

Everything Set For Opening Of Tobacco Market

Border Belt Warehouses Set For Large Offerings On Opening Day Wednesday With Big Crop To Be Marketed

OPENING PRICES ARE SATISFACTORY

Reports From South Carolina Markets Indicate Price For 1955 Crop Should Be Satisfactory

What may be the biggest year in tobacco history for Brunswick county and the Border Belt will open at 9 a. m., Wednesday when somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 buyers make their first bids on an expected bumper crop.

With slightly over 61,000,000 pounds on record for 1954, the four Columbus markets are ready to break that record, and the one for 1953 in poundage.

At Chadburn, Billy Nobles, going into his second year as sales supervisor, predicts 11 to 12,000,000 pounds for the five warehouses there. This is about 2,000,000 more than 1953, and well above the 8,227,864 pounds from last year.

Hopes On Price
Nobles, as other sales supervisors were, was cautious on price predictions, but said the market ought to see an equal or possibly improvement on the \$57.75 average of 1953.

Fair Bluff's six warehouses are set for 8,000,000 pounds this year, which is about two millions more than 1954.

Clyde Townsend, a sales supervisor with 20 years background, says that maybe the market will equal or better the \$53.47 average of 1954. Townsend said the Fair Bluff market led the Border Belt in price average last year, according to government reports.

At Tabor City, no poundage figures were available, but market officials are expecting more than the 10,224,418 pounds sold there last year. Tabor City was the only Border Belt market which sold more leaf in 1954 than in 1953.

Prices are also expected to be excellent. R. P. Counts will serve his first year as sales supervisor. Counts was recently named secretary of the newly formed merchants association, and tobacco board of trade.

In Whiteville, hopes are high for poundage over the 41,215,600 pounds sold here in 1953. Price is also expected to be high. The Whiteville market saw 38,984,000 pounds sold in 1954 for an average of \$54.76.

R. G. (Bob) Maulsby will serve again this year, his second, as sales supervisor for the Whiteville market.

Whiteville, as in the past, will have three sets of buyers representing all of the major domestic and export tobacco users. The sales are set up for 6,600 baskets a day during the five (Continued On Page Four)

Mighty Pretty Crop



MONEY ON THE STALK could well be the designation of these giant tobacco leaf held by Judy Thompson. This is one example of why farmers and warehousemen are jubilant about the prospects of this year's flue-cured crop. Experts predict production will exceed the 1953 crop.

Schools Will Open On September 6

County Superintendent Urges Parents To Have Children Immunized Before School Begins

CITES REGULATION REGARDING BIRTH

In Order To Be Admitted A Child Must Have Had His Sixth Birthday On Or Before October 1

At a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education here last Wednesday night Tuesday, September 6, was set as the opening date of school for the 1955-56 term.

Parents are reminded that all children must have the following immunization shots before enrolling in school: Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and smallpox.

Parents are also reminded that age requirements and time of enrollment as set forth in Article 19, section 2 of the 1955 School Laws is as follows:

"Children to be entitled to enrollment in the public schools for the school year 1955-56, and each year thereafter, must have passed the sixth anniversary of their birth before October first of the year in which they enroll and must enroll during the first month of the school year."

Although most of the schools have made good progress in lining up a faculty for the coming term, several vacancies exist and the search continues for persons to fill certain key positions.

Routine Session Of Court Monday

Once More Traffic Violations Consume Most Of Time In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Violations of traffic regulations brought most of the defendants into Brunswick county Recorder's court Monday, with three men being found guilty on charges of drunk driving.

Donald William Norris pleaded guilty to driving 70-mph and was fined \$15 and costs.

Billie M. Simms pleaded guilty to driving 70-mph and was fined \$10 and costs.

William Turner was charged with drunk driving and having no operator's license. He pleaded guilty of drunk driving and was fined \$100 and costs.

Kathleen H. Moore was charged with refusal to produce driver's license, reckless operation and driving without a license. She pleaded guilty on the latter two counts and was fined \$35 and costs.

French Bowen was found guilty of public drunkenness and was fined \$10.

Donald St. George pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and possession and was fined \$25 and costs.

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Final Figures Given For Red Cross Program

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, Chairman Of Red Cross Fund Drive For Brunswick County, Submits Final Report

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR COUNTY \$1,537.73

Shallotte Led All Other Communities, With Southport Next; Report by Communities Given

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, chairman of the Red Cross Fund drive for Brunswick County, has reported the collection of \$1,537.73 this year. His final report was submitted this week to Ray Walton, chapter chairman.

Following is the complete statement of Fund Raising Campaign for this year during the period March 1 to June 15, inclusive:

Bolivia, Mrs. Earley Danford, \$62.41; Brunswick County Negro School, Mrs. A. Montgomery, \$174.79; Leland, Mrs. Doris Wessell, \$20.60; Long Beach, Mrs. Sam Carr, \$91.50; Oak Island Coast Guard, Capt. Johnson, \$33.00; Orton Road Area, Mrs. Joe Ramseur, \$31.00; Freeland, L. C. Babson, \$20.00; Town Creek, Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman, \$35.00; Southport, Mrs. Egan Hubbard, \$434.32; Shallotte, G. C. McKeithan, \$439.07; Supply, Mrs. Irma Holden, \$71.00; Hickman's Cross Road, Mrs. Joyce L. Long, \$22.06; Village Point, Mrs. Lottie Chadwick, \$103.00. Total \$1,537.73.

In making every possible effort to carry the Red Cross Fund drive into every community of the county, it was the purpose of the Rev. Mr. Hayman to set up an organization which not only would be effective during the money-raising drive, but which would serve as an effective nucleus for administrative organization. That accounts for the fact that the work this year extended well beyond the usual time allotted for the fund campaign.

During the emergency which existed in Brunswick county following Hurricane Hazel last fall the Red Cross sent in Disaster Workers who gave tangible assistance to hundreds of persons who had sustained losses. More than \$225,000 has been disbursed (Continued on Page Four)

Commissioners In Session Monday

Routine Matters Taken Up By Board In Regular First Monday Meet Here This Week

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners, held Monday W. G. Adams was granted a leave of absence as electrical inspector for Northwest and Town Creek townships and F. O. Simmons was named to take his place.

The board requested that a 1700-foot stretch of road on Ocean Isle be graded and given a clay surface.

It also was requested that a road leading from the Midway-Bolivia road be graded and improved.



W. B. KEZIAH

Watermelons have been serving a good purpose at many a tobacco curing barn in Brunswick this year. The crop is said to have been a good one and to the perspiring workers in the tobacco fields and at the barns a big and juicy melon that has been kept on ice or in a cool spot is about the mostest thing they can desire.

The melons are grown on almost every farm and on some farms they are produced commercially. Joe Cochran of Southport has produced a lot of them this year and Robert McCrackan of Walden Creek has been handling them by the truck load since the first of July. McCrackan tells us that he has 20 acres more of watermelons that are to begin ripening the 20th of August. What's more, he says that the present outlook for these melons indicate that he will have some that will weigh a hundred pounds.

Warehouse Scene



THIS IS THE PAY-OFF! Company buyers vie with each other, and warehouse acutioneers do their best to get the most from the flue-cured tobacco piles for the farmers at market. Beginning Wednesday this scene from a previous market season will be the rule the next several weeks. (Photo by Baldwin.)

City Manager On Duty In Southport

Board Of Health In Session Here

At a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Health here this morning the matter of working out a budget for the present fiscal year offered perplexities which had members of this body baffled. As matters now stand, the new county budget lacks between \$700 and \$800 of providing the amount necessary to match funds provided by the State. The suggestion was made that an effort be made to hold a meeting at which the Health Officer, Dr. Davis, and the chairman of the board of county commissioners, R. L. Rabon, could be present in order that differences may be reconciled.

Ocean Isle Has New Pavilion

Grand Opening Set For Saturday Night, With Public Invited For Free Entertainment

The new pavilion at Ocean Isle will have its formal opening Saturday night and the management invites everyone to attend the dance that has been planned as a part of the celebration. A dance orchestra has been engaged for this occasion.

The new building is located on the oceanfront and is of cinder-block construction. It has 7,000-sq. ft. of floor space, and included in (Continued On Page Four)

*John F. West, Jr., Named To This Position At Meeting Of Board Of Aldermen Here Monday Night

EXPRESSES FAITH IN THIS COMMUNITY

Declares That Door To His Office Remains Open, And Urges Cooperation Of Entire Citizenship

John F. West, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids has been hired as city manager of Southport.

The Board of Aldermen decided on West Monday night after reviewing numerous applications and personally interviewing qualified applicants. His salary was set at \$4,800 per year, and he began work this morning.

The new city manager's experience includes service as district representative of Virginia Electric and Power Co., transmission and distribution of electrical contracting and city engineer of Wray, Colo.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Frank West of Roanoke Rapids, West is 39 years of age. He is married to the former Elizabeth Aldia Gopfert of Charlotte, and they have two children.

West attended the University of North Carolina, and was graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in civil engineering.

He served as a pilot in the U. S. Air Force in both the European and Pacific theatres of operation during World War II, and was wounded in action. He received an honorable discharge.

In accepting the post, West said, "My office shall always be open to the grievances and advice of the citizens of Southport. It is my firm conviction that the possibilities for the growth of Southport are unlimited, and once this office has been properly established and a systematic mode of operation has been perfected. (Continued on Page 4)

Garrison To Be Used By Army

Southport Public Library Must Vacate The Present Quarters By August 10

Col. Wm. A. McAleer has notified trustees of the Southport Public Library that the east wing of the garrison building in which the library has been housed for many years is needed for office space by the U. S. Army Transportation Corps after August 10. As a result, library officials are busy this week making plans for removing the library from the Ft. Johnston building into the Community Building, which is the property of the Southport Lions Club.

Through arrangements with that organization, one of the rooms of that building will be converted for use as a library, and an outside door will be cut. It is understood that contracts have been let for the construction of homes for officers on the garrison grounds, but no announcement has been made as to when this work will begin.

Weather Hurts Week-End Luck For Fishermen

Poor Catches Made By The Boats Saturday, With Little Improvement For Sunday Parties

Adverse weather during the week-end interfered with the annual fishing party arranged by Roy H. Wood of Baltimore, who chartered three boats for two days and reserved one of the local motels for the entertainment of his guests.

On Saturday the weather was so bad that fishing on the shoals was uncomfortable, and offshore trips were not very productive. The next day business picked up a little, with the party aboard the Cadet with Capt. Howard Victor bringing in 40 blues and Spanish mackerel.

The Friday catch on this boat was 175 blues and mackerel, brought in by J. J. Tucker and party of Durham.

On Sunday Capt. George Gregory had Geo. H. Stone and party of Greensboro out and they caught 52 blues and mackerel.

On Saturday Cleo Fields and party of Greensboro out with Capt. Fred Fulford aboard the Davis Bros. V caught 18 Spanish mackerel. On Sunday Richard Musselwhite and party of Wilmington brought in 43 mackerel.

E. A. Clement and party of Raleigh were out Saturday with Capt. Walter Lewis aboard the John Ellen and caught 200 mackerel. S. A. Gray and party of Charlotte were out Sunday and had 61 blues and mackerel.

Two Fishermen Drown In Storm

Reports From Louisiana Indicate That Two Men From Brunswick Died Saturday

Two Brunswick county men and another from Wampee, S. C. were drowned during a violent squall of the Gulf Coast town of Empire, La., Saturday.

Searchers recovered the body of Otis Bellamy, about 21, of Shallotte, and the Coast Guard hunted for the bodies of Mayo Bellamy, about 20, of Shallotte, and Thomas Harper Jr., of Wampee, S. C.

The three were lost when the squall struck a fleet of menhaden boats. Witnesses said the fishermen leaped into the water which was only waist deep, but that high waves swept them under. Ironically, their boats did not capsize.

The storm which took the lives of these fishermen was described as a prelude to Hurricane Brenda, which lashed the Louisiana coast during the week end before moving inland in the Pearl River area of eastern part of that state.

Outer winds of the gathering disturbance created a jam yesterday at LaFite, La., where 110 shrimping boats gathered on Barataria Bayou for annual colorful rites of "blessing the fleet."

Choppy waters jostled the gaily decorated boats as they tried to maneuver into formation to receive the blessing of the Roman Catholic Church.

Many of the small craft were (Continued on Page 4)

Subscribers For Telephone Stock Must Pay Deposit

Harry L. Mintz, Jr., President Of Atlantic Telephone Cooperative, Has Made Trip To Raleigh With Reports

DRIVE ON NOW FOR SUBSCRIBERS

More Than 500 Persons Deposited \$10 When Project First Started; Balance Of \$40 Is Due For Payment

Harry L. Mintz, Jr., president of the Atlantic Telephone Cooperative, went to Raleigh last week to present the engineer's report and brief to the State Authority. This is the final step in making formal application for a loan for the establishment of communications facilities throughout a large area of rural Brunswick county.

Officials of the cooperative say that the only thing now standing in the way of final approval are collections from subscribers. When the first steps were taken in the formation of the cooperative, each interested party was asked to make a deposit of \$10, with the understanding that an additional payment of \$40 would be required before construction could begin. Now the drive is on for the collection of these \$40-payments.

More than 500 persons indicated their interest in the formation of a telephone cooperative by paying their original \$10-deposit. It is felt that practically all of these people, plus a good many others, will now be anxious to make their additional membership payment in order to speed construction.

It has been pointed out that the only purpose for which this \$40 payment can be used is final installation of telephones, thus assuring those who make this payment that they will have telephone service.

With the opening of the tobacco market this year, it is believed that little difficulty will be experienced in making these collections.

District WSCS Planning Meet

Executive Committee Of This Organization Makes Plans For Coming Year's Activities

Members of the executive committee of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church met recently with Mrs. Jack Glisson on Harbor Island, Mrs. W. C. Davis, president, presided.

A timely devotional was given by Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., vice-president. Having recently been in Geneva at the Palace of Nations and having attended church services in Geneva, she used verses from 12 chapter of Romans on "Love." She quoted from President Eisenhower's address, mentioning Peace and Friendship; and quoted from daily papers and Time.

Miss Ida Hankins, Spiritual Life Secretary, had the group in prayer for peace and remembered especially the leaders of the Geneva Conference.

Mrs. James Fergar, secretary of Missionary Education, gave report. (Continued on Page Four)

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
Thursday, August 4	
7:62 A. M.	2:09 A. M.
8:30 P. M.	2:11 P. M.
Friday, August 5	
8:40 A. M.	2:46 A. M.
9:05 P. M.	2:51 P. M.
Saturday, August 6	
9:21 A. M.	3:23 A. M.
9:41 P. M.	3:32 P. M.
Sunday, August 7	
10:03 A. M.	4:00 A. M.
10:20 P. M.	4:16 P. M.
Monday, August 8	
10:49 A. M.	4:41 A. M.
11:04 P. M.	5:04 P. M.
Tuesday, August 9	
11:42 A. M.	5:27 A. M.
11:56 P. M.	5:59 P. M.
Wednesday, August 10	
0:00 A. M.	6:19 A. M.
12:42 P. M.	7:02 P. M.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

LIONS TO MEET
The Southport Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Thursday at 12:30 o'clock in the Community Building.

MOVE OFFICE
Ernest Parker, Southport attorney, has moved from the Smith Building into new quarters in the Dan Harrelson building across from the Amuzu theatre.

RAINFALL REPORT
Official figures for rainfall at Southport during the month of July are 2.88-inches. This is in contrast to the more than nine inches of rain that fell in the Wilmington area last month.

HERE ON VACATION
Dr. and Mrs. Walter Harrelson and children have been spending a few days here with relatives. They will move soon to Chicago, where Dr. Harrelson has accepted appointment as dean of the school of religion.

SHO-DANCE
The second annual American Legion Sho-Dance will be staged on Friday night, August 12, in the USO building. Music will be furnished by the Melton-Shannon Four of Wilmington from 9 to 1 o'clock and there will be a home talent floor show. There will be table service. Tickets are on sale now by members of the Legion and Auxiliary.