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3-Week Average Of \$61.39 Seen As New Record

Claim Based On High Figure For Markets Selling More Than Million Pounds Per Day

VOLUME OF BANNER '46 SEASON PASSED

Sales Expected To Hold At Six To Eight Hundred Thousand During Next Two Weeks

The Whiteville tobacco market today claimed another world's record for averaging above \$61 for three consecutive weeks while selling more than a million pounds per day.

Sales Supervisor Dave S. Neilson expressed the opinion that tobacco markets in the Bright Belt Warehouse Association will be shooting at this mark for many years to come.

The record was established with the following weekly averages: Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, \$61.17; Sept. 5-11, \$61.57; Sept. 14-18, \$61.43. The three-week average is \$61.39, probably unequalled by any three-week average in the history of the tobacco auction system.

During the 14-day period, Whiteville warehouses sold 15,711,542 pounds for \$9,665,866.32.

Prices continued strong Thursday and Friday. Thursday's average of \$62.34 was the highest of the week, while sales were heaviest on Friday when 1,292,138 pounds were auctioned for \$798,355.26 at an average of \$61.79.

The 1946 season total of 33,490,125 pounds was passed Friday.

Supervisor Neilson said the 1953 tobacco market picture was best illustrated by a comparison with figures for all of 1946 and figures for the first 34 days of last year. He gave these figures:

24th Day of 1953 — 33,711,008 pounds for \$19,726,743.93 at average of \$58.50.

34th Day of 1952 — 28,648,436 pounds for \$15,331,052.64 at average of \$53.51.

All of 1946 season — 33,490,125 pounds for \$17,208,076.26 at average of \$51.78.

Neilson today forecast sales of six hundred to eight hundred thousand pounds for this week and next. He said he was positive there would be no block sales and that all growers would have an opportunity to sell the same day they bring their tobacco.

Other county markets are expected to close the season this week.

Brief News Flashes

AT MEREDITH
Miss Ruth Galloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Venton Galloway of Supply, has returned to Meredith College in Raleigh to continue her studies.

AT WCUNC
Miss Amelia Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kirby of Supply, left Tuesday for her third year at the WCUNC, at Greensboro.

W. M. U. MEETING
The annual Wilmington Divisional WMU meeting will be held on October 2 at the First Baptist Church in Bladenboro. WMU members in Brunswick are urged to attend, as an interesting program has been planned.

GOES TO TEXAS
Mrs. Christine Frink left this afternoon for Amarillo, Texas, to meet her daughter and her family upon their return from Japan. Mrs. Frink will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adams, parents of Lieut. Charles Adams.

STUDENT AT MARS HILL
Miss Doris Bogie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bogie, of Orton, entered college at Mars Hill last week. A graduate of the Southport high school this past session, Miss Bogie was accompanied to Mars Hill by her parents. The family spent a week visiting friends in High Point and Boone before Miss Bogie entered college.

ERROR IN STORY
Through some mix up it was stated in the Recorder Court proceedings last week that Stetson Herbert Robinson was charged with passing a school bus and that he was to report on December 7 and each 90 days thereafter and show good behavior. This report was in error. Mr. Robinson was found not guilty of the charge and it is regretted that he should have been presented in an unfavorable light.

District Engineer



CHIEF—Will Open Bids Tomorrow—The above informal picture of Colonel Roland L. Hill, District Army Engineer who is now carrying out the construction plans for the Sunny Point terminals, was snapped when he obligingly stopped for the photographer while on his way to keep an appointment. Colonel Hill will open bids tomorrow for the construction of the installation railroad system. (Photo by Jim Wommack, courtesy Greensboro Daily News.)

More Bids Being Opened Thursday

One Of Biggest Phases Of Sunny Point Construction Project Will Be Involved In This Letting

LARGE NUMBER OF COMPANIES BID

Job Is For Construction Of Railroad Inside Sunny Point Project Area

Col. Roland L. Hill, District Corps of Army Engineers, will open bids tomorrow (Thursday) on the multi-million dollar installation railroad building at the government terminals. The job involves the construction of many miles of railroad and siding, all inside the government reservation.

The contract for the access railroad from Leland to the reservation was let some time ago to the Wm. A. Smith Construction Company of Houston, Texas. Smith, in turn, let a sub-contract for the clearing and grading to the Green Construction Company of LaPort, Ind. Both firms are now on the job.

A report from the Engineers Office this week indicates that a large number of construction firms will be represented in tomorrow's bids. Both the Smith and Green companies are understood to be bidding. Should they get this job it is said that they will be able to bring in sizeable squads of workmen and equipment and carry on the job. (Continued on Page Four)

Nomination Of Farm Officials

Series Of Meetings Being Conducted This Week To Prepare Slate To Be Voted On In Coming PMA Elections

Nominating Committeemen to help carry out the PMA programs in Brunswick is in progress this week. For Lockwoods Folly and Northwest Townships these nominations were held Monday and the Smithville and Shallotte Townships nominees are being taken place today.

Town Creek will make its nominations tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p. m., in the Bolivia High School. The Waccamaw meeting is set for Friday at 7:30 p. m., in the Agricultural Building at the high school.

At these nominating meetings, with the regular election to be held in October, the 1954 ACP program will be announced and discussed. Information will be given those attending relative to the practices that the Federal Government will share the cost on. All farmers are urged to attend. (Continued on Page Four)

Resolution Is Passed Monday In Joint Meet

Board Of Aldermen And The County Commissioners Join In Endorsement Of Coastal Highway Project

POINTS TO GAINS FOR THIS AREA

Proposed Coastal Highway Would Start At Virginia Line And Run Length Of N. C. Coast

The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Aldermen for the City of Southport met in a joint session and adopted the following resolution Monday:

"WHEREAS, The Coastal Area of North Carolina, and particularly the Outer Banks, being one of the most natural attractions in the United States and there being no actual Seacoast Route in North Carolina within the proximity of the Atlantic Ocean, and

"WHEREAS, The National Seashore Park, proposed to be activated and completed within our State, would be served by such a highway and would be one of the greatest assets to the State of North Carolina, and

"WHEREAS, Such a Seashore Park constitute an immeasurable asset in bringing Tourists to the State on a basis comparable to the Great Smoky Mountains, Blue Ridge Mountains, National Park and other similar parks through the western part of the State of North Carolina, and

"WHEREAS, certain north-south highways across the State have been highly developed within the last few years, and such development has drained considerable travel and tourist revenue from the extreme Coastal Area, principally to the detriment of U. S. Highway 17, as a matter of equity to the people of the eastern part of North Carolina, such a Seashore Highway is warranted as a matter of good business in bringing additional travel into our State and thereby increasing the tax revenue of our State;

"THEREFORE, be it Resolved that Brunswick County Board of County Commissioners and the

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Services Today For Local Lady

Mrs. Mary S. Thompson Died Suddenly Yesterday At Her Home In Southport

Mrs. Mary Stuart Thompson died suddenly at her home here Tuesday morning. Although she had been ill much of the time during the past year, news of her death came as a shock to this community.

She was the wife of Robert L. Thompson and was a member of a prominent Southport family. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons, Waters and Robert B. Thompson of Southport; two sisters, Mrs. H. B. Smith and Miss Susie Newton of Southport; three brothers, Callender Newton of Charlotte, Joseph Newton of Wilmington and Edward C. Newton of Southport.

Funeral services are being announced this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at Trinity Methodist Church with the Rev. N. L.

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Governor William B. Umstead wrote us this week and stated he is coming down to visit Sunny Point with us and see what the U. S. Government is doing. In addition to the governor, several other high State officials have recently written us, manifesting a keen interest in the activities of the government down here. Director Ben E. Douglas has perhaps shown the keenest interest of all. He is coming just as soon as he can to see what the government can possibly do anything to aid in development in Brunswick County. With all of the existing potentialities here and the Governor and other State officials as interested as they are, prospects are bright for getting

Commissioned



Shalotte Girl Gets Commission After Training

Second Lieutenant Lula G. Cox Was Member Of Graduating Class Of 1950 At Shallotte High School

Lula G. Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cox, Shallotte, was graduated from Air Force Officer Candidate School September 11 and awarded a commission as second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve.

Graduation ceremonies were held at Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas, site of the Air Force's CCS. More than 500 new officers heard Major General Robert W. Douglas, Commander of the 18th Air Force, deliver the principal address. Diplomats were presented to Class 53-C by Brig. Gen. Wycliffe, E. Sille base commander.

Miss Cox is a 1950 graduate of Shallotte High School and entered the Air Force in 1951. Before her appointment to Officer Candidate School, she was serving as a radar technician at Randolph AFB near San Antonio.

Awarding of the commissions culminated six months of study and practical application in Air Force Administration and leadership. Many graduates will report directly to active duty assignments as administrative officers. Others will enter flying training. A number will serve in an enlisted status or return to civilian life to await active duty in a commissioned status.

Air Force CCS, only institution of its kind, is under the supervision of the Air Training Command and is a part of the Technical Training Air Force. It graduates four classes a year into the commissioned Reserve.

Bolivia Lions Sponsor Sing

Gospel Sing Program Being Repeated By Demand On Night Of October 3; Several Big Attractions

The Bolivia Lions Club is sponsoring a Gospel Sing for Saturday night, October 3, at the Bolivia school auditorium. The program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock and will feature the Renfrow Trio and the Broadridge Quartette. The Renfrow Trio caught the fancy of everybody attending the all night sing held

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other big things to tie-in or take advantage of what is being done by the U. S. Government.

County Game Protector H. T. Bowmer is on a bit of a spot. Several days ago he was at work on Walden Creek and his small boat turned over in rough water. That in itself was not so bad. He can stand water. The trouble is that in the shuffling about he lost a receipt book containing the names and addresses of a number of people who had subscribed through him to the State Wildlife Magazine. He remembers some of the names and addresses, but there may be a few whose names he cannot recall. He will greatly appreciate

Railroad Builder Has Wide Interest

Trained Crew Of Mexicans Employed By Smith Construction Company To Put Down Railroad

By W. B. Keziah
The Wm. A. Smith Construction Company with headquarters offices in Houston, Texas; Kansas City, Mo.; and Los Angeles, Calif., is an extremely interesting outfit, widely known for its railroad building activities.

Now working on the 25 mile access railroad from Leland to Sunny Point, the Smith Company came here directly from Augusta, Ga., where it built about 90 miles of the H-bomb railroad. They moved into Augusta from Alaska, where they had rehabilitated some 500 miles of the Alaskan railroad from Anchorage and Whittier to Fairbanks.

Building railroads for the past quarter of a century, they have for the most part used Mexicans on the job in various parts of the United States. They have a well trained group of these workers and the project manager stated

this week that about all he had to do was to tell them where he wanted the railroad to go and what they are to do. They will do it.

The company is not opposed to local labor. In fact, they like such labor and use as much of it as they can. However, they point out that in railroad building it is advisable to have trained men on the job wherever possible. The Mexicans are well trained. They have the know-how regarding railroad building and they seldom lose any time wanting to go to a picnic or anything else in the neighborhood where they are working.

Many of the Mexicans employed by Smith are U. S. citizens.

R. I. Richardson, project manager of the railroad project, is a railroad builder from away (Continued on Page 4)

Murder Trial Is In Progress Here

Patrolman Gets Unmarked Auto

Luther Smith Being Tried For Fatal Shooting Of Bias Simmons Early This Year With Great Interest In Case

SPECIAL VENIRE IS BROUGHT HERE

One Hundred Residents Of New Hanover County Is Brought Down By Bus To Provide Jury For Case

In accordance with an order of Judge Q. K. Nimmo, presiding at a former trial when a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial resulted, one hundred men and women from New Hanover County arrived this morning for the purpose of providing a jury in the Luther Smith murder case that is scheduled to get underway today in Brunswick County Superior Court.

Judge John J. Burney, presiding at the term, ordered that the prospective jurors from New Hanover be assembled at the court house in Wilmington and that buses be sent from Southport to have them here at 10 o'clock this morning.

It is not thought that there will be any difficulty selecting the 12 regular jurors and the alternate that will be required in the event Solicitor Moore aims at first degree verdict.

Several divorce cases were heard and a full list of the decrees handed down during the term will be carried in next week's paper. Other cases heard during the Monday and Tuesday sessions resulted in the following judgments:

W. S. Hartsfield, drunken driving, fined \$100 and costs. The defendant, a resident of Hamlet, gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

R. D. White, Jr., speeding, fined \$25 and costs.

Guy Willetts, speeding, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Emory Lovitt, crime against nature, not true bill.

Joseph Cobb, possession, nine months on the roads.

Mrs. M. L. Brown, assault, two months on the roads. (Continued on Page Four)

Complete Two Miles Of Road

Woodburn Road, A Distance Of 2.2 Miles In Northwest Township, Graded, Drained And Stabilized

The State Highway Commission completed 2.2 miles of road work in Brunswick County during the month of August. Commissioner C. Heide Trask of Wilmington reported this week.

State forces graded, drained and stabilized Woodburn Road for 2.2 miles. The road is 20 feet wide.

The Third Highway Division composed of Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Duplin and Sampson counties brought a total of 43 miles of road improvements to completion during August, Commissioner Trask added.

Division headquarters for the Third are in Wilmington; C. E. Brown is division engineer.

Baptist Sunday School Leaders Plan Campaign

"A Million More In Fifty-Four" Adopted As Slogan For Baptist Sunday School Membership Drive

MEETING IS HELD AT ANTIOCH CHURCH

Churches Aim At Adding 30 New Members Each Or Total Of 870 For Association

Sunday School leaders of the Brunswick Baptist Association held a rally at Antioch Church last Wednesday night to map their plans for Sunday School enlargement in keeping with the Southern Baptist goal of "a million more in fifty-four."

The Rev. Pete Lingle, who recently came to the association as pastor of Antioch Church, was the inspirational speaker of the evening. Lee Sullivan, association Sunday School superintendent, presided. John H. Holden was song leader. Approximately 75 persons attended, representing all but a few of the 29 churches of the association.

Others on the program included the Rev. Odell Blanton, Mrs. Margaret McRackan, Herman Long, Woodrow Ruck, the Rev. Herman Crainshaw and H. L. Clemmons.

The churches will aim at an average of 30 new members each, or a total of 870 for the association. According to the most recent tabulation at the close of September, 1952, Sunday Schools of the association had 2869 members. The goal for the State of North Carolina is 115,000.

As one step in the program, many of the churches are observing preparation week this week, studying "The Pull of the People," a book written specially for this campaign.

The committee directing the program in the association are Lee Sullivan, chairman, Tom Ballard, John H. Holden, the Rev. Pete Lingle, Ethel Benton, Susie Carson, Lois Sanders, Woodrow Ruck, Bertie Wilkins, Herman Long, R. S. Willetts, Jr., and Louise Robbins.

Women Arrested On Theft Count

Four White Women Face Charges Of Shop Lifting From Arrington Store Here Saturday

Four white women, from 25 to 30 years of age, were arrested here Saturday on a charge of shoplifting from Arrington's Dry Goods Store. About \$50 worth of merchandise allegedly taken from the store, was found in their possession.

Listed on the warrants are Mrs. A. J. Rhodes, Mrs. E. M. Baxley, Miss Ann Beacher and Mrs. Gwendolyn Baxley. All gave the address of Baxley, Ga. Mrs. Rhodes is said to have lived here a few weeks and the others are visiting her.

It is alleged that Mrs. Rhodes and Miss Anne Beacher went to the store and while Mrs. Rhodes engaged the attention of the saleslady in the back end of the store, under pretext of buying a dress, the others removed the goods to their car parked outside. The stolen articles included nylon hosiery, women's panties, etc. Arrested by Chief Jack Hickman the women were all released under bond.

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Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

| High Tide | Low Tide |
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| Thursday, September 24 | |
| 8:33 a. m. | 2:19 a. m. |
| 8:58 p. m. | 2:50 p. m. |
| Friday, September 25 | |
| 9:24 a. m. | 3:05 a. m. |
| 9:48 p. m. | 3:41 p. m. |
| Saturday, September 26 | |
| 10:15 a. m. | 3:53 a. m. |
| 10:40 p. m. | 4:24 p. m. |
| Sunday, September 27 | |
| 11:11 a. m. | 4:43 a. m. |
| 11:36 p. m. | 5:29 p. m. |
| Monday, September 28 | |
| 0:00 a. m. | 5:36 a. m. |
| 12:08 p. m. | 6:27 p. m. |
| Tuesday, September 29 | |
| 0:35 a. m. | 6:34 a. m. |
| 1:07 p. m. | 7:32 p. m. |
| Wednesday, September 30 | |
| 1:37 a. m. | 7:37 a. m. |
| 2:09 p. m. | 8:34 p. m. |