

MAYOR MEGUP

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THE MIDDLES

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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"'Til Bet I Could Too Learn To Steer If You'd Only Let Me Try."

The Jones County Livestock Association in a meeting in the Agricultural Building in Trenton on Friday night voted the organization of a Livestock Improvement Association for the county and elected officers for that organization.

The special guest at the well-attended meeting was A. C. (Lon) Edwards of Hookerton, Greene County state representative and State Farm Bureau President. He was introduced to the assembly by County President R. P. Bender of Pollockville.

State President Edwards in his address emphasized the urgent need for every Eastern Carolina county to launch out on a sound livestock program. He cautioned his listeners, however, that they must grow into rather than buy into a sound livestock program.

Officers of the proposed organization elected by the county unit following the talk by State president Edwards were John Booth of Pollockville, president; Z. A. Koonce of Chinquapin Township, Vice-president; and W. E. Mallard of Trenton, secretary-treasurer. The various committees for the new organization will be named by the elected officers in consultation with County Farm Bureau officers this week.

The work of the association, it was pointed out, will be concerned with the improvement of all farm livestock, but particularly cattle and swine.

The State College Extension Service has launched a State-wide program to demonstrate new and remodeled farm homes. Eighteen farm families already have agreed to participate in the program.

Small grain yields in Richmond County this spring are much better than had been expected, reports County Agent N. L. Hendrix.

County Budget

In a special meeting on Monday the board of commissioners of Jones County made only one adjustment of the county's tentative budget for the 1950-1951 fiscal year beginning July 1st without increasing the \$282,330 budget requirement. The change involved the transfer of \$108 in the county general fund classification from miscellaneous personal services to Welfare Department administrative.

The change will add \$202 in state welfare funds to the county's budget and allow it to comply with the mandatory minimum salaries of the State Board of Public Welfare for County Welfare Superintendent F. J. Koonce, Sr., his secretary and his case workers.

Board Chairman Osborn Marland quoted a letter from Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board, to the effect that "It is, of course, mandatory upon all counties that the minimum salary for each position as established by the merit system be paid." The salary adjustments, the only ones included in the new budget, were made on that basis.

County auditor Earl E. Francks in a review of the budget pointed out to the commissioners that more than 91 per cent of the budget funds for Old Age Assistance in the county came from state and federal funds. Jones

County will receive the \$282,330 budget for that purpose in year.

Similarly, \$24,328 of the \$49 in the new fiscal year for aid to spend on children will come from state and federal sources. The county's part of the \$1.90 tax levy represents only 11 per cent of the total funds.

Francks reported that 85 per cent of the \$98,000 county school system budget figure will come from the state and federal governments also. Only 15 per cent of the county tax funds will be required for the school system, he said. The balance will come from non-tax sources such as court fines.

Of the total Jones County Budget of \$326,230 only \$58,500 is expected to come from the levy of \$1.90 per \$100 property valuation on the listed \$3,532,110 of Jones County real estate and other taxable property.

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