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Individual Diversification Key to Safer Farm Economy

Editorial

Telling An Old Story Again

The five pictures on this page, each in a different way, tells a part of the continuing story on the Eastern Carolina Farm Revolution that is still, today, in high gear and with little sign of slowing down. On Page 7 of the second section of this issue a longer article on the overall farm outlook for Eastern Carolina appears.

The editor of this paper, neither has a "Crystal Ball" or a professional insight into farm matters but he does have a life-time in this great farm area and during the past 10 years has been a constant observer of the farm picture from almost every angle; political, scientific, production, marketing and planning.

These pictures and this article are nothing radically new in local farm thinking. They are merely a repetition of the warning that has been over and over again by all who watch the farm parade: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

Every farmer cannot turn to the same "diversification." But in the hundreds of different directions that farm production and marketing can be turned will be found the answer to the all-important question that will face Eastern Carolina farmers when and if tobacco is deposed, as it may well be, as the King of our present farm economy.

The soil and climatic conditions of Eastern Carolina lend themselves to an extremely wide range of farming activities. It may become increasingly necessary in the not-to-distant future for Eastern Carolina farmers to become as versatile as their land and weather will permit.



Karl Bell owns and manages one of Jones County's largest and finest farms, one of the few remaining in this section that can comfortably and logically retain the name, Plantation. Bell has a large investment in tobacco, and it is still his principle "money crop" but he was also the first Eastern Carolina

farmer to seed a permanent pasture and today keeps more than 100 beef-type animals. His livestock work has been to a degree experimental, but nevertheless it has given him and his 2,000 acre farm a definite hedge against the loss of tobacco acreage allocation. Bell is also the largest sweet potato producer in this vicinity and has

a curing barn that will handle up to 30,000 bushels of yams. He lives on the farm and remains constantly and intelligently in touch with what is happening in each field and on each pasture. Such operations can weather almost any foreseeable political or financial situation that might face the farmer.

Ann Holloman Prefers Livestock 4-H Projects

Generally you expect a young girl in the 4-H Club to take such projects as cooking, sewing, home improvement, and the like. But in the case of Ann Holloman of Route 1 Trenton, Ann is an industrious club member who is more interested in livestock at the present time than she is in more feminine projects.

Last year was Ann's first year in 4-H Club work. She did a very good job and was county champion with her poultry project. During the winter her father bought her a young Hereford steer which she is feeding out as a Baby Beef Project.

Ann has done a good job with her projects and for sometime has wanted a pig to grow out as a brood sow project. On May 23 her wishes came to a reality when she received a pig from the 4-H Pig Chain. Her pig is a registered Poland China gilt and she is the first girl to receive a pig from the chain in Jones County. Ann has put her pig on a good ladino clover pasture and she intends to follow



ANN HOLLOMAN

recommended practices in order to do the best job.

Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Holloman of the Beaver Creek community of Jones County.

Typhoid Clinics To Be Held in June and July

Health Officer Dr. R. J. Jones this week released the following schedule for typhoid clinics over Lenoir County:

Gardner's Store at Wheat Swamp at 9:30 June 22, 29, and July 13.

Dawson's Store at Falling Creek at 9:30 June 23, 30 and July 14.

Jenny Lind 10 a. m. June 24, July 1 and July 15.

Hussey's Store 10 a. m. June 25, July 2 and July 16.

Hardison's Store, Route 1, La-Grange, 10 a. m. June 26, July 3 and July 17.

Mrs. Paul Munsell will conduct each of the above clinics.

Gower's Store at Grifton at 2 p. m. June 22, June 29, and July 13.

Post Office, Deep Run 9:30 a. m. June 23, July 1 and July 15.

Wooten's Store in Vance Township 9:30 a. m. June 25, July 2 and July 16.

Fred Stoke's Store at Edward's Bridge 10 a. m. July 13, July 20 and July 27.

Harold Kilpatrick's Store in Sandhill Township 10 a. m. July 17, July 24 and July 31.

Harry Waller's Store at Wood-

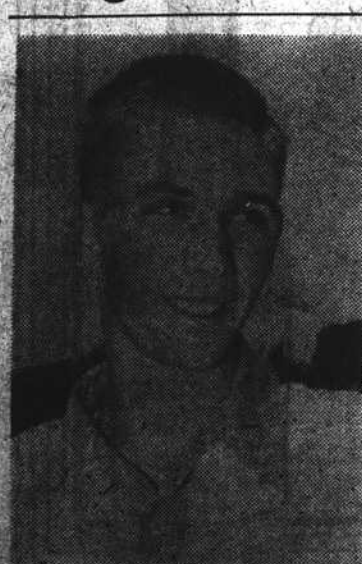
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Simon Jackson, at left above at the wheel of his combine, is one of those farmers in this area who is relatively well insulated against the possible end of tobacco acreage allocations by the federal government. This year Jackson had about 350 acres of wheat and enjoyed an almost perfect crop year. He says his best wheat crop was about 30 bushels per acre and he'll push that mark again this year, which gives him something over 10,000 bushels of wheat which is seeded and harvested

with never more than six men at work. Jackson, one of the county's largest landowners, is not ever plagued with the tenant problem that large tobacco farmers have to struggle with each year and it is likely that he gets more on his wheat, with a lot fewer headaches than the average landlord who is burdened with large tobacco allotment. Others on the combine are George Perry, George Vick and George Brown. Vick got in to "Dress Up" the picture.

Bobby Johnson Going to August Forestry School



BOBBY JOHNSON

Bobby Johnson, of R-1 Trenton, has been selected as one of the thirty-five 4-H Club members in North Carolina to attend the state forestry camp at Camp Hope, Haywood County, the first week in August. There will be a total of eighty campers at this camp, thirty-five 4-H'ers, thirty-five FFA boys and ten non-club members.

Bobby is a member of the Jones Central Senior 4-H Club and will be a senior next year at Jones Central High School. This is Bobby's sixth year in club work. In 1952 he planted 1,000 red cedar seedlings as one of his 4-H projects.

Bobby is interested in the field of forestry and its many uses and applications. At the present time he is giving much thought and consideration to entering the School of Forestry

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Gerard Hardy is a progressive young farmer of the Moss Hill Community that really didn't put all his eggs in one basket. He couldn't if he wanted to since last year when his flock of hens hit high gear they were delivering FOB more than 2,000 eggs per day. Hardy became interested in large scale poultry

farming while a 4-H Clubber at Moss Hill High School and since then has continued to be Lenoir County's No. 1 producer of omelette material. The poultry operation of Hardy is made even more profitable by the growing on his farm of sufficient small grain to feed the chickens he has at "work." For well over 10 years now he has

devoted a principal part of his time and his farming operation to poultry and today has 5,000 young chicks that are scheduled to start delivering eggs later this year. Unlike tobacco, Hardy's crop can be eaten if the market gets too bad, although eating 2,000 eggs a day would require some family.