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## HOME IMPROVEMENT EXAMPLE



The handsome white-shingled home above is that of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shackelford, just south of Trenton, and three months ago it looked like the inset picture, in which Mr. Shackelford appears with his tractor. The completely remodeled house is gleaming inside as well as out, too. It has been re-floored all over in hardwood and pine, and the walls have been painted and re-decorated. In the kitchen is a new home freezer as well as other modern appliances and equipment. Also among the many farm improvements

not shown here is a new five-acre plot of permanent pasture. The home was an old one when the Shackelfords began their work. Years ago the farm was the site of a government distillery, and part of the home was once used as an office. The Shackelfords have entered the Better Farming for Better Living Contest this year for the first time, and the start they have made indicates they will be top contenders, according to County Agent A. V. Thomas. (Whitaker-Leffew photo)

## Jones County's Bureau Holds First 1950 Meet; Names State Delegates

More than 100 members of the Jones County Farm Bureau gathered in the Agriculture Building in Trenton on Friday night for the first meeting of the new year. The principal business of the meeting was the appointment of delegates to the state convention of the Farm Bureau in Raleigh February 12 to 15.

Jones County will have three votes at the 1950 convention and for those votes three delegates and alternates were named. They were Lee Fordham, J. K. Dixon, Jr., W. G. Mallard, Rom Mallard, County President R. P. Bender and Thomas Stillely. The delegates and alternates will also be designated to serve as members of the various commodity conferences of the convention.

Other delegates to the convention named at the meeting were women representatives to the Associated Farm Women part of the state meeting. They were Mrs. W. G. Mallard, Mrs. Rom Mallard and Mrs. Z. A. Koonce. Guest speaker at the meeting was John Eagles of Greene County who discussed the work of the Farm Bureau at the recent national convention at Chicago. He urged a more complete membership of all farmers in the organization, pointing out their need of union for strength.

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## HOW TO SAVE MEAT

The "up and down" action of the weather so far this year has probably caused many farmers to lose part or all the meat they may have killed. Many farmers who have had this trouble before say there is no need for this loss, since a little extra work and very little additional expense will prevent meat being spoiled by a sudden upward swing of the temperature. The remedy suggested by several who have had success so far is: Take a steel drum, fill it with ice, throw a few handfuls of salt on the ice, bank the fresh-killed meat around the drum and cover with a tarpaulin. Of course the very best method if possible is to get the meat in the nearest freezer locker plant, but if the locker plant happens to be swamped, give this method a trial. It is certainly better than doing nothing and having to dig a hole and bury several hundred pounds of spoiled meat.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GROUP FORMED AT MAPLE GROVE CHURCH

A Methodist Youth Fellowship group has been organized at the Maple Grove Methodist Church. There were 20 young people present last week at the first meeting of the group under the direction and supervision of Luther Tyson, assisted by Pastor and Mrs. Charles B. Long.

Officers elected by the group were Jean Kellum, president; Carson Tyson, vice-president; Iris Jenkins, secretary; Garland Loftin, treasurer; Ray Harrison, song leader; and Maxine Harrison, choir leader. A number of committees were appointed as well.

All young people in the 12 to 25 year age group are invited to attend the meetings of the Fellowship at the Maple Grove Church each Wednesday at 7 p. m.

## Home Club Council To Begin 1950 Work Monday

The first meeting of the new year will be held by the county council of Jones County's eleven Home Demonstration Clubs at 2:30 p. m. Monday in the Trenton Agriculture Building, Mrs. Wilma Mallard, council president, has announced.

The major part of the session will be taken up with a discussion of the outlook for the work of the clubs in the coming year, Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin said. A special guest at the year's first meeting will be Mrs. Verona Langford, district home demonstration agent, who will take an important part in the discussions.

## Convalescing at Home

Register of Deeds George Noble is continuing to get better from a heart ailment suffered recently, which required his hospitalization. He is now able to spend a part of each day out of bed and to receive visitors at his Trenton home.

The 1949 pig crop totaled 96.3 million head, an increase of 13 per cent over the previous year. National 4-H Club Week will be observed March 4 to 12.

## SECOND COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB IN JONES IS AT MALLARDTOWN

A second neighborhood 4-H club leaders of five women's adult groups met this week at the Trenton Agriculture Building to plan the work under the direction of Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin.

The second neighborhood club is in the Mallardtown community, under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. Mallard and Mrs. Rom Mallard. The Mallardtown club had 33 members present at the first meeting, which followed that of the Oak Grove group of two weeks. Other Jones County Home Clubs now busy on preliminary organization plans are the Piney Grove, Crooked Pine and Foy's units.

Home Agent Loftin pointed out to the organizing group how much better the 4-H club work could be carried out in the neighborhood groups without the general limitations of school hours. The organizing plan will be presented to all 11 of Jones County's Home Clubs before the program is completed.

Home Club 4-H leaders attending the meeting this week, besides those mentioned were Mrs. Linwood, Scott of Oak Grove, Mrs. Nixon Mallard of Piney Grove, Mrs. G. J. Smith, Mrs. Lewis Philyaw and Mrs. Marvin Wiggins of Crooked Pine, and Mrs. Bromo Spivey and Mrs. Tilman Holloman of Foy's.

## Net Fishing Permits

The net-fishing season for shad and herring in streams and rivers opened on January 1st, but fishermen must have a permit for the fishing, Jones County's District Game Protector C. B. Parker warns. The cost of the license is 50 cents for 100 yards of net and for each fraction thereof. The net-fishing season ends on June first.

The 1950 marketing quota for fine-cured tobacco is 1,097,000, 500 pounds.

Hatcheries and dealers serving the Chatham and Wilkes commercial broiler areas placed 277,000 chicks with producers during the week ended January 7. This is an increase of 80,000

county farm agent. The Bureau of Dairy Industry was established in 1924. Burley tobacco production in the State in 1949 totaled 10,740,000 pounds.

## Fire at Ten County Grain Warehouse; Loss Is Nearly \$100,000



A roaring inferno of flame in less than one-half hour at noon Monday consumed 10,000 bushels of corn stored by the Production and Marketing Administration at the parity backing of \$1.57 per bushel in the warehouse of the Ten County Grain Company on McDaniel and Shine streets here and left the grain company loser by approximately another \$75,000 from the loss of its entire plant and several thousand dollars worth of materials.

The alarm reached the fire department at two minutes past noon and two minutes later when firemen arrived at the 80 by 200 foot warehouse it was a solid sheet of flame from one end to the other. In another five min-

utes the entire roof had collapsed.

The firemen worked to contain the fire and to prevent its spread to nearby dwelling houses. Fortunately the wind was from the west. Wind from another direction would have swept the 100 foot high flames into adjacent dwellings.

One line of hose laid across the street from the warehouse burned in two while carrying a full load of water.

Lester Grady, owner of the company, says the only records saved from the fire were those on the PMA corn which had been stored there from all over Eastern Carolina. The fire began around a shuck baler in one end of the building. In seconds

the 34-year-old building was swept by flame.

Grady and his helpers managed to get their records from the building, but minutes later an exploding gasoline tank spread the fire to these records and they were consumed. Grady says, "Even our accounts receivable were burned. We'll just have to depend on the honesty of the folks who owe us."

The giant column of smoke that rose from the fire could be seen 20 miles away at least.

Grady says the government corn was covered by insurance but none of the rest of the property was covered. Grady said, "This bankrupts us, but none of us was hurt and we can still work."