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## Enforced Vacation

Jones County Sheriff Jeter Taylor this week began a vacation from his law enforcement duties, but he was not very happy about it when he left. The sheriff is spending two weeks or so in Charlotte, in the Memorial Hospital there for an operation and treatment of a kidney ailment. The sheriff observed before he left for Charlotte that it was a good time for a vacation, enforced or not, in the absence of crime in the county. He said his major activity lately had been that of a collection agency, amounting to the redemption of \$500 in bad checks in the past month.

## Open House To Be Held Thursday at Ravenwood Farm

An open house will be held on Thursday on one of the oldest plantation sites in North Carolina, that will be of great interest to modern-day planters. On that day Ravenwood Plantation, now the Speight-Davis Seed Farm, a mile and one-half south of Pollocksville on Highway 17, will be open to receive visitors from Jones and surrounding counties at 2 p. m., it has been announced by Farm Manager C. L. Davis.

The visitors will be able to see on their tour the 300 acres of hybrid corn standing where cotton used to rule on the pre-Civil War plantation. There are in addition several new varieties of corn being tested in the fields as well as one of the newer varieties of soybeans. Cultivation of crops on the land dates back nearly 250 years. The land was some of the first settled by white men in North Carolina after the Revolution.

Dr. R. J. Jones, health officer, will make the visit on Thursday to be sure to do so. He said the tour of the seed plantings and the production of hybrid seed will give a valuable insight into their own work.

## Children Starting To School Should Complete Checks

Some 50 Jones County youngsters who will enter school for the first time next month may save some delay if their parents will bring them into the Health Department in the Trenton Courthouse in the meantime, Dr. R. J. Jones, health officer, has announced. They are those who have not yet completed the series of immunizations against smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough required by state law before entering public schools.

Dr. Jones said nearly two-thirds of the 150 youngsters of Jones County who will begin their first year of school in August have completed the required treatments, and others are coming into the Health Department, but one-third of the total usually does not get the treatments until the opening of school. He urged all children who have not yet had the immunizations to be brought in to the Health Department on any Tuesday or Friday so as not to interfere with the start of their school careers.

## Aid Totals \$23,037

During July the Lenoir County Department of Public Welfare issued checks totalling \$23,037 to the 1577 persons receiving old age assistance and aid to dependent children. Of this \$23,037 the county paid \$4,156.75 and the remaining \$18,878.25 came from state and federal funds. The 690 receiving old age assistance got an average check of \$25.93 for a total of \$17,894 and the 887 dependent children received average checks of \$17.07 for a total of \$15,143.

## INSPECTING GEORGIA-FLORIDA TOBACCO



Good news to hundreds of Kinstonians made its usual annual visit last week as the wheels in Kinston's tobacco plants began to turn again with the arrival of tobacco from Georgia and Northern Florida. Inspecting the golden leaves above at the L. B. Jenkins Co. Plant are Veteran Warehouseman Herman Laws, Jenkins Official, Harry Armistead and James Todd, another official of the local company. Millions of pounds of the nicotine weed have already arrived in Kinston and are now in the

process of losing stems, dirt and any resemblance it had to the green stuff that was in the fields of Georgia and Florida a few weeks ago. The big payroll from these processing plants also has caused a grin to spread over the usual long faces of merchants from one end of Kinston's business district to the other. The volume of tobacco will jump sharply this week with the opening of the Border markets in North and South Carolina.

(Photo by Whitaker-Leffew)

In North Carolina, experiments developed by the North Carolina Experiment Station, and worst accidents that can befall pastures have yielded the equi-Arlington Oats developed by the S. Department of Agriculture. Nearly 1,000 meat packing plants in this country now have Federal Inspection.

## EAGLE NEST FARMS MANOR HOUSE



The handsome home pictured here is the seat of Eagle Nest Farm in the western section of Jones County between Comfort and Hargett's Crossroad. Unlike many handsome old homes in this part of the state this one has been kept in good repair and today is as beautiful as when it was built before the Revolutionary War. It carries its more than 165 years with great ease and although it is nearly a mile from the paved road on a private lane it is worth the time it takes to ride up this sideroad and see it. Just who built this fine example of early southern architecture is not absolutely clear. It has been in the Brown-Koonce family for as long as records exist and today is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward

Franck. Mrs. Franck is the former Mary Brown Koonce, who is one of the five children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown Koonce. The owner before Mr. and Mrs. Koonce was Cyrus Brown, who died childless and left the plantation to his nephew, Frank Koonce. Other children from this branch of the Koonce family are: Mrs. Nelson Barker of Trenton, Mrs. Booth Marston of Kinston, Mrs. Effie Davis Koonce Clayton of Dallas, Texas, and Cyrus Koonce of Washington, D. C. Mr. Franck is a Kinston accountant but quite understandably he commutes from Kinston to this beautiful old home rather than making Kinston his home. (Whitaker-Leffew Photo)

## Boards Back Up

The ruling boards of Lenoir County and the City of Kinston Monday night revealed their willingness to change their mind on short notice. Earlier in July both groups voted to rescind a wartime regulation forbidding the sale of beer and wine on Sunday. The organized pressure of Kinston's Ministerial Association came down with thundering wrath around the ten heads of the two governing boards and they quickly bowed to a superior force. In addition to do the speedy face on the beer-wine proposition the city fathers review in detail and passed with minor deletions the king sized million dollars plus city budget for 1950-51. The ruling elders on the county board also made an official review of the recent hospital and bond issue vote and authorized County Attorney J. T. White to go ahead with what ever legal steps were necessary to bring about the transfer of the hospital title to the county. This transfer must be made before the North Carolina Medical Care Commission will allocate state and federal funds for the renovation and expansion of the present facility.

## Legion Post Short On Funds in Fight Against Tuberculosis

Financial troubles are besetting the Glen Newton Smith American Legion Post at Trenton. It is running out of money in its fight against tuberculosis. In a long standing policy of helping those afflicted who could not help themselves the post guaranteed the payments for treatments to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Metts on May 26, and there was no room at the State Sanatorium at McCain.

The Legion post secured admittance for the Metts couple to the Johnston County Sanatorium at a cost of four dollars per day each. Mrs. Metts was admitted to the State Sanatorium on July 7, relieving one-half the burden of the Legion post. Mr. Metts must stay in the Johnston County institution indefinitely; there is no prospect of immediate vacancy at McCain.

The total bill for the Legion Post to date is \$424, most of which has been paid by its own contributions and those of friends. But Committee Chairman R. B. Lewis has reported that only a few dollars remain in the special fund for the tuberculosis-stricken victims. He said any assistance to the Legion post in its fight against tuberculosis will be most welcome.

## Dairy Chain Is Begun In Jones

A dairy calf chain begins in Jones County this week with the purchase of the first registered animal by the dairy committee of the county's Livestock Improvement Association. The Jersey calf, purchased from a Raleigh dairy, will be put in charge of Elton Batts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin M. Batts of the Oak Grove section of the county, Farm Agent A. V. Thomas has reported.

The purchase of the first calf was made possible by a contribution to the Association by the White Milk and Ice Cream Company of New Bern and Wilmington, Thomas said. Other registered dairy calves will be brought into Jones County as money becomes available to the dairy committee, and they will be placed with farm youths in the 10 to 16 year age group on the basis of interest, availability of feed and pasture, and barn facilities. Applications for the animals can be left at the Agriculture Building by any eligible youth for processing by the committee.