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Third Jones County Fair Scheduled Oct. 23-28 At Directors Meet Friday

The date of the Third Annual Jones County Agricultural Fair this year has been set by the board of directors of the Fair Association. It will be held October 23 to 28, newly-elected President Darris W. Koonce has announced.

The highly successful event of the past two years will be sponsored again in 1950 by the Glen Newton Smith American Legion Post of Trenton, and again will be held on the Legion grounds on the shore of Brock's Millpond, Koonce said.

The management staff of the past events has also been retained to continue its function. The general director will be State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., Harry S. Waller is superintendent, Mrs. Carl Flowers, secretary, and Farm Agent A. V. Thomas, program director, Koonce said.

The Jones County fair association has also become a member of the State Agricultural Fairs Association, President Koonce has reported. He was in attendance at the recent meeting of the state organization in Raleigh.

A review of the 1949 Fair by the directors at their meeting revealed a profit of \$1,100, ten per cent of that amount going to the association and remainder returned to the sponsoring Legion. The gross return of the fair is \$11,000.

Applications for the 1950 fair are being accepted by the Jones County 4-H Club boys who wish to get a start in sweet potato growing with certified stock of the Farm Bureau Sweet Potato Chain should make their applications now at the Agriculture Building in Trenton, it has been announced. Only 12 to 15 boys can be taken care of in the first distribution of the certified stock, so the applications will be screened and those with the best facilities for taking care of the crop will be chosen, it was stated.

LOSES TOBACCO

In 1949 Floyd Brown of Trenton had a tobacco allotment of 1.6 acres but in 1950 he will have exactly none. This was the decision of the Jones County Production and Marketing Association Committee when it met Monday and studied the violations Brown had made during the past growing season. Brown had planted 2.6 acres and had an estimated 2,000 pounds production on this total acreage. But when he turned in his red marketing card there was only 676 pounds sold on it. As a penalty for this juggling of his 1949 sales Brown had his 1.6 acres taken away and now also has a \$191.95 bill due to the Treasurer of The United States, the penalty on the unaccounted-for poundage.

LARVAE BLIGHT SEEN ON TOBACCO BEDS IN THIS SECTION

Midge Larvae has been observed on tobacco plant beds in Jones and Lenoir Counties, it has been reported by the Extension Service officials. The borers worms make their way in the soil to damage the root systems

to apply a five per cent DDT dust to the affected beds, one pound to each 100 square yards, the officials said.

It was also noted by the extension service staffs that the blue mold blight had been reported in Georgia plant beds. The time to take counter-measures against the mold with fumigant spraying is when the young plants have reached the size of a ten cent piece.

In some sections of Jones and Lenoir Counties the plants are just beginning to break the soil surface of the beds, it has been reported.

GRIFFIN GETS AWARD



The high light of National Boy Scout Week which was celebrated with special programs in Jones County last week was the presentation of a set of bronze book-ends to Scoutmaster Mac Griffin by the Scouts of Troop 100. Griffin on the left above is seen receiving the token of esteem from Assistant County Agent George Wiggins.

PRIZE PIG LITTER IN JONES COUNTY



The litter of 12 pigs shown here is the largest ever to be recorded in Jones County at eight weeks. They weigh 431 pounds, and their owner, W. C. Flowers, at center, expects them to weigh a ton in six months through feeding on ladino clover grazing. The mother of the litter is a grade sow

of Poland China-Duroc-Berkshire origin, and in her first litter had 10 pigs weighing 376 pounds at eight weeks. Standing with Flowers is Jones County Farm Agent A. V. Thomas. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

GOVERNOR IN JONES

Governor W. Kerr Scott will be a Jones County visitor February 24, it has been announced by State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr. The state executive will appear at 9:30 in the American Legion Hall for the graduation

scheduled to present diplomas to some 36 graduates at a dinner meeting, said Larkins, who will introduce the governor. Two hundred and fifty persons are expected at the dinner, over which John Hughes Pollock is scheduled to preside.

TWO WHISKEY STILL DESTROYED IN JONES

Two whiskey distilleries have been taken and destroyed in Jones County in the past week, Sheriff Jeter Taylor has reported. Both were of 50-gallon steam boiler capacity.

In Pollocksville Township the distilling equipment had just been fired up for the 200 gallons of mash on hand, but the operator fled and eluded the Sheriff, Deputy Brown Yates and Game Protector C. R. Parker.

The still in Chinquapin Township was of the copper variety but was cold and unattended, with 100 gallons of mash nearby for processing, the Sheriff said.

Both of the distilleries were destroyed at the scene

Two Cut In Affray

The principal piece of violence in Jones County during the past week was a knife affray in which two persons were injured, both Negroes, Sheriff Jeter Taylor has reported. In Beaver Creek Township following an argument Zelma Parker inflicted knife wounds on Roy Parker and fled. He was pursued and knifed by Charile Sheppard, a cousin of the first-wounded man. The wounds were not of a serious nature, and the knife wielders were required to post \$150 bonds for Superior Court trial in a hearing before Magistrate J. K. Dixon.

Soil erosion removes 66 tons of soil per year from an acre of bareland. Only three-tenths of a ton is lost per year from an acre of pasture sodland.

Present Plan Imperfect, But 'Brannan Plan' Not Answer, Says Dr. Joyner

A VALENTINE PARTY FOR THEIR MENFOLK

Valentine Day was observed in Trenton last week by the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post there, with a party for their husbands and friends. Some 30 persons enjoyed the event at the home of the Glen Newton Smith post on the shore of Brock's Millpond.

In keeping with the theme of the evening all of the Auxiliary members had a red and white Valentine pinned on them by Mrs. Margaret Greene upon their arrival.

A program of recreational games was led by Miss Macy Mallard, and the main entertainment of the evening was square dancing and a Virginia Reel. A delicious refreshment course was also served.

HOME AGENT NOTES

Three Jones County Home Demonstration Clubs will meet in the coming week, it has been announced by Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin. They are the Pleasant Hill club at 2:30 p. m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Theron Humphrey, and the Foy's Club at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Jennings Moore.

Tractor Maintenance Tip

Assistant Jones County Farm Agent George Wiggins attended a tractor maintenance school at Raleigh last week and is bursting with information on the care and feeding of tractors. He says he will get around to passing all of the information on to as many people as will listen, but insists on passing one thing on now. One gallon of gasoline, he says, requires 9,000 gallons of air for efficient combustion, so the oil bath air cleaner must be kept clean, particularly in dusty plowing.

educator, said last week in comment on the so-called "Brannan Plan" after the annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Farm Bureaus, "I'd rather stick with the practical and proven than to try the theoretical and untried."

Dr. Joyner admitted, however, "We have the answer with the present farm program to the non-perishable farm products, but we have got to find something better for perishable produce."

The tobacco program has been a model, Dr. Joyner asserted, that has worked and never cost the government anything. It has more than paid its way. The program of crop controls under which tobacco and several other major farm commodities are adjusted annually is a basic approach to the age-old problem known as "Supply and Demand", Dr. Joyner reminds.

"No man-made laws are going to be a 100 per cent answer to this problem," the doctor declares, "but it behooves us to do every intelligent thing we can to eliminate the great periods of both over and under production."

Dr. Joyner admits that 15 years ago he never could have dreamed of the powerful and efficient organization farmers have today and he further agreed that although government "by pressure group" was not always in the best interest of all concerned, that the farmer assuredly had the duty of maintaining and supporting the strongest kind of "pressure group" for himself.

ORDERS AVAILABLE

PMA Secretary Nelson Barker reminds all Jones County farmers that it is now possible to obtain lime, fertilizer and seed orders for establishment of permanent pastures. These orders will be available until March 15. All who wish to have part of the expense of a permanent pasture paid by the government are reminded of this deadline.