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APPLICATION FOR SERVICE  
ON RUTHERFORD COUNTY BOARD OR COMMITTEE

NAME: Joe Frank Jennings

ADDRESS: 3555 Murray - Kittrell Rd.

Reidsville, In. 37149 PHONE: 615-890-1845

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # 6

BOARD APPLYING FOR: Agriculture Board

NEW APPLICANT: yes REAPPOINTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

IF REAPPOINTMENT, YEARS SERVED: I have served 8 years

EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE: Because I own a farm and run cattle and grow hay

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE: I have lived on a farm over fifty years.

EDUCATION: High school and college

OCCUPATION: Retired

EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES: 1. Robert Peay

2. Will Jordan

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NAME: Pettus L. Read

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Rockvale, TN 37153

PHONE: 615-274-3164 Cell 931-212-9037

E-MAIL [pettusr60@gmail.com](mailto:pettusr60@gmail.com) DISTRICT # 08

BOARD APPLYING FOR: Agricultural Advisory Board

NEW APPLICANT: yes – to fill Commissioner Vacancy REAPPOINTMENT:

IF REAPPOINTMENT, YEARS SERVED: N/A

EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE: To support & advance agriculture in Rutherford County and feel my agricultural knowledge will help.

QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE: 44 years an agriculturalist and have worked with all levels of agriculture within the state. (see resume)

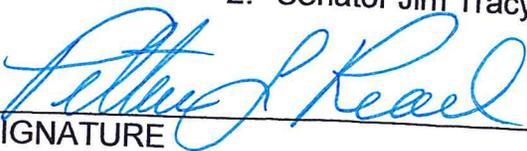
EDUCATION: Graduate from Rockvale High School, B.S. degree from the School of Agriculture in Plant and Soil Science at MTSU 1970.

OCCUPATION: Retired – Former Director of Communications

EMPLOYER: Tn Farm Bureau Federation PHONE: 931-388-7872

REFERENCES: 1. John L. Batey,  
2. Senator Jim Tracy

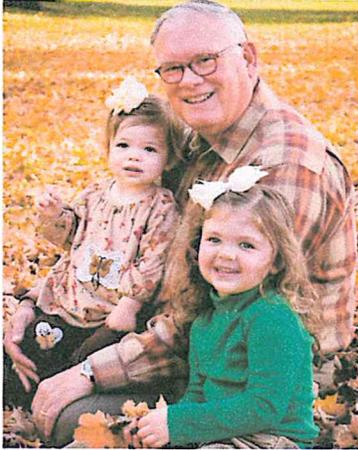
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## Who Is Pettus L. Read?

PETTUS LEE READ is a sixth-generation Rutherford County native residing today on his family's farm located on the same road where his ancestors settled in 1802. This year he retired as Director of Communications for the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation after being employed for the organization for over 44 years. He was editor of the TENNESSEE FARM BUREAU NEWS, as well as the *Tennessee Home & Farm* magazine going to more than 650,000 homes in Tennessee. He began his career in agriculture as a farm boy on a register Guernsey and Jersey dairy farm in Rutherford County, Tennessee. He was born in a log farmhouse in the small community of Versailles. There, he developed his love for farming and the rural lifestyle that he still continues today and writes about in his weekly column from his farm office on Read All About It Farm.

Read is the author of the national award winning READ ALL ABOUT IT column that is written in a down home hospitality format and appears each week in over 55 newspapers across Tennessee. He is also author of a book entitled "Read All About It- A Rural Psychology Primer" which is becoming a much sought after publication. He has received numerous national awards of excellence in editorial and commentary writing as well as being recognized for his photography abilities.

He was recognized in 2013 by the Tennessee General Assembly, with Joint House Resolution Number 225, signed by Gov. Bill Haslam and both speakers, recognizing Read for his outstanding career and leadership in his community. In the resolution he is called a genuine Tennessee Treasure and an amazing apostle of rural lifestyle. He was also honored at the Capitol that same day as Tennessee's Outstanding Agriculturalist.

Read is a graduate from Middle Tennessee State University with a B.S. degree in plant and soil science, as well as minor studies in business administration. He has served on the Rutherford County Planning Commission, secretary on the National MTSU Alumni Board of Directors, member of the Blue Raider Athletic Association, chairman of the MTSU Agricultural Farm Advisory Board, member of the Tennessee State Agriculture Museum Board of Directors, represents the American Farm Bureau Federation with the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, has served as a member of the 10-county area Cumberland Region Tomorrow Board of Directors planning organization representing Rutherford County and was recently elected Rutherford County Commissioner for District 8.

He and his late wife Judy have two married children and two granddaughters, a grandson just born September 12 and another one on the way in January. Read is an involved member of the East Main church of Christ.