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Governor Says \$100 Million Increase Shaping Up in 1959-61 State Budget

Jones Farm Families Get \$267,100 From FHA in '57-'58

Farm families in Jones County received Farmers Home Administration loans totaling \$267,100 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1958, the agency's County Supervisor, J. E. Mewborn Jr., reported this week. Borrowers repaid \$303,074 during the year.

Loans for farm operations, including feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock, equipment and other items totaled \$248,610. Credit to buy, improve, or enlarge farms or refinance existing farm debts accounted for \$18,490.

Among the results the farmers have obtained with loans for better farming, Mewborn said, are better crop yields, good pastures, and more modern equipment.

The recently broadened farm housing loan program is helping many farmers plan and develop better housing and farm building facilities. There is the definite need for new construction or repair of both dwellings and farm service buildings. To be eligible for a farm housing loan an applicant must:

1. Own a farm that is in production, and must plan to produce at least \$400 worth of commodities for sale and home use based on 1944 prices.
2. Have sufficient farm and other income to pay farm operating and family living expenses,

meet payments on existing debts and on the proposed farm housing loan.

3. Be without sufficient resources on his own account to obtain credit needed to finance his housing needs.

4. Be a citizen of the United States.

Tenants and farm laborers are not eligible for these loans but owners may borrow funds to repair, build, or make improvements to houses or other farm buildings for their tenants or laborers.

Many local farmers have had and repaid loans in the past several years, and are now operating sound farming enterprises and getting all their credit needs through local banks and other lenders.

Besides making and servicing loans, the County Supervisor visits borrowers' farms through the year to help with farm management problems. Mewborn estimated he made 328 farm visits during the year and that farmers made more than 200 calls at his office to apply for loans or discuss their farming and credit situations.

Banks or other lenders may advance the loan funds for farm purchase, or improvement, or the agency may make these loans direct from funds appropriated by Congress. All other types of loans are direct Government loans.

In a few remarks Tuesday night at a supper for the governor and the advisory budget commission who were visiting state institutions in the Kinston area Governor Hodges said a good guess indicates not less than \$100 million increase in budgetary requests for the next biennium over the present.

Hodges said more money was going to be needed and hinted broadly that new taxes would be recommended to the 1959 session of the General Assembly.

Hodges explained that many governors are content to "smile away" their last session of the general assembly, trying to please everybody because they generally had their eye on some other elective office. He said he was not going to engage in this luxury, that he was going to present a progressive program aimed at keeping North Carolina moving toward a better balanced economy and sound government.

Hodges reminded his hosts, largely business and governmental leaders of Lenoir County, that they owed a very large debt of gratitude to the men who served in the legislature and particularly to the members of the Advisory Budget Commission, who give so much time and effort to the difficult job of sifting departmental requests and coming up with specific recommendations for the biennial state budget which is now approaching a billion dollars.

Auto Damage Suit Asking \$52,000 for Injuries to William F. Killingsworth

A suit filed in Jones County Superior Court this week has asked a total of \$52,000 damages for William F. Killingsworth from Hubert Richard Rhodes and Woodrow Delamar of Craven County.

Killingsworth, a Jones Countian, alleges that he suffered permanent, serious injuries in an accident on November 23, 1957 five miles south of New Bern on US 17 in a collision between his car and another being driven by Rhodes, which was owned by Delamar.

Killingsworth's complaint says Rhodes turned suddenly into the path of his car, forcing him to swerve and collide with another car. Killingsworth alleges that he remained in a coma for several weeks in an upstate hospital, and still suffers permanent disability from the injuries he suffered in this crash.

The suit asks \$2,000 for hospital and medical expenses incurred during the treatment of Killingsworth's injuries and another \$50,000 is asked for the disabilities he still has, which he says resulted from those injuries.

Young Democrats in Jones Organize Club

Although there was some debate about whether or not the "young Democrats of Jones County were adequately represented last Friday night a Young Democrat Club for Jones County was organized.

Donald Brock, who pled guilty to being 42 years of age was named interim president, but he stressed that he was "over age" for state office in the YDC and would serve only until a larger gathering of the young Democrats in "good standing" could be persuaded out some time early in the fall.

A fish stew supper was incentive enough to get some 40-odd folks out for the organizational rally, but the Trenton area was the only part of the county represented.

Brock insists that the club to be of any value must be representative of the entire county and he hopes with the end of tobacco housing and cooler weather that a more widespread membership can be obtained.

Playoff Starts Monday

The 1958 season for the Jones County Softball League is drawing near its end with championship playoffs scheduled to start at 8 Monday night at the Jones Central Field. The first round will pit the Maysville and Trenton boys. In the boys' league the season ended with Trenton on top 8 wins and one loss, Maysville 5 wins 4 losses, Pollockville 3 wins 5 losses and Comfort 2 wins 6 losses. In the girls' league the season ended with Comfort on top with a 5-3 record, Maysville was next with 4-4 record, Pollockville was in third slot with a 4-5 record and the Trenton girls ran last with a 3-6 season.

Bad News for Dawson

The 13.12 acres of tobacco on the Mike Dawson farm of Trenton where one has been identified as of "discount variety". Dawson has appealed for another examination after field and laboratory examinations had led to the conclusion that around 15 per cent of the Dawson crop was Coker 139. If this conclusion is supported by further examinations Dawson's entire crop will only be eligible for 50 per cent parity support and will be placed on the warehouse floors under a special sales ticket, which will identify it as a discounted variety. This is the only instance of this reported up until now for this year in either Jones or Lenoir counties.

'Catch a Fallen Star' and It May Help Nation's Race into Outer Space

Until the space age sprang upon the world meteorites were just "Shooting Stars" to most people and only had a peculiar fascination for petrologists and amateur mineralogists. Getting missiles "in" and "out" of the earth's atmosphere has changed this interest. Today all flavors of science have an interest in these foreign chunks of material from outer space that happen to collide with our corner of the universe.

No one can possibly know how many meteorites have fallen onto the earth. They fall all the time, night and day but very few reach the earth in large enough pieces to be of any value to the kind of research that is now going on in numerous laboratories across this, and the other nations as well who

are engaged in the race to outer space.

The National Museum collection of meteorites includes samples from 379 of the 524 recorded falls in the United States and another 388 samples of meteorites that have been found in other countries. This comprises one of the world's largest collections.

Meteorites may range in size from microscopic to unlimited weights and volumes. But they are divided into two classes: Metallic and stone. In Arizona there is a meteorite crater 1,500 yards in diameter and nearly 200 yards deep. In 1908 a large meteorite fell in Siberia of sufficient size to level the forest for miles around.

Fortunately the vast majority of the meteorites that hit the earth

are of smaller caliber than these giants that have struck Arizona and Siberia.

Among the nation's foremost experts on meteorites is Edward P. Henderson, associate curator of mineralogy and petrology at the United States National Museum in Washington.

In a Smithsonian Institute publication, Henderson has outlined some simple methods of identifying meteorites. Because of the great interest the government has today in the outer space missile research, Henderson has encouraged the widest possible circulation of these basic characteristics.

He reminds that the coastal plain area is an extremely good place to find meteorites because there are few native stones to confuse the issue. Any rocks found in an area where there is no native rock may be viewed with some suspicion that it might have originated in another realm.

Henderson certainly does not infer that every rock found in such an area is a meteorite. He merely stressed that it is obviously easier to notice a strange rock in an area where there normally are very few or no rocks.

Henderson's article says, "The external portions of both stony and iron meteorites show evidence of their struggle to penetrate our atmosphere. The outer portion of a fallen meteorite is covered with a thin crust of fused material. Sometimes stones and iron are fragmented before the end of their flight and then their surfaces are not entirely covered with fused material. Stony meteorites are

sometimes so friable or loosely bonded together that they may break apart on striking the earth.

"During the few seconds in which a falling meteorite has a high velocity the frictional heat generated by the air resistance causes the outermost crust to fuse. This film of fused material can never become very thick because the air friction erodes the material away as it forms.

"It is a surprise to many peo-

ple to learn that meteorites are not masses of molten material. The centers of these objects show no indication of having been very hot during their fall.

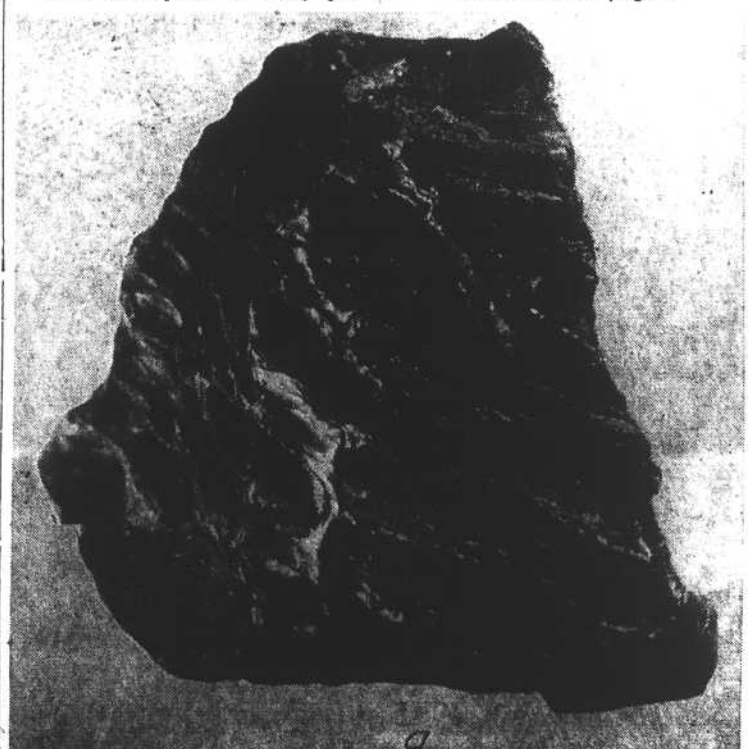
"The crust on freshly fallen meteorites may have delicate lines formed by the air dragging the softened material away from the forward face. These lines or flight markings reveal the orientation of the mass during the last moments

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This is a photograph of a stony meteorite, showing the fused thin crust that frictional heat causes

on the outside and the cracked fused materials which characterize most newly fallen meteorites of this variety.



This is a photograph of a metallic meteorite that clearly shows the "thumb marks" which are

such a distinctive characteristic of this type visitor from outer space.