

JONES COUNTY'S 23rd AGRICULTURAL FAIR TAKING PLACE OCTOBER 27th TO NOVEMBER 1st

The stage is set and plans are complete for the 23rd annual Jones County Agricultural Fair sponsored by Glen Newton Smith Post 154 of the American Legion. Beginning October 27th and running through November 1st the fair again this year will feature the widest possible participation by farmers and home makers in every part of the county.

Fair President J. J. Chad-

wick reviewing the week's schedule, reminded that exhibits should be entered and in place before 8 p.m. Monday.

Monday is also being observed as school children's day from 2:45 until 6 p.m.

Tuesday will see judging of many of the exhibits with another day for school children and special entertainment on the midway at 7:30 in the evening.

Wednesday is another children's day, featuring midway entertainment again at 7:30 on the midway.

The annual dress revue will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday will feature the 4-H

Club poultry show and sale at 2:30 and that night the annual Jones County Beauty Pageant will be held at 7:30.

And on Saturday the closing day school children will again be admitted free until 6 p.m.

The Fair Catalog and Premium List this year is dedicated to Clement Manly Gray Jr. and Benjamin Carl Gray Jr., two of the Legionnaires most active in the fair for many years, who have died since last year.

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Big, Bad, Brave State Welfare Board Bringing Suit Against Jones County

Wednesday the state welfare board sidestepped a court confrontation with the huge counties of Forsyth and Guilford, dodged around middle-sized Craven County and decided to make a "test case" out of Little Ole Jones County.

What it's all about is the refusal of the Jones County Board of Commissioners to put up money for a pair of new welfare programs dreamed up in Washington and Raleigh without consultation with the local board.

The other counties listed above were among 10 of North Carolina's 100 counties chosen for these new sociological experiments. They have also refused to ante-up their end of this one-sided deal.

A new welfare broom just swept into high office called John Jordan, a Raleigh lobbyist-lawyer, although new to the board, did most of the talking in the Wednesday meeting that came up with the decision to make a "test case" of Jones County.

In dollars and cents the Jones County board refused to put up \$12,900, Craven County refused to put up \$29,633, Forsyth County refused to put up \$72,015 and Guilford County refused to put up \$56,050.

Craven County Commission Chairman Livingston Stallings told the state welfare board Wednesday, "We think this program is unconstitutional and discriminatory because it imposes a tax on the citizens of Craven County that is not imposed on the citizens of counties not required to participate in the

MARINE BOUND OVER

Camp Lejeune Marine Arthur L. Freeman was held under \$2,500 bond after probable cause of his guilt was found on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape upon an 18 year-old girl who told police she was six months pregnant.

"WIN" program." Spokesmen for the other counties concurred in Stallings' view, and Jones County Attorney James Hood pointed out that with his county it was also a matter of economics since the tax rate would have to be raised nine cents to provide the money demanded by Washington and Raleigh officials.

The "WIN" program is another Castle-in-Spain enterprise cooked up in the backrooms of Washington which has the designated purpose of training and finding jobs for women who are on welfare.

Jones and Craven County officials both pointed out that there were no jobs available in their counties even assuming that such training would be accepted and absorbed by the welfare types.

Jones Countian Honored by Grange

Seventy-seven local Granges in 38 counties will share honors in the 12th annual program of community service awards sponsored by North Carolina National Bank and the North Carolina State Grange.

Presentation of the awards was a highlight of the 41st Annual State Grange Convention which ended in Fontana Wednesday.

Granges which will each receive a \$25 community service award were named in a joint announcement by Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, State Grange Master, and Addison H. Reese, chairman of the board of NCNB.

In Jones County W. A. Avery of the Wyse-Beaver Grange won the award, and in Lenoir County Mr. Dallas Turner of the Southwood Grange also received an award.

Former Trenton Girl Named to National Committee

Mrs. Bertha M. Brown of 2 Jules Circle, Newport News, Virginia, Extension Home Economist, has been named chairman-elect registration committee of the National Extension Home Economist Association in Philadelphia this week. Mrs. Brown is the wife of William N. Brown, who works in ordinance electronics. She has one daughter, Nell, who is a freshman at Elon College, Elon, N. C. Mrs. Brown is also president-elect of the Virginia Association of Extension Home Economists.

Mrs. Brown was born in Trenton. She is a member of the Baptist Church and is the daughter of Mr. W. G. Mallard. She received her A. B. Degree in Home Economics from East Carolina University of Greenville. She has served as Extension Agent in Gates County, North Carolina for a number of years before coming to Virginia.

Land Transfers

The following land transfers were reported during the past week by Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker.

From C. E. Willie to Rita Estella Strayhorn a tract of land in Pollockville township.

From C. E. Willie to Jefferson Williams and Mary Ann Williams a tract of land in Pollockville township.

From O. L. Meadows to LeRoy B. Meadows and Lillie J. Meadows a tract of land in White Oak Township.

From Carolina Model Home Corporation to Linster Bryant and Jessie Bell Bryant a tract of land in Pollockville township.

Jones Students Urged to Attend Nov. 8 Open House at N. C. State University

State NFO Meeting

A statewide meeting of the National Farmers Organization is being held in Kinston Friday and Oren Lee Staley, national president of the group, will be the principal speaker. The meeting is being held in the area over the J. C. Penney's store in Vernon Park Mall. Supper will be served beginning at 4:30 on a dutch basis and the meeting proper will get underway at 7:30.

ONE JONES ARREST

Joseph Robert Armstead of route 2 Trenton was arrested over the weekend and charged with being publicly drunk.

Farm Agent Barber Reminds Soil Test Time Is Here Again

Have you had your soil tested? Farming is a risk, but having your soil tested takes some of the risk out of farming. Some farmers still say that they can look at their land and tell the amount of plant food needed for a good crop.

According to Farm Agent Fletcher Barber now is the time to have your soil tested, whether it is for the home vegetable garden or field crops.

Most good farmers have their soil tested to find out how much fertilizer is needed to grow a crop. Remember, soil testing is done free by the Department of Agriculture.

Those desiring information and assistance in soil testing should contact their Agriculture Workers.

Jones County high school students, especially juniors and seniors, are being invited to attend the annual open house program Saturday, Nov. 8, at North Carolina State University.

The open house is sponsored by the university's school of Agriculture and Life Sciences and School of Forest Resources.

Open house, which drew an estimated 4,000 people to the campus last year, is held for career-minded high school students, their parents, teachers, and career advisors. Also invited are other adults who are interested in finding out more about the statewide activities of N. C. State through its research and extension programs.

J. R. Franck, chairman of the county open house committee, will be glad to answer questions about the program and to plan transportation.

Special exhibits designed around the theme, "Careers — 2001," will be opened to the public beginning at 9 a.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. Several hundred careers in the broad areas of agriculture, life sciences and forestry will be illustrated.

Faculty members and students will be on hand to discuss career opportunities, curriculums, admission requirements and campus life activities.

Visitors can view the exhibits in Reynolds Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Time will be provided for visits to various departments of the two schools. A Dutch lunch will be served at Dorton Arena at the State Fairgrounds.

An exhibition by the University's swimming team at Carmichael Gym and an inter-squad basketball game at Dorton Arena are also being planned for visitors.

LOCAL OPTION ONE-CENT SALES TAX: SOME THINGS IT DOES MEAN AND SOME IT DOESN'T

By Jack Rider

The time is drawing near when the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties will exercise their option to have, or not to have, a one-cent sales tax levied for use of their county and corporate governments.

As with most options extended to the voters there is considerable confusion in the minds of many who will vote. This will be an effort to state as simply and clearly as possible what this option does, and just as importantly what it does not mean.

First of all it does NOT mean that an automatic cut will be made in real estate and proper-

ty taxes. This will remain a decision for the board of county commissioners in each county that may adopt this new tax.

Each board may keep the present county tax rate and use the new income to provide new services or improve old services.

If any given board of commissioners simply wants to hold the line it can, obviously, reduce the ad valorem tax in proportion to the income it receives from the new tax, but it would be an unwise board that would attempt to do either of these things — expand or hold the line — until at least one year's experience — and income from from the new source is

safely in hand.

In connection with these alternatives that will confront each board of commissioners and each town council there is the final alternative of the voter to elect to such boards who have commitments that will please the majority of the voters. Meaning, that in any given governmental unit the will of the majority of the voters can be brought immediately and forcefully to bear on this point of whether to cut ad valorem taxes or expand old services or institute new services.

To use a few counties in the area served by this paper some examples might be helpful to

illustrate these alternatives.

Lenoir County's present tax listed valuation is about \$152 million, meaning that each penny of tax levy will yield about \$15,200. The conservative projection is that from this one-cent sales tax the Lenoir County government would get back \$596,512. (This projection is based on sales tax collections for the past fiscal year.)

A little quick division will reveal that this yield is the equivalent of 39.2 cents tax levy. This is slightly more than the projected cost of amortizing Lenoir County's 285-bed hospital which went under construction this month. So the Lenoir Coun-

ty Board of Commissioners which has already been committed by a vote of the people to build the hospital has to levy a sufficient ad valorem tax to liquidate the bonds issued for the hospital construction unless it can find the money somewhere else.

The best educated guess is that something very close to \$500,000 per year will be necessary to amortize the hospital bonds, so Lenoir County voters have a very clean "either/or" situation before them. Either raise the tax rate about 35 cents on real and personal property or approve the one-cent sales tax.

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Attend The Jones County Fair Next Week