

### Final Meeting Of Summer Set By Teen-Agers

Members of the Lillington Teenage Club are urged to be present at the final meeting of the summer to be held Saturday August 27 at the Recreation Center. Individual vote will decide at that time whether or not the club will continue its meetings throughout the school year.

The "Image Club" was a project sponsored by the town's Recreation Commission to provide enjoyment for youth during the summer months. The desire of many to continue the gatherings after the end of the season is proof of its success. Membership at present is approximately 50 with excellent attendance. The steering committee appointed by the Commission includes Mrs. Hal Bradley, Mrs. Charlie Morton, Mrs. Casey Fowler, Mrs. Thebert Dean and Mrs. Leo Kelly.

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## Lloyd Stephenson Is Big-4 Auctioneer

By TED CRAIL  
Record Staff Writer

Lloyd Stephenson, wartime sergeant in a combat intelligence group called the "Earthquakers," came back to a job that's just as tricky when he left the service.

His tobacco auctioneer this year for the Big Four Warehouse. If you ask him in a polite way, he'll give you a sample of the venerable singsong which has become the most famous sound in tobacco land.

Better than that, you can go down to the market and hear for yourself. You can see Lloyd measuring the buyers who have been sent out by big companies like R. J. Reynolds, and catching bids with his eyes as niftily as he invites them with his mouth.

**USES PSYCHOLOGY**  
"I think there's psychology in an auctioneer's job, all right," says Lloyd. "You gotta figure your man, and of course we face the same buyers through the season, and we get to know 'em."

Fast-talking by profession, Stephenson also moves his tongue at a pretty good clip in conversation. Let's say Walter Winchell would have a hard time scoring. The words come out crisp and clear -- about four hundred of them a minute -- in a voice which tells you he doesn't mind the tobacco business at all.

"When I first started doing general warehouse work in the to-



LOYD STEPHENSON

bacco industry sometimes maybe I wished I was back selling shoes again like I had been. But you work your way up. It's gotta be like that. I wouldn't trade my job now."

### FIRST YEAR HERE

This is Stephenson's first year on the local mart, although he has worked all through the tobacco country as an auctioneer

-- Georgia, Tennessee, even Florida. When not auctioneering, he returns to his farm at Angier. It's on Route 1, about 14 miles North of Dunn.

"Course I raise tobacco myself and I raise cotton and hogs -- Hampshires and Jerseys. I don't make any money in hogs right now, but you gotta stay with it."

He has stayed at auctioneering, except for the five years he spent in the service, since 1939. But this job on the Dunn market is "like coming home," he says. He is adopted and Mr. and Mrs. J. Romme Stephenson who raised him are with him on the farm near Angier.

His wife, Mary, a former dietitian turned schoolteacher, has no objection to his schizophrenic business life but son, Jerome Bruce, 7, has so far shown no interest in the auction chant.

"My son Gramam (eight months), does more than Jerome when it comes to imitating my chant," Stephenson said.

Besides calculating his buyers carefully so he can move tobacco at the best prices, Stephenson has been out contacting farmers in the area so he'll have plenty of tobacco to sell.

His best argument: he's selling his own tobacco right here. And in case selling or hogs ever bores him, he always has tourists around anxious to talk to a "real auctioneer."

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## Senator Sam + Ervin Says +

WASHINGTON -- The Nation focused attention on the Carolinas as the hurricane struck from the Atlantic. Perhaps no more attention has ever been given to approaching disaster than the Weather Bureau now gives hurricanes.

### SAVING LIVES

The improved system of hurricane forecasting has saved untold numbers of lives. While traveling through Southeastern North Carolina last year after Hurricane Hazel has left its destruction, I was impressed with the great damage and the loss of life that might have been without warning. Upon returning to Washington, I vowed that I would do everything within my power to see that the Weather Bureau was equipped with the latest radar devices to track those great storms and adequately warn our citizens of the approaching danger. We were able to increase the appropriations for this purpose considerably. I am convinced that no penny-pinching must be practiced for adequate storm warning research and development.

### DISASTER AREA

As a result of Hurricane Connie's destruction, the Small Business Administration declared ten Eastern North Carolina counties eligible for disaster loans. The counties are Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Carteret, Pamlico, Craven, Jones, Beaufort and Lenoir. Loan offices are being established by SBA in New Bern and Wilmington. These disaster loans are made at a low interest rate of three percent.

On March 25, I introduced a bill in the Senate, which was co-sponsored by Senator Scott, to authorize an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to repair hurricane damage along the Coast of North Carolina as a result of Hurricane Hazel. This bill is pending in the Congress, awaiting studies by the Budget Bureau and other agencies of the government. I hope that something can be accomplished in the next Session for hurricane aid.

### CROPS HARD HIT

Many people overlook the terrible damage to farm crops done by the high wind and water. Inland from the fast developing Coastal region, we find some of the finest agricultural land in the Nation. On these fertile farms are produced corn, tobacco, peanuts and other crops in abundance. It is a most discouraging sight for a farmer to see a field of corn flattened by the wind, and this is the story that is often not told about hurricanes -- the great damage to crops. Not only is the financial loss heavy along the beaches, but it reaches inland to depress the farm economy of many areas. In providing disaster measure for hurricane areas, the damage to farm crops must not be overlooked.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

I have been travelling in a number of North Carolina counties since the Congressional recess. What attitudes am I finding among the people? I believe there is a strong sentiment that the time has just about arrived when we ought to put an end to foreign aid except military aid. I have also found that the people are proud of the way Democrats and Republicans have cooperated on foreign policy, and I want to see it maintained. It is a rather shopworn statement that our political squabbles should end at the shore line, but I think it is important. Potential enemies see in us undivided strength.



**LOFTY SPEECH**—Standing on a specially-built platform in the White House Rose Garden, President Eisenhower tells Republican Congressional assistants and secretaries that the one thing he wants in government is "honor and integrity." Male members of the group, who call themselves Bull Elephants, presented the President with a pledge of all-out support if he should run for re-election in 1956.

## Tobacco Marketing Fascinating Business

The tobacco industry offers the most interesting marketplace in the world that is not approached directly by camel, and for the past eight years, Dunn has held a share in this curious, rather wonderful business.

Her entry on the tobacco market was abrupt -- though not quite so abrupt as the college boy who once became famous overnight by penning the immortal lines beginning, "Tobacco is a dirty weed -- I like it."

Actually, there was a market here as far back as fifty years ago standing where Gardner's Dairy and the Chamber of Commerce now make a different kind of music, but it passed away, somehow, George Cannady was the auctioneer, moved a lot of tobacco in his time, but one day it died.

**HERE TO STAY**  
The present market is the third try and there is no doubt that this one has longevity in its bones. It will live. It does live.

Its godfathers are a group of local businessmen who saw the prospects for a market long before there was any market in fact. Nine years ago these men put up \$20,000 as an outright gift -- money to be used as part of the cost for a warehouse.

The gifted ones included every person in this county, for everyone here has profited from their move. Having a market in Dunn has brought buyers right to the farmer's door and the clean selling apparatus which has been set up guarantees prices that meet or better the best to be had.

### IT'S SNOWBALLING

In thirteen weeks last year the local mart broke all its own records with 10 and a half million pounds sold. Compare that with the 1952-53 season when the sales were something over 866,000 pounds, and you get an idea of how the thing is snowballing.

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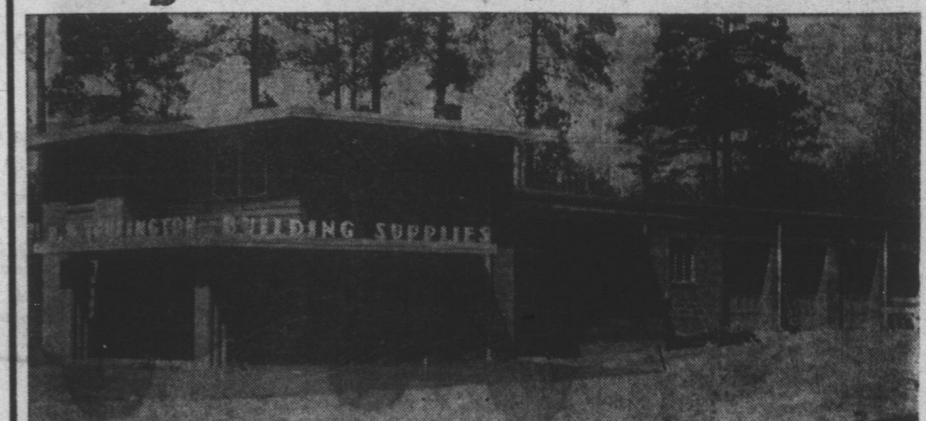
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**MYSTERY CLEARED**  
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The mystery was cleared up when Miss Barrios realized she had absent-mindedly used Spanish when asking for lipstick.

to deal through this market. All this and atmosphere, too. If you want to soak in some of that atmosphere, go down and see the auctioneers at work. It's time well spent.

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