

Tobacco Land Watching Planter Jones & Lawyer Jones

Although less than two full weeks of the 1957 selling season has passed in the nation's largest flue-cured tobacco marketing area which embraces 17 markets extending from Wallace in the south to Abokie in the north the farmers and tobacco officials are watching with understandable interest two matters not generally within their sphere of concern.

First is the suit in federal court brought by a group of tobacco growers against Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson and other assorted lesser officials in that department seeking to nullify discounted parity supports for three types of tobacco which manufacturers have flatfootedly said they do not want.

Second is the disposition of one man's tobacco crop. He is William Hubert Jones, better known as "Herbert" Jones, who is the nation's No. 1 grower of flue-cured tobacco.

With 240 acres of Ocher 133 scattered across Jones, Duplin and Lenoir counties, Jones is the most controversial figure in the tobacco growing end of the industry.

Rumors are plentiful but facts are few in every segment of the industry on just what "Old Herb" is going to do with so much discounted tobacco.

No. 1 among the rumors is that he guaranteed his 40-odd tenants parity price if they would go along last winter and go "whole hog with 133". Now, however, this part of the rumor has been altered to the tenant receiving as his share of the crop the discounted parity. In this same category of the rumor department others said "Herb" had agreed to give his tenants full prices, grade for grade for the tobacco on the day they were selling. This has been pretty well put to rest, as the most fantastic of all the rumors.

Latest comment in that department came direct from a Jones tenant who said "Old Herb" promised him, "Well, I fed and housed you last year. I reckon I can do it again this year". Admitting that this is a recession from the other rumors, all agree that "Old Herb" takes exceptionally good care of his tenants. They live high and enjoy more luxuries than the average tobacco-farm tenant. They have fared well with "Old Herb" and the feeling is that most of his tenants will stick with him until "the deal goes down".

On the other side of the tobacco picture from the deliberate planters of the discounted tobacco are those suffering the "mixed seed disease" who have brought the suit and seek to toss the parity program into the nearest ash tray.

They are represented by Kinston Attorney Jesse Jones and Greenville Attorney M. E. Cavendish and although they represent less than one tenth of one per cent of the flue-cured tobacco growers in the nation they have stirred up sufficient noise to cause considerable worry among the tobacco program officials in general.

Upper echelon ASC officials are unanimous in their feeling that if this suit now in the federal courts is won by the mixed up seed boys it will mean an end to the entire tobacco program. Jones says it will not, but Agriculture Department officials don't share his view. They remind that it did not take but one such suit to kill the old AAA program which was first instituted by the Roosevelt Regime in the early thirties and they maintain that this hammer in the hands of Jones and Cavendish may very likely be the one that knocks the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation and the ASC program all out of commission.

They also remind that Attorney Jones is the long-time legal adviser for "Old Herb" who has a

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Jones County Election Board Calls For Whiskey Referendum on Oct. 19

The Jones County Board of Elections changed its mind in the past week and decided to act on a petition calling for a whisky referendum in the county on the question of establishing legal county-owned and operated whisky stores.

The voting will take place on October 19th under the notice issued this week by the board chairman, W. F. Hill and its only other member at present, Wardell W. Mallard.

Last week Hill said no action would be taken on the petition signed by 721 voters until a third member of the board could be named to succeed Jeff Conway of Maysville who had resigned from the election to take a seat on the county board of education.

Jones Countians had an opportunity to vote on county whisky stores in July of 1937 and at that time the vote went against legal whisky by 579 to 454, a margin of 125 against legal whisky.

At that time the county had a registration of roughly 3,000 voters, indicating that only about one third of the eligible voters went to the polls.

The registration has not increased a great deal since that time and is felt to be in the vicinity of 3,500 at present.

No new registration will be necessary for the October 19th voting but for the benefit of those who have become eligible to register since the last election in November of 1956 the registration books in all precincts will be open September 21, 28, October 5th and Challenge Day will be October 12th.

Voting against the county operation of whisky stores 20 years ago were the following precincts with their vote: White Oak 162 against 42 for, Pollocksville 145 against 67 for, Cypress Creek 68 against 48 for, Piney Grove 25 against 24 for, Chinquapin 55 against 35 for.

Voting for legal stores were Trenton with 114 for and 69 against, Beaver Creek with 74 for and 21 against and Tuckahoe cast a tie vote of 34 to 34.

Trenton Firemen Do Good Work on Their Finer Carolina Project

The Trenton Fire Department is really doing some work on its Finer Carolina project. On Saturday afternoon, July 27, approximately 40 men met at the new picnic area with axes, power saws and hand tools, along with five tractors, three flat top trucks and one jeep and trailer to clear up the underbrush. A plot of two and one-half acres was cleared that afternoon.

In addition to that, two new picnic tables have been made to go in the park, and as soon as the fertilizer arrives, that has been promised, the town men will put it down and sow grass seed.

Bricks have been donated for the firehouse, and C. H. Gray has donated 50 posts to be used to mark off a parking area. John Hughes Pollock has treated the posts. With all the Trenton citizens helping, there should be a nice picnic area soon to enjoy with one's family, friends or church organization.

Jones Schools Open With 2,932 Enrollment Monday

First-day enrollment in Jones County's 10 schools was 2,932 and the students were divided exactly between white and colored with 1,466 of each.

Superintendent W. B. Moore says that this opening-day student load is within a very few of the figure for last year, but in the bustle of opening week activity he did not have the companion figure for last year.

The Trenton Negro Elementary School, soon to receive a badly needed modern 20-room addition, is by far the county's largest school numerically with an enrollment of 600 pupils for opening day.

The white Trenton Elementary School ranks second with 390 "eager" students on hand for opening day.

The white schools enrollment figures for opening day were as follows: Trenton Elementary 390, Comfort 233, Pollocksville 245, Maysville 208 and Jones Central 138. Total white enrollment of 1,466.

The negro school enrollment was: Trenton Elementary 609, Pollocksville 306, Maysville 167, Phillips' Crossroads 40 and Jones High School 344.

Moore says work on the 30 new rooms for the negro elementary school system should begin late this month or early in September, with 20 rooms for the Trenton Elementary School and 10 rooms for Maysville. A \$150,000 county bond issue and state school building funds made possible the construction of these long and much needed additions. Moore says he does not anticipate using any of this new space before the 1958-59 school year.

Fourteen Charges for Nine Defendants from Undercover Agents

A six-month investigation of stumppole whisky sales primarily aimed at the traffic of "White Whisky" in Lenoir County resulted in 14 charges of selling non-tax-paid whisky against nine Jones County defendants.

Three of the nine defendants reported by Sheriff Brown Yates have more than one charge against them and all others are indicted on one count for selling stumppole whisky.

Theodore Simmons of Pollocksville topped the indictment parade with four charges brought against him. Essie McDaniel of Trenton and Louvenia Mitchell of Maysville each had two charges against them.

James Green of 518 Oak Street in Kinston, operator of a juke joint in Tuckahoe Township on the farm of his mother, has wound up in multiple trouble and part of his current complication resulted from the alleged sale of some "Panther Juice" to these same undercover agents of the State ARC Board.

Green also suffered another blow on Wednesday of this week when his "joint" was temporarily padlocked in an order signed by Judge

Adult Jones Courage Picks Up Slightly as 13 More Get Vaccine

Public Health Nurse Mrs. Alma Vassey reports a doubling of the adult Jones County courage during the past week. Last week Nurse Vassey reported that only 13 Jones County adults had taken advantage of the opportunity to get the Salk Vaccine and its proven protection against infantile paralysis. This in spite of the fact that over 11,000 shots have been given to the children of the county.

Under a plan suggested by Polio Chapter Chairman George Hughes the health department in cooperation with the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis had made the Salk Vaccine available FREE to Jones Countians of all ages effective August 5th. Those who could pay were asked to pay \$1 to help defray part of the cost of the vaccine which has been given free to all persons under 20 years of age and to all expectant mothers.

Last week only 13 adults run the gauntlet of Mrs. Vassey's needle department but in the past another 13 of the braver grown folks showed up, and that out of an estimated 6,000 adults eligible. Nurse Vassey agrees that the adult Jones Countian is apparently more scared of a needle than of polio.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce during the past week include the following:

Luther Philyaw to Alton Nobles two acres in Trenton Township.

Clayton Jones to Jasper Hall one tract in Cypress Creek Township.

W. H. DuVal to M. B. DuVal one acre in Pollocksville Township.

M. B. DuVal to M. B. and Peggy DuVal one acre in Pollocksville Township.

Luther Philyaw to Mary Elsie Nobles two tracts in Cypress Creek Township.

Luther Philyaw to Ruth Jenkins Huffman one tract in Cypress Creek Township.

Paul Frizzelle. Green has also been indicted by Ben Brewington, a tenant on the Council Wooten farm, who accuses Green of shooting at him two Saturdays ago. Last week Green had indicted Brewington for hitting him over the head with a pop bottle.

Others in less trouble than those listed above, who are each charged with one sale of non-taxpaid whisky to the undercover agents include Robert Brown of Maysville, Chess Roberts and Demos West of Pollocksville and James and "Feet" Loftin of Kinston route six. All are scheduled for trial at the September term of Jones County Superior Court.

Two Life Terms Given Murderer Two Women



Jacob Brewer Jr. of 1115 Lincoln Street in Kinston last Thursday afternoon pled guilty in Lenoir County Superior Court to two charges of first degree murder and drew the mandatory sentence of life imprisonment on each count.

Brewer through counsel and in writing, as prescribed by law in guilty pleas to crimes punishable by death, admitted the shotgun slaying of Gladys Collins and Alta Sessions on August 14th in the home of Leona Sutton at 1100 Reed Street in Southeast Kinston.

Brewer faced death in the gas chamber if he had pled not guilty and had been convicted. After considerable lengthy discussion with his counsel he decided not to run the risk of the gas chamber and take the double life sentences, hoping for a chance at parole.

Court officials express the view that parole is most unlikely, but all agreed that release from the twin life terms is much more likely than parole from the penalty extracted in the gas chamber.

Lose Barn and Tobacco

Dalton Jarman who lives between Trenton and Comfort last Friday suffered the loss of his packbarn and practically his entire tobacco crop from a fire of undetermined origin. J. B. Ham, Kinston Radio Executive and brother-in-law of Jarman also lost his entire tobacco crop in the same fire. Jarman was treated for shock in a Kinston hospital after he had fainted on learning of the loss. It was not reported if the loss was covered by insurance or not.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Mrs. D. W. Koonce reports the issue of two marriage license in the past week. They went to the following:

Jeter P. Taylor, 21, of Chinquapin Township and Nancy Scott, 21, of Pollocksville Township and Clayton Whitt Turner, 22, of Pink Hill and Mamie Gray Taylor, 17, of Kinston.

Jones-Lenoir Voters Favor 'Know How' by Wide Margins Friday

Only a small percentage of the eligible voters cast their ballot in Friday's referendum on the continuation of the "Nickels for Know How" program, but it was still passed by an overwhelming majority.

Lenoir County voters said "Yes" 788 times and "No" only 22 times to the program which permits collection of five cents extra on each ton of feed or fertilizer for use in agricultural research. On a special cotton vote which would collect 10 cents in each bale of cotton the vote was 329 for and 11 against.

In Jones County the vote was correspondingly light but equally strong in favor of this self-help effort of North Carolina farmers. There the vote was 252 for and 16 against the original "Know How" program and 19 to 2 in favor of the new cotton research program.