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## NO ADDITIONAL TIRES AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS

### State Rationing Official Urges Use Of Retreads

Division of Tire Division In Raleigh Says That Farmers Must Use Retreads On Pick-Ups And Other Farm Vehicles

### REQUEST FOR MORE TIRES IS REFUSED

Means That Farmers Must Make The Most Of What They Have During Tobacco Selling Season

Reports on the part of officials of the rationing board for this county to secure an increase in the allotment of truck tires in order to help with hauling tobacco are met with no success it was learned here today, so it is going to be largely a matter of farmers trying to make the most of what they have.

Mr. Shenberg, head of the division of the Office of Price Administration in Raleigh, demonstrated in a telephone conversation last week that there is no possibility of an increase in truck quota for this county and his advice was for the farmers to use retreads on their pick-ups and trucks. He stated that there was greater need for extra help in connection with retreads for this type of vehicle.

There has been a tendency on the part of farmers in this section to be dissatisfied of the value of retreads and many of them are convinced that this service will not enable them to carry on their hauling operations. Most of these men, however, have never had retreads, and are basing their opinion on prejudice rather than on experience.

The state rationing official pointed out that a better grade of tires is used for retreading than tires and he pointed out that when carrying reasonable loads at reasonable speeds, it has been found that remarkable good service has come from retreads.

"You can tell your farmers that their own protection they'd be careful not to ruin their tires beyond the point of recapping," said Mr. Shenberg. When they do run the risk of having to park their vehicle for the time being.

At the local rationing office is swamped with applications for new tires. These will be filled if and when the quota will permit, but in the meantime the applicants are urged to have patience and not to make unnecessary trips to the office.

### Growers Praise Whiteville Mart

Growers Say That the Sales System On The Whiteville Tobacco Market Is Ideal For Their Convenience

The Whiteville system of auction has been found to be the most satisfactory system for selling the golden weed. The buyer and seller are brought together, the sale is made to the high bidder. Of course, it is not only on the part of the grower to accept the bid. He has the right to turn the tag, thus making the sale. However, previous records show that few tags have been turned on the Whiteville market, and the majority of farmers have been highly pleased with the prices received.

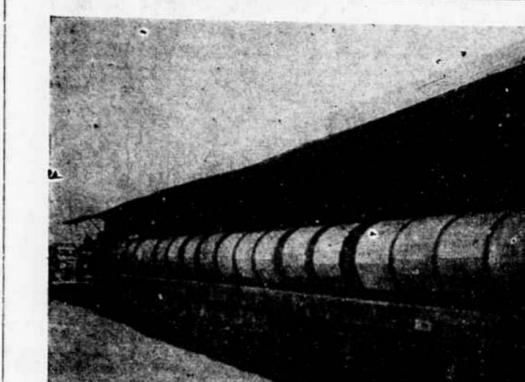
This is a good reason to make markets like a market, but it is the whole reason by any means. We have asked a number of growers in the last few weeks if they sell in Whiteville, and the typical answer usually runs like this:

"Not only one of the best markets anywhere. My wife and I like to trade there. People understand a farmer's needs and needs and are sympathetic. We get good service as well as prices at our warehouses. The stores give us good values. They are polite and courteous. Yes, it's just a good, all-round market."

Exactly what the grower wants. (Continued on Page 8)

## Governor Asks For USO Investigation Here

READY TO GO



OPENING.—On the right is a typical scene at a tobacco auction, and this story will be re-enacted many times during the coming weeks as the farmers of this county market their 1942 tobacco crop. On the left is shown a string of hogsheads filled with the golden weed, ready for shipment.

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There are a lot of interesting things about watermelons that we have discovered recently, and some of them are worth passing along. The watermelon is one of nature's prize packages of summer refreshment. And it's nice to know that a big red slice contains a good supply of vitamin C, also some Vitamin A and B1.

SOMETHING'S BEING DONE



News received this morning from Raleigh that Governor J. M. Broughton has asked for a 'complete and impartial investigation' of the local row over the Southport USO Club is reassuring to the scores of people who have been kind enough during the past week to voice their 100-percent endorsement of last week's front page editorial.

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### ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Details of how the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., REA system serving the rural sections of this area, is geared to the war effort were reported to a conference of REA superintendents from eight Atlantic seaboard states at the national headquarters of that agency in St. Louis this week by Edison D. Bishop, of Shallotte, superintendent of the cooperative who is attending the meeting.

The policy of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., according to Mr. Bishop, is in line with that of the national organization as expressed by REA Administrator Harry Slattery when he said in addressing the opening session of the meeting: "Every rod of the 360,000 miles of REA line must serve the war. When you managers and superintendents keep those lines working, you are on the war front — you are doing your part."

Mr. Slattery pointed out that nearly a million farmers, served with REA power are able to do a better job supplying much needed food for ourselves and our allies because they have electricity. In addition to serving the farmers themselves, REA lines are also serving hundreds of food processing plants, military establishments, and decentralized war industries. Rural power lines built in peacetime were ready when the call came, and often advanced the work of war plants by weeks and months.

"I don't want you to forget for one moment," said Mr. Slattery, "that the war is our number one job today and every day, until the final victory is won. If we don't win a complete victory, we might as well forget about any post-war building of electric lines, or building anything else, except more weapons for another war."

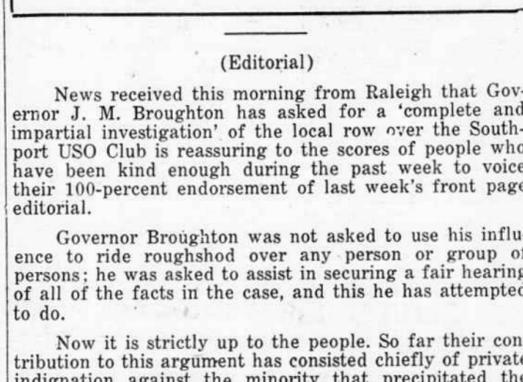
"We've pledged ourselves, and all our resources to redeem the (Continued on page eight)

### Short Session In Recorder's Court

In a short session of Brunswick county Recorder's court here Monday only one case was disposed of before E. J. Prevatte, acting judge.

The defendant was Douglas D. Giddings, who pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk in a public place and engaging in an affray. Given 30 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. A 10-day stay of execution of judgment was asked.

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The saurain had traveled overland from the yellow (clay) hole, about one mile from the basin, during the night. A colored woman or her way to work came across the Tracks and followed them to the basin, where she discovered Ralph had already killed it. It was four-foot eight-inches in length.

### PLANTED 58,000 ACRES THIS SEASON

This Compares With 53,000 Acres Planted Last Year, And Ten Year Average Of 62,330 Acres

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When the tobacco markets open in North Carolina on August 6, Tar Heel farmers of the Border Belt will have a crop estimated at 59,160,000 pounds to sell in 1942. This is more than eight million pounds more tobacco than was produced in the same area in 1941.

These production figures, and other data on the flue-cured tobacco crop, are contained in the latest crop report issued by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture. The information is based on estimates of Federal and State representatives of the Crop Reporting Board in the tobacco-producing area.

Farmers in North Carolina's part of the Border Belt planted 58,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco for harvest this year, as compared with 53,000 acres harvested in 1941 and a ten-year average (1930-39) of 62,330 acres.

The estimated yield per acre in North Carolina's Border Belt, this year will be 1,020 pounds, the highest of any belt in the Nation. Last year's yield average 960 pounds per acre, and the 10-year average was 832 pounds per acre.

The indicated production of 59,160,000 pounds compares with a (Continued on Page 8)

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### Broughton Sends Request For New Hearing To N.Y.

Action Follows Request Made Of Governor That He Intercede To Gain Fair Hearing On Local Problem

### WILL GIVE MAJORITY CHANCE FOR HEARING

Action On Part Of Governor May Come In Time To Hold Up Changes Pending Thorough Investigation

A telephone call this morning from Raleigh revealed the information that Governor J. M. Broughton has appealed to USO headquarters in New York City for a "complete and impartial investigation" before scheduled changes in the sponsoring organization and operating personnel are carried out with regard to the USO Club in Southport.

This action was taken after a marked copy of last week's issue of The State Port Pilot was mailed, along with a personal letter, to the Governor by the editor of this newspaper. Knowing that Governor Broughton is the nominal head of the USO organization in North Carolina, and knowing that it was at his instance that first solicitations of funds were made last year, it was felt that the chief executive should be advised of any movement which endangered the future of the USO in any section of North Carolina.

The governor was not requested to intervene in the special interest of any group or in behalf of any personalities involved. He was merely asked to use his influence to insure a complete investigation of the local situation before the matter was marked closed.

So far there is no assurance that this will be done, but there is little reason to doubt that this request from the chief executive of North Carolina will be respected.

### Finds Snake In Upstairs Room

Young Southport Girl Very Much Alarmed By Presence Of Wayward Reptile In Her Boudoir

Going up - stairs to her bedroom one night this week, Miss Mary Ann Mollycheck turned on the light and was badly frightened to see a chicken snake, nearly four feet long, crawling stealthily across the floor.

It is not unusual for men to see snakes on their way home, and after they arrive; but their reason was not shared by the young lady. Such reptiles, however, (Continued on page eight)

### Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 25	
0:51 a. m.	7:16 a. m.
1:10 p. m.	7:38 p. m.
Friday, December 26	
1:44 a. m.	8:19 a. m.
2:06 p. m.	8:33 p. m.
Saturday, December 27	
2:39 a. m.	9:16 a. m.
3:04 p. m.	9:24 p. m.
Sunday, December 28	
3:36 a. m.	10:08 a. m.
4:01 p. m.	10:11 p. m.
Monday, December 29	
4:30 a. m.	10:57 a. m.
4:55 p. m.	10:57 p. m.
Tuesday, December 30	
5:19 a. m.	11:44 a. m.
5:43 p. m.	11:45 p. m.
Wednesday, December 31	
6:01 a. m.	
6:26 p. m.	12:30 p. m.

### Weather Bureau Records Prove That July Is Hot

The suspicion that July was one of the hottest months in a decade is born out by statistics from the local weather bureau files.

On July 19th the mercury steamed up to the 101-degree mark, and only on July 9th did the temperature reach a point below 70-degrees during the 31-day period.

The middle of the month marked the period when the hot siege really set in. On only one time since that date was the maximum temperature as low as 87-degrees. On 12 days during this period the thermometer went up to 90-degrees or more.