

## Jones School Board Pleasantly Surprised By Low School Bids

For the first time in many a long school building year bids this week were over 10 per cent below the anticipated costs when Jones County's Board of Education opened bids for 25 new classrooms.

Superintendent Ben Moore says the board had expected the total costs of the 20 classrooms at Trenton and five classrooms at Maysville to run close to \$270,000.

Total bids plus architect fees amounted to only \$234,379, Moore reports.

The low bid for the general contract went to the East Carolina Construction Company of Durham for \$168,549, electrical contract to Demers Electric Company of New Bern at \$10,920, the plumbing bid to Kinston Plumbing and Heating Company at \$17,944 and the heating bid to Howell Plumbing Company of New Bern for \$23,700.

Architect John Rowland's fee was \$13,266.

## Chinquapin, Haslins Chapels' CYF's Hold Meeting on Sunday

The Christian Youth Fellowship of Chinquapin and Haslins Chapels met Sunday night at Haslins Chapel and President Bobby Heath presided over the session.

Clayton Jones read the Scripture and led the group in prayer. There were 15 members present.

The gathering decided to send written personal invitations to young people in the community who do not at present attend the meetings of the CYF and encourage them to do so in the future.

## Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of only one marriage license in the past week and it went to Edwin Wilson Edmondson, 24, of

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## Social Security Payments In 1956 in Jones County Amounted to \$94,428

Social Security payments were paid to 246 beneficiaries in Jones County at the rate of \$94,428 per year as of December 31, 1956, it was announced today by W. W. Thomas, District Manager of the Social Security Office in New Bern.

Jones County figures show that monthly Social Security checks go to 92 retired workers totalling \$4,460 monthly; also 32 wives, husbands, and dependent parents of deceased workers were being paid \$739 monthly. In addition, 27 widows and widowers in Jones County were being paid a total of \$776 monthly and 95 children received \$1,894 monthly. These children were largely minor children of a deceased insured parent; a smaller number were children under 18 whose insured father or mother had retired. All of these were unmarried children under 18. While child's benefits ordinarily stop at 18, Mr. Thomas called attention to a recent change in the law which makes payments possible for a child over 18, based on the insured account of a retired deceased parent, if the child became totally disabled before reaching 18. Payments will be made also to the mother who has the disabled child in her care. This

High Point and Thomas V. Bender, 28, of Pollockville.

provision did not become effective until January 1957; consequently, disabled child beneficiaries are not included in the total given above.

The above figures also do not include monthly disability insurance payments to totally disabled insured workers between the ages of 50 to 65, since this feature of the law did not become effective until July 1957.

The Social Security payments totalling \$7,869 monthly to 246 persons in Jones County, Thomas pointed out, are of real significance to the economic well being of the community at large.

In the New Bern Social Security district area which consists of the counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Tyrrell and Washington, as of the end of last year, 7,948 beneficiaries were receiving \$307,776 monthly at the yearly rate of \$3,693,312 per year.

Commenting on the growth of the social security insurance in the 20 years of its operation, Thomas recalled that the original law covered about 26 million workers; as of March 1957, approximately 55.5 million people in the United States were in work covered by the law, and more than 9 out of every 10 persons who work for a living and 9 out of 10 mothers and children have a stake in the social security insurance program.

## Pollockville Pair Held in Auto Theft

Lee Morris Jr. and Willie Lee Brown, both of Pollockville, were indicted over the past weekend on charges of auto theft and driving without a driver's license.

Sheriff Brown Yates and Patrolman L. S. Meiggs indicted the pair after an investigation of the theft of a car belonging to James Loftin Saturday night.

Sheriff Yates reports other activity in law enforcement circles in the past week has included destruction of a small "family size" whisky still in Pollockville Township last Friday afternoon. The still was not in operation and did not appear to have been set up very long.

## Tobacco Varieties on Display on 3 Jones County Farms Now

On Tuesday of this week demonstrations were conducted on three Jones County farms with tobacco variety plots and one farm with a soil fumigation demonstration.

Farm Agent Jimmy Franck urges those farmers whose schedule did not permit them to see these demonstrations on Tuesday to stop by those farms at their earliest convenience and take a look at the tobacco in the field, and also a look at some that has been cured.

There are 10 varieties in each demonstration plot on the W. E. Mallard farm in the Mallardtwn section, on the D. E. Taylor farm

## Mallardtwn to Get Telephones in August

Telephone Company construction forces are scheduled to begin work within the next two weeks on a project which will provide service to 14 rural applicants in the Mallardtwn Community of Jones County.

This was announced by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company Manager, B. S. Oliver, who indicated that the project will involve an estimated expenditure of \$8,805. Service is expected to become available to the applicants during next month.

The project will involve placing two miles of 51 pair cable, two miles of 6 pair rural distribution wire, three and one-half miles of exchange open wire facilities and constructing approximately five miles of new pole line. The new facilities will be placed along Mallardtwn Road east of the Trenton Exchange.

in the Potneck section and on the J. C. B. Koonce farm at Haywood's Forks.

The soil fumigation plot is on the Dalton Jarman Farm one mile west of Oxley's Store on the Com-fort highway.

## Kinston, New Bern Girls to Make Debut At Raleigh's Ball

Among several hundred girls from every part of the state who will make their debut in September at the annual Terpsichorean Ball in Raleigh will be the following of Kinston: Susan Bowles of 1308 Sutton Drive, Harriett Herring of Kinston route one, Peggy Nicholson of 1300 West Vernon Avenue, Ann Parrott of 904 Rountree Street and Margaret Tyndall of 413 Harding Street.

From New Bern will be Frances Perry Hussey of 512 Craven Street, Susan Muse McCotter of 202 Johnson Street and Mary Catherine Shields of 614 Broad Street.

## The Thomas Hood Jr. Family Awarded 'Master Farm Family' Distinction



This is the Hood Family, including 15 year-old Tommy Hood III, 20 month-old Diane, Mrs. Hood, the former Mary White, daughter of Furney and Agnes Donnerson

White and Tommy Hood Jr., owner and manager of the 400 acres of Jones County Land which earned for the family its title, "Master Farm Family".

This week a joint announcement from Raleigh revealed that the Thomas Hood Family of the Wyse Fork Section of Jones County along with five other North Carolina families have been honored with selection as "Master Farm Families".

This distinctive farm honor is bestowed upon selected families every four years in North Carolina by the "Progressive Farmer", the nation's largest farm magazine, and the Extension Departments of the states of North and South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

A brief visit with the Thomas Hoods this week clearly reveals how they won this honor.

The Hood Farm is six miles east of Kinston in the fertile rolling country which makes up a large part of Jones County's Beaver Creek Township. Approximately 400 acres are included in the farm, 250

in cleared land and 150 in wooded land.

This year Hood and his five tenants have about as diversified production as can be imagined and this includes 22½ acres of tobacco, 70 acres of corn, 70 acres of soy beans, 15 acres of hay, three acres of sweet potatoes, four acres of cotton, five acres of lespedeza and a three-acre vegetable garden for the six families the farm includes.

There is also 45 acres of permanent pasture, three acres included in two farm ponds that are used both for irrigation and for a constant plentiful water supply for the cattle on the farm. This year Hood in cooperation with the Extension Department also has 1¼ acres in a test plot that includes about 40 types of corn.

Hood has 40 beef-type animals roaming his pastures, or as on a very hot Tuesday, cooling in the spring-fed pond that has water too

cold for human swimming.

Other livestock on the farm in the two-legged category of chickens includes about 300 and they are kept very largely for use of the six families on the farm, who total 30 people in all.

There are four Jersey milk cows to furnish butter, milk and buttermilk for the tables of the 30 people supported on the Hood Farm.

One first impression that may have considerable to do with the smooth success of the Hood Farm is in the tenure of its tenants. None has been on the farm less than five years, the others have been there from five to 40 years. The dean of the tenants is Alex Loftin, who was born on the farm and is now in his mid forties.

A most positive indication of the bond between landlord and tenant is that Hood has given up part of the tobacco crop which he formerly tended himself so that his tenants might all have enough tobacco to "make a decent living".

The first comment made almost spontaneously by both Mr. and Mrs. Hood in answer to the question: "What do you consider, most responsible for your family having won this honor?" was "The Extension Department and other workers of the agriculture department".

The biggest mistake the average farmer makes the Hoods agree is "not taking full advantage of all the services offered free to the farmer".

A tremendous vote of thanks was given by the Hoods to the Soil Conservation Service. Hood says his entire farming operation is built around a plan drawn up for him by the Soil Conservation Service. Detailed analysis of the farms soil types, its water problems both from a surplus and scarcity point of view, its erosion

problems and its fertilization problems were all documented in this survey which has dictated the use of every part of the Hood Farm since it was completed two years ago by the Soil Conservation Service.

Location of ponds, terracing of the more hilly sections of the farm, location of crops in soil types most adapted to their production and creation of erosion control areas are all combined with a network of well kept, wide roads to every section of the farm for any type of farm vehicle.

The Hood Farm includes quite out of sight but very profitable 5,000 feet of tile that was also installed on the recommendation of the Soil Conservation Service and under its direction.

Fifteen year-old Tommy Hood III is a rising sophomore at Jones Central High School where he takes an active part in 4-H Club activities and is also a clarinetist in

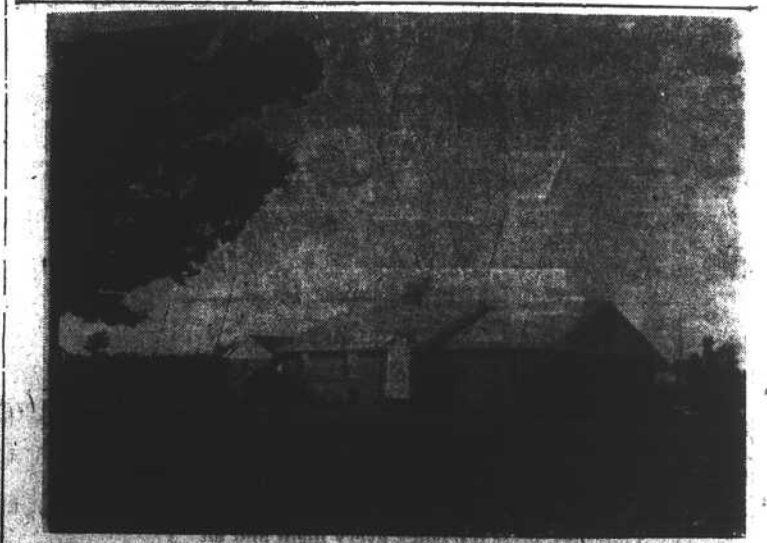
the school band.

Young Tommy has had both hog and beef animal projects and this year exhibited a fat Hereford steer in the annual Coastal Plain Fat Stock Show in Kinston. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hood are Adult 4-H Club leaders and the family, which includes 20-month-old Diane, takes an active part in the affairs of their church, Pilgrim Home Free Will Baptist.

Commenting on the beef animals he has at present, Hood says, "I've been in it about 10 years. I started out with a commercial herd and have gradually built it up to where most of the herd are registered Herefords".

Something like 30 of the 40 beef-type animals are registered at present. He has a fine two-year-old Hereford bull purchased last year in Raleigh at a sale of the North Carolina Hereford Breeder's Association.

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This is the fine modern home of the Thomas Hood Family which this year is one of six North Caro-

line families to be awarded the "Master Farm Family" title by the Extension Department and "Progressive Farmer" magazine.