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Jones County Tax Valuation for 1956 Totals \$6,938,842; Increase Expected from Current Revaluation

Jones County officials are predicting a considerable boost in the tax valuations in the county when the current revaluation is completed. Present total assessed valuation of the county is \$6,938,842.

This total valuation is divided as follows: \$4,091,135 for real estate values, \$2,250,287 for personal property valuations and \$597,420 for valuation of property in the county which is evaluated by the State Board of Allotments and Appeals, and includes railroads, utilities and certain banking property.

Pollocksville Township which is the largest in area is also the most highly valued in the figures compiled in the office of Tax Collector Zelle Pollock. There the real estate is valued at \$1,072,179 and personal property is on the books for \$593,083, a total valuation of \$1,665,262.

Trenton Township ranks second in the tax valuations among Jones County's seven townships with real estate priced at \$810,554, personal property tabbed at \$425,701 for a total of \$1,236,255.

Ranking third is White Oak Township with real estate valued at \$486,519 and personal property fixed at \$276,759 for a total of \$763,278.

Beaver Creek Township rates fourth with a total valuation of \$683,458. These figures are higher than those in White Oak. The personal property values in White Oak made the difference. Beaver Creek's real estate is priced by the tax folks at \$508,903 and its personal property at \$232,542 for a total of \$741,345.

Tuckahoe Township in the western side of the county had its real estate tagged at \$426,163 and personal property at \$257,275 for a total of \$683,438.

Chinquapin Township's real estate is priced at \$456,687, its personal property at \$216,394 for a total of \$673,081.

And the county's smallest township, Cypress Creek, which has a high percentage of wood lands has real estate priced at \$330,239 and

Negroes Pay 13 Per Cent Jones County's Taxes

A study of the 1956 tax listed valuations for Jones County reveals that 13 per cent of the county's tax listed valuation is made by negroes, who amount to 45.37 per cent of the county's population.

A breakdown by townships reveals a wide difference in various areas of the county as to the part that negroes play in the ownership of property, and, hence, in the payment of taxation.

Ranging from Trenton Township where 18 per cent of the tax listed valuation is by negroes down to 3 per cent in Cypress Creek Township. This percentage includes both real estate and personal property listings.

In Trenton Township with the heaviest negro listings the total figures are \$1,043,048 white listing and \$193,196 negro listing.

Pollocksville Township had the next highest negro listing with 17 per cent of its total valuation ascribed to negroes. The actual figures are white \$1,413,376 and negro \$231,886.

Beaver Creek Township's listed valuation is 16 per cent by negroes. The figures are \$340,232 for white listings and \$101,063 for negroes.

White Oak's listing includes 14 per cent negro ownership with it divided \$668,362 white and \$94,997 negro.

Tuckahoe Township's valuation is 11 per cent negro with \$604,355 for white ownership and \$79,030 for negro.

Chinquapin Township lists 6 per cent negro ownership as revealed in the totals of \$633,545 for whites and \$39,536 for negroes.

In Cypress Creek Township where negro ownership is lowest in the county with just 3 per cent holdings the figures are \$560,539 for

its personal property at \$249,032 for a township total of \$579,271.

Jones Animals are Well Distributed if Tax Record's Right

No township in Jones County has a corner on livestock if records in the office of Tax Collector Zelle Pollock are accurate, and they generally are.

The county, for instance had 6,731 hogs listed for taxation this year and they were spread as follows: Tuckahoe Township 952, Pollocksville 811, Cypress Creek 800, Beaver Creek 862, Trenton 189, Chinquapin 688 and White Oak 429.

Scarce as milk cows are in the tax records, they too were spread pretty well about the county with its 471 scattered as follows: Pollocksville 162, Trenton 80, Beaver Creek 60, Tuckahoe 50, Cypress Creek 46, White Oak 38 and Chinquapin 35.

Beef type animals were far more numerous reported to the tax lists with 1,999 appearing on record. Pollocksville Township had the most, 535, and the rest were divided as follows: Trenton 472, Beaver Creek 452, Tuckahoe 206, Chinquapin 163, Cypress Creek 41 and White Oak 40.

How about mules? Only 921 in the county and by township they were located like this: Trenton 201, Pollocksville 189, Chinquapin 153, Tuckahoe 118, Beaver Creek 137, Cypress Creek 63 and White Oak 108.

If real estate values alone are considered and personal property is ignored the negro holdings of land by township breakdown as follows: White Oak 15 per cent, Pollocksville 17 per cent, Trenton 19 per cent, Chinquapin 2 per cent, Cypress Creek 1 per cent, Tuckahoe 12 per cent and Beaver Creek 12 per cent.

Methodist Men's Club Formed; Thompson Elected President

Twenty-one men, members of the Maysville and Belgrade Methodist churches, met in a supper session in the Maysville church to form a new Methodist Men's Club.

After some discussion the men agreed unanimously to elect a slate of officers and apply for a charter.

Leonard Thompson was elected president, William Earl Mattocks, vice-president, Thomas Conway, secretary and treasurer, and Abbott Meadows, program chairman.

Two men from Belgrade joined in the planning session. The men were served a supper of Italian style spaghetti, tossed salad, French bread, chocolate pudding, and coffee.

Those men who were present will engage in an intensive effort to add new members to their group.

Annual Spring Revival Of First Baptist Church Begins on Sunday

The First Baptist Church will hold its annual spring revival from March 31 through April 7, with services beginning each evening at 7:30.

Rev. Guthrie Calvard, Missionary of the Atlantic Association, will be the evangelist for this series of services.

The various choirs of the church assisted by Mrs. L. L. Mattocks will provide the special music each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Jones County Real Estate Transfers

Transfers of real estate reported in the past week by the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. Darris Koonce included the following:

March 21st 11 acres of land in Beaver Creek Township from Lonnie Croom and others to James Croom.

March 22nd two Pollocksville lots from R. P. Bender to Harry C. Mallard.

March 22nd 15 acres of land in Tuckahoe Township from Eliza Jones to Heber Jones and on the same date 45 acres of Tuckahoe Township land from Eliza Jones to Everette Jones.

March 25th 345 1-2 acres of Tuckahoe Township land from Lindsay V. Maness to Jesse T. Maness Jr.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. Darris Koonce announces the issue of only one marriage license in the past week and it went to Lewis Randolph Davis, 23, of Pollocksville and Sadie Mae Ward, 17, of Trenton on March 22nd.

Farmers Must Pay Social Security Tax

All farmers who have a net income of \$400 or more must file Federal Tax Returns to report their self-employment income for Social Security Credit.

The requirement to file a self-employment return is based on the farmer's earnings or profit. The filing of a return does not necessarily require a person to pay income tax, although he might be required to pay Social Security Tax.

Farmers are required to pay Social Security Tax if net profit from farming is \$400 or more. This provision of the law is compulsory. The law also provides a special method of figuring net earnings from farming operations for Social Security purposes only.

Farmers who gross not more than \$1800 in any taxable year ending December 31, 1956 or later, may report two-thirds of their gross, even though net profit is less than \$400.

Farmers who report on a calendar year basis may exercise this option in reporting their income for 1956.

If the farmer's gross income is more than \$1800 and net profit is less than \$1200 he may report \$1200 as net profit. If net profit is over \$1200 there is no option and the farmer must use his actual net.

In order to report earnings properly, a farmer's Social Security Number must be shown on his return.

Forms for reporting farm income and instructions for completing them may be obtained from the office of Internal Revenue Service at Greensboro or from the nearest local office of The Internal Revenue Service.

Applications for Social Security Account Number Cards may be obtained from the nearest Social Security Office or the nearest post office.



One of the most recent adventures in secondary education in North Carolina is the Gaston Technical Institute, a branch of State College, located in Gaston where training in a wide field is available to high school graduates who desire specific training and don't want the broad curriculum that

naturally go with college degree work. This school has been widely commended upon and is the type school which Governor Luther Hodges and educational and industrial leaders have sought to establish throughout the state in order to provide training in su-

merous trades where shortages of qualified personnel exist. Three Jones County boys are at present among the student body at Gaston. At left above is Paul F. Huffman Jr. of Trenton, next is Oliver Max Orr of Hendersonville, then comes Donald Franklin Huffman and at right John Sandlin

Hargett, both of Trenton. The Huffmans are brothers. Hargett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Hargett. These students are specializing in electrical and radio-television courses and all three Jones Countians are graduates of Jones Central High School.