

## Tobacco Sales Wind Up Today For Whiteville

Last Of Columbus County Markets To Wind Up Season's Business With Close Of Sales Today (Wednesday)

### PRICE AVERAGE CONTINUES HIGH

Chadborn Market Shows Gain In Volume Over Sales For Last Season, With Outstanding Average

The 1959 season has all but slipped into the record books as far as the Border Belt is concerned.

In Columbus county, only Whiteville is left operating. And it is putting on a jam to add pounds to the record before the final chunt this Wednesday.

Chadborn closed Friday, Tabor City closed last Thursday, and Fair Bluff has been closed since Sept. 11.

Whiteville's closing down, only Mullins, which closed Thursday, and Fairmont and Lumberton which are expected to close Sept. 30 will be operating.

Chadborn, which has been in a tobacco selling mood all year, and has had an excellent run of fine leaf, closed out its last five days with 488,858 pounds for \$308,470.

U. S. Department of Agriculture reports, in preliminary survey, indicate that Chadborn sold 10,545,534 pounds for a season average of \$62.97, possibly the highest on the Border Belt.

Last year it sold just shy of 9 millions pounds, 8,988,027 for a \$60.16 average.

Tabor City, which has also been having a fine year, came through its last four days with 193,704 pounds selling for \$117,879.

Tabor City's annual sales were 8,006,886 pounds for a \$62.88 average. Last year, Tabor City was just a little ahead in pounds, 8,090,524, but the \$61.19 average kept the money from matching this year's \$5,036,210.

As for Whiteville, more than half a million pounds at the \$61.82 or better average are expected to be added to the 30,515,535 pounds totaled up so far.

The big, three-set market, has managed a \$61.61 average in face of some heavy runs of low quality tobacco to pile up \$18,800,057 sales.

It is anticipated that the Whiteville market will miss last year's poundage of 32.7 millions, but not by the margin originally anticipated.

Whiteville will probably have well over \$19 millions in gross cash from its sales.

As a market year goes, 1959 will probably be one for the books. It will probably be recognized as a good year for all of the early chemical control fusing.

It will probably be recognized as a good year despite late startings because of cold, wet weather. (Continued on Page Four)

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

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

**BENEFIT SUPPER**  
A benefit shrimp supper will be served at Bethel Methodist Church, Bolivia, Saturday, beginning at 5:30 p. m. The proceeds will go to the building fund.

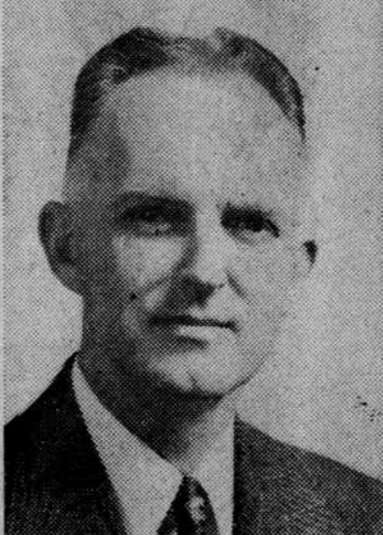
**BOOSTERS CLUB**  
The Southport Boosters Club will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. This is an important meeting and a large attendance is urged.

**DONATED GIFT**  
The Adult Women's Sunday School class of the Bolivia Baptist Church has donated receiving blankets to the nursery at the Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport.

**EXUM SUPPER**  
The Exum Community and Development club will sponsor a seafood and chicken supper Saturday night from 4 to 8 p. m. at the Exum community park and building. Benefits from the supper will go to the Exum Community and Development club. Plates for adults will be \$1. and \$5.00 for children.

## State Official Is Shalotte Speaker

Charles Gordon Maddrey Will Be Principal Speaker At Annual Meeting Of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. Meeting



GORDON MADDREY

Charles Gordon Maddrey, head of the North Carolina Probation Commission, will be the principal speaker at the second annual membership meeting of the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation Friday evening in the Shalotte high school auditorium.

This meeting will give the present officials of the organization an opportunity to report progress that has been made during the past 12 months and to outline some of the goals which lie ahead.

Included will be the information that the total number of subscribers has grown from 683 to 800 during the past year. Among the new projects are several plans for expansion, and for the erection of a new business office building.

Speaker for the occasion is a native of Hertford county. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has been considerable service in the State Legislature, having been elected as representative in 1949 and 1951. Two years ago he was named to fill the unexpired term of the late Roy Parker, who died while serving in

the Legislature. Maddrey is a past president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, is a member of the Rotary Club and of the Kiwanis Club. He is a Mason.

President of the Atlantic Telephone Membership Cooperative is Harry L. Mintz, who urges a full attendance at the Friday night meeting. He reminds members that valuable door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

## Record Powell Bill Funds For County

Total Of \$40,833.83 Received For Financing Street Improvement In 4 Brunswick Municipalities

### LONG BEACH RECEIVES GREATEST AMOUNT

### Southport, Shalotte And Yaupon Beach Are Other Towns Participating In Distribution

Three Brunswick county municipalities will receive a total of \$36,922.33 in Powell Bill funds, according to announcement made this week by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh.

Heading the list will be Long Beach, whose almost 50-miles of streets helped to qualify for \$23,881.85. Southport will receive \$10,892.90; Shalotte will receive \$2,347.58; and Yaupon Beach will receive \$3,911.50.

More than 400 North Carolina municipalities will share this year in the distribution of \$6,766,092.58 in Powell Bill funds, according to the State Highway Commission.

This represents an approximate 4 per cent increase over the \$6,477,457.37 distributed last year. During the nine-year period of aid under the Powell Bill, a total of \$51,779,757.24 will have been distributed with the issuance of this year's checks.

Checks for their proportionate shares will be mailed on October 1 to 409 municipalities which qualify under the 1951 statute which set the 1951 statute per gallon net State gasoline tax for the use of municipalities in maintaining and improving their non-highway system streets. The net revenue from the tax amounted to \$81,228.60 for (Continued on Page 2)

## Tax Collector Is Reappointed

Mrs. Betty G. Prevette Named To Continue As Brunswick County Tax Collector For 1959 Levy

Mrs. Betty G. Prevette was reappointed Brunswick county tax collector Monday by members of the board of county commissioners.

This was her fourth appointment to this post, and prior to assuming the position of tax collector in 1956 she had served as deputy tax collector under Jack Brown and later under M. D. Anderson.

Her reappointment apparently was based upon her record of collections during the past year, for when she turned the 1958 books over to the auditor she had collected 83-percent of the book value. Since collections still are being made on the 1958 levy this promises to be one of the best years for this department.

Mrs. Prevette has engaged Patricia Russ as her assistant, replacing Mrs. Clarice Ussery, who recently moved to Boston, Mass.

## Convention To Elect Committee

The Chairman of each newly elected community committees will attend the County Convention Friday, as delegate from his community, to elect the county committee for 1960. This convention will convene at 9:30 a. m. in the County Agriculture Building in Supply. All newly elected committee members will take office on October 1.

The county committee will consist of three members, who will have charge of the farm program in Brunswick for the next 12 months. They do not have to be members of their respective community committees, but must be eligible voters in the farm election.

## Charter Night At Bolivia Club

Members Of Bolivia High School Faculty Guests Of Honor At Thursday Meeting; List Of Awards Handed Out

Five charter members of the Bolivia Lions Club were present Thursday night for the 10th anniversary of the founding of that organization. Qualifying for this distinction were Douglas Hawes, Foster Mintz, J. M. King, Harold Willetts and J. D. Lewis, the latter now a member of the Shalotte Lions Club.

Guests of honor for this occasion, which was held in the Bolivia School Cafeteria, were members of the Bolivia High School faculty and their wives.

During the presentation of awards Lion A. S. Knowles presented a bronze plaque to past Zone Chairman Kirby Sullivan; the Bolivia Lions Club received (Continued on Page Two)

## Officer Managers Meet In County

Brunswick County ASC was host to District 3 Office Managers at their regular monthly meeting Thursday. Attending this meeting from outside the county were: J. N. Bryan, district fieldman, Whiteville; Luther Bryant, program reviewer, George Bell, program reviewer both of the State Office; Mrs. Dorothy D. Spivey, office manager, Columbus county; Mrs. Julia Waddell, clerk and Livingston Roberts, chief clerk, Bladen county; Rufus Elks, office manager, Duplin county; Jeffress Wells, office manager, Robeson county; Casper Wells, office manager, Pender county; Linder Orr, office manager, Onslow county; and J. A. Schlegel, office manager, New Hanover county.

## Big Transaction Is Now Pending At Long Beach

W. L. Scham, Head Of National Development Corporation, Outlines Plans For Development

### PLAN TO PURCHASE MIDDLETON INTEREST

This Pioneer Developer Will Stay With New Corporation As Chairman Of Board Directors

W. L. Schram, president of National Development Corporation of Charleston, S. C., announced Tuesday that his group was buying the remainder of the property in the Long Beach-Tranquil Harbour Development owned by E. F. Middleton and that plans call for speeding the development of this area.

Schram said that he represents a group of North Carolina and South Carolina investors who see unlimited possibilities in the resort development already underway on the lower end of Long Beach.

"We plan to take full advantage of the vision and leadership of Mr. Middleton," he stated, "for he will remain with us as chairman of the board of directors."

Among the projects in immediate prospect will be the erection of a 100-room motel, which will have facilities for feeding a large group of people, ample meeting space for small conventions, etc. Plans call for a luxury-type motel, with a swimming pool, beach cabanas and other refinements.

Also on the drawingboard are plans for a 5-mile canal which will make literally hundreds of building sites available with deep-water facilities for mooring boats. This canal would follow the course of Davis Creek and would be 100-feet wide, 10-feet deep.

Sale of residential lots will continue, with more paving to be done within the next few months. Schram and Middleton left following the meeting for Charleston, S. C., but plan to return Friday with final plans completed for this giant undertaking.

It is understood that arrangements have been made with Lincoln Construction Co. for grading, paving and dredging.

## Seek Nominees On Co-Op Board

Committee Named To Nominate Candidates For Board Of Directors Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation

Eleven members of the Brunswick Electric cooperative have been named as a nominating committee to suggest candidates for the board of directors.

The cooperative will have its annual meeting Oct. 30. The nomination committee meets Sept. 22.

Members of the committee include Bryan R. Smith, Longwood; I. W. White, Tabor City R3; Ralph Jernigan, Whiteville R2; E. C. Grainger, Fair Bluff;

D. H. Lennon, Evergreen R1; Archie Buffkin, Whiteville R4; L. Mercer, Bolivia; G. T. Reid, (Continued on Page Two)

## TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARKER

It was September 20, 1939, and there was news that week of upcoming attempts at growing citrus fruit at Orton and on Bald Head Island. A veteran big-game fishing skipper had stopped here on his way south for the winter season and had added weight to the local contention that Southport was probably the best fishing spot north of Florida. Recent marriage events had made Inez Harrelson the wife of Don Shannon; Murley Hood had been transferred from the Bogue Inlet Coast Guard facility to Oak Island; and the Southport School News told that Lula Marie Swan had been elected secretary of the freshman class.

News of the preceding week had it that the Long Beach Pavilion would be open for the entire winter. This week's Pilot announced that the building would be operated as an oyster roast. Lewis Hardee's Sea Queen had topped all other boats in daily catches on Monday when she had brought in 50 bushels of shrimp. All boats were doing well, but prices were down. Evangelist H. A. Foster was holding forth at the Shalotte Methodist church; a premature war scare was being dispelled in a page one story; and we don't know why, but food prices had been soaring in Mongolia.

It was September 20, 1944, and never before had more square inches of bare, female flesh been spread over the front page of The Pilot. The picture, a good 3 col x 12-in. shot, showed a local lady holding two baby foxes, which animals were noticed only on second glance. Southport had once again been through a hurricane scare, and once again had been spared; the San Jose, a trawler of the W. S. Wells fleet, had brought in a well-holed aircraft gunnery target; and Miss Margaret Bartels had become the (Continued on Page Four)

## Strange Birds In Vicinity



GUARDS—This peaceful pasture scene is more unusual that it may appear at first glance. For one thing, the cattle are a part of the Brahma herd on the Splayn Farm at Walden Creek. This breed comes from the continent of Asia, and the Brahma is looked upon in India as a holy animal. The small white birds, one of whom is perched upon the head of the herd sire, are African Cattle Egrets, who have migrated to the United States in recent years. They delight in picking ticks and flies from the animals as they go about their daily living.

## Cattle Attract Exotic Birds In Southport Area

African Cattle Egrets Have Stood Fly Guard On Herds Near Southport During Summer Months

By WATERS THOMPSON  
People riding by the Splayn farm or visiting the Magnolia Dairy this summer could hardly fail to notice the flocks of white birds in with the cattle. These birds are African cattle egrets. They are quite similar to and in fact are close relatives of our native egrets and herons. Egrets in most localities are called "white cranes". For some reason, since this country was first settled, people have referred to members of the heron family as "cranes".

As a matter of fact, very few people have ever seen a native crane. There are only two species found in the United States, the whooping and the sandhill. The large white whooping crane is almost extinct and the sandhill is found only in sections of the Florida Everglades and other wild and remote places.

The African cattle egret, shown in the above photo, appeared on the East Coast of South America about 20 years ago. No one is sure just how they arrived there from Africa. In the ensuing years they have spread over the entire Eastern United States, having been seen as far North as Canada.

In the summer of 1956, David Adams, a graduate zoologist of N. C. State College, was here doing research work on marsh hens. He discovered three pairs of cattle egrets nesting on Battery Island. This was the first breeding record of this species (Continued on Page Four)

## Superior Court In Session Here

Judge Raymond Mallard Of Tabor City Presiding Over One Week Criminal Term In Southport

CROWDED DOCKET BEING HANDLED

Most Of Cases Are Of Minor Nature, With Many Defendants Entering Pleas Of Guilty As Charged

Superior court is in session here this week, with Judge Raymond Mallard of Tabor City presiding over a term that thus far has brought to trial a multitude of cases of minor importance.

For the most part Judge Mallard's fines have been modest, but the provisions for some of the suspended sentences have appeared to be a little on the stern side.

The following were convicted of drunk driving. Road sentences being suspended upon payment of \$100 fines and costs: Marion E. Henderson, Leo Russ, Thomas Hawes, Jonas Bryant and Woodus G. Evans. Provision also was made for supervision of each defendant to see that he remains of good behavior, does not violate the law and remains gainfully employed.

Robert Johnson and Robert L. Scoggin were found not guilty of drunk driving.

Hosea B. Lanier was found guilty of common law robbery and was given 3-6 years on the roads.

The case charging Robert Lee Simpson with larceny was remanded to Recorder's court.

Earl Pyatt pleaded guilty to charges of larceny and was given 4 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of fine of \$25 and costs, the defendant to be of good behavior for 3 years and remain sober and gainfully employed.

Numerous other cases are on the docket for the rest of this week.

## Page To Teach College Course

Off-Campus College Credit Course Will Be Offered In Brunswick, With Classes At Shalotte

Two courses will be available for teachers and others interested in college credit courses here in Brunswick county this fall, according to announcement this week from the office of the Board of Education in Southport.

The courses to be offered are Physical Education, with particular emphasis upon practices and procedures in elementary school. The other is a graduate course in Mental Hygiene.

The instructor will be Talmadge O. Page, high school supervisor of Wilmington, who taught several classes during the past two years. The first session will be Monday evening at 6 o'clock at Shalotte high school, and persons desiring to take work for college credit may report at that time.

With the late registration period almost at an end at Chowan College, 455 students have been enrolled for the 1959-60 academic year. Last year at the same time, 408 students had registered.

This year's Chowan record-breaking enrollment includes four Brunswick county students: James T. Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Albright, Bolivia; Harry B. Sell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sell, Southport; Donald Lee Willetts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Willetts, Bolivia; and Keith Randolph Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Williams, Ash.

## Ferry Project Discussed With Southport Group

W. F. Babcock, Director Of State Highway Commission, Says That Complete Study Will Be Made Of Project

### INSPECT SEVERAL POSSIBLE SITES

Highway Official Emphasizes Fact That Decision By Highway Commission Will Be Based On Facts

Four representatives of the State Highway Commission were in Southport Tuesday for a meeting with Southport city officials and other interested citizens regarding ferry service between Southport and Fort Fisher.

Heading the group of visitors was W. F. Babcock, director of the State Highway Commission. He reported that study will be made of all factors pertaining to the establishment of this service, and that final consideration by the Highway Commission will be based upon these findings.

"I will say this," he stated at the outset of his talk. "So far we have not developed evidence that would tend to show that the ferry is not needed. That, of course, is a negative approach, and the fact is that thus far neither have we been able to establish evidence that there is a serious need for this ferry service."

Babcock reported that some of the considerations will be the cost of a ferry, the cost of operation—including the salary of licensed personnel; and the location of suitable sites for slips on both ends of the proposed route.

He expressed no concern about being able to locate a suitable place for a slip on this side of the river, but before he and his party left they had a look at two or three possible locations.

Representative James C. Bowman asked for a time-table on this project, and Babcock expressed doubt that serious consideration could be given to financing the undertaking prior to the January meeting of the Highway Commission.

Senator S. Bunn Frink, who started the ferry movement in 1951, spoke briefly before the group before returning to the afternoon session of Superior court. He urged that favorable consideration be given, and that the project be expedited as much as possible.

Present with Babcock for the (Continued On Page 4)

## American Legion Meeting Monday

Local Post Being Reactivated, With District Commander Scheduled To Visit Post For Next Meeting

A preliminary meeting of local American Legion members here Monday night with District Commander James F. Calhoun of Wilmington led to a decision to reactivate the post in Southport after meeting has been called for next Monday night.

Crawford Rourk has been named temporary commander and W. R. Bomberger has been named temporary adjutant. (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, September 24,	
0:14 A. M.	6:27 A. M.
12:43 P. M.	7:07 P. M.
Friday, September 25,	
1:08 A. M.	7:21 A. M.
1:38 P. M.	8:05 P. M.
Saturday, September 26,	
2:07 A. M.	8:19 A. M.
2:35 P. M.	9:04 P. M.
Sunday, September 27,	
3:06 A. M.	9:20 A. M.
3:30 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
Monday, September 28,	
4:02 A. M.	10:16 A. M.
4:23 P. M.	10:51 P. M.
Tuesday, September 29,	
4:56 A. M.	11:10 A. M.
5:16 P. M.	11:39 P. M.
Wednesday, September 30,	
5:45 P. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:04 P. M.	12:01 P. M.