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ALL KINSTON BASEBALL TEAMS NOT LOSING



Tobacco Losses in Area Serious But Not So Bad Overall As Many Think

By Jack Rider

Sharp disagreement can be found in any part of Lenoir or Jones counties right now on the question of how much damage the past two weeks rain did to the tobacco crop. Estimates range from 40 per cent downward. Some farms will lose at this high rate but it is certain that the overall loss in these two counties will not run so high.

Many individuals have been hit terrible blows by the rains and following floods, but it is most likely that both counties were hit very nearly as many times as in 1949. My reasons: 1. Until this two weeks of rain both Jones and Lenoir counties had the prettiest crop of tobacco in 20 years. It was far and away a better crop than last year's. It was such a good crop that it can stand a pretty good loss and still turn out as many pounds as last year's.

Reason No. 2 is my high respect for the individual ingenuity of the farmers in these counties. Admitting that some of the pessimistic forecasts are based on the fact that the to-

bacco will now ripen up faster than barn space can be provided. It is still my feeling that few farmers are going to stand idly by and let that high priced golden leaf dry up in the field. Don't ask me how. But some way the big percentage of farmers are going to find a way to get it out of the fields and into barns.

The Copeland Farms have already exhibited considerable forethought with their fast ripening fields in upper Jones county. They went to the area near Bailey where hail and wind had really wiped farmers out and reaped more than 20 barns—possibly more by this writing—and they hauled enough Jones County tobacco up there to fill all those barns.

Clever as this step was on the part of the Copeland management, it is evident that other farmers will find some way too. In Lenoir and Jones Counties there are farmers who had been wiped out by disease before the rains came. They have extra barn space and would be happy to get a little rent from them.

Reason No. 3 in my black book is the peculiar strength of the

Clinic Schedule

The Jones County Health Department has announced that immunization clinics are being held in the Courthouse office each Tuesday and Friday. All persons who have not received immunizations for typhoid fever, smallpox, diphtheria or whooping cough are urged to come in on those days for the protection of their own health, as well as that of their families and communities.

Returns to Duty

Mrs. Alma Vassey, Jones County public health nurse, has returned to her duties at the Health Department after a five weeks absence. Mrs. Vassey has been attending a special orientation course in public health work held at Elizabeth City by the State Board of Health.

tobacco plant. Some times it seems you can breath on a stalk and it'll curl up and die. Then again it will take all kinds of punishment and come back fighting. Unless the weather continues to be much more than nasty in this part of the country a lot of tobacco that looks sick now will rear back and straighten up.

Reason No. 4 lies in the fact that a lot of farmers had already gotten their second priming before the rains came. With one pulling last week and another this week the fields will be pretty well gone over and these early birds will here again have extra barn space for their friends who are caught with later crops.

New Bridge Note

District Highway officials say they "hope" to be near the end of lengthy negotiations to clear right of way for the new bridge allocated for Kinston across Neuse River at the foot of King Street. Difficulty had arisen in finding a suitable site for the tower of Radio Station WFTC which now stands square in the middle of the west approach to the bridge. Due to distance limitations it was not possible to move the tower much further away from the station, which is located two blocks away down King Street. Efforts to secure enough land for the tower from Cafe Operator Speros Maroules were not successful after much debate and now highway officials feel reasonably sure that they have secured a suitable site from Carl Stroud, who owns a strip of land just west of the river bank where a cotton gin used to stand. Contracts called for completion of the bridge within 190 working days after construction begins. Due to the right of way hold up the 190 day period has not yet begun against the contractor.

The Kinston Eagles have seen better times in many ways but the team represented by three of the players above has never had it so good. They are members of the Cardinals in the Kinston City League and at present they have a perfect percentage with three wins and no losses. From left to right the players are Catcher Johnnie Connor Jr. of the Cards. Infielder Johnnie Baldree, also of the Cards, Heavy Slugging Outfielder Jimmy Maroules of the Giants and Pitcher-Manager Darwin Williams of the Cards. The training these players get in the city's recreation program has a lot to do with the winning teams Coach Frank Mock develops at Grainger High School. Aside from the training angle, the players just plain have a good time. (Photos by Jack Rider)

Big Chinquapin Creek Drainage Discussion Is Set For 8 This Friday

Plans made and abandoned five years ago by Jones County farmers for relief from the water surplus in the watershed of Big Chinquapin Creek are being revived, it has been announced by D. Mack Griffin of the County Soil Conservation Service. A meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Friday at J. W. Griffin's store in the neighborhood of a number of farmers affected by the faulty drainage of the watershed.

The problems of the Big Chinquapin drainage project will be fully discussed at the meeting and further plans will be made to complete the project, Conservationist Griffin said. All farmers who live on land that drains into the creek or into its tributaries, as well as those farmers who have already sought the aid of the Soil Conservation Service, should attend the Friday meeting. Griffin said the views of all landowners in the affected area should be heard before the final drainage plans are made.

Huge Mortgage on File For ACL

A general mortgage has been filed in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds George Noble the amount of which exceeds many times the total valuation of all the real property in the county. The amount is \$200,000,000 covering the entire system and assets of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

The mammoth mortgage document was executed at New York on June 2nd, with Vice-President F. D. Lemmon signing for the railroad and Assistant Vice-President H. L. Smathers signing for the trust company. It is speculated in Jones County that a minute part of the \$200,000,000 will be spent for the rebuilding of the railroad's Trent River bridge at Pollocksville, as well as for other improvements to the 15 miles of track in the county.

Adkin Canal Relief May Come Sooner With New Step in another Direction

Relief may be coming sooner than expected, if not sooner than needed, on the sore subject of the Adkin drainage canal as the result of decisions reached Friday in a meeting of city officials and private property owners with members of the Soil Conservation Service.

District Drainage Engineer Richard Daily, meeting with John Burton, City Manager Bill Heard, City Attorney George Greene and Local Conservationist Ray Nobles, outlined the conditions under which a "corporate ditch" could be set up to solve the problem.

Conferences have been under way for some time, with little success, on the setting up of a "drainage district" to handle the problem but difficulty in obtaining full cooperation by all

parties involved has slowed effort in this direction down.

Under the legal provisions of a "corporate ditch" one party may set into motion the needed work for proper drainage and later have assessments levied against involved property owners. This method, however, is a one-shot proposition and does not exist after immediate aims have been reached. Under the "drainage district" method the problem is approached on a permanent basis and continuous effort is made to keep the system operating efficiently.

Agreements reached at the Friday meeting aim toward action in the very near future on this "one-shot" basis since immediate action is being demanded by city officials, who feel that delay cannot be longer tolerated.

WHAT CHURCH IS THIS?



This guessing game has been easy until now. This week is pictured a Jones County Church. The first person to identify this church will receive a three month free subscription to this paper. In order to give everyone an even break guesses must be sent by post card and the one with the earliest postmark will be the winner.