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## Neuse Valley Association has Meeting in New Bern, Acts to Stimulate Seafood Industries

Because of the growing importance of the fisheries industry along the North Carolina coast, the Board of Directors of the Neuse Development Association has added to its Industrial Committee a sub-committee on Seafood and Fisheries.

In adding the sub-committee, it was pointed out by the Directors that the Association, consisting of eight counties including Carteret, Onslow, Pamlico and Craven where the industry is growing, can aid in the growth and expansion of this source of income.

A budget for 1964 of \$3,000 has been set by the Association. Each County within the area is being asked to raise specific amounts of money based on population of the individual county.

Other counties in the association are Jones, Lenoir, Greene and Wayne.

In order to facilitate the activities of the four major committees of the Association, President A. C. "Lon" Edwards named Vice-President Oscar Cranz Jr. to work with and coordinate activities of the Agricultural and Industrial Area Committees.

Vice-President Donald Brock is to work with the Area Committees on Community Development and Travel and Recreation.

Vice-Chairmen for the four major committees have been named. Tom Hardy, of Greene County, has been named vice-chairman of the Agricultural Committee under Charlie Davis of Jones County.

Mrs. Paul Fletcher, of Lenoir County, was named vice-chairman of the Community Development Committee to work with Mrs. Alta Koonce, of Jones County.

Charles McNeil, of Carteret County, was named vice-chairman of the Industrial Committee which

is headed by Bill Bowen of Lenoir County. Don Taylor, of Craven County, will serve as vice-chairman of the Travel and Recreation Committee headed by Bill Chalk, of Carteret County.

Paul Barwick, LaGrange newspaperman and publisher, was named as Public Chairman for the Neuse Development Association.

The next meeting of the association Directors will be held in Oriental on April 22.

## Land Transfers

Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker reports recording the following land transfers in his office during the past week.

From W. J. Dillahunt to John Clayton Jr. four acres in Pollocksville Township.

From Isaiah Kornegay to Walter P. Henderson 100 acres in Trenton Township

From Viney Coombs to Archie Davis one acre in Cypress Creek Township.

From J. J. and Lena Conway and Richlands Development Corporation to M. R. and Sally G. Williams a tract of land in White Oak Township.

From Hobert and Margaret Sanderson to Carl and Lela Sanderson three tracts in Chinquapin Township.

## Jones Divorce Suit

Jones County Superior Court Clerk Walter Henderson reports that one suit was filed in his office during the past week in which Christon Bryant is seeking a divorce from Willie Mae Ellis Bryant is seeking a divorce from Willie Mae Ellis Bryant on grounds of two years separation. The suit alleges that the couple was married March 5, 1930 and separated "sometime in 1952."

## Vandalism Reports

Several homes and business establishments in the Trenton area were the target of an apparent series of vandalistic attacks by the same person or group of persons. Either pellet guns or air rifles were used to shoot through windows of at least six homes and business places and Sheriff Brown Yates says if the guilty person is apprehended he will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

## FHA Program Offers Special Assistance

Alleviating poverty and improving rural conditions is a major goal of national, state and local groups throughout the country.

John Robert Jarman, Chairman of the County Committee of the Farmers Home Administration, stated the present authorities are being fully utilized to implement the efforts of these groups in dealing with the major income and health problems of farm people.

FHA authorities are designated to assist farm families who are confronted with low income resulting from limited agricultural or other potential or physical handicaps and need to borrow funds for seed and fertilizer, or other farm and home operating expenses to make this year's crops.

Emphasis will be placed on loans to assist farm families to purchase subsistence livestock, produce and conserve increased quantities of food for family consumption and to add to and expand income producing farming enterprises.

Any farmer in Jones County desiring further information about these loans, or other types of assistance available through the Farmers Home Administration, may contact Mr. J. E. Mewborn, Jr., County supervisor, located at Agr. Bldg., Trenton, North Carolina.

## Lenoir's Third Highway Death Claims Kinston Man Friday Night on 11

### Seven Arrests Made During Past Week

Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports seven arrests during the past week.

Walter Lee Jarvis and Ralph Linwood Jarvis of Belhaven, John McGruff of Maysville and Ray Smith of Trenton route 1 were each charged with public drunkenness and Harry Lee Murrell of Trenton route 1 and Gerald Turner of Pink Hill route 1 were each charged with drunken driving.

William Earl Jones of Stella was charged with driving without a license.

Lenoir County's third highway fatality of 1964 came at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday two miles north of Kinston on Highway N. C. 11. Irving Eugene Meeks, 41, of 903 N. McLewean street was instantly killed in the crash of the car he was riding with a pickup truck driven by Dexter James of Burgaw.

Meeks was in the back seat of a car belonging to Ashley Deaver of Grifton route 2 which was being driven by either Camp Lejeune Marine Carroll Hargis or 16 year-old Sheila Arthur of 7-E Simon Bright Apartments.

Patrolman Vernon Heath has not completed investigation of the accident, and has not yet determined the driver of the Deaver car. Both of the passengers in the front seat of the car are still hospitalized.

James, driver of the truck, suffered a broken jaw and other less serious injuries and his wife, Louise, suffered a broken leg and other less serious injuries.

Evidence indicated that the Deaver-owned car was skidding down the wet highway, completely out of control, when it slammed broadside into the James truck.

Miss Arthur was unconscious when taken to Lenoir Memorial Hospital but this week her condition is reported to be fair although she is still sore from several broken ribs and possible other internal injuries.

The James couple is reported to be resting well at Parrott Memorial Hospital.

## Kinstonian Hurt in Beaufort County

Emmett Murphy of 106 East Vernon Avenue suffered painful but not critical injuries in an accident two miles south of Washington on highway U. S. 17.

Murphy's truck was stopped on the shoulder of the highway when it was hit by the car of Harry Schertzman of Fort Lee, N. J., who had lost control of his car.

Murphy suffered a slight concussion and bruises and about \$100 damage was done to his truck. Damage to Schertzman's car was estimated at \$1,000.

## Telephone Company Pays Jones Taxes

D. F. Holliday, local manager for Carolina Telephone, one of the county's larger taxpayers, this week presented a check for \$3,517 to the Jones County tax collector.

The check was in payment of 1963 ad valorem taxes on the company's properties within the county. In addition, checks covering municipal ad valorem taxes will be delivered this week.

The company's total county and municipal tax bill throughout eastern North Carolina amounted to \$1,008,000. In addition, state and federal taxes came to \$7,700,000.

This does not include the 10 per cent federal exercise tax on telephone service which the company collects from its subscribers and remits to the federal government.

## 'STERN' SENTENCE

Recorder Emmett Wooten Monday handed Ray Spear of Kinston route 2 a "stern" sentence for escaping from custody as he was being transferred from the county jail to begin serving an 18-month term for stealing soybeans from a mill north of Kinston. Wooten gave Spear an 8-month term to run concurrently with his other sentence.

## Lenoir County Proposal to North Carolina Fund

The Steering Committee appointed by City of Kinston and County of Lenoir officials to study the problem and to make this proposal feels that this county is peculiarly in need of urgent effort in the field of systematic poverty that has set in, and now to an accelerated degree with a dangerously high percentage of the county's population.

In the most recent decade (1950-1960) for which statistics are available the number of farm families in Lenoir County has dropped from 3,781 to 2,429, which, based on an average family of five, indicates a shrinkage of farming population from 18,905 to 12,191. The same trend that caused this terrific social change in the period 1950-60 has accelerated rather than decreased. In the past two years cuts of first five and this year 10 per cent in the tobacco acreage allocations have combined to worsen an already bad situation.

This shrinkage of farming population took place during the period when the county's overall population was increasing from 45,953 to 55,276. A great many of these displaced farm families have gone to the metropolitan areas of the north, but a very large percentage of them from the great farming areas south of Kinston have settled in Kinston, where an average of

1650 is registered on any given day for employment. However, their skills in farming are unwanted in the local market. This has forced a large segment of this group to be forced into this cycle of poverty by powers over which they had little or no control. The majority of this group is Negro, but a considerable segment is white.

In 1949-50 the Negro school enrollment in Kinston was 1,788; for the current school year it is 3,004, an increase of 68 per cent.

While acreage cuts were taking their toll of farming families the automation of tobacco farming has taken perhaps even a greater toll. And while automation on the farm has dried up employment for thousands of people, the automation of tobacco processing plants has seen jobs lost to over 2,000 in the City of Kinston with the transfer of re-drying and storage functions from Kinston tobacco plants to new and modernly equipped plants in Wilson, Rocky Mount, and Greenville. This year alone Kinston is losing almost 1200 jobs because of this centralization of tobacco processing plants.

All the factors combined have given Lenoir County a great surplus of fertile land perhaps even a greater surplus of farm-oriented hands.

The project proposed by the Lenoir County Steering Committee is built around an experiment that may possibly combine these two surpluses to the advantage of both; thereby to some degree breaking the cycle of poverty that has engulfed so many people in the past 10 years.

The Lenoir County Steering Committee proposes to acquire, either by purchase from county funds or long-time lease the recent abandoned State Prison camp and farm one mile south of Kinston on Highway U. S. 258. The farm includes 40 acres of class 1 land, offices, barracks, kitchen and storage facilities that handle an average prisoner load of 100 men.

This facility would be used for experimentation and training in specialized types of agriculture. The basic intent would be to create a corps of workers capable of producing high quantities of high quality vegetables and fruits on small acreages. All endeavor would be aimed toward those food products that are in constant shortage and items that are in high demand.

Such types of farming as Hydroponic, Organic, Hot-frame, Cold-frame, and greenhouse farming would be engaged in on a year-round basis.

None of these is a new area since considerable experimentation has been going on for varying lengths of time in all of these specialized fields, but little or none has been done at the commercial level in North Carolina, and absolutely none in Eastern North Carolina where the great surpluses of fertile land and idle farm hands exist.

Operating in conjunction with farming experimentation would be packing, processing, grading, freezing, storing, cooking and marketing of all produce from this experimentation.

Since it is recognized that every idle worker does not have a "green thumb" the allied fields of food preparation, packaging and marketing would open avenues of employment which would undergird the logical foundation of small industries in the area.

It is also recognized that there is a growing shortage of trained people in the service trades, and this training in cookery, food processing and even food grading would touch constantly in this field.

The low-quality produce that might come from this project would be used as experimental rations for meat animals — most basically poultry and pork. This meat would also offer training for workers in fields where shortages now exist;

butchers, meat cutters, graders, and helpers in all these fields.

The records division of this project would also be used as a clearing house for work on a day-work basis around farms and homes in the area.

This would provide a constant source of employment on a systematic basis for dozens of "yardmen" and specialized house-cleaners and would be a minor source of income to the project which would supplement income derived from sale of farm products.

The Lenoir County Committee also proposes to set in motion as a supporting arm to this experiment a system of day nurseries to free parents for training on this project. The committee also will recommend to the county officials that a "Sheltered Work Shop" be set up immediately to absorb as many workers as possible whose education and physical ability prohibits their employment at public work.

Working closely with and drawing upon the experience of the Caswell Rehabilitation Center basic farm and home skills would be taught in this project center on a "see-and-do" rather than on a textbook level.

Such things as basic tractor and

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