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Whiteville Tobacco Marts Await 'Chant'

Nine Warehouses Will Cater To Growers This Season, Sales Supervisor Says; Survey Shows Crop Prospect Good

Court Machinery Grinds On Under Old Statutes

DR. JOHN MESSICK NEW ECTC PREXY

North Carolina Native Elected To Presidency By College Board

Ray Galloway, State Department Commander, Conducts Ceremonies

Officers of Wilmington Post No. 10, American Legion, Voiture No. 245 of the Forty & Eight and the Unit No. 10, American Legion Auxiliary, were installed last night with appropriate ceremonies.

SUIT PENDING TWENTY YEARS ENDS IN FAVOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH, July 1.—(AP)—The State has won dismissal in the Supreme court of a suit that has been pending for 20 years, Attorney General Harry McMullan announced today.

The Weather

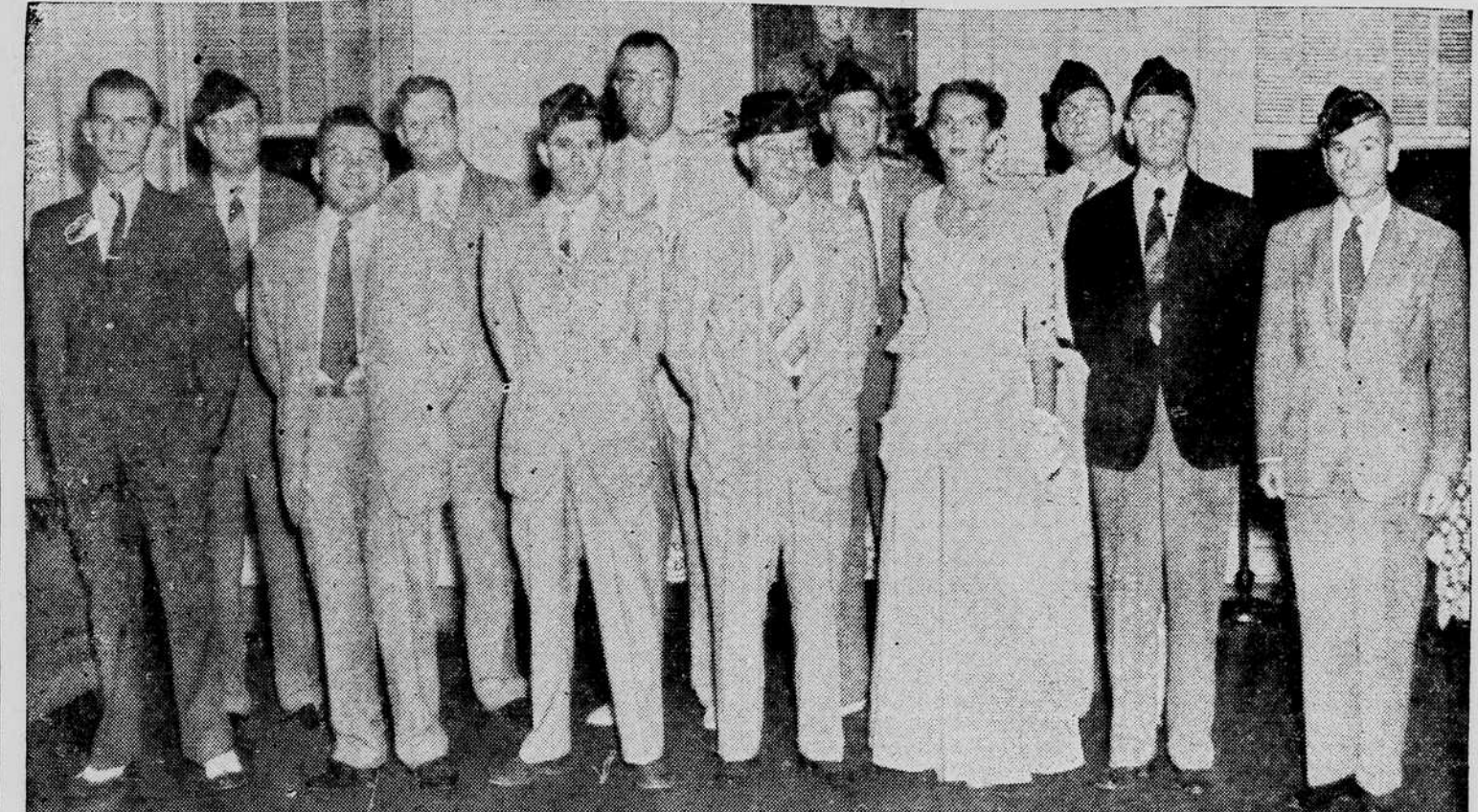
FORECAST: South and North Carolina—Fair and slightly cooler in West and central portions; partly cloudy and hot with afternoon thundershowers in extreme East Wednesday, Thursday fair and mild.

Sixty-Eight Persons Killed, Many More Trapped By Blast On Italian Vessel; Wherry Accuses Truman Of 'Trickery'

Taylor Urges Lobby Probe

Republican Whip Delivers Angry Speech In Reply To President

WASHINGTON, July 1.—(AP)—Senator Wherry of Nebraska accused President Truman today of "low down political methods" and demanded that he either prosecute real estate lobbyists or "apologize to Congress."



INDUCTED—Pictured above are the new officers of Wilmington Post No. 10, of the American Legion who were inducted into office last night at the Legion home.

Ceiling Still Within Reach In Local Hotels; Angry Tenants Blast Rent Hikes In Atlanta

Apartment-Hotels Advise Clients Of Increases Up To 100 Per Cent

LUMBERTON NURSE CAPTURES HONORS

LEGION OFFICERS TAKE OFFICE OATH

Lincolnton Man Killed In Crash

LOUIS J. POISSON NAMED TO GROUP

Wilmington Attorney On Special Committee To Study Justice

Along The Cape Fear

Gas, Garters, Girdles Are Not Synonymous

Jaycees Urge Cash Aid For Beach Association

Divers Start Rescue Tasks

Munitions Ship Explodes At Port Of Rome Docks; Toll May Mount

Hit-Run Motorist Ends Playful Downtown Party

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"You can have my wife but don't keep bothering me about it," Helen Brewington, 26, Negress, testified in Recorder's court yesterday that her husband, Walter Brewington, told her "boy friend" that, then a fight ensued between the couple.

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