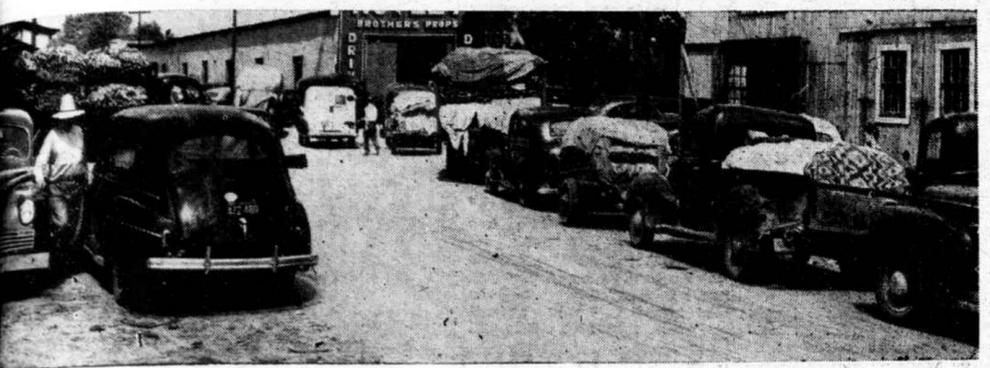


# ENTHUSIASM HITS NEW HIGH OVER PRICE PROSPECTS AT MART OPENING TUESDAY

## Golden Weed Enroute To Auction Floors In Whiteville



This street scene, caught by the camera of Baldwin Studios, shows the various types of vehicles used to bring tobacco into the warehouses of Whiteville. Don't mistake this as indicating a market "block." This photograph was taken two years ago and was plucked from the unused file for use today.

## Five-Hour Sales Day Will Begin At Nine O'Clock

Large Crowds Expected To Throng Markets In Whiteville, Tabor City, Chadbourn And Fair Bluff

## HIGH QUALITY CROP IS TO BE OFFERED

Carnival Spirit Prevails Five Days Ahead Of Big Event; Boiled Peanuts Here

Farmer enthusiasm reached a new high this week as final preparations were being made to open Border Belt markets next Tuesday. Here in Columbus County, the markets of Whiteville, Tabor City, Chadbourn and Fair Bluff were ready to listen to the chant of auctioneers and tobaccoists were anticipating prices equal to the banner year of 1946. The tobacco rainbow took on a more brilliant hue as reports came from the Georgia-Florida markets that the average was holding well above 50 cents per pound. This section of the Border Belt normally gets from four to 10 cents above the Georgia average. Even five days ahead of the opening date, market towns were taking on a festive air and throughout the week it was easy to sense the opening just around the week end corner. Boiled peanuts made their appearance last week end but vendors were awaiting the crowds which signal first day auctions before enlarging their supplies. They will be on hand in every warehouse Tuesday and even the most fastidious market visitor will travel down the tobacco line. (Continued On Page Four)

## January 29, 1949, Set As Date For Beer-Wine Election In Brunswick

## Tragedy Narrowly Averted At Holden

Fitchett Family Of Dunn Involved In Rough Experience With Storm-Tossed Breakers

Carl E. Fitchett, Sr., prominent 53-year old Dunn business man had a narrow escape from drowning during an attempt to rescue two of his children from the angry ocean at Holden Beach last Wednesday afternoon. Heavy winds from the west had been blowing for ten days or more. Even the Brunswick county beaches that are seldom disturbed by winds were in a very rough condition. Mr. Fitchett was out on the beach and saw his ten year old son, John Fitchett, get caught in the rough breakers. Mr. Fitchett's daughter, Mrs. Hope Fitchett Hall went right in after the boy and found herself also in trouble. Mr. Fitchett, who is in poor health, followed behind her. He grabbed the boy and with him in tow was going after Mrs. Hall when he, too, got into trouble. A moment of smooth water between the breakers and Mrs. Hall found her footing and succeeded in pulling both her father and brother to safety. Mr. Fitchett in his already weakened condition resiting from poor health swallowed so much water and otherwise sustained such a shock that he was unconscious following this experience. He has since been taken to Duke Hospital at Durham for treatment for shock and his previous unsatisfactory health condition. The Fitchett family spends a great deal of their time at Holden Beach. All three of the principals in this near tragedy are well known and highly esteemed by many Brunswick county people.

## Ruling From Attorney General Reveals Law Which Prevents Holding Election Any Time This Year

## ELECTION BOARD MEETING TODAY

Board Will Take Action On Basis Of Petition Presented Recently Before Board Of Commissioners

The Brunswick County Board of Elections met yesterday in Southport and set January 29, 1949, as the date for the vote on the continued legal sale of beer and wine. January 1, 1949, was set as the opening date for registration, with registrars to be at the polling places on that date and also on January 8 and January 15. January 22 has been set as challenge day. The same judges who serve for the general election will serve for the special election. Recently when papers bearing about twice the required number of signatures of qualified voters was presented to the board of county commissioners asking for an election the matter was immediately turned over to the election board. The board in turn proceeded to call the required election, August 28 of this year was set as the date. Before anything could actually be done it was discovered that there was a 1947 law governing elections which would not permit the election being held on August 28 or any other date before the November election. A ruling received Thursday by election board chairman G. C. McKethan from attorney general Harry McMullen in Raleigh is being published below. SUBJECT: Wine and Beer Election; Time When Same May be Held. "Mr. G. C. McKethan, Chairman County Board of Elections, Shallotte, North Carolina. "Dear Mr. McKethan: You inquired of me over the telephone as to the time when elections on wine and beer may be held in your county and the notice required to be given as to the election. "The law which authorizes these elections is Chapter 1084 of the Session Laws of 1947. In Section 1, Subsection (f), it provides that no election shall be held pursuant to the provisions of this Act in any county within sixty days of the holding of any general election, special election, or primary election in said county, or any municipality thereof. "In subsection (e) it is provided that thirty days public notice shall be given of any election called pursuant to the Act. (Continued On Page Four)

## Suggestion Of Polio Clinic To Be Protested

Board Of Aldermen Hold Special Meeting For Purpose Of Passing Resolution Protesting Idea

## OF CASWELL WAS SUGGESTED

Proposal Of Polio Clinic Or Convalescent Hospital In Area Seen As Threat To Beach Expansion

Fort Caswell as a polio clinic or convalescent hospital was suggested last week in one of the newspapers has drawn official notice from Mayor Hubert Estimation and members of the board of aldermen for the city of Southport. The resolution passed by members of this body at a special meeting on Monday given official status to general protests from citizens of this immediate section. While there is no disposition to have anything but the best treatment made available for polio paralysis sufferers, it has been pointed out that no other resort area should be used. Following is the text of the resolution passed unanimously by members of the board of aldermen.

## Brief News Flashes

ANCE SATURDAY  
W. B. S. and his popular orchestra have been engaged for a dance Saturday night at the Sea Shore Grill at Holden Beach.

## BEACH VISITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belk of Holdersville are on their annual excursion to Long Beach. Their daughter, Miss Marie Belk, returned on the Winston-Salem train this morning.

## EXTENDING CONVENTION

Henry L. Mintz, Jr., of Shallotte left Saturday night for New York to attend the National Lions Convention that is in session this week. He is the delegate from the Shallotte Lions Club.

## WANTO EXCURSION

Plans are being made to run a W. B. S. excursion to Manassas during the week end of August 14. The bus will leave Southport on the morning of August 14 and passengers will have an opportunity to see the Lost Colony on Saturday evening. The return trip will be made on Sunday afternoon.

## Pulpwood Company Is Successful Bidder

Representative Reports That Property May Be Used As Pulpwood Loading Site If Bid Is Confirmed

With respect to the use of the H. T. White lands in Shallotte, purchased Saturday by the Canal Wood Corporation, G. C. Berry of Little River, S. C., agent for the Canal Wood Corporation, stated that it was his understanding that the lot is to be used for pulpwood storage and shipping, when and if some slight deepening of the channel is made on the Shallotte river. These plans, of course, are contingent upon confirmation by the court of the sale. Below this tract of land the river is considerably straighter and deeper, according to Mr. Berry. Still, if some slight dredging work is done it will be possible for tugs to move two or more pulpwood barges down the river to Shallotte, Village Point and the Intracoastal Waterway at one trip. The company, previously operated from Lockwoods Folly River at Supply. From that point it was difficult to get more than one barge to the canal at a time. At Supply, too, the rather marshy land at the loading ramp made it difficult to get through with trucks. A year or so ago the company built a large loading dock on the Cape Fear river in this county, opposite Wilmington. Heavy shipments of pulpwood are made from this dock but (Continued On Page Four)

## Sport Fishing Continues Good

When Weather Permits Boats To Operate Results Have Been Very Good Lately

There seems to be no doubt about good fishing off Southport, the only difficulty being the prevalence of contrary winds which have held the boatmen inside recently. On Sunday a party fishing with Hulan Watts in the "Idle-On" caught 8 baracuda, 2 amberjack, 2 dolphin and 3 hinita. Included in the party were Ballard Garner, J. C. Parker, H. F. Permenter, L. G. Begor, Fred Mahan, Joe Simon and C. D. Kirby, all of Wilmington. On Monday a party headed by Mike Felis of Wilmington caught 52 trout and bluefish. A Long Beach party fishing aboard the Botfly Sunday caught 60 blues before noon. The next day a party headed by Willis McMurray of Shelby caught 50 bluefish in one-half day. A party including J. L. Coley and son, Jimmie, Bob N. Johnson, Frank Ricks and V. G. Bartlett of Wilmington caught 96 blues and mackerel aboard the Kiabab with Captain James Arnold Sunday. On Monday his party included Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Cone and daughter, Nancy, and Mrs. B. S. Bates of Greensboro. They had 35 bluefish and 6 baracuda. The Tuesday trip for the Kiabab had R. M. Griffin, T. M. Ross and David C. Steton of Marshville aboard. The catch included 76 blues and mackerel, 3 baracuda and 5 dolphin. The Joy, with Captain George Gregory, had Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Patterson, Jr., of Sanford out 88 bluefish and the party had 88 bluefish. A morning trip on Monday netted 45 blues for Mr. Stokes and party, and the following (Continued on page six)

## Beach Visitor Dies Suddenly

Ernest G. Grossett Died Monday of Cerebra Hemorrhage While Launching Pleasure Boat

Ernest G. Grossett of Greenville, S. C., died suddenly Monday at Holden Beach, and Coroner John G. Caison who was called for an inquest ascribed cerebral hemorrhage as the cause. Grossett had been helping launch a pleasure boat, and as the craft slid into the water, he attempted to leap aboard. He fell backward, got up and walked a short distance and sat down. A moment later he toppled over dead. A doctor on the beach was called, but examination revealed that Grossett had died instantly. The doctor offered cerebral hemorrhage as the probable cause of death. The deceased was 32 years of age and was vacationing at Holden Beach with his wife. The body was returned to Greenville for funeral arrangements.

## Name Selective Service Board For Brunswick

The committee charged with the responsibility of naming a selective service board for Brunswick county yesterday announced the following of J. E. Carr and Dan Harrelson, Southport, and Floyd Kirby, Supply, to serve as members of this body. All of these men are veterans, and Harrelson is a veteran of World War II. Mr. Carr was a member of the local board during the late war, having replaced the late H. M. Shannon, who died while serving as a draft board member. The new board has not had time to organize, and no announcement has been made of their plans for registration for the draft next month.

## Shallow Inlet Hampers Boats

Lockwoods Folly Fishermen Unable To Take Advantage Of Two Or Three Good Days Last Week

Reports from the Holden Beach fishermen is that very few of their numerous boats were able to get out through their shallow inlet during even the three days that the ocean was not too rough to work last week. A number of their boats made the trip around by Southport in order to fish. Relative to the needed improvements on the Lockwoods' Folly Inlet, Col. G. W. Gillette, executive director of the State Ports Authority, wrote Bill Grady at Holden Beach, last week: "For the information of you people in that vicinity, I will state that I am presenting to the De-

## New Principal For Waccamaw

W. C. Stephenson Comes To Waccamaw From Cameron School Where He Has Been Principal For Eight Years

W. C. Stephenson, principal of the Cameron school in Moore county for the past eight years and with several previous years experience as a principal and teacher, has been elected head of Waccamaw high school at Ash. Mr. Stephenson succeeds Martin C. Freeman, who resigned the principalship at Waccamaw in order to accept a similar position (Continued on page four)



## Our ROVING Reporter

Pa., stopped us this week to tell us that he looks forward with interest to each Saturday, because on that day the postman leaves him his State Port Pilot. Mr. Shirey has never resided in Brunswick, but he recently bought the old stiffer place on the River Road above Southport. He plans to move there some day. Recently news stores told of a game warden shooting and seriously injuring one of four men found hunting deer illegally at night. Warrants were issued charging the warden with assault and the case is still pending. One angle of the case is closed, however. This week Recorder Judge R. E. Harrelson at (Continued on page four)

## Shallotte Lions To Help With Legion Hut

Members Of Shallotte Post American Legion Were Guests Of Lions Club At Last Regular Meeting

## GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON PROJECT

With United Effort On The Part Of Citizens Of Shallotte Community Erection Of Hut In View

The Shallotte Lions Club was host at a supper for the Shallotte Post No. 247 American Legion at the Anchor Hotel, Shallotte Point, at the last meeting. A large number of the Legion members were present. The keynote of the gathering was the need of action towards raising the remainder of the necessary funds and the erection of the American Legion Hut that the Shallotte Post has been endeavoring to build for some time. In sympathy with the above undertaking, the Lions Club arranged the supper and pledged its support to the Legion. E. D. Bishop, past president of the Lions Club and the community feel a growing sense of indebtedness to the American Legion boys. They feel that everything possible should be done towards contributing to and building the new home for the Legion. Mr. Bishop said that he personally felt that the least any family in the area could do was to make some sort of a financial contribution towards the building and thus show their appreciation of the ex-service man. The Legion Post at Shallotte was organized in October 1945, immediately after the war in the Pacific ended. The group formed the membership was composed of the men first released from active service. Ernest Parker was elected the first commander and D. Carl Andrews the adjutant. During 1946 the membership increased to 134. During this year various means were used to raise money for a building fund that the men hoped to see grow to a point where they could start construction. This building of the home has been the dream of every member since the organization was formed. For the year 1946-47 Harry L. Mintz, Jr., served as commander and D. Carl Andrews continued as adjutant. The dreams of a hope for the organization continued and the building fund slowly mounted. For the past year 1947-48 R. (Continued On Page four)

## Varied Cases Before Judge

Most Of Cases Disposed Of Before Judge W. J. McLamb Were For Violations Of Traffic Regulations

A variety of cases were disposed of before Judge W. J. McLamb here in Recorder's court last week, most of the charges growing out of traffic violations. The following disposition was made: Andrew McGhee, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs. W. S. Wells, Jr., speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs, ten days stay. Ben James McNeil, reckless operation, continued to July 28. David Small, manufacturing and possession, six months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$100.00 and costs and good behavior for two years. George R. Reynolds, speeding, capias. R. W. Stone, violating beer law, not guilty. Roy Gore, drunk on highway, \$10.00 fine and costs. Spencer Samuel Strickland, reckless operation, fined \$10.00 and costs. Nat. Isreal, reckless operation, continued owing to defendant being in hospital. Charles Clifton Laszette, drunk driving, no operator license, continued (Continued On Page Four)

## Brunswick Man Taken By Death

William Ben Inman Found Dead On Road About One-Quarter Mile From His Home

William Ben Inman, 53, was found dead about 5:30 o'clock Saturday on a road about one-quarter mile from his home near Shallotte in Brunswick County. He was returning from a fishing trip and died of natural causes. The Brunswick coroner reported that no inquest would be held. Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the graveside in Davis Cemetery in Shallotte Township. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Effie Stanley Inman; four sons, Rosta, Abner, Ruburris and Elmer; eight daughters, Lois, Marie, Allier, Glenn, Lula Mae, Faye and Dianna Inman, and Mrs. Lorna Cheers.