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If You're An Absentee Landlord, Better Read This

A Production and Marketing Administration official, who for obvious reasons would rather remain anonymous, says that the bulk of "tobacco stealing" is ended in his opinion but that there still persist a few clever souls who have the government pretty well "smoked" in their devious dealings, but this official predicts that even this small few will sooner or later be tripped by their own greed.

The old "hidden field" game has been pretty well broken up in Eastern Carolina, largely due to the fact that a number of violators of this variety were caught and penalized heavily for their "ingenuity."

So long as tobacco sells for something better than a 50-cent-per-pound average, this PMA official admits that there will be people sitting around scratching their fleas and trying to figure out some way to get more than their share of the best.

Perhaps the most practical "stealing" at present is not hitting the PMA program but is dealing the landlords of the area a hard blow—principally the absentee landlord who rarely visits his farm and wouldn't know a tobacco sucker from a tadpole. These amateur farmers are being taken for a ride by their tenants, this PMA official says, and by this exceedingly simple method:

They sell a lot of tobacco on a "floating" market card. Then the "owner" and the tenant split the profit and the poor old man gets the best and the poor old man gets the worst.

There is nothing that the PMA can do about this kind of larceny. It is plainly none of PMA's business except in the technical sense that one person is not supposed to sell tobacco on another's marketing card. But when a trailer load of tobacco is pulled into a warehouse, it is exceedingly difficult to tell whose farm it was grown on.

The only remedy for this looting is the eternal and intelligent vigilance of the landlord and as the PMA official admitted, the sooner the section is rid of these drug store farmers the better the overall agricultural picture will be.

With the current practice of

Stork Reports Busy Year In Lenoir County With 1951 Deliveries In 1952

There may have been busier people in Lenoir County last year than the obstetricians but it would be difficult to find figures to back up the claim. Final figures now in the hands of District Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones reveals that the past year was the all-time high year for new babies in Lenoir County with 1,951 new arrivals in the 366 days of last year.

This amazing population jump is all the more amazing when set beside the 1951 figure of just 1,499, which, in percentages, means that the baby crop in 1952 was 30.1 per cent above that of '51.

The net population gain ac-

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Births	140	142	149	139	141	167	157	190	204	130	218	174	1,951
Deaths	33	38	51	27	44	51	49	40	29	54	33	50	496

Sgt. Laws Reports On Patrol Activity

Sgt. John Laws, commander of District 5 of Troop A of the State Highway Patrol, has made his January report in which it is revealed that his district (Pitt. Greene and Lenoir counties) suffered five highway deaths during January. Pitt. and Greene each had two and

Lenoir one. The report states that 25 accidents were investigated with 28 persons injured and an estimated property damage of \$23,300 and also during the month Laws and his men made 54 arrests with the large majority of them coming from speeding.

JONES COUNTY ARRESTS

Jones County Sheriff Jeter Taylor reports the jailing of two men during the past week. Both were arrested by highway patrolmen and charged with drunken driving. They were William Randolph Jones of Maysville and Edward Earl Shiver of Trenton route two.

landlord looting continuing and possibly expanding, it goes without saying that some of them will have to find new and improved means of living if they want to continue hanging around the drug store and talking about what "we're doing out on the farm."

counted for in this vital statistics summary is 1,453 since during the past year 498 Lenoir Countians died.

There has been a lot of fun and joking on the subject of which month has the most babies born in it and last November can claim that distinction in Lenoir County with 218 births and only two months had fewer deaths than November '52 with its 33 passing away.

The most unfertile month was October in which only 130 births were logged and here peculiarly enough was also logged the greatest single month of deaths in Lenoir County last year with 54.

PFC James Daniels Returning to States

With the 1st Cavalry Div. in Japan—PFC James E. Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Daniels, 305 S. Tiffany St., Kinston, N. C., is returning to the United States under the Army's rotation program after five and one-half years.

Private First Class Daniels has been serving as a driver with Headquarters Company. Before entering the Army in March 1951, Daniels worked at dry cleaning in Farmville, N. C.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds George Nobles has reported the issue of one marriage license during the past week to Thomas Ham, 24, and Joyce Dell Cobb, 18, both of Kinston route three.

Lenoir Welfare Aid Totalled \$39,666 During Past Month

Checks issued during the past month by the Lenoir County Department of Public Welfare totalled \$39,666 for the categories labeled "public assistance," which includes aid to the aged, aid to dependent children and aid to the permanent and totally disabled.

The largest group of checks went to the children's group with \$17,324 going to the 1,178 persons in that category at an average check of \$15.22 per person.

The aid to the aged group got a total of \$17,774 which was an average of \$30.02 each to the 592 persons on this relief listing.

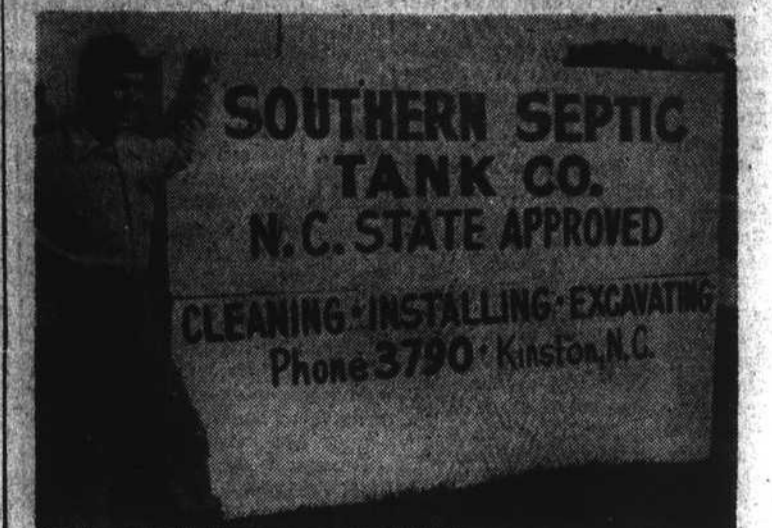
To those disabled the total spent was \$4,968, an average of \$38.15 for the 131 men and women helped in this category.

The county's part of this expenditure was \$4,771.50 and the remaining \$34,894.50 came from state and federal funds.

India, with a population of 43 million Moslems, is the third largest Moslem country in the world. Indonesia and Pakistan are first and second, respectively.

A good rule of thumb is to use one ton of pure ground limestone per acre on sandy soils and two to three tons per acre on clay soils. And the lime should be spread evenly.

Not Heading South This Winter



Stan Spence, pictured above, at his place of business in front of the Frosty Morn Packing Plant, just west of Kinston, for the first time in 19 years is not off to the baseball wars this winter. Stan, who was good enough during his 10 years in the major leagues to be picked to play four times in the All-Star Game, says he still might get a little semi-pro ball in this year if it can be lined up.

For the first time in 19 years Kinston's Stan Spence is missing from the sound of the bat against ball, the slap of horsehide into a well oiled mitt and the perverse profanity of the baselines as an old coach tells a young rookie how to "hit the dirt."

And to put it mildly, Stan is

sold down the river in 1953 by the Chicago Cub System which dumped him from Springfield, Mass., down to Portsmouth. There, Stan decided, to hang up the old spiked shoes and glove in spite of the fact that he still has some "good baseball left in his system."

Now instead of cleaning up the bases with a sharp double or triple, a trick he was noted for in the Major leagues where he played 10 seasons, Stan is now in a different kind of "cleaning up" business. He and his partner, Jack Hall, of the Southern Septic Tank Company are busy as bird dogs making and installing these most necessary pieces of equipment to homes that are not reached by urban sewer lines.

Stan, native of Kentucky, who became a North Carolinian by marriage back in 1936 while playing with Rocky Mount of the Piedmont League, recalls—now that a little sun is in the late winter skies—that his first trip to the baseball wars came in the spring of 1935 when he was sent to Eau Claire, Wisc., a team of the Red Sox chain. Stan at least thought it was spring but he began to have doubts when they had a "galoshers top" snow early in May up in Wisconsin.

After one season with the Eau Claire lads, Stan was then moved up a notch to the "B" Class Rocky Mount nine and from there in 1937 he moved on to "AAA" ball with Minneapolis where he played for two seasons.

In 1939 he was shifted to Louisville and stayed there until June 8, 1940 when he was called up to Boston and became a regular member of the Red Sox squad for the rest of that year and all of 1941.

During the "Ivory Trading" of the winter that year Stan was sold to Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators and there in the Capitol City, Stan was to spend most of his years in the majors. His first year there was '42 and it was also one of his best in the majors, since

he wound up with a .323 batting average and was second man in the loop for two-baggers.

Until 1948 Stan belonged to the Senators but then he was bought back by the Red Sox who were trying hard to get a penant under their shirt but on May 2, 1949 after another

of the major leagues, and not without a mumble or two under his breath. After sharing a sad year with the poor folks of St. Louis, Stan in 1950 was shipped to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League and in 1951 when he was ordered back out to the West Coast he objected and was sent instead to Springfield, Mass. Then later that year he was sold to Portsmouth and that ended the trip around the baseball world so far as Stan was concerned.

But now he is limber from plenty of work around his septic tank plant and a new sparkle comes into his eye when baseball is mentioned and he is thinking about the chance of getting a little "semi-pro ball in this summer."

Stan in reply to the question, Who was the best pitcher he faced in his 10 years, replies without hesitation, "Old Spud Chandler. That rascal struck me out four times in a game once." And then after a reflection, Spence added, "Old Tommy Bridges also pulled that trick on me one day too."

Asked if there was among the big name pitchers one that he had no trouble with, Stan again replied without hesitation, "Bob Feller, he was always easy for me to hit."

Stan was asked to name the pick of the players that he played with and against during his 10-years and here was the lineup he chose:

Ted Williams, Joe Dimaggio and Charle Keller in the outfield.

Rudy York at First, Bobby Doerr at second, Vern Stephens at Shortstop and George Kell at third base.

Behind the plate he put Yogi Berra on the mound he selected Chandler and Hal Newhouser.

Stan says he's going to fish around a little this year and see if he can't get a semi-pro ball for the weekend. To see how his batting eye is if he can run all the way to the bases without an

His age???? That's "classified information." Brother.

Can Spring Be Far Away?

White and "Dinky" Sydes are not robins but they are a sign that spring is not far distant. The two forecasters are concentrating on a game of marbles at the corner of Adkin