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Jones Countians Attend Farm Bureau Meeting at Goldsboro Last Thursday

The District Meeting of North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was held in Goldsboro February 2 at Griffin's Restaurant. Nine Jones County members were present.

These included three members of the Legislative Committee; W. G. Mallard, Z. A. Koonce and D. A. Jones.

Mrs. Rom Mallard, Womens Chairman was present, President Alva B. Howard and Vice-chairman Horace B. Phillips. Bruce Foy, Walter Ives and William Jones, members of the board of directors were also there.

At this meeting the group was briefed on several subjects, which included appropriation, cattle, education, egg laws, farm credit, farm labor, highway horticulture, motorists, financial responsibility, non-high way gas refunds, public utilities, research, right-to-work, taxes, tax return and water pollution.

B. C. Mangum, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was present at the meeting.

The board of directors will meet at 6 at the agriculture building February 15 for dinner, followed by the regular meeting at 7:30. J. R. Franck will be in charge of the program.

Farm Agent Franck Urges Close Look at Hogs for Method Increasing Farm Income

By Jimmy Franck
Jones County Agent

Take a close look at your farming operation. Are you using your land, labor and capital efficiently?

Does your farm business give you year around employment? Many farmers operation furnishes them only 6 to 8 months work. If this is your case, then you need to take a close look at swine production as a major enterprise.

Swine production fits well with tobacco production. Farrowing dates can be planned to let periods of high labor requirement in the hog enterprise fall during periods of low tobacco labor requirements.

Swine production can be profitable if:

1. The producer devotes his best efforts toward making the enterprise a success.

2. The producer uses proven feeding and management practices.

3. The producer doesn't get discouraged in periods of low prices but "gets in and stays in". (Slaughter hog prices have been under 15c per pound only 25 months out of the past 15 years and they have been over 20c per pound 67 months out of the last 15 years.)

Basically there are four distinct phases of swine enterprises, 1. Purebred program, 2. Brood Sow—Market hog program, 3. Brood Sow—Feeder pig program and 4. Feeding out purchased feeder pigs.

If swine is to be a major enterprise the farmer will need to consider thoroughly which of these systems will fit his farm. Some of the factors to be considered are:

1. Size of farm, 2. Grain supply, 3. Pasture land available, 4. Availability of markets and 5. Amount of money available for investment.

Take a close look at your farm. Take a closer look at increasing their income through swine, a series of two swine production and management schools are being held on February 27 and March 6.

Trenton Scouts Visit Morehead Planetarium Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 109 of Trenton went to Chapel Hill Sunday to visit Morehead Planetarium.

The boys have been engaged in a program on astronomy called "Scouting the Skies", based on a merit badge pamphlet and are working for their merit badges for astronomy.

Scouts who went were Denneth and Allen Mallard, Rodney Johnson, Ronnie Burns, Dennis Banks, Robert, Eddie and Phillip West, Billy Adams, Billy Parker, Butch Huffman, Jimmy Pollock, Jerry Conway, George Wooten Cox, Phillip Cox and Tommy Swink.

Alvin Batchelor, a junior assistant scoutmaster, and Douglas Jarman, a former scout, also went along.

Thanks are extended to Bill Parker and Bud Huffman from the scouts and J. R. Franck, scout master, for driving the boys to Chapel Hill. Richie and Eddie Franck also went along with their father.

While there the group went through the building to see the exhibits on astronomy.

Ronald Hugh Metts Nominated to Take Academy Examination

Rep. David N. Henderson has announced the appointment of Ronald Hugh Metts, of Trenton, Rt. 2 as a candidate for admission to the United States Merchant Marine Academy as a Cadet.

Young Metts is a senior at Jones Central High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Metts.

He will take a competitive examination with all other North Carolina nominees and the Maritime Administration will select eight candidates from the applicants for admission to the Academy as cadets.

Grapevine Advice

A grapevine pruning demonstration tour will be held Feb. 10 to show how to properly train and prune grapevines. The tour will begin at 2 at E. E. Bell's in Pollocksville, then at 2:45 at E. H. Croon's and at 3:30 at George Hughes' home. Anyone who is interested in this demonstration is invited to go along on the tour.

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These schools which will last 1½ hours each will be held in the Agricultural Building in Trenton. Swine, engineering and farm management Extension Specialists will be present for these schools.

Why don't you put these two dates on your MUST meeting list.

Trenton Meeting on 17th for Highway Requests in Division

Residents of the eight-county area comprising the Second Highway Division will have an opportunity to present road requests, petitions and problems to representatives of the Second Division at a public hearing here on Thursday, February 16. Announcement of the hearing was made today by Division Engineer C. W. Snell, Jr.

City and county officials, along with the general public, are invited to attend the hearing if they have road requests which they feel should receive attention.

The hearing will be held from 2 until 4 p. m., on Thursday, February 16, at the Jones County Courthouse in Trenton.

This is one in a series of public hearings being held in the Second Highway Division, which comprises Carteret, Craven, Pamlico, Beaufort, Pitt, Greene, Lenoir and Jones Counties.

Cattle Tests Now Being Run in Jones

Jones County's cattle are currently being tested for Brucellosis and T. B. by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A certain percentage of the cows in each county are tested by the U.S.D.A. every three years.

Farmers wishing to have their cattle tested can do so by notifying the County Agents Office. Testing, of course, is done free. The testing will continue for approximately four weeks.

Jones County Had 1083 Farms in 1959

The 1959 Census of Agriculture counted 1,083 farms in Jones County, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census.

Total land in farms was 105,114 acres. The average size of farm was 97.1 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$15,270.

Of the county's farm operators, 458 owned their farms, 184 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 440 were tenant farmers.

The average age of farm operators in the county was 47.7 years. There were 117 farm operators 65 or more years of age.

Of the 1,083 farms in the county, 817 were commercial farms.

Detailed statistics on crops, livestock, equipment, etc., are presented in the preliminary report, with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents each from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker included the following:

From Isabelle Mallard to Eva Jones Smith 18.23 acres in Beaver Creek Township and the same parcel back to Mrs. Mallard from Mrs. Smith, a maneuver to obtain a "quit claim deed".

From George F. Morrison to E. W. Humphrey one lot in White Oak Township.

From William R. Deaver to Kenneth R. Ray a tract in Beaver Creek Township.

Jones Board Splits on Soil Service Allocation

Jones School Officials Attend Smyrna Meeting

Committeemen and principals in Jones County Schools attended the annual Committeeman and Principals Association meeting in Smyrna last Wednesday and enjoyed a clambake.

Attending from Trenton were W. B. Moore, superintendent, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Mallard, W. E. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. West, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Nance and Mr. and Mrs. Zack Koonce, Jr.

From Comfort were Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Horace King.

From Pollocksville were Miss Julia Whitty, Mr. Buck Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Cox and Mrs. Frank Bender.

Clover 4-H Club Meets In Lowery Home

The Clover 4-H Club had its regular meeting Monday night in the W. W. Lowery home with Wilson Lowery presiding. Walter Ives, Jr. and Annette Lowery led the pledges to the flags and Janice Lowery gave the devotional.

A welcome was extended to Edward Earl Eubanks, a new member to the club. The president showed a film on safety and Janice gave a demonstration on "How to make and equip a sewing box".

Beaman Nance, assistant farm agent, met with the group, and afterwards refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Lowery. Frank Heath is reporter for the club.

How to Speed up First Check From Social Security

The New Bern Social Security office has some good advice for people who became eligible for social security benefits because of the 1960 social security amendments.

"To speed the payment of your first retirement check, bring the necessary proofs with you the first time you come into file a claim for benefits," Betty Perkinson, Field Representative, said today.

The most important record you should bring with you is your social security card.

Almost everyone who applies for monthly benefits must prove age. A birth certificate is not available to most people now reaching retirement age, but there are many other types of evidence which will prove age, such as family Bible, insurance policy, marriage certificate, etc.

Evidence of recent earnings may also be needed to establish your monthly payment. The 1960 withholding tax statement (Form W-2) is the best evidence for an employee. The self-employed should bring copies of the two previous years' tax return and evidence to show that tax returns were filed with Internal Revenue Service. A cancelled check, money order stub, or bank receipt is sufficient evidence to show that the return was filed.

If married, and your wife is also applying for monthly benefits, evidence of her age will also be required.

Miss Perkinson stated, if you have any doubt what evidence will be needed to process your claim, call the social security office before you retire and the representative will be glad to explain just what evidence you might need. If you have the necessary proofs when you apply for benefits, it will help speed up your first check.

Monday a committee representing the Soil Conservation Service and including George N. Noble, John Yates and Emmett Waller Jr. appeared before the Jones County Board of Commissioners and asked an additional allocation of \$1,500 for the local office of the conservation service.

The committee pointed out that there was a burdensome amount of paper work which kept the field workers tied to their desks far too much of the time and this \$1,500 appropriation would make it possible to employ clerical help that would free the men for work outside.

Horace Haddock made motion that the \$1,500 appropriation be made and Eugene Simpson seconded his motion, but when the vote was called Harold Mallard and Fred Foscue voted against it, forcing Chairman Nelson Banks to cast his third tie-breaking vote in three months in office.

The board inferred that the amount asked might be included in the 1961-62 budget but the reason the majority gave for voting against the allocation at this time was the state of the county budget.

Other matters before the board Monday included a suggestion from Welfare Superintendent Mrs. Zeta Burt that the board give study to making use of surplus foods that are being made available by the federal government for distribution to the needy.

County Attorney Donald Brock was instructed to write Congressman David Henderson and ask for his help in securing three drainage projects to serve the county: These would include a joint project on White Oak River with Onslow County and Trent River downstream from Trenton and Trent River upstream from Trenton.

The board voted to let the school board use the large room now used by the health department for storage and to let the board of elections use the small room as soon as the health department gets moved into its new clinic.

The board also asked Fred Foscue to investigate the possible use of the old county jail after some renovation for storage purposes.

The board voted to give the Tax Collector authority to call on the sheriff or any other law enforcement officer of the county to levy on and sell personal property to satisfy tax liens, and also passed a resolution authorizing the garnishment of wages up to 10 per cent of the pay for any salary period to satisfy tax liens and to permit attachment of bank accounts to satisfy unpaid tax accounts.

Marriage License

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker has issued one marriage license in the past week and it went to Marvin Ray Swinson, 18, and Amelia Carol Marshburn, 16, both of Pink Hill.

MEMBER HOME EC CLUB

Joyce Jones of Trenton is a member of the Home Economic Club at East Carolina College in Greenville.

Kidnapping Charge is Thrown Out of Court

Parents of 17 year-old Caralie Peyton of 119 South Tiffany Avenue signed a warrant over the weekend charging Crispin Emory of 713 Manning Street with kidnapping their daughter. He was held under \$10,000 bond.

When the case was called for preliminary hearing Monday afternoon before Recorder Emmett Wooten less than five minutes was required to cause a verdict of no probable cause.