

# Santa Claus Comes Today in Tobaccoland, USA

Christmas in August!  
That's what it is as the auctioneer begins his Santa Claus chant again, singing out the prices that are the happiest music ever heard by thousands of tobacco farmers in the heart of Tobaccoland, USA.

In the steaming warehouses the sweat will pour but nobody seems to mind because of the cold cash that is being passed out by the millions of dollars.

And on the farm growing giants chew up the stalks from which these truly golden leaves came so shortly ago. Activity leaves the fields and curing barn and moves into the pack houses where all hands are gathered to prepare that old King Nicotine for market.

Not so long ago tobacco selling time was not always the happy time of recent memory. Prices often dropped so low the farmer got less than enough to pay for the fertilizer he had put under a crop. Many disgusted farmers hauled tobacco back to the farm and dumped it in the stables. Today few farms have stables and no farmer is likely to take any tobacco back and dump it in a stable even if he has one.



This pictures the next to last field activity insofar as the 1964 tobacco crop is concerned. Cutting the stalks and finally turning out the root are aimed at controlling nematodes and tobacco eating insects who thrive on suckers that are left to grow after the good tobacco has been pulled. Every farmer is urged to do these two chores not only for his own best interest but to improve the chances of the entire neighborhood for a better crop in 1965.

This year this heartland of To-been badly hit by drought, no large Tobaccoland, USA has enjoyed oneareas have suffered from too much of its finest seasons. No area hasrain.

Most sections got enough rain at the right time to produce a tremendous crop. Hard-learned lessons have finally caused nearly all farmers to house and to cure their tobacco more carefully.

Today all across this huge Eastern Belt, where most of the world's flue-cured tobacco is grown and sold eager thousands will be tilting their ear to the weird chant of the auctioneer.

What they hear will be good news because support prices of tobacco are higher than last year and with a good crop of what has come to be called "useable" tobacco the buying companies are eager to replenish their stocks.

After several stormy years when medical propagandists aimed all kinds of criticism at the tobacco industry the use of tobacco has begun to climb again.

Whether this is good news for the nation medically speaking still remains to be seen, but it undoubtedly is good news to Tobaccoland, USA.

For the past ten years the combination of medical criticism, filter tipped cigarettes and use of "reconstituted tobacco" — which is sim-

ply the use of ground up stems which were once thrown away — has caused a drop in total pounds of tobacco used.

This has caused huge surpluses to stack up both in private and public warehouses and this, naturally, has given the grower and the processor of tobacco a lot of king-sized headaches.

But there are signs, if on a distant horizon, that this trend is easing and even brighter days are not too far away.

Tobacco has survived many assaults in its history as one of America's major crops. It is still under attack but the odds are that it will not only survive but will flourish for a long, long time to come.

Let's hope so.

## ASSAULTS BOSS

Robert Lee Moore of Kinston route 2 was arrested Thursday night on charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill after he slashed his employer, Paul Watson of Kinston route 1 across the chest with a knife. Moore was also charged with drunken driving and driving without a license.

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### Suit Filed to Keep Jones County Children Out of County Schools

Monday, a suit was filed in Jones County Superior Court by parents of 46 Jones County children in which the court is asked to issue an injunction stopping the Jones County Board of Education from enforcing a recent order recalling all resident students to the schools in the county.

The complaint is filed in behalf of 46 specified children and "all others similarly situated in the western most part of Jones County."

The suit says that 12 of these children have been attending Duplin County schools at Beulaville throughout their school careers and 34 have attended Lenoir Schools at Pink Hill throughout their school life.

The complaint alleges that the children by attending Duplin or Lenoir county schools only have to travel 20 or less miles per day and if they attend the Comfort elementary school they would have to travel 30 miles per day and 70 miles per day to attend Jones Central High School.

The complaint further claims that the order of the Jones County School Board is arbitrary and an abuse of authority in that it is not based in the best interest of the children involved.

The complaint further asserts that the August 18th action of the Jones County Board of Education was improper and an exhibit of callousness of which judicial notice should be taken.

The minutes of the Jones County Board of Education for August 18 includes the following:

"The members of the Jones County Board of Education agreed not to change their decision on the assignment of these children in the western part of Jones County, but

### Six Jones Arrsets

During the past week Jones County Sheriff Brown Yates reports six arrests: Levy Mallard and Bobby Ray Roberts of Pollockville are charged with being drunk on the highway. Frank Rhodes Jr. of Comfort and Jesse Powell Jr. of Castleberry, Alabama are charged with driving without a license and Harvey Morton of Trenton and James Hancock of Jacksonville are charged with stealing an automobile.

### HOME CLUB MEETS

The Chiquapin Home Demonstration Club held its August meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Koonce. A delicious chicken stew was served to the members and guest present.

### Polio Clinics Bring \$7,000 Windfall to Area Schools

Contributions to the Lenoir-Greene-Jones Counties Medical Society during the recent Sabin polio campaign exceeded expenses by more than \$7,000, according to Dr. P. M. Dunning, chairman of the Medical Society's immunization committee.

As a result of this excess, \$415.00 will be turned over by the Medical Society to each of the 17 schools which were used as clinic sites during the immunization program.

There was no charge for the vaccine to the public, but it was suggested that each person receiving vaccine donate 25 cents to help cover the cost of administering the program in the three-county area. If there had been a deficit at the completion of the program, the Medical Society had agreed to make up the loss from its members.

The excess funds will be turned over to the school principals for the purchase of equipment or supplies, or for other needs at the discretion of the principal, for which funds are not provided by City, County, or State funds. Each principal is to advise the chairman of the immunization committee of the use made of the funds.

The program resulted in about 55,250 individuals in the three counties being immunized against all three types of polio. Dr. Dunning pointed out that about 1,500 persons were immunized against only one or two of the types. He urges those individuals to follow through and get their needed types to complete their immunization.

On behalf of the Lenoir-Greene-Jones Medical Society, Dr. Dunning expressed appreciation to the public, schools, organizations and business firms for their cooperation in making the program a success. He specifically expressed thanks to

### Jones Court Clears 34 Cases off Docket

During the past two weeks submissions before Clerk Walter Henderson or trial before Judge Nick Noble have removed 34 cases from the docket of Jones County Recorder's Court.

As usual the majority — 22 — were traffic violation charges but included among these were nuisance type indictment of persons who had a driving license, but happened not to have it in their pocket when stopped, and whose indictment was quashed when they tendered a valid driving license to the clerk's office.

These seven person were William James Jones of Pollockville route 1, Mildred Bryant Morgan of Pollockville, John Robert Boyette of Pollockville route 1, Gertrude Andrews of Maysville, Roland Scott of New Bern route 3, Donald O'Neal Williams of Pollockville

Carolina Dairies for the use of their hardening room for storage of the frozen vaccine; to the Kinston Jaycees who served as a transportation corps to take the vaccine and supplies from the Carolina Dairies to each station; to City and County school boards and school principals; to PTA organizations who provided volunteer workers at the clinics; to nurses and pharmacists who volunteered their services; and to the local press and radio for its cooperation.

Dr. Dunning estimated that 7,000 man-hours of volunteer help went into helping the Medical Society complete the campaign.

route 1, and Roy Allen Williams of Kinston route 5.

In the non-traffic department John Wesley Brown of Trenton appealed a 6-month jail term for beating a woman to superior court and his bond was fixed at \$500.

Harvey Morton of Trenton route 1 and James Hancock of Jacksonville were found guilty of temporary auto theft and given 90-day jail terms suspended on payment of \$50 fines.

David Alfred Ward of Maysville paid \$15 for being publicly drunk, Waters Matlocks of Maysville paid \$18.50 for the same violation.

Worth Campbell of Pollockville was found not guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. Walter Marshburn of Comfort was fined \$25 for simple assault.

Floyd Hill of Dover route 1 had a woman beating charge not prossed on request of the lady he had whipped but she was ordered to pay the court costs.

Thomas Edward Hall of Trenton route 2 had a charge of assault with intent to kill withdrawn and the prosecuting witness paid the costs in this case too.

John C. West of Jacksonville had a non-support charge withdrawn on the same condition of the prosecuting witness paying the costs.

A public drunkenness charge against John Hughes White of Pollockville was not prossed.

A 90-day jail term was suspended for Elijah Roberts Jr. of Kinston route 5 on charges of carrying

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### Earl Bell Seeking Possession Land He Claims Ownership of Since February 21, 1923

This week a suit was filed in Jones County Superior Court by E. E. Bell, who is seeking possession of a 78-acre tract of land in Pollockville-Township which he claims to have owned since February 21, 1923.

The suit is against Cornelius nad Lula Bell Jordan, Florence Jordan White, Wade W. and Emma Barker Mallard and Donald F. Brock, trustee.

The complaint alleges that the defendants are "wrongfully and unlawfully in possession of the

land" and have refused and still refused and still refuse to vacate the same although the plaintiff has repeatedly requested them to vacate the premises.

Bell's suit further alleges that a reasonable rental of the tract is \$2500 per year and he asks the court to award him rental at that rate for the 41-year period in which he alleges the defendants have wrongfully retained in possession of the land.

And finally he asks immediate possession of the land.

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