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### Markets Of Border Belt Will Open On August 1st

Tobacco Association Of The United States Held Two-Day Convention In Raleigh Last Week And Set Market Dates

The opening date of Whiteville and other markets of the North-South Carolina Border Tobacco Belts have been set for August 1 according to a report of the final session of the Tobacco Association of the United States meeting held Friday in the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. Closing a two-day convention in the North Carolina capitol, regulations, opening dates, and office elections were initiated.

Other operators have been set as follows: Georgia-Florida Belt, Wednesday, July 24; Eastern North Carolina Belt, Monday, August 19; Middle Belt, Monday, September 9; Old Belt, Monday, September 16; and Dark-Fired Virginia Belt, Monday, December 2.

Sales regulations adopted are: The size of the piles of tobacco shall not exceed 250 pounds; the rate of sale shall be 400 piles per hour; the hours of sale shall be from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. daily, with an hour for lunch, the luncheon hour to be determined by the various markets; the boards of trade shall provide

### Ships Will Be Arriving To Storage Basin Soon

First Of Fleet Of 500 Surplus Merchant Vessels Will Be Coming In Between July 15th And August 1st

STORAGE BASIN IS HALF COMPLETED

Possibility That Some Of Work Of Decommissioning Ships May Be Done At N. C. Shipbuilding Company

The Brunswick county ship lay-in basin on the Brunswick river in Town Creek township will begin receiving merchant vessels for storage sometime between now and the first of August. The ships are expected to come in to be laid up at the rate of about 10 per week.

Reports state that the basin is now about 45 percent completed. When fully finished it will accommodate 500 of the large surplus merchant vessels and that number has been assigned to it. Much work will have to be done on the incoming ships before their final storage in the basin. This work may possibly be done at either the North Carolina Shipyard in New Hanover county or in the basin itself. Last week a contract was let for nearly four miles of hard surface road on the west side of the basin, on what is known as the River Road. This stretch of road will be much used for handling the work in the basin.

The 500 ships that are to occupy the basin when it is completed will be kept in such shape that they can quickly resume service should they be needed. It is understood that \$5,000 per year has been allocated to each of the 500 ships for the duration after they are stored, the purpose of keeping them in condition.

### Freak Storm In Leland Section

Considerable Damage Caused In Small Area From Wind And Hail Storm Last Wednesday Night

A freak hail and wind storm, a sort of infant cyclone that died aorning, struck a small area along the Lanvale-Leland road last Wednesday evening. Except for the deluge of rain that preceded and, also followed in the wake of the hail, it was all over in a minute.

LeRoy Lewis, at whose home the storm apparently started, lost about two-acres of very fine tobacco. In his field the ground was literally covered with leaves from the tobacco stalks after the storm had passed. Leaves that were not broken from the stalk were left filled with holes where the hail stones had passed through as if they were paper.

The hail struck again on the farm of Steven Mintz, Democratic nominee for county commissioner. Mr. Mintz also had two-acres of tobacco badly damaged and the rest of his crops were not injured.

### Shalotte Legion Post Will Meet

The Shalotte Post of the American Legion will have its next meeting on Tuesday night, July 9. Regular meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month. The Legion Auxiliary meets on the same nights.

The more active members of this post have recently been very much disappointed at the poor attendance. The officers state that they hope they will have a 100 per cent attendance at next Tuesday's meeting and at all future meetings.

### Progress Being Made On Large Guano Factory

Smith-Douglas Company Erecting Huge Fertilizer Factory At Navassa In Brunswick County

AIRPLANE HANGERS FOR CONSTRUCTION

It Is Expected That New Plant Will Be In Operation In Plenty Of Time For Next Season's Supply

All of the steel framework of the huge Smith-Douglas fertilizer factory now being built at Navassa is up. The work of getting the plant completed and ready for operation is expected to require only a short time longer, and according to all available information the plant will be turning out fertilizers in the fall and storing them to meet next spring's demands.

The main building is being built out of three huge airplane hangers, constructed for the use of the government during the war. These hangers are being fabricated into one building.

According to H. T. Lewis, Navassa merchant, this new factory will use the most modern machinery in its operations. Fertilizer production will be streamlined, and the Smith-Douglas company will be able to produce fast.

### Frog-Gigging Is Popular Sport

Frog-gigging has been added to the list of popular sports recently, and stores that carry sporting goods are reporting a sudden and large demand for frog gigs. Evidently many Brunswick folk are out after fresh frog meat, but those who don't wear boots are running the chance of getting snake bit.

So far, the outstanding report on frogging has been made by Ed Mallison and W. B. Keziah. Their best night has resulted in their getting 62-pairs of frogs legs and two huge copperhead snakes.



W. B. KEZIAH

We do not expect many of you to care anything about it. Still, a few folks may be interested in knowing that we counted 278 tobacco barns during one trip through the country last week. The trip was from Southport to Supply, to Exum, to Freeland, to Ash, to Longwood, to Hickman's Cross Roads and from Hickman's doubling back to Thomasboro, to Grissetown, to Shalotte and to Supply. All of the barns counted could be seen from the car in which we were riding. Many more along this one route could not be seen because of the fields of tall corn and tobacco.

R. D. Holden, former mail carrier out from Supply, has an especially attractive corn field. At least we suppose it is his, as it grows in front of his house. Crops are looking good in the Makatoka section and all of the way from Supply to Exum.

Lester Babson, rural mail carrier, farmer and merchant at Freeland, claims that the King Town section of Brunswick has the best tobacco crop that has been grown there in ten years, and they always grow good crops there.

Meeting up with W. E. Stansland, of Ash, this young farmer said he had 29-acres in fine les-

### Fergus Vs. Wells Case Ends With Non-Suit Taken

Counsel For Plaintiff Requested Voluntary Non-Suit At Conclusion Of Own Evidence Thursday

JUDGE HAMILTON PRESIDED AT TERM

Other Matters Of Minor Interest And Importance Disposed Of During Special Term Of Civil Court

The case of Fergus vs. Wells, principal matter for trial at the special term of civil court here last week, ended with the plaintiff taking a voluntary non-suit.

This action came Thursday afternoon after two days had been consumed. Selection of the jury took up the greater part of the first day, following which evidence was put on by the plaintiff. After this had been completed, counsel for the plaintiff moved that they be allowed to take a voluntary non-suit. This was granted, and the defendants took a voluntary non-suit in their cross action.

S. B. Frink, counsel for the plaintiff in the Fergus vs. Wells action, advised this newspaper yesterday that a new complaint is being filed in this matter, and that it is expected to come to trial again at the September term of Superior court.

Judge Luther Hamilton, of Morehead City, presided over this term of court. In the only other matters not previously reported the case of Melvina Hankins vs. Leanna Hankins was set as the first case for trial at the September term of civil court.

An order was signed restoring the citizenship of Adrian Long, alias Adrian Lancaster after evidence had been presented showing that the petitioner has been of good behavior for the past several years.

### Good Catch Made By Two Parties

Among the saltwater sportsmen, Captain Victor P. Lance of the Moja came in to report that a party composed of D. B. Floyd, Lumberton; O. W. Holmes, A. W. Dugan and I. H. Hanlon, Fayetteville, and J. E. Poole, Linden, had caught 14-large bonitas, 17 king mackerel and one barracuda. The day following this another party out with Captain Lance on the Moja caught 70 large blue fish. Things are beginning to warm up fast among the sport fishermen who like the gulf stream and also the waters closer in shore. The indications are that boatmen will have all the customers—and then some—that they can handle from now on through November.

### Vets Sponsor New Service Flag



A new service flag designed to enlist the full weight of public opinion behind employment of veterans, will soon be officially adopted by the War Department if present plans of the American Veterans Committee are successful. According to Charles G. Bolt, (right), national chairman of the AVC, the new flag "really stands for something—it shows the number of veterans that an organization is employing—not how many employees were in the armed forces."

### Brunswick County Is Featured In Look Magazine Story

Record Bass Is Caught In County

Andrew Atkinson, Winnabow man, has the distinction of having caught the largest big-mouth bass that has ever been reported caught in Brunswick county waters with a light freshwater casting rod.

Using a boat, Mr. Atkinson was fishing with John L. Thorp, of Wilmington, on McKenzie's pond last week when the big bass struck. It took some expert handling to keep it from being numbered with the other big fellows which get away. When weighed it was found to tip the scales at 9-pounds and 1-ounce.

### Commissioners In Session Monday

Routine Matters Disposed Of Before Members Of Board At Regular First Of Month Meeting

Only routine matters were disposed of here Monday before members of the board of county commissioners. G. H. Cannon was allowed to pay \$100.00 now, \$500.00 on September 1, and the balance on November 1 on all taxes now due on the Lindsey Walker estate.

U. H. Grainger was re-appointed by the board to serve as constable for Shalotte township to serve from July 1 until November 5.

Edson G. Griffin was appointed to serve as constable for Lockwoods Folly township until November 5.

Titus Bailey was relieved of \$200.00 valuation on property in Northwest township due to error in listing.

Isaac Sparrow was given permission to cut wood on the Henry Sparrow estate lands with the understanding that proceeds from the sale of this wood will be applied to taxes due on said estate.

The board ordered the windmill formerly in use at the county home advertised for sale. Sealed bids will be received up to noon of the day of their next meeting.

### Babson Farm Is Among The Best

L. M. Babson, Waccamaw Township Farmer, Has Widely Diversified Farm Program Underway

Some of the nicest crops seen in the county are on the farm of L. M. Babson, near New Britain church on the road from Freeland to Exum.

Mr. Babson is one of the few Brunswick farmers who still grows cotton, and this year he has ten acres of extra fine plants. Seen last week, his cotton was about knee high and appeared in extra fine growing condition.

### Big Real Estate Deal Completed Here This Week

Sale Of 11,000 Acres Of Land In Smithville Township Made By Carolina Lands, Inc., To South Carolinians

PROPERTY BROUGHT ABOUT \$83,000.00

Transaction Handled By Local Firm, Frink & Herring; No Indication Made As To Future Use

The biggest real estate deal that has been transacted in Brunswick county since the Reigel Paper company purchased the huge holdings of the Waccamaw Lumber company, was closed Monday when the law firm of Frink and Herring filed papers for recording in the office of Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton.

Something in excess of 11,000-acres of land, practically all of it lying in Smithville township and embracing 17 different tracts, were involved in the deal. The purchase price as stated in the papers was \$82,972.50.

The purchasers were Robert E. Lee, Robert M. Lee and wife, Lottie E. Lee, trading and doing business as Robert E. Lee & Company, of Manning, S. C. The sellers were P. O. Meads, A. N. Mauney and Julian Mitchell, trading and doing business as the Carolina Lands, Inc., of Charleston, S. C.

The Carolina Lands, Inc., also own and operate Long Beach and other property below Fort Caswell. The beach property was not included in the sale.

Inquiries of Frink and Herring as to what use the new owners plan to make of the property failed to reveal any information. Both of the attorneys stated that they were unacquainted with the plans of the new owners. Both stated that to the best of their knowledge that land was not bought for any pulpwood or lumbering interest. Outside of this they could not say what was on foot.

The largest single tract included in the sale is one for 4044-acres. The smallest is one of 56-acres.

### Whiteville Downs Southport Nine

Stanley Hurls Four-Hit Ball To Pace Columbus County Team To 7 To 2 Triumph Sunday Afternoon

BY JIGGS POWERS

H. D. Stanley, Whiteville's fireball right-hander, threw a 4-hit ball at the Southport Coast Guardsmen, here Sunday, as the locals licked the visitors for the third straight time, 7-2, in a benefit game for Tommy Davis, former Comet player. Stanley was in rare form after a shaky start in the first when he walked the first batter, Hardison, and moved him around the bases on wild pitches and a sacrifice. After that he pitched a nice game, giving up only 2 walks all afternoon, and fanning 10 of the Brunswick boys. Three of the four hits he gave up were singles.

The Comets knotted the count in the second when Brinkley singled, went to second on Thomas' overthrow of T. Russ' grounder, and came in on Neilson's single. In the 3rd, they tallied another brace of runs when Brinkley homered into the trees in left with Heath, who had singled, on base. Another slipped over in the fourth on singles by Green and Stanley. Numbers 5, 6, and 7 poured over in the last of the eighth after 2 were out, when T. Russ doubled, Neilson was hit by a pitched ball, Green singled, and Stanley doubled, scoring all hands.

Southport's other run came in the 8th stanza on a single by Hardison and a double by Chesire.

Jack Hughes, on the hill for the losers, hurled good ball until the eighth, having allowed only 8 hits until that time. He relinquished 12 blows in all including 2 doubles and Brinkley's homer, hit 2 batters, and whiffed 8.

Batting honors for the Red Comets went to David Neilson, with 2 for 3 and Earl Brinkley, who had a single and his 2-run homer in 4 trips. Ted Russ looked very good in his old position behind the bat. Cheshire led the 'Porters with 2 for 3.

In other games around the Eastern loop, Masonboro took over second place with a 4-0 (Continued on page 4)

### Brief News Flashes

DANCE FRIDAY Arrangements have been completed for Billy Burke and his orchestra to play for a holiday dance at Long Beach pavilion Friday night, July 5.

STREET LIGHTS Long-delayed material necessary for Shalotte's street lights have at last arrived. Mayor Leon Galloway stated Saturday that the lights will be installed without further delay and the current turned on by July 15th.

AT BARIUM SPRINGS Friends here will be interested to know that Jerry Newbold, former member of the local high school faculty, is taking the summer vacation off from his studies in the seminary to serve as sort of recreational director at Barium Springs. His program has to do chiefly with the physical and recreation program.

CAPTURED STILL Rural Policeman O. W. Perry captured and destroyed a 100-gallon steam whiskey still and 60-gallons of mash Thursday.

The still was located in the Marsh Branch section of Town Creek township. It was not in operation and no one was in the vicinity. The officer says, however, that the presence of the still indicated that a run was being planned.