

Bigger Volume, Better Quality In Weed Sales

Columbus County Markets Report \$58.27 Average In Sales Through Friday Of Last Week

ALL MARKETS OFF IN TOTAL POUNDS

Whiteville Market Had The First Million Pound Selling Day Of Season Last Week

Dollars with a capital D began rolling through the Border Belt in larger style last week, as pounds with a capital P, also began flowing in.

Here in Columbus county, the trading heart of the Border Belt, the overall picture became considerably brighter as quality poundage began showing gains.

Sold so far for the four markets in the county have been 15-614,757 pounds for \$9,199,714 or a \$58.27 average. The Border market has sold 36,258,833 pounds for \$21,192,005.

All markets have suffered in poundage this season, U. S. Department of Agriculture reports indicate. The Columbus markets have been off about 20 percent so far. Even so smaller flue-cured Stabilization loans have meant less than 10 percent actual sales difference.

For Whiteville, the largest of county's markets, poundage through Friday, the 12th selling day stood at 8,044,641 pounds for \$4,666,916 or a \$58.01 average.

The Whiteville market last week experienced its first million pounds day, Thursday. It was repeated again Friday. At the same point the year before there had been six million pounds days.

For Whiteville in 1958, poundage was 10,748,742 at the end of 12 days, with a gross of \$6-534,608.

Chadburn, this year has sold 2,934,438 pounds for \$1,781,301 or a \$60.70 average. This compares to last year at 3,273,610 pounds for a \$60.83 average.

Tabor City now has 2,657,904 pounds for \$1,589,188 or \$59.79 average. Last year it was 3,113,564 pounds for \$60.85.

Fair Bluff now has 1,977,774 pounds sold for \$1,162,309 or a \$58.77 average. Against this last year it was 2,827,292 pounds for a \$60.37 average.

Grade by grade prices have remained strong, particularly in the poorer leaf, on all markets. But all have reported large volumes of poorer quality. This has been particularly noticeable at Whiteville which has disposed of a tremendously large amount of droughty leaf, and less so at Tabor City and Chadburn, which have had proportionately less amounts of the low leaf.

A decided change in the quality of leaf last week appeared on the markets all over the Border and South Carolina markets, according to USDA.

The change is expected to follow through this week, and continue to improve.

USDA reports, "deliveries to markets were fairly heavy. Several markets reported blocked sales the latter part of the week. Heavy sales are expected to (Continued on Page 2)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT DANCE
Billy Melton and his orchestra will play for a dance at the Community Building on Saturday, August 29, sponsored by the Live Oak Garden Club.

ATTEND CAMP
Misses Donna Prevatte and Martha Harrelson will return home this week-end after spending two weeks at Camp Rainbow at Banner Elk.

LIONS TO MEET
The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the Community Building at 6:30 o'clock.

OCCUPY APARTMENTS
Mrs. Maxine Fulcher and Mrs. Virginia Walton have moved into the Woodside apartments in the Carolina House on the waterfront.

ATTEND MISSIONS SCHOOL
Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. Mrs. Lawrence Bridges and Mrs. E. H. Arrington of Southport, Mrs. Robert McDougald and Mrs. Mills of Town Creek are attending the Annual School of Missions this week in Durham.

Visiting Fishermen



ANGLERS—These men were visitors in Southport early this month on a trip sponsored by Washington-Wilbert Vault Co. of Rockville, Md., of which R. H. Wood is president. They are engaged in the mortuary business and their visit here was made in a double-decked, air conditioned chartered bus that attracted considerable attention when it was parked in front of Franklin Park Motel, where they stayed. They had their meals at Quacks Sea Shack, and they went out for two days on the three boats of the Watts Charterboat Fleet, the Idle On II, Idle On III and Idle On IV. This is an annual event. In fact, this last trip was so successful that another has been arranged for the Labor Day week-end.—(Huntley Photo.)

Local Citizens Report Seeing Rocket Friday

Residents In All Parts Of Brunswick Saw Strange Object In Southwestern Sky Friday Evening

Scores of Brunswick county residents saw the fiery trail of a missile as it arched across the Friday evening after being launched at Cape Canaveral.

This missile was described as being an inflatable 12-foot sphere, and the report was that it failed to go into orbit.

First signs of the strange heavenly object came about 7:30 Friday evening when a big ball of fire erupted from a cloud of smoke in the Southwestern sky. At first it appeared to be elliptical in shape, but then as it passed toward the Northeast, it looked more like a shooting star, although occasionally it gave off a glow that resembled the tail of a comet.

The burst of smoke apparently resulted from an explosion that represented a second or third stage in its launching. The cloud remained stationary while the missile continued on in its flight.

Among the local residents who saw this spectacular display was Clyde Newton, who declared that "it looked like the moon coming out of a cellophane bag." Dan Harrelson and Ernest Parker also saw the object flare across the sky.

Folks down at Shallotte also saw the missile, and Mrs. Harry White reported that it was clearly visible from her home at Shallotte Point.

A second spectacular display occurred during the early morning hours Monday, when the sky discolored as a missile was fired from a point in Virginia about 4:40 a. m. Capt. Fred Wiling had a good view as the sky took on an orange glow. A repeat performance of this launching on Tuesday evening failed.

Rourk Speaker At Ocean Drive

Shallotte Physician Is Principal Speaker At Thursday Evening Meeting Of Lions Club

The Thursday night meeting of the Ocean Drive Beach Lions Club was highlighted by an address by Dr. Henderson Rourk, prominent Shallotte physician and businessman. The former Lions District Governor spoke on the theme "Are We Measuring Up?"

Rourk, who is now serving as Lions International Counselor, prefaced his remarks by giving a summary of the recently held international convention in New York City.

Speaking with deep conviction, attested by a 13 year perfect attendance record, Rourk cited the need for Lions to become even more service-minded. He termed Lionism as a sort of religion that (Continued on Page Five)

Name Slate For Coming Election

Community Election Boards Offer Slate Of Candidates From Each Township, With Other Nominations Possible

Community election boards met in the ASC office in Shallotte last week and made their nominations for community committees for the committee election which will be held on September 10.

If there are other nominations that farmers wish to make, they must do so by August 25. Ten eligible voters in a community may petition the chairman of the community election board by this date and add additional candidates.

After August 25, if no additional eligible candidates are added by petition, the official ballot will be run including only the candidates selected by the election boards.

Listed below are the candidates selected by the community election boards:

Lockwoods Folly: Herbert Gray, McKinley Hewett, Edwin Sellers, Stanton Brown, George Brown, Floyd Hewett, A. E. Calender, Herbert Royals, David Sellers, Robert Hawes.

Northwest: C. C. Chinnis, Fran (Continued on Page Five)

Family Returns From Charlotte

Miller Family Returns To Clarendon Plantation Following Flurry Of Excitement Attending Birth Of Triplets

The family whose way of life was rudely upset last month with the arrival of triplets is back in Brunswick after living for a few weeks near Charlotte.

Nathan Miller and his folks moved back to Clarendon Plantation Tuesday after he decided that he was better off working for his old boss, Cornelius Thomas, than he was on the job that he had been given in order to provide a higher income for his family following the sudden, great increase.

Miller caused a stir seven weeks ago when he said he might have to offer the new-born triplets for adoption because he could not support them. Instead he accepted a job on an egg-producing farm in Mecklenburg county.

But the 55-year-old Miller admitted Monday that all that glitter is not gold. "My family just ain't satisfied, that's all. And there's a heap of walking in this egg job from one building to another and I've got bad legs that I get a little bit of pension for. In my other job I rode a tractor mostly."

Paul Jones who owns the egg farm said the Millers would carry with them more than \$1,000 in cash contributions, donated house furnishings, clothing, and about a two-year supply of baby food.

"We have to give it up as a bad job," said Jones, who gave Miller a \$200 monthly salary, a rent-free home with all utilities and a free chicken and egg diet. (Continued on Page Five)

Clearance Work Still Incomplete In This County

Brunswick Is One Of Counties In Which Stream Clearance Program Still Has Work To Be Done

WEATHER CONDITIONS IMPORTANT FACTOR

Reports From Areas Participating Indicate Improvement In Drainage Conditions

Last winter's icy weather and prolonged summer rains imposed intolerable delays on the Federal Civil Defense administration's \$400,000 stream clearance program in 22 counties and one town in the coastal plain, the Corps of Engineers reports.

So far the program is 85 percent complete with all work finished in 15 counties and the town of Clinton, while spotted projects are still under way in the remaining seven counties.

"We are behind but with reasonable weather all work should be completed by October 15," says Col. H. C. Rowland, Jr., Corps of Engineers district engineer.

The Corps is performing the work for FCDA by contract to private enterprise. It involves the removal of debris swept into creeks and the like by hurricanes.

Colonel Rowland's report says all work is complete in the following counties: Beaufort, Camden, Columbus, Craven, Currituck, Duplin, Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne and Wilson.

The seven counties which comprise the final 15 percent of the clearance program are: Bladen, 95 percent complete; Brunswick, 97; Hertford, 93; Lenoir, 98; Pender, 90; Sampson, 50; and Greene, only 30 percent complete. Greene county's only project, Contentnea creek, has been held up repeatedly by "too much water to work".

Reports from over the area indicate that people affected by the program are well pleased with what has been done. Some say the (Continued on page four)

Recorder Has Busy Session

Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Before Judge Earl Bellamy In Brunswick County Recorder's Court Monday

Monday was a busy day in Brunswick county Recorder's court, and among the cases disposed of before Judge Earl Bellamy were the following:

Evangeline King, Lillie May Ray and Eva May Washington were charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Each was given 3 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of certain charges at the hospital and a fine of \$25 each. They all gave notice of appeal.

Charges of larceny of an automobile against Armond Caison and Corbett Elliott were adjudged to be frivolous and malicious.

Probable cause was found against Nathaniel Hill for burglary and breaking and entering and bond was set at \$10,000.

TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

The Pilot of August 16, 1939, announced that a "mass fleet" of three charter boats were preparing for an invasion of Gulf Stream waters lying off Southport. The quest: Big game fish—barracuda, amberjack and dolphin. W. R. McCauley was in charge of a highway crew which was widening the street out to the Sawdust Trail intersection, but rain had interfered more than a little. Arrangements were complete for the merger of the North-ern Columbus area with the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

These were the days when the Vanderbilt yacht Alva stopped over in Southport each year, and two local men, R. I. Mintz and W. B. Keziah, had been invited aboard this palatial craft. Six twin-motor seaplanes were based here that week during bombing practice offshore, as Southport took on a pre-war military look. J. M. Davidson of Greensboro had caught a West Indies carrier shark while fishing off Bald Head; the "Marvelous Midget" had put on a free show on a downtown street corner; and a society page item reported a recent session of the Pinochle Club.

It was August, 1944, and an aftermath of the recent storm (of hurricane force was that a big tree blew down in the yard at the home of Charlie Sellers near Winnabow, then when the wind shifted it blew it back up again! A longer duck hunting season was promised for the coming fall 80 days, in fact; but this held little promise for the nimrods, who in those days were having trouble rounding up ammunition—civilian type, that is.

W. S. Wells had bought a new "jumbo trawler," a big boat that was constructed at Mayport, Fla. Talmadge Varnum was (Continued on Page Two)

Davidson To Head District Engineers

Reports For Duty In Wilmington Prior To Departure Of Col. Henry C. Rowland From This Area

Col. Richard P. Davidson arrived in Wilmington Monday preparatory to taking over as district engineer of the Corps of Engineers Wilmington district.

The Wilmington district serves much of the extreme east end of Columbus County. The bulk of the county is under the Charleston, S. C. office.

Col. Davidson will succeed Col. Henry C. Rowland, Jr., who has filled the district engineer post since August 1956.

Colonel Rowland plans to go on terminal leave August 21 and will retire from the Army Sept. 30 after over 22 years of service with the Corps of Engineers.

The incoming district engineer was born in Detroit, Ala. March 6, 1911 and was commissioned as a reserve officer in the Corps of Engineers in 1937 after attending the University of Alabama.

He entered active duty in 1941 and served in the southwest Pacific during World War II.

After World War II, Davidson, through 1948 was at the Engineer School, as chief, operations group, as assistant director of courses, and then as director of courses.

He then was assigned to Camp Gordon, Ga., as commanding officer, 924th Engineer group, after which he attended the Command



COL. DAVIDSON

and General Staff college, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

From 1950 to 1952 Davidson served in the Garrison district, Riverdale, N. D., first as chief, town management division, and then as assistant district engineer.

From 1952 to 1955 he was executive officer, later assistant district engineer, East Atlantic district, French Morocco.

He then attended the Armed Forces Staff college, Norfolk, Va. From 1955 to 1958 he was assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Washington, D. C. He has been at Thule since July 1958.

Name Committee To Help Set Up Fisheries Class

Group Of Interested Citizens Met Monday Evening To Discuss Possibilities For New Course In High School

PIONEER EFFORT IN VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Objective Will Be To Equip Boys For Making Better Living From Seaford And Related Jobs

Russell Swindell, coordinator of commercial fishing education, met here Monday evening with a group of interested citizens and school officials to lay plans for the special course which will be added to the curriculum at Southport high school this fall.

Swindell, who works under the trade and industrial education division of the N. C. Department of Public Instruction, made it clear that this is a pioneer effort in North Carolina education, and he expressed the hope that everything possible will be done to make it successful.

Thomas C. Bowmer, who served last year as a member of the Southport High School faculty, will be instructor, and classes will be conducted in the new trades building that has been erected next to the Southport gymnasium.

An advisory committee, representing different phases of the fishing industry, was appointed to help set up the program. These included James T. Barnes, named temporary chairman, Harry Sell, Hoyle Dasher, L. J. Hardee and J. B. Warth.

During a discussion of the proposed course of study, and its objectives, attention was given to the importance of maintaining a balance between theory and practice. Credit will be given for this work, and it is hoped that several boys who have dropped out of school in the past couple of years will decide to return and complete their high school work.

Also present for the meeting was Dr. John Craver, technical writer with the Industrial Education Division, who is preparing some material for the Department of Education.

First Day Of School Friday, August 28

Pilot Injured Boarding Ship

Capt. Robert Thompson, member of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Pilots Association, was painfully injured last Wednesday morning when he slipped on a tug from which he was boarding a vessel and twisted his knee.

The Southport man was in Wilmington at the time and managed to get aboard the ship and pilot her down the Cape Fear. At the bar he was able to make a painful descent of the ladder, but since that time he has been on the injury list and still is using crutches to get about.

That Day Is For Teacher-Pupil Orientation And For Registration; Classwork Begins On Monday

PRINCIPALS ARE ALREADY AT WORK

First Principals Meeting Scheduled Thursday; Bus Drivers Get Their Buses Wednesday Of Next Week

Brunswick county schools will open for the fall term on Friday, August 28, according to announcement this week from county Superintendent John G. Long.

A meeting of all principals was held here yesterday, and these men have been at work since Monday. Janitors will report for duty next Monday, while teachers will go to work on August 27, one day before the students arrive.

School bus drivers will report at the county garage at Shallotte on Wednesday of next week to receive their buses. A bus driver license examiner will be on duty at the garage next week, Monday through Friday, to give road tests to prospective bus drivers.

On Friday, the first day of school, students will register, books will be given out and assignments will be made in order that school may get off to a fair start on Monday.

Superintendent Long reports that the school plants are in readiness for the opening school, and preparations are being made to take care of a record enrollment.

Announcement will be made later regarding the date for the first county-wide teachers meeting.

Highway Folks Outline Work

State Highway Commission Gives Notice Of Projects That Will Receive Priority In Early Completion

The State Highway Commission has approved and set up funds for improvements to three Brunswick County roads, and an access road.

Bituminous surface treatment will be placed on 2.4 miles of the Civietown road 1132, from NC 130 to road 1130; and 0.3 mile of road 1119, a part of Standbury road, from road 1130 to 1128. Sand asphalt has been placed on 0.71 mile of road 1347, from US 17 to a dead end. This is known as Smith Avenue in Shallotte.

Also in Brunswick County, the access road to Brunswick Town, St. Phillips Church and Governor Tryon's Place will be graded and stabilized.

Completion is expected during the construction season, at an estimated cost of \$26,530. Citizens of Brunswick and New Hanover counties have been invited to attend a public hearing tomorrow (Thursday) on important road matters, according to an announcement by Third Division Highway Engineer C. E. Brown.

The meeting will be held at the Highway Commission's Division office in Wilmington between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon, when city and county officials and the general public will have an opportunity to discuss road problems with representatives of the State Highway Commission. This is one of a series of meetings to be held in the Third Division. Other meetings are planned for Burgaw, Clinton, Jacksonville and Kennansville, when persons in those areas will have an opportunity to present road requests, Brown said.

Former Teacher Publishes Book

Miss Sara Bertha Townsend Donates Copy Of "An American Soldier—The Life Of John Laurens" To Southport Public Library

Miss Sara Bertha Townsend, a former teacher of English in the Southport high school, has presented a copy of her book, "An American Soldier—The Life of John Laurens," to the Southport Public Library.

It came this week to Miss Gertrude Loughlin, who was a colleague of the author on the local school faculty. Although the local lady, who has served this summer as acting librarian, recalls Miss Townsend very pleasantly, most of the information about her came from the cover of her book, which was published by Edwards & Broughton. A portion of that information follows:

"Sara Bertha Townsend was born in North Carolina in Robeson County, where her people (Continued on Page Five)

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 20,	
9:03 A. M.	2:50 A. M.
9:28 P. M.	3:05 P. M.
Friday, August 21,	
9:46 A. M.	3:31 A. M.
10:08 P. M.	3:48 P. M.
Saturday, August 22,	
10:29 A. M.	4:12 A. M.
10:47 P. M.	4:31 P. M.
Sunday, August 23,	
11:11 A. M.	4:53 A. M.
11:28 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
Monday, August 24,	
11:56 A. M.	5:36 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:02 P. M.
Tuesday, August 25,	
0:11 A. M.	6:22 A. M.
12:43 P. M.	6:55 P. M.
Wednesday, August 26,	
0:59 A. M.	7:12 A. M.
1:34 P. M.	7:51 P. M.

Zoning Meeting Tuesday Night

Public Hearing Will Be Held By Zoning Commission At Barbee's Inc., Office On That Date

The new zoning commission of the town of Yaupon Beach will hold a public meeting on proposed zoning ordinances Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock at Barbee's, Inc. office.

At this time regulations tentatively approved by the commission will be open to inspection and discussion. All interested residents and freeholders of Yaupon Beach are invited to attend. The proposed ordinances also provide for a building code and an inspection service.

The first meeting of the commission was held August 15th, and the ordinances presented by Attorney Kirby Sullivan were studied and amended.

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