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Biggest And Best Jones Fair Is Seen By Over 20,000



More than 20,000 people of all ages, creeds and colors came to Trenton last week to help make and enjoy the biggest and best fair in the history of Jones County. Raleigh has its State Fair and stacked beside the big event at Raleigh the Jones event is indeed small but viewed from a relative point of consideration the Jones Show puts the Raleigh clambake in the shade. Some half million visitors were registered for the State Fair which is roughly one eighth the State's population but down in Jones County more than twice as many people as the population of Jones County came to look and be looked upon.

Wardell Mallard of Pollocksville took home top honors for having the largest number of entries for men with a total of 11 and Mrs. G. O. Mallard of Mallardtown took home the honors for most exhibits for women with 29 different pieces of her needle, cooking and home work. The Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club took top honors for having the largest number of exhibits per member at the fair. There was an average of seven exhibits at the fair from each of the members of the Oak Grove Club.

A special award was cooked up this year to do honor to the most devoted follower the fair has and it went to Fred Killingsworth who has not missed a single day of either of the four fairs that have so far been held under the sponsorship of the local Clen Newton Smith Post of the American Legion.

Other prize winners included, County Commissioner - Elect

Beauty! Beauty! Beauty! as far as the camera's eye can see! This is the sight that greeted the camera and the crowds at the closing night of the fourth annual Jones County Agricultural Fair as the beauty pageant was held. The 20 lovely Jones County girls above

gave the three judges a difficult time before Betty Harden was chosen Miss Jones County of 1950. Runner-up to the queen was Grace Foy and Barbara Mallard placed third in the competition. (Bronstein-Johnson Photo)

BEAUTY PAGEANT WINNER AND RUNNERS UP



Pictured above from left to right are Barbara Mallard, who placed third in the annual beauty pageant of the Jones County Agricultural Fair, Betty Harden, who was chosen Miss Jones County of 1950, and Grace Foy, who was number two in the contest that was held on the last night of the fair. At extreme right is

Master of Ceremonies John D. Larkins Jr. Miss Harden was crowned Miss Jones County by United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who along with his executive assistant, Charles Wilson, was guest of Fair Director John D. Larkins Jr. for the last day of the fair. (Photo by Bronstein-Johnson)

James Barbee who persuaded a pint of milk out of a cow in just 20 seconds. Carl Killingsworth

Jr. was winner of the bubble gum blowing contest and last year's pie eating champion proved that it was no mistake by winning without too much trouble again this year. Winner and still champion pie eater is Wesley Mallard, who took his prize money and went off looking for "some hot dogs" to finish out the meal.

J. C. West won the showmanship prize for swine display and Ralph Griffin of Dr. Paul Whitaker's Pocahontas Farm took beef display showmanship honors.

Mrs. Harold Mallard and her committee which arranged the annual Beauty Pageant were given full credit by fair officials for doing by far the best job ever done with the highlight event on the fair's closing night.

Betty Harden of Pine Street was crowned Miss Jones County of 1950 by United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey after a trio of judges composed of Jacksonville Publisher Billy Arthur, New Bern Publisher T. M. Diggs and news paper man Jack Rider had her picked as tops from the 20 girls who were entered in the contest.

Pert 16 year-old Grace Foy was number two in the beauty parade and Barbara Mallard was awarded third place honors by the judges.

Virgil Mallard, Hayes Koonce and Elton Batts were given special awards for showmanship of the registered dairy type heifers.

Jones County 4-H Clubbers and the Veterans' Training class at Trenton High School were awarded blue ribbons for their exhibits.

Manley Mallard was judged top exhibitor of field corn varieties and Charlie Davis took similar honors in the hybrid corn division.

Bridge Work Held Up By Shortage of Piling

District Highway Commissioner Guy Hargett said Tuesday that the steel has arrived for the new bridge that is to be built across Neuse River at the foot of King Street in Kinston but that work is still held up due to slow delivery of creosoted piling that will be used to build the bridge up.

The steel is already in Kinston and has been added on the lot of the Barrus Construction Company where it will remain until it is needed on the bridge. The Barrus Construction Company of Raleigh has the contract for building the bridge.

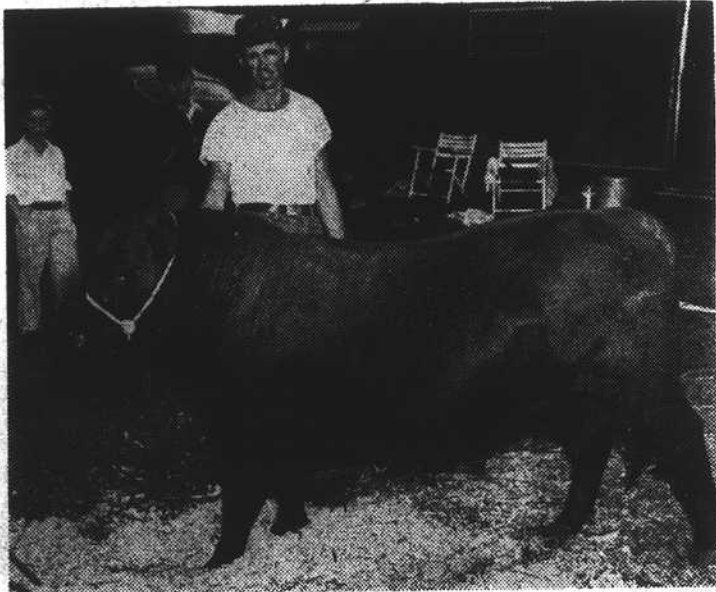
Hargett, in answer to a question, said that it is the present hope of the highway department to resurface and to a degree reengineer the old Kinston-Trenton highway some time during the coming year. This road is much in need of resurfacing the commissioner admitted, he pointed out, that it and the Old Fort Barnwell Road have the next priority on reconditioning. The Fort Barnwell Road will be much more heavily traveled in the near future when construction of the Du Pont nylon plant gets underway, Hargett reminded.

Wilson Lowery took top senior judging honors in swine judging, J. W. Gray was top senior beef judge and Bobby Johnson was judged to be top man in this junior division. Virgil Mallard was given an award for his beef and dairy type judging.

W. L. Dail exhibited the championship rooster of the fair and Harold Smith was given an award for the top pen of hens at the fair.

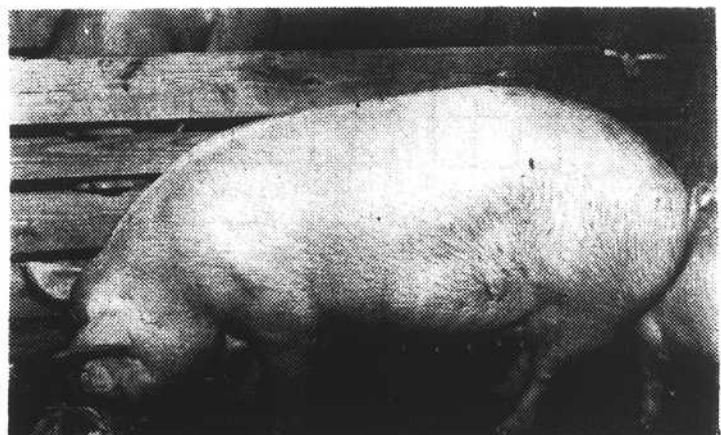
Pocahontas Farm took home the bacon for beef animal exhibits and J. C. West was first prize winner for swine on exhibit.

FINE ANGUS AT FAIR



This frisky young Aberdeen Angus bull belonging to Lois Brock of Trenton was finally brought to a standstill for a second and the photographer caught this view on one of the fine animals exhibited at the Jones County Agricultural Fair. The bull was bred on Dr. Paul Whitaker's Pocahontas Farm near Dover and was sold recently to Miss Brock, who plans to use him as a herd sire for a growing group of these fine beef animals.

HIGHLY BRED LADY AT FAIR



This young lady pictured above has a pedigree just short of a country mile long. She is the champion bred gilt at the Illinois State Fair last year before she came to Jones County to raise her family and live on Dr. Paul Whitaker's Pocahontas Farm near Dover. She is a Yorkshire, a breed especially bred for bacon production, and as the camera clearly shows, there is quite a slab of bacon between her shoulder and ham.

(Bronstein-Johnson Photo)