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**Mart Will  
Open In Tabor  
On October 6**

Potatoes Will Again  
Be Auctioned In Garrell's  
Warehouse No. Two

TO BE SAME  
AS USED LAST YEAR

Caution In Handl-  
ing And Preparing For  
Market Urged In  
Circulars

SOUTHPORT, Sept. 27—The  
season of auctioning sweet  
potatoes in Tabor City will open  
Wednesday, Oct. 6.

Mr. Fontville, president of the  
City Marketing Company,  
announced last week that the  
opening date had been arranged  
and that the market would  
operate in Garrell's Ware-  
house No. 2.

Auctioning will begin each  
day at 9 o'clock and conclude  
at 5 o'clock except on  
Saturday when sales will  
begin at 10 o'clock.

Extreme caution in handling  
potatoes in circulars now  
distributed to growers. The  
circulars include the following  
points:

See that no potatoes are piled  
in every row take care of it—  
scatter all yams in row in  
which they are dug and see that  
there are an hour to dry before  
unless sun is too hot.

See that potatoes are placed  
from bottom to top so  
will be full on arrival at cur-  
rent. Always use two or  
three of your best hands to do  
packing.

The grade runs from 1 1/2  
inches in diameter. Be sure  
your jumboes out. All  
ground potatoes will have  
1 1/2 inches in diameter.

Length of the long potatoes  
to be 4 to 10 inches long, ac-  
cording to the size of the potato.  
But not least, to get  
good cure on potatoes they  
must be cured in house  
before being packed.

See that potatoes should be plac-  
ed in house lot later than  
usual. Potatoes left out of  
house for as long as Mon-  
day Saturday will damage not  
less than 25 per cent; in other  
words they are worth just about  
what they are kept out that

to keep all bruises and dam-  
age to minimum potatoes should  
be packed as carefully as you  
can handle a bushel of eggs.

## Brief News Flashes

**OFFICE**  
Mr. McEwen, Southport at-  
torney has moved his office up-  
stairs over the Southport post-  
office.

**BENEFIT**  
Members of the Southport Home  
Auction Club are sponsoring a  
bingo party Friday night  
at the American Legion.

**LOTTE POST**  
The Charlotte Post No. 247,  
Legion, will meet Fri-  
day, October 1, at 7:30  
o'clock in the Charlotte high school  
auditorium.

**MEETING**  
The regular monthly meeting  
of the Brunswick County Post No.  
1, American Legion, will be  
held at the Legion room Thursday  
evening, Oct. 30, at 7:30 o'clock.

**SCHEDULE**  
The Amuzu theatre in South-  
port has gone on its winter sched-  
ule hereafter the first show  
beginning at 7 o'clock except on  
Sundays when the first show  
begins at 6:30 o'clock.

**MEMBERS OATH**  
The office was administered  
by Clerk of Court Sam  
Crawford to members of the  
Brunswick County Welfare Board  
membership includes O. P.  
Crawford, A. P. Henry and George  
Crawford.

**PLANNING TO BUILD**  
The owners of lots  
in the new development section  
of the city have already sunk  
the foundation for their property and are  
preparing to build in the near  
future. One buyer of two large  
lots this week that he  
is considering the erection of  
cabins on part of his  
property. This will leave him  
a room to expand as need-

## Healthy Family



**RECORD**—Not since their wedding has death entered the family of Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis, who are shown at the right of the above picture together with their son, W. S. Davis, his wife, Merritt Moore and Mrs. Moore, who is a granddaughter. Bottom, left to right, are Jimmie, Penny and Paul Merritt Moore, great grandchildren.

## Davis Family Has Fine Health Record

**Southport Family Of Which  
"Uncle Will" Davis Is  
Head Never Has Been  
Touched By Death**

**MOORE FAMILY IN  
PICTURE STORY**

**These Members Of Davis  
Family Used As Model  
In Recent Series For  
Health Magazine**

Brunswick county may have a  
family in which six generations  
are living and several in which  
there are five generations, but it  
is doubtful if any of them can  
equal the record of Mr. and Mrs.  
R. Will Davis of Southport.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have been  
married more than 62 years. Four  
of their five children are married  
and have families. Some of the  
children's children are also mar-  
ried and have families.

The remarkable thing is that  
since the day the couple was mar-  
ried over 62 years ago their union  
has never been broken by the  
death of any of their descendants.

In other words, there has never  
been a death in the Davis family.  
Mr. Davis is now 88 years of  
age. Mrs. Davis is 83. Long known  
as a staunch democrat, Mr. Davis  
has never missed voting in an  
election since he came of age. He  
is a straight voter and has never  
scratched a ticket. The same can  
be said of Mrs. Davis. She has  
voted since women were given the  
privilege of voting, and like her  
husband, she has never scratched a  
ticket.

Mr. Will, or "Uncle Will", as  
most Southport people know him,  
is now slowed up somewhat by  
age, but he still gets about town.  
Mrs. Davis gets about as spry as  
a cricket and does every bit of  
her own housework.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have two  
daughters, Mrs. Edna Bell of the  
Southport postoffice and Mrs. J.  
E. Carr, wife of a local real estate  
and insurance man; three sons,  
Will S. Davis of Southport; J. W.  
Davis, Edenton druggist, and Clif-  
ford Davis, Mt. Airy druggist.

Picking out one of the above  
children, Mr. and Mrs. Will S.  
Davis of Southport have a son  
and daughter, John Carr Davis of  
the Navy and Mrs. Merritt Moore,  
of Southport. Mr. and Mrs. Moore  
have three children, Jimmie, Pen-  
ny and Paul, all students in the  
Southport school. They constitute  
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## Library Grows On Book Gifts

**One Novel Was Presented  
By Its Author, A Former  
Resident Of The South-  
port Community**

Miss Beth Grimes, librarian for  
the local public library, reports  
that about one hundred gift  
volumes were donated during the  
past year.

Of particular interest is the  
fact that one book, "A Man And  
Three Women", was presented by  
the author, Vincent S. Stevens,  
who is a former Southport news-  
paper man.

During the summer months the  
facilities of the library were  
greatly expanded through the loan  
of a number of good books from  
the State Library Commission in  
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## Rovin Reporter Sets Hat Style

The Rovin' Reporter seems to  
set the fashion for hats, at least  
for his friend Captain J. B.  
Church.

Late in September 1947 Keziah  
was at Shallotte and bought  
himself a new fall hat from  
Hobson Kirby, in person, of the  
Shallotte Trading Company. That  
night Captain Church saw him  
wearing the hat and asked  
Keziah to buy him one just like  
it on his next trip to Shallotte.  
This was done.

It turned chilly this past Sat-  
urday and Keziah threw away  
his old straw and bought a new  
hat from Hobson while he was  
in Shallotte. That night Captain  
Church saw the hat and request-  
ed Keziah to get him one just  
like it this week.

## Brunswick Men Enlist In Army

**Six Brunswick County Men,  
Including One Veteran,  
Enlist At Army Recruit-  
ing Station During Past  
Month**

Among the thirty applicants ac-  
cepted for enlistment in the Regu-  
lar Army or Air Force by the  
Wilmington U. S. Army and U. S.  
Air Force Recruiting Station dur-  
ing the week ending September  
18, were six men including one  
veteran were accepted from the  
Brunswick county area. The vet-  
eran, Bryant E. Bennett of Free-  
land, volunteered for the Regular  
Army.

Non veterans were: Norman D.  
Hewett, McKee C. Pigott, both of  
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## Monday Rainfall Helps At Orton

**Showers Throughout The  
Day Bring Welcome Re-  
lief To Vegetation Putt-  
ing On Fall Growth**

For the second time in about  
five months the gasoline powered  
pumps that supply water to the  
thirsty flowers and plants at Or-  
ton were able to shut down Mon-  
day.

One rain in August permitted  
the pump to stop operating for  
three days. For the most of May,  
June, July, August and this month  
the pumps chugged steadily all  
day and sometimes far into the  
night.

Watering flowers is not as  
simple as it sounds not when there  
are millions of them, as is the  
case at Orton. Fifty gallons of  
water was required daily to keep  
the pumps going and the water  
tank full, according to Bill Hyatt,  
horticulturist at the gardens. When  
he returned home from his  
work at the gardens Monday  
afternoon Mr. Hyatt said the rain  
brought a general feeling of re-  
lief to all at the gardens.

At Southport there was no  
downpour at any time during the  
day, just a continuous rainfall that  
soaked and kept on soaking in  
the ground.

## Browns Recover Damages From W.B. & S. Lines

**Southport Physician And  
Wife Awarded \$1,000.00  
Each With \$800.00 For  
Automobile Damages Fol-  
lowing Wreck**

A Brunswick county jury last  
week returned a verdict awarding  
\$1,000.00 each to Dr. Landis G.  
Brown and his wife, Mrs. Nell  
Brown, for injuries sustained last  
year when the automobile in which  
they were traveling crashed into  
a W. B. & S. bus on U. S. No. 17  
between Shallotte and Supply. In  
addition, the jury awarded the  
sum of \$800.00 to the plaintiffs  
for damages done their automo-  
bile.

Notice of appeal was given by  
counsel for the bus company.

Other matters settled in a one  
week term of civil court before  
Judge John J. Burrey included a  
judgement of \$10.00, including  
principal and interest, in favor of  
W. J. McLamb against Baily King.  
The suit of Sommersett vs.  
Gwyn was referred to E. K.  
Proctor, with both of the prin-  
cipals asking for a jury trial.

A verdict for the plaintiff was  
returned in the case of Ruby  
Reaves Anderson vs Carl Allen.

## Burning Permit Now Necessary

**Persons Planning To Do  
Any Outside Burning  
Must First Procure Per-  
mit From Some Forestry  
Official**

County Warden Dorman Mercer  
stated that as of October 1  
until November 30, inclusive, it  
will be necessary for all people  
burning any brush to first obtain  
from him or a duly authorized  
agent a Burning Permit to start  
or cause to be started any fire in  
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W. B. KEZIAH

Advertisers in this paper must  
have a lot of faith in it. Last  
week a paragraph in this column  
stated that as a cooperative ges-  
ture with owners and finders of  
lost hunting dogs, during the hunt-  
ing season, we would mention all  
such dogs being lost or found, free  
if the matter was reported to us.  
Next morning J. C. Crouch of  
Bolivia stopped us to say, "I see  
where you said you would run a  
free advertisement of hunting  
dogs lost and found during the  
season." "Yes," he was told, "we  
will be glad to mention such hap-  
penings. Have you found a dog?"  
"No," said Crouch "I haven't  
found a dog, but I am afraid of  
losing mine and I just wanted  
to be sure I could get him back  
if I did."

Realizing that a powerful fac-  
tor Fort Caswell would be in  
drawing tourists to North Caro-

## E, F & G Group Advised To Get Driver License

**N. E. Hudson, State Driver's  
License Examiner, Recommends That Per-  
sons Attend To Get License  
Renewed As Soon  
As Possible**

**SAYS LAST-MINUTE  
RUSH IS HARSHIP**

**Examinations Must Be Tak-  
en For Renewal Before  
End Of Year; Manual  
Study Suggested**

Is your surname Edwards, Fisher,  
or Grainger? If it is any of  
these or any other name begin-  
ning with E, F, or G, then it is  
time to begin thinking about tak-  
ing your driver license examina-  
tion.

Having in mind the last-minute  
rushes which have caused A, B, C  
and D drivers so many hours of  
waiting and inconvenience N. Hud-  
son who is State driver license  
examiner for Brunswick County,  
this week advised the E, F and G  
group to obtain license while a  
few minutes would do the job.

All the drivers whose names be-  
gin with any of these three let-  
ters must have their new license  
by January 1.

Mr. Hudson requested that  
advance publicity be given to this  
group because "I've observed  
that a hardship it works on those  
who have to stand in a  
tireless line for hours and I  
know that this is what will hap-  
pen unless more of the drivers  
report for examination within the  
next month or so."

The State license examiner also  
recommended that those who  
must take the test study a driver  
manual carefully before attempt-  
ing to renew their license. He  
said this would expedite the ex-  
aminations and save time as well  
as minimize the danger of re-  
jection.

## Inside Fishing Holds Spotlight

**Hook And Line Fisherman  
Vies With His More High-  
falutin Brother, The Sur-  
f-caster, For Sport**

With very little freshwater to  
disturb and keep salt water fish  
out, sport fishing in the rivers,  
creeks, inland waterways and bays  
is said to be good.

Mrs. John W. Garner of the  
Anchor Hotel at Shallotte trout  
reported Saturday that trout fish-  
ing was good. Spots are begin-  
ning to bite in a lively manner and  
are of pretty good size. A good  
many drum, some flounder and  
croakers are being caught at the  
Point. A lot of fox hunters have  
been at the hotel recently and  
many deer and bear hunters have  
been making inquiries about ac-  
commodations when the season  
opens. The Point has had an un-  
usually large number of visitors  
this year.

The same thing with regard to  
fish catches are being reported by  
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Whitley, of  
Howell's Point at the mouth, of  
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## Our ROVING Reporter

lina and this part of the coast,  
Editors John E. Hope of the Wil-  
mington Star and Al G. Dickson  
of the Wilmington News are warm  
in advocating that Caswell be  
taken over and made a part of the  
State Park system. They are right  
with the intriguing hot wells, super-  
lative fishing, climate and phys-  
ical properties existing, Fort Cas-  
well has publicity assets that  
would attract thousands of out-of-  
state visitors, visitors who would  
otherwise never dream of coming  
to North Carolina. The State can-  
not afford to ignore the opportu-  
nity to acquire the Fort Caswell  
property.

It is still contended that push-  
ing building and real estate ac-  
tivities at our beaches during the  
winter time will greatly increase  
the spring and summer business  
and activity. All homes built now  
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## Patrolman Learns He Is After Stolen Auto

**Patrolman J. C. Taylor Received Radio Message About  
Mack Jones Truck While In Chase**

State Highway Patrolman C. J.  
Taylor who is stationed at Leland  
was running down a pickup truck  
and the driver Sunday night when  
his radio brought the information  
that the machine he was chasing  
had been stolen.

Mack Jones, furniture man at  
Woodburn had driven his pickup  
truck to church shortly before  
seven. Within a short time some-  
one went in and asked him if he  
rode or walked to church. Mack  
advised that he had driven, and  
then informed his truck was gone.

Deputy Sheriff O. W. Perry  
was contacted and he phoned patrol  
headquarters in Wilmington  
and advised of the stolen machine.  
A pickup order for the stolen car  
was put on the air.

Meanwhile Patrolman Taylor,  
headed east on 74-76, met the  
stolen car at Malmo, about six  
miles from where it had been  
stolen. The officer had not yet  
been advised of the theft but the

approaching truck made a bad  
move on the highway and he  
promptly turned around to stop  
it. The truck sped up and Taylor  
chased it for about a mile. The  
driver of the truck slowed down  
and while his machine was still  
going at about 15 miles per hour  
he jumped out and took to his  
heels. The officer took after him  
as soon as he could bring his own  
car to a halt.

Taylor proved the better of the  
two in a foot race and collared  
John Best, Delco negro. Best  
claimed that he was scared of his  
wife and took the truck to get  
home in before he was late. He  
was charged with larceny of auto-  
mobile, driving drunk and driving  
without a license.

It was just a minute or two  
before the foot race that the  
radio in Taylor's patrol car  
brought him the news that the  
car he was chasing had been  
stolen.

## Eight People Escape Death In Building

**Wren Find Friends  
Aboard Trawler**

Sailors from some ports or  
other must have been very kind  
to a couple of small house  
wrens that boarded the Rosina,  
Captain Sandy Simmons, while  
he was shrimping about ten  
miles off Southport this week.

The little birds suddenly board-  
ed from nowhere and began a  
lightning like inspection of the  
boat. They hopped and fluttered  
into every corner and crevice,  
below and above deck. Obviously  
pleased with everything, they  
turned their attention to whom  
they took to be old friends.  
They would light on the feet,  
knees and shoulders of the men  
and allow themselves to be pick-  
ed up and petted.

They remained on the boat  
all day and only hopped off of  
it when it returned to the fish  
house that night.

## Weather Perfect For Haymaking

**County Agent J. E. Dod-  
son Says That Brunswick  
Farmers Are Saving A-  
bundance Of Good Feed**

County Agent J. E. Dodson said  
this week that Brunswick county  
farmers have been having the  
best weather for saving hay that  
they have enjoyed in six or seven  
years. They have been taking full  
advantage of the opportunity to  
save this crop.

Probably more hay has been  
cut, cured and stored this year  
than the farmers ever before had  
at any time. With the average  
date for the first killing first still  
nearly two months off, it is very  
likely that much more will be cut  
and saved before weather stops  
operations.

All feed crops have been extra  
good this year. As a matter of  
fact, many farmers are worried  
at not having enough feeder hogs  
and cows to take care of the feed  
crops that were produced. Consid-  
ering the amount of feed on hand,  
there is an especially big shortage  
of feeder hogs on the farms.  
This does not mean that there  
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## Democrats Will Rally Saturday

**Young Democrats Sponsoring  
Free Oyster Roast To  
Be Held At Shallotte  
Point Saturday After-  
noon**

A rally of Brunswick county  
Democrats is being planned for  
Saturday night when an oyster  
roast sponsored by the Young  
Democrat Club will be served at  
James Chadwick's place at Shall-  
lotte Point.

Edward H. Redwine is presi-  
dent of the Brunswick county club  
and he and other members of  
the organization have spared no  
efforts to see that this is a  
successful event.

Several important speakers have  
been invited to be present, and  
all party candidates are expected  
to attend.

## Club Women In Session Today At Southport

**Eleventh District Of North  
Carolina Federation Of  
Woman's Clubs Holding  
Annual Meeting Here**

**STATE FEDERATION  
PRESIDENT PRESENT**

**Following Interesting Busi-  
ness Meeting In Trinity  
Methodist Church,  
Luncheon At USO  
Club**

Club women of Southeastern  
North Carolina are meeting today  
in Southport where the local club  
is hostess to representatives of  
eleventh District North Carolina  
Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Outstanding among the notables  
present is Mrs. J. A. Gupton,  
State president, who made the  
principal address this morning.  
Also present were Mrs. John D.  
Robinson, and officer in the Gen-  
eral Federation; Mrs. A. B. Wil-  
lis, State corresponding secretary,  
and Mrs. J. F. Colwell, State  
literature chairman.

The meeting opened at 10  
o'clock with assembly in the audi-  
torium of Trinity Methodist  
church. The invocation was by  
the Rev. H. M. Baker, pastor of  
Southport Baptist church, and  
greetings from the home club  
were extended by Mrs. James M.  
Harper, Jr., president of the  
Southport Woman's Club. Re-  
sponse was by Mrs. J. P. Wells.

Greetings were brought from  
home demonstration clubs by Miss  
Corinne Green, home agent for  
Brunswick County, and for the  
Nurses Association by Barbara  
Adams.

Following a brief business ses-  
sion, Mrs. Bryant Potter sang  
"America The Beautiful". Then  
followed the address by Mrs.  
Gupton. The assembly sang "Amer-  
ica", and Mrs. E. P. Brown, 2nd  
vice-president of the North Caro-  
lina Federation, then made a  
brief address.

Reports were made by the dis-  
trict president, Mrs. N. C. Blake,  
of Burgaw, and by each of the  
club presidents. The Woman's  
Chorus of Southport sang "On-  
ward Christian Soldiers", which  
was followed by reports of com-  
mittees and announcements.

The meeting then adjourned to  
the Community Building, where  
a delicious seafood luncheon was  
served.

Immediately after the luncheon  
visitors were taken for a tour of  
Ft. Caswell and nearby beaches  
through the courtesy of the W.  
B. & S. Bus Co.

## Norris Henry Caught Again

**Fourth Brush With The Law  
Inside A Year Leads To  
Trial In Recorder's Court  
Here This Morning**

Among those greeting Judge  
McLamb at today's session of the  
Recorder's Court is Norris Henry,  
Winnabow white man of good  
family who has already been a  
three-time loser with the courts  
in this and other counties on liq-  
uor charges.

State Highway Patrolman C.  
M. Cumming and Chief of Police  
Coleman of Shallotte captured  
Henry at 2 o'clock in the morn-  
ing one day last week. He had  
been making deliveries to his cus-  
tomers and hidden under the hood  
of his 1937 Oldsmobile they found  
half-gallon of spirits—plenty to  
bring him in and hold him on a  
fourth charge.

Since this latest arrest he has  
been in jail in default of two  
bonds of \$1,000 each. One of the  
bonds demanded is for the pre-  
sent offense, the other is for se-  
curity on a capias.

A year ago Henry ran up a  
against officers in Pender county.  
His car and whiskey were seized  
and he is understood to have  
drawn a suspended road sentence  
and a fine of \$400.00 and costs.  
Soon after that State Highway  
Patrolmen Flowers and Duncan  
got him in New Hanover county,  
where he drew a suspended sen-  
tence of 18 months, and a fine of  
\$100.00 and costs, losing another  
car in the same episode.

A few months ago State High-  
way Patrolman Cummings ran  
Henry and his car down at the  
heel of an exciting chase. Henry, plus  
a sizable quantity of liquor, plus  
appeared before Judge McLamb and  
he got a one year suspended sen-  
tence, was taxed with the costs,  
his car seized and he was fined  
\$400.00.

He is reported to have paid  
only about a third of this \$400.00  
fine and was evidently trying to  
earn the remainder of it when  
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## Improvements For Bolivia Company

**Cinderblock Kilns Will Be  
Used To Speed Process  
For Seasoning Lumber  
For Market**

Felton Garner of Long Beach,  
owner of the Bolivia Lumber Com-  
pany at Bolivia, is now placing  
material for the construction of  
two large cinder block lumber  
drying kilns. The blocks are about  
double the size and weight of the  
average cinder block.

Mr. Garner says that with this  
type of kiln construction, getting  
particulary air tight buildings,  
lumber can be handled much  
quicker than in the wooden kilns  
he has been using.

In addition to his sawmill at  
Bolivia, which handles mostly  
large timbers, the planning mill  
and resaw mill handles the out-  
put of five ground mills. These  
are working at various points in  
the county. He also does some  
buying for other mills. A yard  
covering several acres for the  
stacking of green lumber until it  
can be handled by the drying kilns  
or planning mill has recently been  
opened in the woods west of the  
mill.