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Cypress Creek Leads In Tobacco Yield as Jones Has Best Year

Christmas should be merrier in a lot of Jones County homes this year than it was last, because Old Santa Claus Tobacco has already dropped \$2,160,744 more dollars into Jones County pockets this year than last and Cypress Creek Township which led the county in yield of tobacco per acre ought to be happiest of the county's seven townships.

The lucky farmers of Cypress Creek Township this year had an average yield of 2,318 pounds per acre as they harvested 527.64 of the 532.78 acres allotted in that township. Selling in all 1,223,156 pounds.

This year Jones County as a whole harvested 5,263.38 of the 5,368.335 acres allotted the county, selling a total of 11,537,887 pounds of tobacco — for an average yield of 2,192 pounds per acre over the entire county.

Chinquapin Township was in 2nd place with a yield of 2,281 pounds, Tuckahoe came in 3rd with 2,254, Trenton was fourth with 2,224, Beaver Creek was 5th with 2,185 pounds, Pollocksville was 6th with 2,057 and White Oak was in last place — the only township with an average yield of less than 2,000 pounds per acre. Its average was 1,988 pounds per acre.

This year Jones County's tobacco farmers harvested 11,537,887 pounds of tobacco compared to 7,667,181 pounds last year when wet weather ruined so much tobacco in the Trent River Valley.

The gross tobacco income to Jones County this year was \$6,715,050 compared to \$4,554,306 last year.

This yield per acre was the highest recorded in Jones County since records have been kept.

Rouse Sues Hodges For \$324 Gas Bill

This week a suit was filed in Jones County Superior Court by John S. Rouse, trading as Trenton Amoco Service, against C. D. Hodges for \$374.84.

The suit alleges that between June 1960 and September 1963 Hodges ran up a bill in that amount at the filling station and has failed and refused since to make payment.

Interest on the alleged past due amount is asked from September 1, 1963.

Special Meeting Held By Commissioners to Draw List of Jurors

A special meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held Monday to draw a panel of jurors to serve at the January 13 term of superior court.

The panel includes the following: James Yates, Wallace Mack, Audrey Kennedy, Elijah Scott, C. L. Morgan, Milton Moore, Jerry Riggs, Eugene Hood, Herbert Phillips, Manley DeBruhl, John Jones, Jack Metts, Ralph Griffin.

C. B. Arthur, Woodrow Battle, George L. Pate, Jesse Eubanks, Cecil Miller, Bruce Weston, L. L. Jenkins, Clifton Quinn, Thomas Stroud, M. B. DuVal, Durwood Swaringer, Otis Jones, R. C. Tyndall Jr. and James Franklin Harriett.

Rape Attempt Charge Against Snow Hill Man Held in Jones

The charge of assault on a female which was placed last week in Jones County against Zeb Harrison of Greene County has been changed to assault with intent to commit rape.

Harrison has been identified by a Maysville house wife as the stranger who came to her home and tried to force his attentions upon her last week, at which time she suffered bruises about the throat.

A magistrate fixed bond in the case at \$5,000 after a preliminary hearing but Superior Court Judge Howard Hubbard reduced that bond to \$2,500 this week. Harrison has not yet made bond.

Lenoir Divorce Rate Higher Than National

The divorce rate in Lenoir County is not an enviable one.

Although it has not reached the size that it has in some parts of the country, it is, nevertheless, higher than average.

As a result of family split-ups locally, there are now 1,931 men and women in the county who are listed as divorced or separated. Of the total, 543 are divorced and 1,388 are separated.

The figures are based on a survey recently made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and on data gathered by the Department of Commerce.

They show that, in Lenoir County, 53 local residents out of every 1,000 over the age of 14 are either divorced or separated.

That is a higher ratio than is reported for most of the United States, the average being 43 per 1,000. In the State of North Carolina, it is 40 per 1,000.

Growing attention is being paid to the divorce situation because of the effect that it has on the lives of so many adults and, more especially, on their children.

In the past year there were more than 400,000 divorces in the United States. They have markedly changed the lives of 800,000 men and women and of their nearly 500,000 children.

While the number of divorces keeps going up, in line with the expansion of our population, there has been no increase in the rate itself.

Actually, the divorce rate per 1,000 people has been dropping since 1946, when the all-time high of 61,000 divorces was recorded.

This avalanche was attributed to the marital difficulties connected with hasty war-time marriages and with the long separations that ensued.

Many of the people who found that their marriages were not made in heaven, and who were subsequently divorced, have remarried, the figures show.

According to the government's figures, for every person in the United States who has been divorced and who has not remarried, there are 2.5 others, once divorced, who have remarried.

Assuming that Lenoir County is average in this respect, there are an estimated 1,358 additional men and women locally who have gone through divorce.

Senator Sam Ervin Reviews Attitudes on Civil Rights Bill

Discussion concerning legislation before the Congress designed to protect the civil rights of American citizens has in recent days dealt in the main with speculation over when H. R. 7152, the House version of the bill, will come to a vote.

Less attention has been paid to a number of serious questions which both the House and Senate versions raise about these proposals. I think it would be well to review some of the attitudes and philosophies behind this legislation.

The central overwhelming defect of the proposed civil rights legislation is the abrogation of the principle of federalism involved in all of the proposals that would come in the aftermath of choosing equality over liberty and freedom.

It would serve a useful purpose for our country if the advocates of such legislation would pause and ponder these wise words of a former member of the Supreme Court, Justice Sutherland, when he said:

"Every journey to a forbidden end begins with the first step; and the danger of such a step by the Federal Government in the direction of taking over powers of the States is that the end of the journey may find the States so despoiled of their powers, or — what may amount to the same thing — so relieved of the responsibilities which possession of the powers necessarily enjoins, as to reduce them to little more than geographical subdivisions of the national domain."

A study of these bills points out these objections: they are based upon the fallacy that men can achieve economic and social satisfaction by the coercive power of law rather than by their personal exertions.

They attempt to solve by the coercive power of Federal law, problems which can only be solved in a satisfactory manner by cooperation, good will, and tolerance on the part of the people in local communities.

Many of their provisions undertake to rob all Americans of basic economic, legal, personal, and property rights for the supposed benefit of only one segment of our population and, for that reason, conflict with the principle that all men are entitled to stand equal before the law.

Many of their provisions vest uncontrolled and uncontrollable discretionary power in Federal officials and, for that reason, are irreconcilable with the principle that we have a government of laws rather than a government of men.

Many of their provisions are inconsistent with the fundamental principle of justice which decrees that all laws should apply in like manner to all men in like circumstances.

Virtually all of their provisions are incompatible with the Federal system of government established by the Constitution. Constitutional provisions such as the 5th, 14th, and the 17th Amendments and other Articles and Sections are incompatible with certain provisions of the bills.

Moreover, there are now sufficient United States statutes to secure to all Americans of all races every right given them by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Woodrow Wilson once gave some advice pertinent to the hour in which we live. He declared: "The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the

Christmas Holidays

In its special session Monday the Jones County Board of Commissioners set the Christmas Holidays for county employees as Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 25, 26th, 27th. All court house offices will be closed for those days as well as being closed on Saturday which is a regular holiday.

Jones' Third Auto Death Comes Monday

The third auto accident death of the year in Jones County came with the death Monday night in a Kinston hospital of 68 year-old Daniel Edward Conner of Dover route 2.

Conner died from injuries he suffered at about 2:30 Saturday afternoon when struck by a car driven by Tilghman Lewis, also of Dover route 2.

According to Patrolman B. W. Oakley the accident took place about eight miles west of Trenton on the Wyse Fork Road.

Lewis has been charged with manslaughter, driving without a license and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Two of the three traffic deaths in 1963 in Jones County have been pedestrians, Oakley reminds.

Auxiliary Party

The American Legion Auxiliary held its annual Christmas Party at Kings' Restaurant Monday night. Mrs. Alex Higgins gave the invocation. The Gold Star Mothers Mrs. Lora Davenport and Mrs. Burnice Meadows were remembered with a gift. Mrs. Nimrod Carroll, Mrs. Guy Kinsey, Mrs. W. W. Lowery, Mrs. Bill Johnson had charge of recreation.

Special Service

Rev. Norman Knight, pastor of the Methodist church, has announced that religious services will be held Tuesday Night, Dec. 24 at 11 o'clock. At this time, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed. Everyone is invited to attend.

Two Jones Arrests

During the past week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports the arrest of Larry Harris of 801 Broad Street in New Bern on a charge of drunken driving and Leon Henderson also of New Bern on charge of public drunkenness.

Bookmobile Schedule

FRIDAY — DECEMBER 20
Pollocksville School 10:00 - 11:30
Pollocksville (D-twn) 11:40 - 12:30
Maysville School 2:00 - 2:30
Eugene Simpson's Farm
White Oak River Rd. 3:00 - 3:20

Land Transfers

The only transfer of land recorded in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker during the past week was of a tract from the First Citizens Bank to Howell Rasberry and others in Tuckahoe Township.

increase of it. When we resist, therefore, the concentration of power, we are resisting the processes of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties."