

Meet The Dean



Joseph Williams, Dean of Lenoir Farmers

No doubt there are older men living on farms in Lenoir County than Joseph Williams of Woodington Township, but there is none even near his age who still put in regular hours in the fields and woods as is the habit of this Dean of Lenoir County Farmers.

Dean Williams arrived on the Lenoir County scene on February 10, 1870 which makes his next anniversary his 85th and he still is able to put in a day's work that would shame many men half, or even a third of his age.

Williams was born about two miles from his present home, one of 13 children born to David and Penelope Brown Williams. Until he married at the age of 34 he lived there on that Williams Place in the "Lightwood Knot Road" vicinity.

In 1902 his father died and "Young Joe" bought part of the "Zack Brown" place which had belonged to his Grandfather Brown. That was his first plunge into the good business of Lenoir County real estate. The portion of the farm he bought had 163 acres with 60 acres cleared and ready for farming.

Still living at the "home place," Williams tended this adjoining acreage until his first marriage on the Fourth Sunday in April of 1904 when he married Katie Elizabeth Waller, another Woodington Township native. There the family that was to grow to an even dozen was begun; the first Mrs. Williams was to be called "mamma" by nine of the 12 "Joe Williams" children.

From 1904 until 1916 Williams and his growing clan lived on the "Zack Brown" place, his first purchase. But in 1916 Williams decided to move to the Samuel Loftin place which he had purchased some two years earlier and had been tending by remote control.

That 1150-acre farm is still the place where Williams and his children and grandchildren call home.

When Williams moved there in 1916 some 230 acres were cleared and since that time he has cleared about another 30 acres. He still kept the Brown Place where his venture into family life and land-owning had begun.

As time moved along Williams kept increasing his land holdings in Lenoir County. He purchased the "Spence Place" at Elm Grove with some 300 acres, including 100 cleared. The "Miller Place" also in Wooding-

ton Township with 138 acres; the "Levy Heath" place in Jones County with 256 acres; another 64 acres from Mike Phillips in Jones County; in Neuse Township another 200-acre farm from Ross Sutton, then a small 25-acre tract near his home from Jarman Beeton; just north of his home on the Trenton-Kinston highway he bought 150 woodland acres from the late M. Pearson "just to square his land up," another 300-acre tract on "Lightwood Knot" road from John Smith—this was largely woodland, 128 acres from the Haywood Waller heirs; and the R. I. Sutton farm of 200 acres on the Richlands Highway.

In the midst of this buying he picked up another 600 acres

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Tick-infested Fawn Saved By Kinstonians



Here, at left Bobby Moore and Billy Thompson, two sports-loving Kinston youths, are seen with a tiny doe fawn they captured at Camp Bryan in Craven and Carteret Counties. Happily for this young lady, the Kinston youths caught her in time to save her life since she was suffering from what would have been a fatal infestation of ticks, as can be seen by a close study of the deer's eyes. Officials of Camp Bryan as well as other hunters in the vast Croatan National Forest each year report finding large numbers of fawn

that have died from tick infestation. Currently an effort is being made to have the Wildlife Resources Commission in cooperation with the Marine Air Wing at Cherry Point to dust the area in an effort to eliminate some of these deadly ticks. This deer was sent to the Wildlife Commission in Raleigh in an effort to impress upon the Raleigh officials the need for such an effort. Moore is the son of the late Police Captain Charlie Moore and Mrs. Moore and Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Thompson.

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Jones Women Will Start Tour Of Western N. C. August 8th

August 8-11 is the date for the tour from Jones County to Western North Carolina. Women from adjoining counties are invited to go. Contact the Jones County Home Agent for further information. A reservation fee of \$10.00 is requested by July 1. Be sure to get yours in on time.

Here is a brief run-down of the tour:

First Day

Leave home at 6 a. m. for Boone, via. Winston-Salem, Lenoir. Visit to Blowing Rock and other interesting places enroute. Spend night in Boone or vicinity. See the Kenmit Hunter Pageant, "Horn in the West."

Second Day

Leave Boone for Asheville, "In the Land of the Sky." Part of this trip is made over the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Parkway is North Carolina's Skyline Drive. Arrive in Asheville for lunch. Afternoon visit to the World Famous Biltmore Estate. The house was built by the late George W. Vanderbilt and is one of the most beautiful and spacious in America. Back to Asheville for the night. Night open for shows or individual trips.

Third Day

After breakfast we leave for the Great Smoky National Park. This is a beautiful drive via. Canton, home of the Big Paper Mills, Soco Gap, Indian Shops and homes. At Newfound Gap we will stop across the N. C. Line into Tenn. Back to Cherokee Indian Reservation. Here we will have the opportunity to visit the many Indian shops and mingle with the pageant bound crowds. At night we will attend the pageant "Unto These Hills" a drama of the Cherokee In-



Here Maysvillian Ernest Matlock stands in the middle of the front bedroom of his home which suffered considerable damage between 6 and 7 Sunday afternoon when the bed that did stand in the corner caught fire from an undetermined ori-

gin. Prompt action by the Maysville Volunteer Fire Department kept damage to a minimum, but smoke and water did penetrate into the rest of the large Matlock's home. (Polaroid photo-in-a-minute by Jack Rider).

August 5th Deadline For Reservations To Jones 4-H Encampment

Assistant Jones County Farm Agent William Shackelford this week announced that August 5 is the reservation deadline for all 4-H Clubbers who want to attend the annual encampment which this year will be held on Roanoke Island during the week of August 16-21.

Only those 4-H'ers who are carrying a project and who have their record book up to date are eligible to attend this summer. Shackelford asserted "any member who is not active enough to carry at least one project and keep records on that project is not worthy of the privilege of attending this annual week of fun and education.

The \$12 deposits along with the record book of the applicant must be in the office of the county agent by August 5th Shackelford stressed.

The entire cost of the week is \$20. This includes all transportation, lodging, food and admission tickets to the "Lost Colony" which will be seen while the group is at Manteo. Also included is a hospitalization insurance policy which covers the 4-H'er from the time he leaves Trenton until he is back.

This week at the Manteo 4-H Camp will be shared by Jones Countians with Hoke and Cumberland County clubbers.

dian. Back to Asheville for the night.

Fourth Day

Leave for home over a different route, via. Chimney Rock, Bat Cave, Shelby, etc.

Members Urged to Attend Annual Meet Of Jones Land Corp.

Attorney George Hughes asked that all stockholders of the Jones County Land Development Corporation be reminded of the annual meeting of that company which is to be held Monday night at 8 in the Ag Building in Trenton.

Reports on activities of the tile-laying machine which is owned by the company will be given at that meeting and plans for future use of the machinery will also be discussed.

Any stockholder with questions on the past or future use of the equipment is urged to attend this Monday night meeting, Hughes concluded.

Legion Meeting

The Capitol is expecting a heavy turn-out of North Carolina Legionnaires for the annual convention of the American Legion. It begins on August 30. It is estimated that this will be the largest Legion Convention ever held. Reservations should be made early for this convention, Legion officials advise.