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This is William C. "Billy" Adams Jr. of Trenton who last week received his Eagle Scout Badge. Scout Adams along with Al Wilder and Oscar Greene III of Kinston received this high Scouting honor in a Court of Honor held in Kinston last week, and then in another ceremony Sunday in Trenton Methodist Church his mother pinned his badge on him for "home folks to see". Eagle Scout Adams is a member of Troop 109 which is sponsored by Glen Newton Smith, Post 154 of the American Legion in Trenton.

W. H. Hammond Files For Court Clerkship

Former Trenton Mayor William Henry Hammond filed Tuesday for nomination in the May Primary to the job of Superior Court Clerk in Jones County. This is the first candidate to announce, for the post opened two weeks ago when Incumbent Clerk Murray Whitaker announced his retirement after 17 years from that job.

Hammond, president of the Trenton Sales Company, holds a law degree but has not recently actively practiced law. His father, W. H. Hammond, held the post in the late 20's and early 30's and a brother, A. E. Hammond, also served in that capacity. So by training and family background it is generally conceded by Jones Countians that Hammond is quite capable of holding down one of the county's most responsible constitutional posts.

The only other file reported by Election Board Chairman W. F. Hill is Felix Aldridge who is seeking the job of constable in Chin-

quapin Township. There is no constable in that township at present.

Previously filed are former County Commissioner James Barbee of White Oak Township, who is seeking a seat on the same board again, and Carl Sutton Craft, who is seeking the job of constable in Cypress Creek Township.

Filing deadline for those who would like to run for any county offices is Noon, Friday, April 13th, which is bound to be an unlucky day for some.

Land Transfers

Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports the recording of the following real estate transfers in Jones County during the past week:

From William J. Edwards to Cecil G. King .5 acres in an unlisted township.

From Hubert Ellis to Earlie William Hicks a lot in White Oak Township.

Wilmington Azalea Festival Being Held April 5th to 8th

The City of Azaleas will stage its 15th annual North Carolina Azalea Festival on April 5-8 and the program will include popular events from former years plus new entertainment features.

Visitors may tour Greenfield and Airlie Gardens, Orton Plantation and many private gardens open at festival time.

Festival officials said they are attempting to provide a program that will be as varied as the many hues of the azaleas.

The 1962 Festival will begin officially on Thursday, April 5 with the arrival of Queen Azalea XV. The lovely queen will rule over all of the Festival events and will ride

in a special float in the Festival parade.

On Friday the popular Cottage Lane Art Show and the garden tours will be opened by the queen. A coronation pageant will be held that night.

Saturday morning will be devoted to a big parade in downtown Wilmington. Bands from throughout North Carolina will participate in the parade along with marching units and gaily-decorated floats. A special program of entertainment is being planned for Saturday afternoon. That night there will be a Coronation Ball with music by Johnny Long and his Orchestra and a second performance of the coronation pageant.

Six Jones Arrests Reported By Yates

During the past week a total of six arrests in Jones County have been reported by Sheriff Brown Yates.

Jake Lee Smith of Trenton has been charged with drunken driving.

Clarence Arthur Williams of Epworth, Iowa was charged with speeding 70 miles per hour.

Johnnie Jackson Shepard of Jacksontonville was charged with speeding 90 miles per hour.

James Garfield Grady of Trenton is charged with driving a car with improper brakes and driving with an expired driver's license.

Robert Nace Jarman of Trenton is accused of being publicly drunk and disorderly.

Godfrey Wilder of Pollocksville was charged with being drunk on the highway.

Maysville Firemen Plan Expand Station

There were 25 firemen present at the Thursday evening meeting at the community building with Rudolph Pelletier presiding.

The men welcomed two new members; Etheridge Jones and C. W. Lancaster. A visitor from Kinston was also present, explaining the use of an intercom system in the event the department was ever interested in installing one.

Partial plans were made for a barbecue feed to raise funds for enlarging the firehouse. The group also plans a trip in March to Matthews Landing at Queens Creek for an oyster roast.

Barbecue, slaw, pickles, cornbread and Pepsi Colas were served by Albert Bracey, Robert Britt and Harold Brown.

Asking Divorce from Very Brief Marriage

In Jones County Superior Court this week a suit has been filed by Mrs. Dorothy Louise Koonce Harris, seeking a divorce on grounds of two-year separation from her husband, Earl Harris.

The complaint alleges that the marriage took place on July 19, 1958 and the couple was separated on August 31, 1958.

Trent Racateers

By Rich Franck

"Health" was the topic of Amos Taylor's talk to the Trent Racateers Wednesday night in the Agriculture Building.

After the program the group elected Linda Moore President to fill the vacancy left by Brenda Hill.

Jimmy Pollock conducted the devotional and prayer after which Miss Moore and Jackie Mercer led the group in the pledges to the American and 4-H flags. After the meeting, refreshments and dancing was enjoyed.

Wide-Awake Club

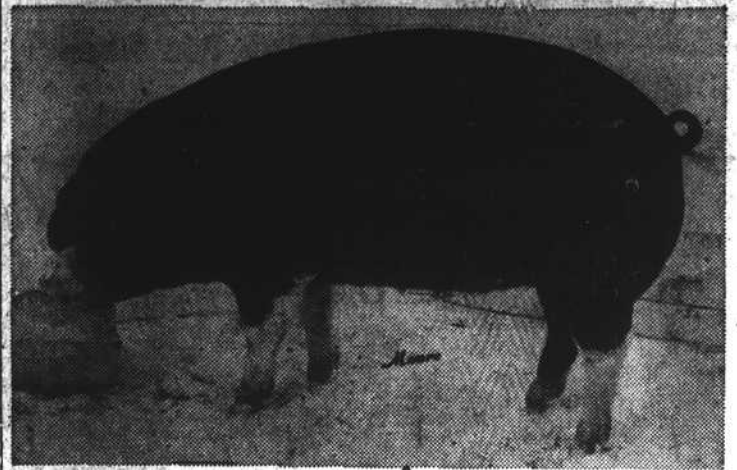
By Shirley Jones

Last Wednesday night at K. R. Whaley's Store, the Wide-Awake 4-H Club held its 5th meeting.

The usual business session was held. An interesting program on clothing for boys and girls was given by Jasmine Jones.

Plans for Demonstration Day at Trenton were made.

\$800.00 Sow Comes to North Carolina



This Junior Champion Poland China sow at the 1961 Ohio State Fair was purchased last week by Robert Edward Cox of Trenton, N. C. at a cost of \$800.00 in the Oscar W. Anderson sale at Leland, Illinois. One of the highest valued sows of her breed ever to come to this state, she will have a last of February litter of pigs sired by the \$3,800.00 Indiana Junior and Grand Champion boar. Mr. Cox exhibited both last spring's and last fall's Grand Champion market hog over all breeds at the North Carolina State Market Hog Show with his Poland Chinas.

A Pressing Problem

By Jack Rider

The world always seems to have more than its fair share of "pressing problems," but none has the paths involved in the curtailment of farm labor because of mechanization and crop surpluses.

A letter came to this writer this week from an aged colored woman, whose family and friends have apparently been badly hit by this farm evolution that is a borderline revolution.

She says: "I been listening at you for about two weeks, trying to plan some way to help some of these hungry, naked, barefooted people . . . I can't find it under the lids of my Bible, but some where Christ said for man to get his bread by tilling the soil. He didn't say, 'Go to Dupont, didn't say go to Kinston Hotel.' He said, 'Till the soil.'

"If you will not let us tend the soil, what are we going to do? They let one man rent or lease a dozen farms, and here stands a hundred head with not even a row of corn to make a cake of bread for their poor children. It that right? I know a family of 13 children — eight working, can do just as much as they ever did. I know these boys, standing hungry and barefooted. They could tend a 3-horse farm . . . but no, land is in soil bank."

That is not all of her letter, nor is it exactly the way she wrote it, but this part above does contain the

Fourth Graders Give Maysville PTA Play

At the Monday night meeting of Maysville School PTA, Mrs. Oliver's fourth grade presented a delightful comedy program. It was patterned after the television show, "I've Got A Secret," with some of the contestants secrets relating to February's special days, Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day and Washington's birthday.

The meeting was presided over by Vice-President Mrs. Joe Thompson.

Principal Hardison announced that work on the cafeteria was near completion, equipment and supplies had been received and the students would soon be able to use the new room. He added that the science room was being prepared for use.

The ways and means committee announced that candy is still for sale, with proceeds to go into the treasury. The library books that were ordered have been received, catalogued and are in use.

Other business and announcements concluded, the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

pathetic plea, in language that cannot fail to touch anyone who has lived in an agricultural area and seen this sudden change.

Many of these people have never known anything but farm life, both white and colored. Now that the place for them on the farm is growing less with every tick of the clock they represent a social problem that should occupy the best efforts of all who respect the physical as well as spiritual hungers that lap around this plenty that a majority of us enjoy.

Some have suggested something similar to the old Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the Roosevelt Era, but most of our national leaders are concerned with feeding the cannibals in The Congo, and shooting some man to the moon.

The world's richest country, lolling in what we braggingly call the highest standard of living ever known, cannot sleep long or peacefully if it ignores this great human problem.

Certainly in one specific field: Water resources there is work in huge amounts of a kind suited to these displaced farm laborers, and the other city dwellers whose mental capacity bars them from employment in the highly mechanized industry that is getting more so with every toot of the factory whistle.

Soil conservation is a basic first step in husbanding our dwindling water supply. The jobs are endless and the need is apparent in this field alone. This generation doesn't hold perpetual title to the fertile soils that flood our warehouses with every kind of farm produce. Each generation simply holds a stewardship over that particular plot that his industry or his inheritance may have placed in his care.

American rivers run red with silt and filth.

Correcting this with workers who want to work but who lack the skills necessary in modern farming and manufacturing may be judged a waste of taxpayers' money by the short-sighted.

This is a national need: Protection of our water resources. The pockets of chronic unemployment are not national. In the row-crop farming areas, in the mining sections and in the great cities one finds, the worst situations of this kind.

Hitler and his werewolves solved this problem by converting the physically and mentally unfit into fertilizer. Many equally barbarous but less civilized societies simply let the lame, the feebleminded, the aged starve.

In an economy in which shortages of food and fiber are present this harsh philosophy can be understood if not appreciated.

But America has no shortage except the shortage of work for these "hungry, barefooted, naked people".