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"A BETTER COUNTY THROUGH IMPROVED FARM PRACTICES"

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How old are you? Can you remember your first day of school? Can you remember all those strange new sounds, smells, faces, fears? The 45 youngsters pictured above with their teachers, Mrs. Clara W. Antry at left and Mrs. Barbara Ann Hardy at right, are experiencing that once-in-a-lifetime thrill known simply as "first day of school." Some were amused, more were awed by this strange new world away from "mama and daddy." Practically all were amused at the sight they saw

when this picture was taken on opening day last week at Wheat Swamp School. Peculiarly enough only one suffered that strange a 't disease of staring straight at the camera. This was one of the several items that got lost in the Du Pont shuffle last week and had to wait until this week for presentation. The children look just as good a week later and things are a lot more normal around the office this week.

(Photo by Bronstein-Johnson)

Farm Head Asks All to Join Now!

Lenoir County Farm Bureau President John A. Shackelford this week reminded every farmer in the county that it is time to renew membership in the one organization that fights 365 days to the year for the farmer. "Our county goal this year is only 2,400," Shackelford reminds, "and we ought to be able to get that many without even soliciting." "Unfortunately it won't be that way," Shackelford admitted, "and because of this a thorough campaign has been mapped out for every township in the county. Committees in every township will visit each farmer and give him the opportunity to contribute his little bit toward making stronger the strongest organization the farmer has ever had to fight for him."

Quotas for the townships have been set up as follows: Contentnea 246, Falling Creek 185, Institute 140, Kinston 275, Moseley Hall 290, Neuse 175, Pink Hill 110, Southwest 120, Trent No. 1 200, Trent No. 2 150, Vance 220, and Woodington 190.

"Every farmer in North Carolina has benefitted to some degree from the work of his farm bureau," Shackelford reminded, "and none has received greater help than the tobacco farmer. With tobacco selling at its highest price in history, there is no acceptable excuse for any tobacco farmer failing to become a member."

Tobacco-Use Note

Total disappearance of flue-cured tobacco during the year ending June 30, 1950, was the second highest ever recorded, the Department of Agriculture has reported. A rise in exports added to a slight increase in domestic consumption were responsible for the total disappearance of 1,168 million pounds, which was six per cent higher than the preceding year. Domestic use in 1949-50 totalled 723 million pounds against 715 million pounds for 1948-49. Foreign demands continue strong and it is likely that 1950-51 exports may exceed those of the past year, depending on international military developments, the report ended.

Below is pictured a staff-eye view of the opening day assembly at Wheat Swamp School. The camera stuttered a little and there is some repetition, so some of the boys and girls are seen twice. Don't let this picture fool you into believing that there is an epidemic of twins at Wheat Swamp. (Photo by Bronstein-Johnson.)

In 141 Years Price Of Big Jones County Farm Increased 150 Per Cent

The 2,650-acre farm was sold in a quiet order as the result of a judgment against its original owner, W. A. Cox. Stephen W. Isler bought the huge tract for \$1,000.

On September 6, 1909—141 years later to the day—Herbert Jones, Kinston and Pink Hill business man bought 2650 acres of that same land for \$150,000, thus creating a remarkable coincidence and an equally remarkable mark-up at the same time.

Isler kept the land until June 29, 1898, when he sold it to the great holding company which used as its name The Goldsboro Lumber Company. For 51 years the lumber company kept the land, not for its timber but to farm its rich acres. Last year A. C. Boyce and Jeff White of Edenton bought the plantation for \$98,500.

Last Wednesday they released it, at a neat profit to Jones.

Figures on the farm are awesome to those whose life is lived and earned on one and two-horse plots of land. Consider these:

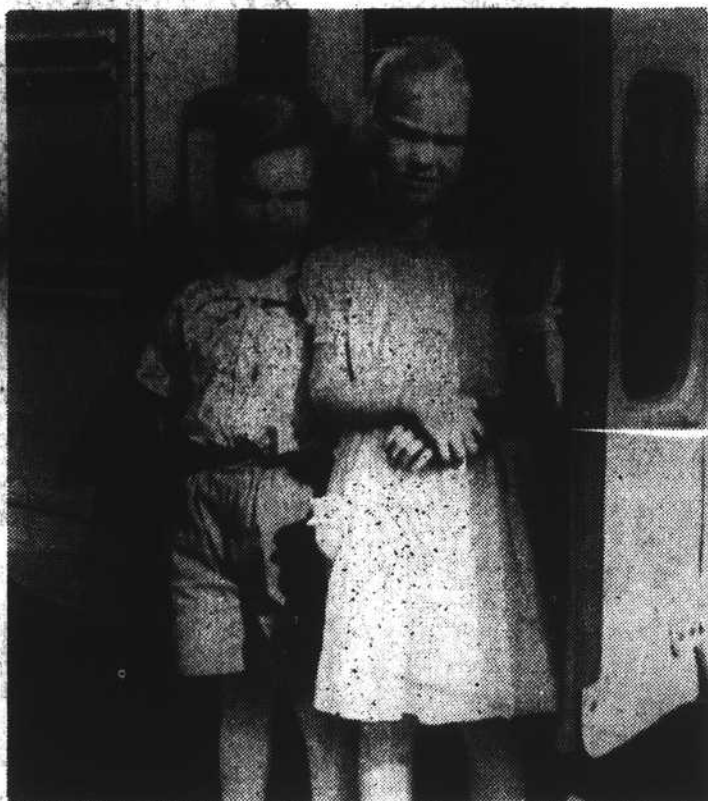
It has a 107.7-acre tobacco allotment. An average crop of 1200 pounds to the acre would yield

120,240 pounds of that high priced product. The farm would net up to a gross income of \$78,000.00 from the tobacco alone on this great farm.

The farm has a 32.5-acre cotton allotment but the boll weevils have harvested most of East Carolina's cotton this year and about the only interesting figure to dream about on this is how many boll weevils it takes to eat up 32.5 acres of cotton.

There are 23 houses on the farm, 34 tobacco barns and 15 packhouses.

Jones, who now becomes one of Jones County's largest landholders, already owning another farm that once belonged to another branch of the Isler Family in the Wyse Fork section, says he intends to expand his livestock farming with the acquisition of this big tract of land. Already well on the way toward commercial beef production with a Hereford herd on the Wyse Fork farm, Jones says he's going to make an all-out effort to find out if there is as much to this livestock business in East Carolina as the newspapers and Extension Department folks have been saying for the past ten years.



Pictured here are two more first-day-of-school travelers. They are from Jones County and their school opened eight days earlier than in Lenoir. The first person sending in the names of these two young students will receive a six month subscription to this paper. (Photo by Jack Rider)



Join The Farm Bureau Now!