

Mrs. Loftin Resigns As Jones Co. Home Agent

The resignation of Jones County's home demonstration agent, Mrs. Mary Helen T. Loftin, has been handed to the board of county commissioners to be effective on August 1st.

Mrs. Loftin has held the position on the county's extension service staff for three years, following her graduation from Fiera McDonald College and work experience in Bladen County. She is a native of Clinton.

The retiring home agent said she was leaving Jones County with regret, but that she was going to move her residence to Raleigh to join her husband who was a member of the 1950 graduation class at State College, and who is now associated with the Motors Insurance Corporation of General Motors as a claim adjuster.

The position being vacated by Mrs. Loftin is expected to be filled by the State Extension Service, with the approval of the county board of commissioners.

2800 Bags of Potatoes Fed to Jones County Cattle and Swine

Two thousand, eight hundred bags of Eastern Carolina's surplus potato crop have gone into the livestock feed lots of Jones County. It is reported by Nelson Barker, county Production and Marketing Administration secretary. He said all of them were "very nice U. S. No. 1 grade." All

of them, however, were tinted with a vegetable dye, but were none the less edible, Barker said.

In all instances the 20 Jones County farmers applying for the bonus stock feed chose to pay 13 cents per hundredweight for the potatoes, preferring to have them in 100 pound bags for easier handling. The low price for self-loaded bulk potatoes was one cent per hundredweight. The largest single lot to come to the county was 200 bags to one farmer; most took them in 100 bag lots.

Barker said he did not expect any further applications from farmers in the county because of the growing distance to the dumping depots, which made the hauling costs prohibitive for stock feed.

Fight Begun Against Newcastle Disease in Local Poultry Flocks

The first counter-attack is now being made against the disease which in 1949 spread death among the poultry flocks of Jones County and threatened a serious setback to that division of the Jones County Agricultural Fair, Assistant County Agent George Wiggins has reported.

That disease is newcastle, which strikes the chickens in the nervous and respiratory systems, to bring death in many instances. A killed-virus type of vaccine is now being administered to the poultry flocks of the 4-H Club members throughout the county, Wiggins said, and it is expected to considerably diminish the threat to the flocks this year.

But another poultry disease, coccidiosis, one which strikes the digestive systems of the affected chickens, has been discovered Wiggins reported. Immediate steps against it have been taken by giving the flocks medicated feed and drinking water. The disease is not necessarily fatal, the assistant agent pointed out, but it greatly reduces the quality of the flocks and shows up particularly in the stunted growth of the chickens.

Home Club Schedule

The only home demonstration club meeting to be held in Jones County in the coming week is that of the Piney Grove Club on the Fourth of July, it has been announced by Home Agent Mary Helen Loftin. The club will meet at 3 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Fred Parker.

Commercial production of fruit would be impossible today anywhere in the United States without the insecticides produced by research.

Heavy Wind Damage

A heavy windstorm over the weekend did an estimated \$1,500 damage to the farm of Dr. Floyd Wooten in the Nobles Crossroads section and Monday night high winds struck in the Eastern edge of Jones County and around Dover, causing several thousand dollars damage. Dr. Paul Whitaker estimated that his tobacco crop was hurt at least 33 per cent and a car belonging to J. K. Biddle of Dover was ruined when a tree fell across it. Considerable damage was done to the home of another Dover citizen in the same manner.

Hot Weather Threat

Extremely hot weather is not only a burden on livestock, Jones County Assistant Farm Agent George Wiggins warns, but it gives aid to one of the worst enemies of the stock. That enemy is the screw-worm which during hot weather can develop in any cut or scratch. Wiggins urged that all farmers use Smear 62 or some similar treatment on any break of the skin found on stock by regular inspections. He said the boring screw-worms may be fatal eventually, if they are not stamped out, but that the sale value of cattle and swine would certainly be impaired if steps against the worms were not taken.

Two From Lenoir County On Western Tour For Teachers

Marietta Whitfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ike Whitfield, and Lillie Rae Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith, left last Sunday from Raleigh on a "Golden Circle Tour of the West" along with several other teachers from this area.

The 37-day tour will take the party to New Orleans, across Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, into California to Los Angeles, San Francisco, across Nevada, into Utah, Idaho, Colorado, and back east to Mammouth Cave, Ky.

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