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## PMA Secretary Hopes For Less Trouble In '50 Marketing

"We hope to have less trouble with marketing tobacco under red cards this year than in 1949," PMA Secretary Nelson Barker wishfully asserted this week. There are 34 red marketing cards in the county, Barker points out.

This year the county PMA committee has visited each of these 34 holders of red cards and has made crop estimates both in the field and in the packhouse and in each of the 34 cases the committee has received a concurring signature from the party involved which indicates acceptance on the part of the violator of the estimated poundage he has grown.

"This is no guarantee that we won't have trouble this year," Barker admits, "but it is a lot tighter than last year."

## County Home List

Following here is a complete list of the homes in which residents of the Lenoir County have been placed in compliance with an order given the department of public welfare by the county board of commissioners: Adolph Philpott, George Potter, Lanie Benton and Sue Ellen Downard at the Neuse Forest Convalescent Home in Craven County, Charlie Ward with Luther Wiggins on Kinston, route one, Ressie Garner with Mark Jones on Seven Springs route one, Odell Hill in the State Hospital at Raleigh, Rommie Rogers with Grady Croom in Kinston route 4, Jim Humphrey with Luby Anderson, former county home superintendent, Buldie Harrison with P. B. Daughy on Kinston route 4, Susan Hatch with Riley Lewis on Kinston route 4, Mrs. Ben Williams on Kinston route 4 and Beale Gillison with J. N. Jarrman on Kinston route 2. Clyde Coward and George Mosings were not judged to be bonafide residents and were not placed in homes when the county home was closed.

Loading a family washing machine to the maximum may save on a busy day, but clothes and linens come out cleaner if the machine is given a lighter load. Experiments in household equipment laboratories point to this general conclusion.

Nineteen washing machines have been tested with different sized work loads. Loads that they could handle, according to manufacturers' directions, ranged usually up to nine pounds maximum, but in some cases 10. The 'wash' was scientifically measured.

During the last four years the percentage of brucellosis among cattle in the United States has been declining until this year it is down to 3.5 per cent, according to the Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

## What Is The Answer To This Puzzler?

A surveyor in a rural county is accustomed to finding odd markers for boundary lines, but Rone Burt, Jones County surveyor, has come across one in the middle of a swamp up Little Cypress Creek that has him completely mystified. It is a length of railroad track more than forty years old and its location marks no boundary and is far from any railroad line. The water was knee-deep in the swamp, more than a mile from any road, and one end of the iron was out of the water, lying across a decayed log. Burt said his inspection revealed a three and one-half foot piece of the iron driven down in the water as a stake, and that it had evidently been cut from the longer piece lying in the water. The iron, the surveyor said, was the same type used in the construction of a logging tram road one-half mile away before 1910. The weight of one of the iron lengths is more than three-quarters of a ton. Surveyor Burt poked over the matter, searched the nearby trees for axe blows that might indicate that the iron was a boundary marker and studied a number of old maps to no avail. The railroad iron stake in the middle of a Jones County swamp remains a mysterious marker.

## Armenia Church Renovation Completed



For some 60 years Armenia Christian Church has nestled quietly in the trees that once looked down on the most bloody battle fought in this part of North Carolina during the War Between The States. Today, after a three year job of complete renovation, the well known church must present itself at least as well as when it was finished before the turn of the century.

Armenia, as it is known best, is located just off US 70 and just beyond Kelly's Mill Pond on the Kinston-New Bern road four miles from Kinston. Today it has a membership of 125 and a Sunday School that has an average attendance of just over 100. Sunday school is held each Sunday at 10 a. m.

Rev. John M. Waters of Craven County is pastor of Armenia and he conducts services there each fourth Sunday. Don Outlaw is superintendent of the Sunday School.

A. Forrest Waller is chairman of the Board of Deacons, Carroll W. Casey is secretary and Mrs.

Harmon Sutton is treasurer. Other members of the board are: Joel and Harmon Sutton, Paul Taylor, Arthur Johnson, E. R. Waller, W. C. Pate, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Herman King, Rodolph King and

Outlaw.

On the fourth Sunday in October, which is the annual Homecoming Day at Armenia, dedication services will be conducted for the remodeled and refurbished church.

## Oak Grove Revival

A one week revival is being held this coming week at Oak Grove Methodist Church. Services will be at 8 each evening and will run through Friday night, September 1st. Rev. C. B. Long is conducting the revival services and the public is urged to attend any or all of the services.

## Eight Places Open Still For Tour of Western Carolina

Jones County Agent A. V. Thomas reports that 29 Jones farmers have already signed up to take the September 4-8 tour of Southwest Virginia and Northwest North Carolina. Special emphasis will be given the study of livestock and pasture management on this tour, Thomas said.

"We have room for a maximum of eight more men," Thomas points out, "and all interested parties are urged to contact me at once."

A similar tour was made last year and those who went along came back filled with ideas and ambitious notions on livestock and pasture promotion. Thomas says the tour was one of the biggest "shots in the arm" that the livestock program in Jones County has had in a long time.

"We can tell the farmers about the fine livestock program in the mountains every day to the year, but nothing will convince them like seeing it in operation and talking with the men and women who are doing the job up there."

## What! No Overage?

Lenoir County PMA Secretary Horace Mewborn says, much to his surprise, there is not a single case of cotton overplanting in the county now. There were several over when the crop was first measured, Mewborn admits, but since then the excess acreage has been cut down and all cotton producers are now 100 per cent in line. There are 814 cotton contracts in the county.

## Kinston Market Sets All-Time Records

More pounds of tobacco were sold for more dollars Monday as the Kinston Tobacco Market opened than ever before in the 56 year history of the market. Total sales of 2,285,974 pounds were registered and a total of \$1,313,779.29 was paid out to the thousands of farmers who had tobacco on the 14 warehouse floors of the market. The average price paid for the golden weed was \$57.57 per hundred pounds. This was also an all-time high figure. Another full sale was assured for Tuesday and throughout the week sales of approximately two million pounds per day are expected. When the first week of the season is ended Friday some ten million pounds are expected to be sold. Prices for good tobacco ranged very close to what they were last year but the price of poor to sorry tobacco was considerably above last year's averages.

## Only Seven Barns Lost to Fire in '50 By Jones Countians

Jones County Agent A. V. Thomas this week announced that he had completed a survey of tobacco barn losses due to fire and that the 1950 toll is the lowest since records have been kept with only seven barns destroyed by fire. In 1949 17 were destroyed in flames and in 1948 20 were burned.

Thomas said that perhaps the biggest reason for the drop in barn loss is the increasing familiarity that the average farmer has with the various types of automatic curing units.

Another factor was the sudden ripening of the tobacco after all the rain of July which caused barns to be watched more carefully and rushed along faster in order to make room for the ripened weed that was either waiting in the fields or hanging outside the barns.

## Millionaire Now

J. L. Kallam of Vance Township said that he was a millionaire last week if you counted the grasshoppers as worth a penny a piece. Hordes of these green knawers moved into Kallam's corn and hay and began chomping merrily away in the fashion of the ed his cattle and hogs in on turnip wormite. Not to be completely out done Kallam turned the corn and hay too. At this writing no report has been had on which has eaten the most, the cattle or the grasshoppers. Reports from every part of this area indicate one of the largest "hopper crops" in recent years.

## Printed Swine Notes Mailed Jones Farmers

Some 3,000 copies of the printed program of the special swine committee of the Jones County Livestock Improvement Association will be mailed to the farmers of the county, it has been announced by County Agent A. V. Thomas. The programs have been prepared by the State Extension Service for the use of Jones County farmers.

The program originated by the swine committee headed by Chairman J. C. West, Jr., sets forth a six point program for the improvement of the livestock in Jones County. These points are: an increased average of pigs saved per litter from five and one-half to seven, increase the number of sows in the county from 2,500 to 3,000 in the next five years, every commercial hog grower to keep four to five sows and every farm to have at least one sow for family food use, pure-bred boars from proven herds for breeding, the use of portable pig houses, and adequate pasture grazing for the swine.

The program is only one of six sponsored by the Livestock Improvement Association under the over-all chairmanship of John Booth, Thomas said.

A near-record quantity of nearly 60 million pounds of frozen strawberries moved into storage during June of this year. This together with large holdings of frozen orange juice concentrate, boosted midyear supplies of frozen fruits to new high records.