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"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

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The avowed destination of U. S. Senatorial Candidate Willis Smith of Raleigh is the Nation's Capitol, after the second Democratic Primary contest with incumbent Senator Frank Graham on June 24. Kinston was a brief stop on that planned itinerary last week when Candidate Smith came by from a swing through Onslow and Duplin Counties. He is shown here in front of the Hotel Kinston, where the Disabled American Veterans state convention was being held, with some friends, with whom he consulted about campaign strategy. In the group, left to right, is Luke Jackson, Jr., Howell Rasberry, Thomas Mewborn, Candidate Smith and George Knott, Jr. Approaching the group at left is R. A. Whitaker.—(Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

TVA Expert's Remarks Highly Flattering About Jones County's Program

Editor's note: Following here is a report from H. A. Powers, Tennessee Valley Authority farm expert who is checking on fertilizer uses in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Virginia, Tennessee and North Carolina to expedite usage of TVA-produced fertilizers. He visited Jones County last month along with C. B. Batchford, extension farm management supervisor from State College.

By H. A. POWERS

I was quite impressed with the things I saw in Jones County. Of course, the most eye-catching thing is the wonderful pastures now growing all over the county. I have never seen better pastures ANYWHERE. The pastures should mean a great deal to Jones County in the future.

A well balanced program is being followed. The farmers are keeping their cash crops and are adding grass and livestock. The pastures are being produced on land which is unsuited to tobacco and even to corn or soybeans. Some of the pastures which we saw on the farm of W. E. Phillips and several of the Malladds ought to produce the feed equivalent of 60 to 80 bushels of corn per acre. It would be prac-

tically impossible to make this much corn year after year on this land and then think of the labor that is saved.

The thing that impressed me most as an Extension worker is the fact that the County Extension Staff and the farmers know the kind of agriculture that they want in Jones County, know how to get it, and are working at getting it. They realize that they must cooperate to secure many of the things they want. The seed exchange is a good example of the way the farmers are cooperating to good advantage.

Perhaps the greatest problem on the farms I visited is securing more cattle to utilize the pastures which are growing so well. The grass will pay off only if fed through livestock. All the farms we visited had surplus grass. Now the pastures must come first but as the pastures are secured, livestock must be added. Cattle are very high and certainly good judgment must be used in buying additional cattle. I saw a lot of hogs, however, on poor pastures which could make good use of the Ladino pastures. Perhaps adding hogs is the immediate solution to a surplus of grass. Another problem is keeping a

Tobacco Must Be Cut Down Now

Lenoir County FMA Secretary Horace Mewborn and Jones County Secretary Nelson Barker this week asked that all tobacco farmers be reminded that excess tobacco acreage must be cut down before any of it is "cropped" off and put in the curing barns. Also the secretaries reminded that only five days are allowed for the appeal posting of a \$3 remeasurement fee. After five days if the farmer with excess acreage has not reported for an appeal or has not cut down the excess acreage then his crop is based on the first figure given by the measurement of FMA officials. Both Mewborn and Barker urged that every farmer pay close attention to the notice of his farm measurement and if excess acreage is indicated on this report it is the duty of the individual farmer to report within five days whether he intends to cut it down or not. Tobacco from which even one curing has been "cropped" can not be cut down and used as a credit, they both emphasized.

Bridge Held Up

Negotiations are continuing on the part of the claims division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission in an effort to purchase from Kinston Cafe Operator Sproes Maroules enough land to relocate the tower of Radio Station WFTC which now stands almost squarely in the middle of the right-of-way for the new bridge that has been contracted for across Neuse River at the foot of King Street in Kinston. Technical conditions make it impossible to move the tower further from the Radio Station which is now located just three blocks away and the highway department faces the responsibility of supplying the station with an adequate location to locate the tower. Maroules, who owns the land adjacent to the tower has "been most difficult to deal with," a high official of the department has stated. "In 17 years this is the toughest nut I've tried to crack," the official says.

Fewer chickens will be raised on farms in 1950 than in 1949.

Eagle Home Game

Friday, June 23, Tarboro.

Saturday, June 24, New Bern.

Monday, June 26, Wilson.

Wednesday, June 28, Greenville.

lot of workstock after tractors are added. When a tractor is added, some of the mules should go. I realize mules are cheap and they do not cost much to keep when good grazing is available. In many cases, however, it would be a wise thing to give the mules away if they cannot be sold. Get rid of the mules as they are not needed and add productive livestock.

My hat is off to Mr. Thomas and the Jones County farmers for doing a good job. Also, I appreciate the hospitality which was offered.

Search For Baby Called Off by Taylor and Koonce

The search for a missing Negro baby at Maysville has been abandoned for the time being after thorough digging-up of gardens in the effort to find the remains of a body, it has been announced by Jones County Sheriff Jeter Taylor. The search began when an anonymous letter accused Rebecca Cannady, 15, of disposing of a newborn child, on the night of May 11.

Taken into custody the girl told conflicting stories, accusing first her grandmother, Laura Cannady, and then Millicent Moore of burning and disposing of the infant. Paternity of the child was admitted to the sheriff by Colon Moore, 17, who had been giving money to the girl since March 1949.

The search for the corpus delicti disrupted several gardens and outhouses near the homes of those involved in the accusations. But nothing was found by Sheriff Taylor and Welfare Superintendent F. J. Koonce, Sr.

The girl has now been remanded to the custody of her mother in New York City under a \$200 appearance bond as a material witness by Juvenile Court Judge Murray Whitaker, following con-

Pink Hill Clubmen Unanimously Favor Hospital Acceptance

After hearing Kinston Lawyer Jesse Jones and Hospital Board Member George Jordan speak Monday night on the plan for acceptance of Memorial General Hospital and issue of \$465,000 for its expansion by the county, members of the Pink Hill Business Men's Club voted unanimously in favor of the plan.

The Pink Hill clubmen added their names to the growing list of Lenoir Countians who are joining in the effort to get Kinston the best possible hospital facilities. Citizens of the county will go to the polls on July eighth to decide the issue.

The number of forest fires in the United States increased approximately 11 per cent during 1949, but the total acreage burned was less than that swept by fire in 1948.

sultations with state and county Welfare Department authorities. The Moore woman is also bonded in the amount of \$250 as a material witness pending any further developments.

Neuse River Still Yields Many Fish to Those On Its Length Who Still Try

Neuse River is a lot of things to a lot of people. It all depends upon where you are sitting just how this old muddy, ditch strikes you. Smithfield gets its water from it. Raleigh and Kinston dump their sewerage in it. Thousands of people young and old fish in it from its broad mouth at Pamlico Sound to its headwaters in Piedmont North Carolina.

Millions of fish are caught from it every year, yet a great many people complain and point out that fishing in "The River" ain't what it used to be. Perhaps the most often snagged fish that

swims these many miles of the old Neuse are catfish, the type pictured with the two young fishermen accompanying this story.

Perch by the thousand, carp, eels, bass—or as more popularly known in this part of the country "Chub"—are found nearly the full length of the fresh waters of the Neuse and from New Bern to the sound all the many varieties of salt water fish can be found in great number although they are generally mighty small since the advent of the shrimp trawler and the fine nets they use.



The two expert fishermen pictured here are Bobby (with the fish) and Billy Price and not like a great many fishermen they have evidence of their skill. These young men were just two of the hundreds that dropped a hook into some part of Neuse River last Saturday and their reward was the foot long catfish they so proudly display. There may be more royal fish in the world, more succulent (though some will argue this point) but none can compare the eyes of the eager pair shown above. Photo by Jack Rider.