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## FHA Analysis Concludes Farmers Must Increase Efficiency to Keep Ahead of the Cost-Price Squeeze

The average FHA borrower in Jones County in 1959 owned or operated a total of 98 acres, 65 being cropland. His productive livestock had a value of \$645 and farm equipment averaged \$3,075 per borrower. His net worth decreased \$33 due to adverse weather conditions in June and July and also as a result of the price cost squeeze.

The total cash farm income averaged \$5,940 yet the net farm income was minus \$287 and to help make up for this shortage in farm income, an average of \$245 was earned at off-farm employment.

The percentage of repayments on loans due at the end of the 1959 crop year was 90 per cent. These FHA borrowers averaged 8.4 acres of tobacco and 1,477 pounds production per acre. Each on the average had four brood sows with 14 pigs or hogs produced per sow on an annual basis.

The increase in 1959 over 1958 resources was: 6 acres of cropland; 1.2 additional tobacco allotment; an added investment in equipment of \$650; family living cost increased \$60 per family and farm operating expenses increased \$750. On the negative side: Net cash farm income in 1959 fell more than \$1200 and farm income was \$425 per family less even though the farm operation and family living cost increased about \$800 per family.

Due to the situation which farmers are faced with in 1960, it is a must that they produce efficiently if they are to be successful in the farming business.

Approximately 60 farm families, representing a good proportion of those using Farmers Home Administration credit in Jones County, have completed a series of in-

dividual meetings with J. E. Mewborn Jr., the agency's county supervisor, to take a careful look at their 1959 operations and to make 1960 plans.

This year-end analysis is a service given by the agency which makes loans to eligible farmers to operate, improve or enlarge family-type farms.

As a result of this study of their farm operations, Mewborn said, some of the better practices that farmers here are working into their 1960 plans include (1) raising hogs on permanent pasture for cheaper gains, (2) balanced rations, (3) farrowing house stalls to save more pigs per litter and planning two litters per year, (4) culling herds and flocks, (5) testing soils, (6) open ditch and tile drainage, (7) better gardens and canning and storing, and (8) using adequate equipment.

Farm families in Jones county now using FHA credit include 88 with operating loans, 17 with farm ownership loans, five with loans to build or repair houses or other farm buildings, and one who has a soil and water conservation loan.

Loans totaling \$329,010 have been made to farmers in this area in a eight month period since June 30, 1959. Of this amount, approximately \$10,300 has been for acquiring equipment, livestock, seed, feed, fertilizer, and paying other operating costs, and paying for labor and materials in connection with housing and other improvements. This money, and the extra money from increased incomes, circulate through local trade channels.

Good farm planning and record keeping are carried on throughout the year and play an important part in operations financed with FHA credit.

## Larkins Cautions Voters To Beware of Big-Taxers

North Carolina voters would be wise to put a price-tag on every promise made by candidates for Governor, John D. Larkins said today.

Larkins, one of four candidates for the Democratic nomination, said some of the candidates are over-promising themselves and the taxpayers by latching onto and supporting any and all programs which they hope will trap some votes.

"We've really become the 'Promised Land', Larkins said, 'While I believe our voters are quick to spot purely political promises, designed solely as vote catchers, I do think it wise for us always to keep in mind that expensive programs inevitably mean a heavier load on our already over-burdened taxpayers.'

"We must always remember that the State gets its money from only one source—right out of the taxpayer's pocket. More money for this or that program, more State spending for anything, means simply more taxes.

"I strongly advise every voter to figure how much these promises will cost him in extra taxes if the candidate actually has a chance to make the promise come true."

Larkins also challenged candidates who advocate raising the

State's spending by scores of millions a year to tell exactly how and on what they will levy the new taxes that will be needed to back up their promises.

"This is important to the voter if he is to make an intelligent decision in casting his ballot", Larkins declared. "It's not just a question of where the money will come from. We all know it's coming from the taxpayer. The question is, what will they tax? Will they raise our income tax? Will they raise our sales tax rate, already one of the highest in the nation? Will they extend the sales tax to food, medicines and other necessities now exempt? Will they, as

## Polio Clinic for Trenton Moved Up

Because of the Easter Monday holiday the scheduled polio clinic for the Trenton Negro Elementary school, for the Comfort school and for the community of Comfort has been moved up to April 21st.

On April 20th polio immunization clinics will be held at both of the county's high schools.

The Salk Vaccine is being given free to children, but adults are charged 50 cents to cover the cost to the health department of the serum.

## Legion Auxiliary Has Meeting on Monday

The American Legion Auxiliary met Monday night with Mrs. W. W. Lowery presiding. "Tan American" was one of the program topics given by Mrs. W. F. Hill, and Mrs. Linwood Cox gave a talk on "Child Welfare".

Miss Macy Mallard, district president, presented a copy of the constitution to each member present. Mrs. Elizabeth Banks reported on a set of history books that the auxiliary is purchasing, and will present to the library of Jones Central High School. The group voted to give \$25 to a veteran's family in the county.

Delegates elected to attend the state convention in Asheville May 21 through the 24 were Mrs. Carl Flowers, Mrs. Manley Gray and Miss Macy Mallard.

Following the program and business, refreshments were served by Mrs. Dora Pollock, Mrs. Lila Loftin, Mrs. Susan Loftin and Mrs. Carl Flowers.

Mrs. A. J. Mallard is in charge of the program for next month, entitled "Poppies and Memorials".

## Divorce Sought

Action was instituted this week in Jones county Superior court by Wesley R. Eubanks against Barbara Ann Eubanks in which he is seeking a divorce on grounds of two years separation.

## Bruce Westons Sued For Debt of \$931.52

Wesley Jones and Raeford Blizzard, trading as "Jones and Blizzard", this week instituted action in Jones county Superior Court seeking to collect an indebtedness of \$931.52 from Bruce and Alice Weston.

Notes for \$174.13 and \$448.50 plus purchase of gas, oil and merchandise in the amount of \$308.89 upon which a payment of \$400 has been made are the basis for the action.

## Maysville PTA Hears Dr. Vestal on Cancer; Reelects its Officers

The Maysville P.T.A. met Monday evening in the social auditorium with Mrs. Robert Buck presiding.

Before the group heard special guests Dr. Tom Vestal from Kinston speak on cancer, the business session was conducted.

Principal Clifton Philyaw thanked teachers for their cooperation this school year. A committee reported on purchase of window shades and the same slate of officers this year were nominated and accepted for next year. Other reports were submitted and mention was made of plans for May Day which included tentative plans for a home coming.

## Jones Central PTA Meet Changed to 19th

The Parent-Teacher Association of Jones Central High School, which was originally scheduled to meet on Monday, April 18, will meet instead on Tuesday, April 19,

## Nine Out for Commissioner; Doc Jones Not a Candidate

With the filing deadline less than 24 hours away as this is written Thursday afternoon the big tussle this year in Jones County politics has developed for the five seats on the county board of commissioners with nine candidates out at 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill said Thursday that rumors were flying about the county that there would be more candidates out before filing deadline at Noon Friday.

Four incumbents Chairman J. W. Creagh Jr., Braxton George, H. C. Mallard and Ralph Scott have filed but the fifth incumbent D. A. "Doc" Jones has apparently bowed out after stirring up a hornet's nest at the April meeting on the subject of court house rentals.

The other five candidates include Nelson Banks, Fred W. Foscue, Horace Lee Haddock, Joseph E. Turner Jr. and Eugene Simpson.

Aside from this nine-way race for the five commissioner jobs the only other county competition is between Incumbent Register of Deeds Mrs. Dorothy Noble Koonce and W. D. "Bill" Parker.

The incumbent board of education had no competition Thursday afternoon and all five of the present board had filed for renomination. They include Chairman J. C. West Jr., J. J. Conway, W. E. Phillips, J. C. Wooten and C. J. Banks.

Trenton Justice of Peace C. H. Moore is filed and unopposed.

Representative John Hargett is also asking a fifth term in the general assembly and Thursday was unopposed.

Jones County also has the right to enter a candidate in the race for the two seats in the state senate from the 7th Senatorial District which includes Greene, Lenoir, Craven, Onslow, Carteret and Jones counties. So far only two have filed for these two jobs, and as such stand unopposed. They are Incumbent Luther Hamilton of Morehead City and Tom White of Kinston.

## Domestic Aid Program Claimed For Banker Short \$75,000

Perhaps it is only coincidence that Robert Holt, Pink Hill banker who has admitted misappropriation of \$75,000 has the same initials as legendary Robin Hood, but there is considerable evidence to support the similarity between the two men.

This week, more than a week after the bank shortage became publicly known, Holt has still not

## Controversial Ruling

Last week county ASC offices throughout the flue-cured tobacco growing part of the nation were ordered to strictly enforce a neglected, or ignored section of the tobacco acreage allocation regulations which calls for reduction of any farm's tobacco acreage allocation by the same percentage that the farm's croplands are reduced by any non-farming use of such croplands. Most controversial aspect of the crackdown order is that such acreage reductions will be made retroactive to the 1956 crop year. This week the wave of resistance to this retroactive aspect of the enforcement caused area meetings for closer examination of the overall practicality and legality of this effort.

at 7:30 P. M.

The subject to be discussed is "College Information for Parents." Refreshments will be served by the Mallard Town-Banks Town group, and the high school band will entertain.

A pleasant and informative evening is anticipated, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Damage Suit Seeks \$30,000 for Injury To Child by Truck

A damage suit asking \$30,000 was filed in Jones County Superior Court this week by Mrs. Dorothy Coombs in behalf of her five year-old son, Danny Lee Coombs, against Willie L. Jones, owner of a log truck driven by B. G. Coombs.

The little boy was run over by the log truck in the yard of his home on June 20, 1959 and he remained in St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern until July 3, 1959 undergoing treatment for internal damage to his liver and stomach. The complaint alleges that he is not yet fully recovered.

## Community Sunrise Service Sunday for Pollockville Churches

At 5:15 Sunday morning the congregations of Pollockville's Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches will combine for a community Sunrise Easter Service in the Baptist Church.

The Easter Message will be delivered by Methodist Pastor E. C. Ruffin.

Special music will be given by the combined choirs of these three churches.

The public is invited to join these congregations for this special worship hour.

## Just-After Sunrise Services Sunday at 6 in Trenton Church

The congregation of Trenton Baptist Church is having a special Easter morning service at 6 Sunday morning, just a half hour after sunrise.

Members of the congregation were split between having a truly sunrise service at 5:25 a. m. or waiting until 6 in the hope that more Baptist would be up by that time; hence, the compromise with sunrise time.

been formally indicted for the embezzlement.

And in the community where Holt has managed the bank since its opening in 1946 there is unanimous assertion that he did not take the money for himself but misapplied it in helping and protecting people in the Pink Hill vicinity.

Although no public statement has been made by either Holt or bank officials on the method of his embezzlement it is generally well understood that it was done by juggling notes held by the bank.

Pink Hill rumors also assert that on several occasions Holt became the butt of his effort to help friends in such instances as putting through a check upon the promise that money to cover the check would be brought in by the check writer. After the check had cleared the Pink Hill bank then Holt was told "you're stuck with it." Then he had to cover the shortage by juggling the bank's note accounts.

The admitted shortage is reported to have first come to light when a notice was sent to a bank patron calling for a note payment that the patron had completely paid off.

The audit of Holt's accounts by the bank accountants has been completed, but the secondary audit by accountants of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has not been completed, and this week persons connected to the case indicate that formal indictment of Holt will not be made until the federal audit is completed.