burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery.

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One of Lenoir County's oldest and best known citizens, died at the age of 91 early Monday afternoon at his home near Kinston. Funeral services were to be conducted at 3 Wednesday and burial was to follow in Maplewood Cemetery.

BENJAMIN F. SIMMONS

69 year-old retired farmer of Pollocksville Township, died Sunday in a New Bern Hospital after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held at 3 Monday from Lee's Chapel Baptist Church and burial followed in a family cemetery.

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