

## More Tobacco Grown On Less Acreage In 1955

Estimates Now Place 1955 Production At One And One-Half Billion Pounds, A 14-Percent Increase Over Last Year

### GROWN ON 5-PERCENT ACREAGE REDUCTION

Favorable Weather, High Yielding Varieties Given As Principal Reasons For This Big Increase

A record flue-cured tobacco crop of 1,504,075,000 pounds has been estimated for this year.

The Agriculture Department in Washington said that the figure is 14 per cent above last year's yield. It was grown on 5 per cent less acreage.

The final estimate of the season by the department predicts an average yield of 1,517 pounds per acre, 205 pounds above the previous record.

Unusually favorable weather, higher yielding varieties and improved cultural practice accounted for what the department called "phenomenal yields."

The forecast for the nation's entire tobacco crop was for about 2,256,000,000 pounds, slightly more than in 1954 and the third largest of record.

There were 1,510,100 acres harvested, 9 per cent below last year and the smallest since 1943.

An estimate of 510,100,000 pounds was given for the burley crop. Last year's total burley crop was 667,172,000 pounds.

The 1955 burley production for Southern states, 1954 figures in parentheses:

Kentucky 339,450,000 pounds (452,980,000); Tennessee 93,000,000 (115,600,000); Virginia 20,670,000 (26,58,000); North Carolina 21,560,000 (24,384,000).

Flue-cured production:  
Type 11—Virginia 130,680,000 (128,660,000); North Carolina 350,825,000 (297,920,000).

Type 12—Eastern North Carolina Belt 516,710,000 (477,820,000).

Type 13—North Carolina 128,790,000 (113,050,000) and South Carolina 198,900,000 (145,050,000).

Type 14—Georgia 147,985,000 (122,850,000); Florida 29,751,000 (27,735,000) and Alabama 654,000 (622,000).

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### IN HOSPITAL

W. P. Jorgensen, secretary-treasurer of the Southport Savings and Loan Association, is a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

### GETTING FLORIDA IDEAS

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Barbee and children of Yaupon Beach left Monday for Florida, where they will gather ideas for the further development of Yaupon Beach. They expect to be gone a week.

### HOME FROM TRIP

On special service for the government in Korea for the past four months, Delmas Fulcher is spending two weeks here with his family. Following a trip to Washington for three weeks' work early in the year he will be sent on another assignment in the far east.

### EXPRESS THANKS

Several students in Mrs. Eva Lee's grade at Brunswick County Training School have written letters of appreciation to City Manager John West for improvements that have been made in their section of Southport during recent months.

### GRADING GROUNDS

A fleet of the G. W. Talman trucks from Wilmington started work yesterday hauling in 500 loads of earth for leveling off the Fort Johnston grounds, preparatory to the start of building construction. Contractor Jewett, also of Wilmington, will start the building work Monday of next week.

### JURY FROM SAMPSON

S. B. Frink, attorney for R. E. Crisp, Leland auto dealer who is scheduled to face trial at the January term, stated this week that jurors for the Crisp case will come from Sampson county, in accordance with court orders. A grand jury for the year will be selected at this term from the regular Brunswick jury that has been called to serve at the term.



## Second Holiday Weekend Coming Up At New Years

Christmas Was Quiet And Peaceful Season In Southport; Holiday Dance Scheduled Friday Night

Normal business was resumed for a brief interlude Tuesday preparatory to another holiday week end coming up for New Year's.

Monday was a quiet day about the town and county as all public offices and most places of business were closed in observance of Christmas. County and city employees were back on the job on Tuesday, with Recorder's court in session one day later than its normal schedule.

This same schedule will be followed next week, with Monday being a legal holiday. Banks, postoffices, city offices and the county offices will be closed. Members of the board of county commissioners will meet on Tuesday, and for the second week in succession the Recorder's court will be in session on that day instead of on Monday.

Brunswick county schools, which have been closed since last Wednesday at noon will open again Monday morning.

One New Year's celebration that has been planned is a dance Friday night at the Community Building, sponsored by the Southport Lions Club. Music will be furnished by the Melton-Shannon orchestra.

## Prison Sentence For Negro Woman

Virginia Porter Ford Given Twelve Months On Each Of Two Counts Here In Recorder's Court Tuesday

Virginia Porter Ford, Supply Negro woman, received two sentences of 12-months each Tuesday in Recorder's court as a result of her weakness for selling moonshine liquor. She had been arrested several weeks ago for possession for the purpose of sale, and before her case came to trial she was caught transporting. Judge Earl Bellamy, who had seen her in court before, decided it was time to do something beside fine and give her a suspended sentence. Other cases included: William Brockington, public drunkness, 30 days on roads or fine of \$25 and costs.

Henry Eugene Sheffield, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Loyd McKeithan, no operator's license, not prosed on presentation of valid license.

Roy Andrews, malicious destruction of personal property, 90 days on roads suspended on good behavior for two years and payment of a fine of \$25 and costs.

John Raymond Klutz, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs. George Causey, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, capped issued for complaining with. (Continued on Page Four)

## Holiday Accidents Add To Death Toll

Leroy Stanley, 13-Year-Old Columbus County Youth, Dies In Wreck Which Critically Injures His Parents

NUMEROUS MINOR ACCIDENTS OCCUR

Total Of Thirteen Accidents Reported By Brunswick County Patrolmen For Holiday Week-End

A wild week end of reckless driving resulted in one death and several cases of serious injury on the highways of Brunswick county.

Corporal O. H. Lynch and Patrolman S. H. Wilkins reported a total of 13 accidents, eight of which occurred on rural roads and 5 of which were 1-car wrecks.

One that fell in both of these categories occurred on the Pine-way road on Christmas Eve night and caused the death of Leroy Stanley, 13-year-old Columbus county negro.

This accident occurred about 8 o'clock Saturday night with the boy's father at the driver's wheel. The car ran off the road into a ditch, traveled at a rapid rate for a distance of 488-feet up the ditch, overturned two times and was completely demolished. The father, Daniel Stanley, and the mother, Inez Stanley, were both seriously injured and are in fair condition at Columbus county hospital. The boy was taken to that institution for treatment for his injuries, but his death occurred early the following morning. (Continued On Page Two)

## Auto Licenses On Sale Jan. 3

Current License Plates Will Be Good Until February 15, 1956; No Extension Beyond That Date

Current license plates will be valid until mid-February, 1956, the Motor Vehicles Department in Raleigh has reminded Tar Heel car owners. Under a revised registration schedule, new tags will go on sale throughout the state January 3 and extend through February 15.

Col. James R. Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, said that enforcement measures against delinquent motorists would become effective promptly on February 16. He urged owners to secure their new tags without delay following the opening of sales.

New license plates will be sold by branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club, The Winston Salem Auto Club, and by Motor Vehicle Headquarters in Raleigh. Renewal cards will go into the mail around December 27, Department officials said.

## Tax Listers To Begin Tuesday

Tax listers will start work Tuesday, January 2, on their job of listing real and personal property for taxes and compiling information for the annual farm census.

A meeting of these officials has been held with Tax Supervisor Ressie Whatley, and forms and supplies have been distributed.

List-takers for this year are as follows: Northwest, M. B. Chennis; Lockwoods Folly, E. O. Rabon; Smithville, Carl Ward; Lockwoods Folly, Bedford Ludlum; Shallotte, Cecil Hewitt; Waccamaw, P. P. Formydual.

## County Farmers Favor Quotas

Results Of Recent Cotton Referendum Reveals Overwhelming Majority For Continuing Quotas

Brunswick county's farmers came close to voting 100 percent to keep cotton support and controls in the recent election.

Result of the Brunswick vote was 28 for and but 1 against continuing controls and supports. Chairman Lonnie Evans of the (Continued on Page 4)



Lt. Col. Gregg McLeod and his family sent us the most original Christmas card that we received. There are four in his family, the daughter, Miss Barbara Dale, Gregg Junior, Mrs. McLeod and the Lt. Colonel. On the signature side of the card their first names were arranged to form a perfect Christmas tree, printed in red ink.

So far as we were concerned, this past Christmas savored a lot of the military angle with New York Port Embarkation officials and attaches a little in the forefront in numbers. And then there were Army Engineers folks and officials and military personal at Sunny Point. The greetings and good wishes came from everywhere. Considering our disposition towards them on needed occasions, we were sort of overwhelmed at the remembrance of Southport area folks.

## Statistics On Business For The Past Year

Brunswick County Revealed To Have \$6,074,000 Retail Business Through 152 Outlets During 1954

FIGURES FROM CENSUS BUREAU

Food Stores And Automobile Agencies Account For Greatest Single Volume Of Business For Brunswick

Retail sales in 1954 of 152 stores in Brunswick county totaled \$6,074,000, according to preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This was an increase of 87.7 percent over sales in 1948 by 211 stores of \$3,236,000. Stores with payroll in 1954 numbered 58, had 166 paid employees in November 1954, reported payroll of \$283,000, and accounted for sales of \$4,434,000. Proprietors of unincorporated businesses numbered 165. The number of stores and their 1954 sales, grouped by major kinds of business, were: 63 food stores, \$1,677,000; 14 eating, drinking places, \$318,000; 12 general merchandise group, \$543,000; 3 apparel, accessories stores, \$33,000; 3 furniture, home furnishings, appliances, \$124,000; 6 automobile group, \$1,303,000; 28 gasoline service stations, \$864,000; 5 lumber, bldg. matls, hdw., farm equipment, \$595,000; 6 drug stores, proprietary stores, \$313,000; 10 other retail stores .....; 2 nonstore retailers.

For 1954, a report for the State's counties and places of 2,500 or more population is available from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C. or from Department of Commerce field office in most large cities.

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## Application For Another Pier

Long Beach Will Be Location Of Brunswick County's Second Fishing Pier If Plans Go Through

S. W. Blowe of Long Beach has made formal application to the Army Engineers for permission to construct an ocean fishing pier at Long Beach. The location is 100-feet east of Hyde Street.

In the application the proposed structure is described as being 16-feet wide and 806 feet long with a 106-foot long tee on the ocean end. From low water it will extend 600-feet seaward.

Blowe stated to a newsman some time ago that it was his plans to begin construction immediately on receiving the permit, and the structure will be completed before the spring fishing. Orders for some of the material have already been placed. It is also his plans to ultimately build the pier with two tees. Sometime next winter he will extend the pier further out in the ocean and their construct another tee.

The Army Engineers will receive objections to the construction, if there are any from the standpoint of navigation, up until January 18, 1956.

## Our ROVING Reporter

With the old year going out Saturday night it is an appropriate time to say that many Southport people feel that 1955 has been a very good year. It has brought a great deal to them. Thanks to the Army Transportation Corps, the Army Engineers, contractors, etc. Along with other things that the year has brought, there is the feeling of financial security and prosperity for 1956. We feel for what the year has brought, including the promise of the things that 1956 will bring.

This Sunny Point matter is getting to be quite a business. In one mail this week half the letters and greetings were addressed to "Mr. Sunny Point" and the rest were divided among Mr. Bill Keziah, Mr. W. B. Keziah or Our Roving Reporter. Among those to "Mr. Sunny Point" was one from Major and Mrs. (Jack and (Continued on page four)

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## Telephone Co-Op Receives Funds

Weather Very Changeable Here

Holiday weather was a changeable thing. Christmas day was beautiful, and in Southport the official temperature was a high of 66-degrees. In Wilmington the weather bureau reported 11-degrees higher for all-time high for that date. Monday, too, was fair and warm. Then came Tuesday. The day was cold and overcast. About mid-morning there were snow and sleet flurries in Southport, although not nearly enough to stick. Then it got fairer and colder. This morning the mercury rested in the mid-twenties.

## Many Truckers Visit Southport

Much Of Sunny Point Shipping Is Being Handled Through This Method, With Drivers Remaining Here Over Night

It is reported that over 200 truck-trailers are at Sunny Point, either unloading or loading and the field man of a Charlotte truck firm stated yesterday he would be here about 5 days before leaving to follow the last of his company trucks to their destination, where they will turn and come back to Southport.

The Baggett Company of Birmingham, Ala., had about 60 of its several hundred trucks in yesterday with more coming last night and today. Three big trucking firms are engaged in this week's activities.

The big tractor-trailers are proving to be a popular method for handling government shipping. They spend about half their time picking up loads to bring here. The other half goes to unloading here and stowing away another cargo to take somewhere. The loading and unloading here is all done by contractors, with government officials supervising, and everything is packed to insure the utmost in safety while the cargoes are in transit.

The tractor operators, their duties discharged when they deliver a cargo here, have nothing to do but eat, sleep and stay around while waiting for the cargo to be unloaded and the return cargo stowed aboard their trailers. They come into Southport, get their meals here and fill up about all of the sleeping space in town. The motels here have their "No Vacancy" signs constantly on display.

With all of the tractors here in Southport, one seldom sees a trailer. They are all left at the terminal with details of the tractors left to handle them when it comes their turn to load or un- (Continued on Page Four)

## Telegram Last Week From Congressman F. Ertle Carlyle Reports Approval Of Loan Of \$381,000 For This County

BRINGS TELEPHONE SERVICE CLOSER

Next Stage Will Be To Stake Out Pole Line And Acquire Right-Of-Way Agreements

Congressman F. Ertle Carlyle has been advised by the Rural Electrification Authority in Washington of the approval of a loan of \$381,000 to the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation. This information was relayed to this newspaper by telegram during the Christmas holidays.

Approval of the loan marks another step in the movement to bring communication service into several areas of Brunswick county not now served by telephone. Officials of the cooperative have felt for some time that their application for funds would be looked upon with favor, but now it has been made official.

Although no time-table has been furnished, it is believed that the matter of staking out the project and of securing the necessary easements for rights-of-way will begin immediately, and it appears reasonable to assume that most of the residents of Brunswick will have access to a telephone before the end of the year.

Following is the text of the telegram: "Have just been advised Rural Electrification Administration has approved loan of \$381,000 to Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation at Shallotte for service in Brunswick County.

"This will provide new dial service for 729 rural families who now have no telephone service. It provides for 234 miles of new line and construction of a dial central office at Bolivia and another at Shallotte. The president of the organization is Harry L. Mintz, Jr."

## Sunny Point Is Business Help

Estimated \$75,000 Per Month Coming Into Southport Now In Direct Benefits From Sunny Point Army Terminal

Southport, according to a reliable source, is benefiting about \$75,000 per month from the Sunny Point Army Terminal (SPAT), and this is direct. A lot more comes indirectly from the truck operators who are at the installation weekly and who come into town until they get the green light to head for their destination. Ship crewmen and various other sources also contribute to the direct benefits from Sunny Point. Administrative officials at the terminal got only 3 days off for (Continued on Page Four)

## Tax Information By County Agent For The Farmers

Information Given Regarding Who Must File Income Tax Return And Who Must Pay Social Security Tax

DEADLINE SET FOR APRIL 15TH

This Advice From County Agent Designed To Avoid Confusion And Dangerous Delay In Returns

By A. S. KNOWLES

Who must file an income tax return? If you had gross income of \$600 or more during your taxable year and you are a citizen or resident of the United States, you must file a Federal income tax return, even though no tax is due. This also applies to minor children. There is one exception to this rule. If you are 65 years of age or over at the end of your taxable year, you are not required to file a return unless your gross income is \$1,200 or more.

The requirements for filing a return for self-employment tax purposes, which may lead to social security benefits later, are different than those stated above, even though you may not be required to file a return under the rules stated above, you should determine whether you must file a return and pay the self-employment tax.

When to file your income tax return is when at least two-thirds of your gross income is from farming and your taxable year starts January 1, you have two choices. You may either: (1) File your return and pay the tax on or before February 15, following the close of your taxable year; or (2) File an estimate of your tax and pay this amount by January 15 following the close of your taxable year, then file your return and pay any balance due by April 15. Since April 15 falls on Sunday this year, you have until April 16 to file your return and pay the balance due. If your business year does not start January 1, you may file your return and pay the tax on or before the 15th day of the second month of the succeeding taxable year; or you may file an estimate within 15 days and return within 3 1/2 months after the end of your business year. If for some unusual reason you are unable to file your income tax by the due date, you should write your district director of internal revenue for an extension of time in which to file. If the extension is granted, you will avoid the payment of a penalty for late filing, which in many cases may be large in amount. Substantial reason must be shown for the extension, and interest at the rate of 6 percent a year on the unpaid tax will accrue from the original due date until it is paid. The law provides severe penalties for willful failure to file a return.

You are urged to file your income tax return each year as soon as you can conveniently do so. By so doing, you can give ample time to the preparation of your return and thus avoid the possibility of either being delinquent in filing or making costly mistakes because of the last minute rush. Furthermore, if you file your return as soon as you can, you enable your Government to process your return, and millions of others, with less expense to you and your fellow taxpayers. (Continued On Page Two)

## 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, December 22	
0:53 A. M.	7:08 A. M.
1:12 P. M.	7:41 P. M.
Friday, December 23	
1:53 A. M.	8:15 A. M.
2:11 P. M.	8:41 P. M.
Saturday, December 24	
2:57 A. M.	9:24 A. M.
3:15 P. M.	9:41 P. M.
Sunday, December 25	
4:02 A. M.	10:30 A. M.
4:20 P. M.	10:42 P. M.
Monday, December 26	
5:03 A. M.	11:32 A. M.
5:23 P. M.	11:40 P. M.
Tuesday, December 27	
6:03 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:24 P. M.	12:30 P. M.
Wednesday, December 28	
7:01 A. M.	0:36 A. M.
7:23 P. M.	1:24 P. M.