

Marine Buddies Held for Brutal Assault of Kinston Girl

Corrected Listing of Jones Tax List Takers

Last week due to a mistake in copying the minutes of a last year's meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners some mistakes were made in the item on 1958 tax listers.

The corrected list is as follows: White Oak Township Harold Matlocks, Pollockville Township J. B. Simmons, Trenton Mrs. Annie Booth Mallard, Chinquapin Joe Becton, Beaver Creek J. P. Davenport, Cypress Creek Ralph Jones and Tuckahoe Alva Howard.

Jones Farm Bureau Meeting Hearing Talk On Social Security

Earl Tyler, an employee of the Social Security Administration, will be the principal scheduled speaker for the Friday night meeting of the Jones County Farm Bureau. President Alya B. Howard urges a full turn out to hear the latest important information for farmers on the benefits and requirements of this program.

Help Legion to Help

Clen Newton Smith Legion Post Commander Don Brock this week urged Jones Countians to help the Legionnaires to help the needy families of the county in this fashion: Please notify either Brock or Joe Becton of any needy family in the county or in the Cove City area (a considerable number of Legionnaires of the Trenton post live in the Cove City area). The Legion Post is going to distribute Christmas Baskets to all needy families, and they need the help of everyone in the county to assure that no needy family is missed. The distribution is to take place on December 23rd, so please notify Brock or Becton by December 22nd, or another Legionnaire if it is inconvenient to see either of them.

Tobacco Meeting

Every Jones County tobacco grower is urged to attend the annual meeting at 7:30 Monday night in Trenton School for the latest reliable information on advancements in tobacco production and marketing. County Agent Jimmy Franck says Sam Hawkes and H. E. Scott, specialists from State College, will be on hand for brief talks and a question and answer period on varieties, disease and insect control and marketing problems.

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Farm Bureau Head Urges Sweeping Changes of Farm Program, but Sees Wisdom of Slower Tobacco Changes

At Chicago Tuesday the president of the nation's biggest farm organization outlined a seven-point program for American agriculture: The farm organization is the American Farm Bureau Federation, holding its annual convention. Its president is Charles B. Shuman, an Illinois farmer, making his annual address to the convention.

Shuman says farm progress on the books have failed. He lays down seven steps for congress to take, proposals which may be reflected in the Farm Bureau's policy resolutions later this week. First — Shuman says the nation should move at once to stop using price supports as a method of fixing prices of basic crops. We should return to the use of supports fixed closer to the market price, set to provide a safeguard against wide swings in prices.

Item Two — Shuman says after we switch to a lower support level, the government should stop taking over stocks of farm products, and all stocks now in government hands should be kept off the domestic market, except in emergencies.

Item Three — As quickly as possible, the government should stop buying surplus farm products for storage.

Item Four — The new price support program should operate through a system of recourse commodity loans. We're operating now under non-recourse loans. The change would mean that farmers would be responsible for any drop in the market value of their crop while it's under loan. At present, if market values are below the loan value, farmers can turn the crop over to the government, and the government absorbs the loss.

Item Five — The Farm Bureau says our export sales of farm surpluses in return for foreign currency should continue until present surplus stocks are sold out. Shuman says when the present stock

First Legal Whiskey Sales In Jones County in Nearly Half Century Start Briskly

Last Friday, for the first time in nearly a half century it was possible to buy whiskey legally in Jones County, and officials of the brand new Jones County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board were pleasantly surprised at the reception given the opening of the county's first store in Trenton. On opening day, Leland Foy of Trenton route two came in a few minutes after the 9 a. m. opening hour and became the first customer, buying a bottle of banana brandy.

When the doors closed on that first day's business \$343.05 had been dropped into the cash register. On Saturday business picked up considerably with sales of \$524.70 and on Monday of this week, in

spite of — or perhaps because of the weather — sales still held up pretty good with sales of \$245.35. Total sales for the first three days were \$1113.10. Meanwhile plans are moving rapidly along for the opening of the county's second ABC store at Hargett's Crossroads. Bad weather may delay the building which is being erected just south of Raeford Blizzard's filling station but ABC board spokesmen said that it is presently planned to open that store on Thursday, December 19.

is sold, the program should be dropped.

Item Six — Shuman says we should drop acreage allotments and marketing quotas as quickly as possible. And he says this can be done at once for corn. The Farm Bureau president adds it may be necessary to continue tobacco controls for a while after other controls are dropped.

And Item Seven — The Soil Bank. Shuman says the Soil Bank we have now isn't working effectively to reduce farm production. The Farm Bureau president says a Soil Bank base, covering both the acreage reserve and the conservation reserve, should be fixed for every farm. This way, every farmer who gets into the Bank would be making a cut in total production.

Christmas Spirits?

Lenoir County ABC Officers Clarence Bland, Paul Young, Leo Harper, Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates and Deputy Roy Mallard at just after 9 Tuesday night ran down a '51 model Buick on a dirt road near Haskins Chapel in which Brothers-in-Law Theodore Howard and Ralph Johnson of Kinston route four were travelling, accompanied by 12 jars of stump-hole whisky. All were held, the car, the whisky and the brothers-in-law, pending hearing of the charges of transporting "non-tax paid liquors".

Shuman also says the conservation reserve could be improved by providing higher payments for farmers who put a larger proportion of their cropland into the Bank.



An investigation that began Sunday night, November 24th came to an end last Thursday when Kinston Police Chief Marion Haskins announced that two Marines were under arrest charged with kidnapping and raping 18 year-old Shirley Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Waters of the Hugo section of Lenoir County.

Following a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning PFC Edward H. Keltner of Camp Lejeune and Cpl. Ralph Eugene Osborna of Cherry Point were bound over to the January 13th term of Lenoir County Superior Court on charges of rape and accessory to rape, respectively.

Miss Waters, on the way to a Kinston hospital where her father was critically ill, stopped for a red light at the corner of Queen and Washington streets. A strange man snatched the right door of her car open, jumped in, stuck a pistol in her face and said, "Play it cool. Pull around the corner!"

The terrified young woman, a clerk in the installment loan department of The Commercial National Bank, obeyed and just around the corner she was ordered to stop, where another man got in and took over the driving.

She was forced to get in the back seat of her car after she had begged the two young white men to take her car, her money and let her out.

While the drive continued northeast of Kinston in the Oak Bridge section Miss Waters was forced to undress completely and then the man in the back seat handed the pistol to his chauffeur friend and raped the hysterical young woman.

She was able to give an excellent description of both men. They were young, neatly dressed, one blonde, the other with darker hair, both were bare-headed and had crew cut hair. They had accents that were described as "not local". They were of average size, and Miss Waters felt certain she could identify them if they were captured.

But this description fits a lot of young men and with it alone Kinston police knew that job would be impossibly difficult. However an accident of fate intervened. The young man who committed the actual rape had used a handkerchief after the act and had tossed it out the car window as it moved about the northeastern part of the county. By the greatest possible accident that handkerchief had caught on the radio aerial on the rear fender of Miss Waters' car.

Bloody from the brutal assault upon Miss Waters the handkerchief

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Non-Farming Economic Committee Wants Plow Under Every Third Farmer

Following here is a press release this week from another group of self-appointed farm experts which has been mixed with comments by Editor Jack Rider. The press release is in light faced type and Rider's comments are in bold type:

The Committee for Economic Development said Monday that American farm policy should return to the free, open market.

Everybody is in favor of freedom for the farmer, while labor has a minimum wage, protective laws for their unions; while industry has a dozen different kind of subsidies and operates under a thousand different controls. Freedom for the farmer while all else is controlled and supported by the government simply means freedom not to share in the standard of living enjoyed by the rest of the nation.

This is the highlight of the committee's report on farm policy, a report outlining the committee's proposals for a new federal farm

program. The committee itself is a group of 150 businessmen, industrial leaders, college presidents, and publishers. It's private, non-profit, non-political. Its business is the study of the nation's economy.

What, no farmers? Wonder if the college presidents would relinquish what part of their wages are contributed directly or indirectly by government, and if all the publishers on this austere committee would surrender their almost-free postal rate?

The farm policy report issued Monday was prepared under the direction of a program committee headed by Frazar B. Wilde, president of The Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

Of all people to complain about government controls and supports; a life insurance company president! He breathes regulations, banks government guaranteed profits and has the guts to talk about the "free, open market."

Wilde's committee, looking at our

present farm program, comes to the conclusion that it's a failure—an expensive failure. The group says we've been keeping farm prices too high — piling up surpluses — and keeping too many people on the farm.

The farm program is a failure because it has created surpluses of some products. If that line of illogic is followed, how about plowing under every third insurance company? It is an expensive luxury to force the country to support so many "Home Offices" of insurance companies. Why not just have one insurance company, thereby cutting the surplus and overhead and the cost to the taxpayers?

Let's take a look now at the advice the committee gives for solving the problem.

First, the committee says, we've got to get rid of price supports. The group says supports should be reduced gradually for several years, and then they should be dropped altogether, except for stand-by loan programs at levels that would

not boost prices above free-market levels.

Well let's get rid of price supports; but at the same time let's drop subsidies to newspapers, big industries, railroads, air lines, steam ship lines, doctors, lawyers, educators, minimum wage and protective union laws. Let's all be free together. It would be cruel of the farmer to want to be free alone while everyone else is fattening in the floored pen of government controls and subsidies.

The committee's second point — we've got too many farms and too many farmers. To solve this problem, the committee recommends a package of plans — a stronger soil bank, aimed at taking entire farms out of production — the government buying the farms in some cases. And with this, a stepped-up rural development program to find jobs in business and industry for low-income farmers — training them for new jobs, and perhaps even paying their expenses for the move to town.

Brother Wilde — most appropriately named — suggests taking the farmers off one kind of subsidy and putting them on another, for doing nothing, which is what the feather-bedding practices of organized labor so largely is today.

The committee believes if enough farmers can be moved out of agriculture, production will be cut — the surplus problem will be solved — and there'll be a good living for the commercial farmers who remain on the farm.

If enough farmers can be moved off the farm, production will be cut. That is a great piece of reasoning. If enough cars were junked the traffic problem would be solved. If enough typewriters were junked the problem of solving problems would be solved. Most of our problems in this world are created by professional problem solvers and "Non-profit, non-political" groups, whose only interest is in putting a little more fat on their own gut.