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## Tobacco Acreage Fixed Same as 1958 for 1959

Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson has given the flue-cured tobacco acreage allotments for 1959.

The action comes as a distinct surprise to tobacco officials who had expected a cut of up to 12 per cent in acreage for next year.

Benson Wednesday—in effect—put the 1959 acreage at about the same figure as this year, and added a small amount of acreage to be held in reserve for allotments on farms which have not grown flue-cured tobacco for the past five years.

The acreage figure for 1959 was set at 714-thousand, 327 acres. This year's was 713-thousand, 468 acres.

Flue-cured industry leaders say it is too early to judge the effect of the 1959 tobacco acreage announcement upon the tobacco economy. These officials say they are surprised, but point out that the industry bargained for a freeze in acreage in return for a freeze or a slight cut in support prices on the 1959 crop.

Acreage is only one factor, and they say they now expect that the price support rate will be frozen or reduced by several cents per pound from the present 54.6 cents per pound.

## FHA Approves 220 Full Mortgages for Kinston Construction

Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole Monday approved the use of Section 221 FHA mortgage insurance to finance up to 220 units of low-cost private housing in Kinston to help rehouse families being displaced by various types of governmental action. He specified that at least 155 of the homes be provided by new construction.

Displacement is being caused largely by code enforcement and site acquisition for low-rent public housing.

Under terms of Section 221 of the National Housing Act, FHA may insure mortgages up to 100 per cent of the appraised value, with the only cash requirement being a minimum payment of \$200 which may go toward covering closing costs and other expenses. Maximum insurable amount of such mortgages is \$9,000.

The period of amortization for these loans may run for as long as 40 years. To facilitate the financing of homes under this program, the Federal National Mortgage Association is authorized to purchase these mortgages over the counter or under an advance commitment.

## Seven Divorces in Lenoir Court Monday

First order of business Monday as Lenoir County Superior Court was convened by Judge Malcolm Paul of Washington was the granting of seven uncontested divorces, each on grounds of two-year separation.

The divorces were granted to Joyce Murphy Frizzelle from Marshall Frizzelle, to Grace Aldridge Suggs from Morris Edward Suggs, to Grace Vick Littleton from Robert L. Littleton, to James Harper from Rosa Lee Harper, to Junie B. Heath from Lem Heath, to Lawyer Mumford from Lillie Mae Mumford and to Cora Seals Washington from Walter Washington.

## Alert Kinston Cops Nab New York Thief

Kinston Policemen Dan Whitehurst and Wilson Stanley Tuesday night acted promptly when their suspicions were aroused at a South Queen Street Service Station by a fellow who was trying to pawn a spare tire for gasoline.

The suspect, Marcus Ramon Gonzales of Brooklyn, was driving a 1953 Pontiac, that had a broken right vent and was being operated without a switch key by a system known in the trade as "straight wiring".

A check with New York authorities revealed Wednesday that the car was stolen Monday night in New York City. Gonzales will be returned there for trial as soon as their police arrive to pick him up. He says he is a native of Puerto Rico.

## Three-Day Session of Jones County Court Handles 53 Cases

Although everybody was working with an eye on Thanksgiving the November term of Jones County Superior under the gavel of Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor did a full week's work in three days by clearing 53 cases from the court's criminal calendar.

The fact that only one felony was scheduled for trial during the week made it possible to breeze along at this speed, and cleared from the court record were 30 charges of speeding.

The speeding cases and judgments were as follows: Roger A. Conlon \$10 fine (all judgments included payment of the court costs), Wallace Elford Lee \$10, Thomas Nixon \$10, Florence Kraham Mankoff \$10, Wallace B. Kell \$10, Joseph E. Tobin \$10, Richard E. Bell \$10, Lawrence H. Oliver \$10, Ralph E. Brubaker \$10, Ray Elmo McCotter \$10, Phillip R. Hanshaw \$10.

Peter N. Black \$10, Charlie M. McDowell \$10, Ronald K. Green \$10, Osborne Earl Coward \$20, Norman E. Emery \$5, Floyd Williams Adams \$75 (speeding 90 miles per hour), Jasper Lee Foy \$10, Henry Salter \$10, George W. Irving \$10, Joseph Earl Smith nolle prossed, Robert Lee Jones \$15, Richard L. Peck \$10, Melinda A. Winne \$10, William McMartin \$10, Henry W. Couch \$10, Marvin E. Fleck \$5, Jack Lipsky \$10, Cyrus Graham Jones \$10 and William D. Turnage \$10.

In the drunken driving category the following judgments were issued: Ted Way not guilty, Joseph Earl Smith \$100, Harry Murray guilty of reckless driving pay \$25 fine and not drive until re-examined, Charlie Nathaniel Murphy \$100, Durwood Reese Swaringer \$100, George Leslie Thomas not guilty, Kirby E. Manning and Randolph E. Manning both nolle prossed with leave, Ambro Roosevelt Williams not guilty, Ossie Grady Jr. \$100, James Jones not guilty.

Other cases included Charles Lindberg Dudley, non support, pay into court \$20 per month for minor children; Perry Allen Heath, violating liquor laws, six months in jail suspended for three years on condition he pay costs and not violate any law; Kenneth Lee Tucker, non support, one year in

## Jury Awards Kinston Negro \$5,029.60 for Accident Injuries

Claude Rountree of 656 Minerva Street was awarded a total of \$5,029.60 by a Lenoir County jury Wednesday for injuries he suffered in an accident May 1, 1957 at the corner of Pollock Street and Vernon Avenue in Kinston when he was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Annie Mae Carroll of Pitt County.

The hearing of the suit began on Monday and reached the jury at 11:40 a. m. Wednesday. In 35 minutes the jury came out with its verdict: \$4,994.60 for the personal injuries Rountree suffered and \$35 for the bicycle that was torn up in the tangle.

Rountree suffered a badly mangled right leg just above the ankle which kept him in the hospital for a month and caused his leg to be shorter than the other.

prison; Preston Mercer, passing worthless checks, 30 days in jail suspended on payment of checks and court costs; Elson Ray Wetherington, violating liquor laws, 30 days in jail suspended on payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Robert Nelson, Jamman, non-support, pay \$15 per week into court for minor children; Fairo Smith, non-support, pay \$15 per month into court for minor children; Preston Mercer, non-support, 18 months in jail suspended on condition he pay \$12.50 per week into court for support of minor children.

Three Beaver Creek negroes who had been charged with violating the liquor laws after a whiskey still was found near their homes had "not a true bill" found by the grand jury. They were Frank Wilkinson, Verner McQuinn and Milton McCauley.

## News Briefs

### And The Rains Came

Joe Boyette of Deep Run route one was not too much concerned when indicted Sunday with a number of friends on gambling charges at his place between Kinston and Deep Run, Monday after the smoke of battle had cleared away, however, the situation was different. He had been fined \$25 and costs for gambling, had been ordered to pay \$67 back taxes to the county, buy \$25 worth of privilege license for his establishment and a \$50 cash bond he had posted for one of the gambling friends was forfeited. When he protested a little too noisily he was also suddenly silenced when Magistrate Bill Thomas offered him the alternative of keeping quiet or spending 30 days in jail for contempt of court.

### PLOWS UP MAILBOXES

Lenoir County authorities this week were looking for an old model Kaiser automobile that reportedly had mowed down something like 14 or 15 rural mail boxes in the area around Harold Lee's filling station south of Kinston. The car reportedly had a Florida license tag.

## Lenoir Farm Census Shows County Ranks 13th in State

When 1957 got underway there were 19,183 people living on the farms of Lenoir County. This is the report in the preliminary farm census from the State Department of Agriculture which report includes a great many facts and figures that should be of interest to all Lenoir Countians, whether farm or non-farm.

Those 19,183 farm folk had 91,935 acres of harvested cropland in 1956.

They also had 5,942 acres of improved pasture and another 2,400 acres of unimproved pasture.

They were pretty well taken care of in the meat category with 2,760 sows and gilts for breeding, 1,174 cows kept for milk, another 1,838 cows and heifers kept for beef breeding and 87,290 hens and pullets kept for laying—enough to assure everybody who wanted one an egg for breakfast every morning.

In the farm homes of the county there were 574 telephones, 2,523 television sets and 6,384 radio sets, not including car and truck radios.

These farm businessmen and women in 1956 sold \$17,028,000 worth of tobacco, \$240,270 worth of cotton, \$6,050 worth of peanuts, \$41,850 worth of Irish potatoes, \$93,000 worth of sweet potatoes, \$1,127,000 worth of corn, \$10,380 worth of wheat, \$18,280 worth of oats, \$315,000 worth of soy beans, \$2,910 worth of lespedeza for seed, \$172,960 worth of hay. This gave these 19,183 people a cash income from crops of \$21,004,020. This earned them 13th rank among the 100 counties of North Carolina in that category.

This \$21 million dollars does not include income from vegetable crops for the table, from milk, from pork, poultry and beef, grapes, perhaps a little wine, pecans, butter and other assorted minor farm sources of income.

In 1951 Lenoir County farmers had 2,350 milk cows but by 1958 this number had dropped to 1,980, which is one of the worst revelations in this annual statistical survey of what the county is doing farm-wise.

The hog population of the county in 1951 was 28,250 and this year it stands at 27,200. However, in this eight-year period a great advance has been made in systematic production and marketing of hogs, and unfortunately no comparative figures are available on the actual number of hogs sold by Lenoir

## Two Suits Filed in Jones Superior Court

In the past week two suits have been filed in Jones County Superior Court in which the plaintiffs are seeking to recover alleged damages.

Wilbur Meadows has filed suit against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad for \$7,500 for injuries and damages he suffered on February 18, 1958 in a wreck between his car and a freight train.

The accident took place on the rail crossing between Pollockville and the Island Creek Road. He seeks \$2,500 for damage done to the car and \$5,000 for personal injuries.

In the other action Floyd Phillips is asking \$850 from the Continental Casualty Insurance Company of Winston-Salem. Phillips alleges that he bought a disability insurance policy from that company which agreed to pay \$75 per month while the insured was totally disabled. Phillips alleges that he was disabled during the term of his policy and the company failed and refused to pay his claim.

## Test Drillings Being Made by Engineers in Three Lenoir Sites

Employees of the Army Corps of Engineers are currently making test drillings on at least three sites in western Lenoir County. The purpose of the tests is "classified" according to the men who are on the job, doing the work.

Tests are being made on the Jack Foss farm one mile south of La Grange, and in the Liddell section on the lands of Miss Alice Smith. Foss said he was asked to grant a six-month exploration permit to the government on 90 acres of his land. Miss Smith said the visit to her farm was made without any previous contacts by the government. No drilling has yet been done on her place.

One of the workers at the rig said, "The government won't build anything now without checking for foundation. They built an air base down in Texas and the damned thing sunk in a few months."

County farmers.

These comparisons show a steady climb in beef cattle numbers from 1951 when the census showed 6,690 and this year when there are 7,150 animals in this category.

## New Ford Loaded with Stumphole is Captured

Lenoir County ABC Officers and ATU agents Monday night captured Bobby Stroud of the Albertson section of Duplin County in a 1958 Ford with only 6,000 miles on its speedometer that was loaded with two cases, containing 24 jars of stumphole whisky. The car was impounded for confiscation and Stroud was bound over for trial at the May term of federal court in Wilmington.

## Local Court Upheld

The State Supreme Court last week affirmed a decision by Judge Clifton Moore in Lenoir County Superior Court that non-suited a \$50,000 damage suit brought against the City of Kinston by Cecil Norman Smith for injuries he suffered in October of 1954, two days after Hurricane Hazel. Smith rammed a fallen tree on East Shine Street just before daylight on that morning and suffered serious injury to his knee. He alleged that the city was negligent in leaving the tree in the street, but the court did not share his view.

Station on Minerva Street in Kinston Tuesday night and stole a quantity of cigars, gloves, shot gun and rifle shells.

### FILLING STATION ROBBED

Uninvited visitors, believed to be juveniles, broke in Taylor's Esso