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Much Interest Shown In Pool Project

Livestock Market Opens Here July 24

The newest livestock auction market in this part of the state will open Wednesday, July 24, at 2 p. m. on the Green Sea Tabor City Road.

"Whammy" Gets Five Speeders

The "Whammy" tripped five speeders this past weekend and all five were fined costs of court, \$17.50, by Mayor Howard Harrelson.

Those found guilty of speeding were Daniel F. Lane, Jimmy Edward Hobbs, Bobby Dean Ward, William Marion Bullock and Louis V. Shamon.

Public drunkenness charges were heard against the following who paid costs of court: David Fowler, A. Z. Livingston, John Thompson, Jr., Milton Carter, Floyd Jones, Alida Johnson, James T. Smith, Promise Lloyd Sykes.

Nine cases were transferred to Recorder's Court. They included those against Roosevelt Adams and Leo Porter for possession non tax-paid whiskey.

Two persons arrested on charges of possession of non tax-paid whiskey were found guilty. They were Lacy Porter and Auldy Porter.

Charlie Vereen was fined costs of court on a charge of disorderly conduct and Dollie R. Soles paid costs on charges of assaulting a minor.

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Festival Leaders Now Making Plans

W. Horace Carter and Claude Boyd were named co-chairmen of the Yam Festival yesterday during a meeting of the steering committee.

The committee ignored the steaming heat and plowed into the rigid task of getting the festival movement underway.

A number of committee chairmen were named. A host of others are to be named at the next committee meeting.

Mrs. Fred Jernigan, Sr. was elected secretary of the Festival while Eugene Grainger was re-elected treasurer.

No dates have been set for the annual event. Sam Jackson, Rotary Club representative is expected to confer with State College officials next week in hopes of setting a date.

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A win by the two top teams will close the season in a tie and a playoff game will be scheduled.

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Zone Captains Named For Drive

Tabor City merchants are making personal visits to farmers in the area as part of a "get acquainted" project established recently by the Merchants Association board of directors.

Tally Eddings, executive secretary, said today that the groups would visit different zones set up. Zone captains have been named as follows: zone A, Claude Boyd, and S. P. Smith; zone B, Katy Hewitt and Dr. H. G. Dameron; zone C, Oliver Prince, Arthur Prince and Cha Fowler; zone D, Eugene and Levi Grainger; zone E, H. E. Dorman, Rember Rogers and Thurston Rogers; zone F, Ben L. NeSmith, Jr.; and zone G, Ed Fonville and Leon Fonville.

Farmers visited by the groups will receive pamphlets with basic statistics about the Tabor City Tobacco Market and the shopping facilities in this community.

"We have had a increase during 17 of the last 23 years the market has operated. These are important figures and mean extra money to farmers. The get acquainted project will help all of us to know each other better in this area," said E. J. Eddings.

Local Jaycees are continuing their house-to-house canvass, selling light bulbs and brooms.

"We will be happy to deliver any orders that we might have missed on our rounds," said Harold Ward, president, in asking persons to call him at the post office in event they desire the bulbs or brooms delivered.

The bulbs are in three different sizes ranging from 60 to 100.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to finance local civic work by the Jaycees.

Series E and H bond sales for the month of June in Horry County totaled \$11,612.50 reports T. L. Benson County Savings Bonds Chairman.

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There was evidence that a considerable number of resort residents were confused and disturbed by the unexpected raids.

While the raids themselves indicate the wide disregard for gambling and liquor laws in the beach area, the places hit make up only a smattering of the actual gambling places that perhaps could have been caught.

For some unexplained reason, the others were not caught in the web.

The Dunes and The Elks are private clubs that require at least some semblance of membership to enter. The RVA, although operating in name as a club, is a rather wide-open-to-the-public establishment.

However, there are, or at least have been in recent weeks a number of other public and semi-public places operating gambling devices of a variety of types that are wide open to any and all. Some of these establishments reportedly fleeced visitors over the July 4th week out of amounts running into five figures.

None of the establishments controlled by the so-called biggest operator on the beach suffered any confiscated machines or whiskey in the Friday night raids. This particular operator, whom Sheriff John Henry told the people from the stump during election campaigning that he would run out of the county has apparently been unmolested since the last election. He al-

legedly has now risen to new heights in the gambling and whiskey racket.

Unconfirmed but usually reliable sources report that some of the operators of places raided last Friday volunteered to escort the officers to other establishments breaking the gambling and liquor laws on the beach. But apparently the four places hit had been studied and were the only ones on the raiding list for the occasion. At least, any others called on were not involved in the simultaneous raids and there was a time lag between the activity.

Other reports indicate that some of the resort's leading citizens were sufficiently disturbed over the raid on the swanky and exclusive Dunes Club that they spent the day in Columbia Monday trying to find out why the raids were staged. This question of "why" after years of peaceful existence, was foremost in the minds of interested citizens.

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George W. Harriett, new principal of the Tabor City schools is now getting acquainted with his new position and the people of the area. Harriett has been a school principal in North Carolina for the past 22 years.

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COLEMAN GUESTS Mrs. Marie Stutz and son, Tommy, of Greenboro were recent weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coleman, Jr. and children.

VISITS IN CHARLESTON Mrs. E. L. Joyce visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Joyce, Jr. and family in Charleston last week. She also visited at Edisto Island.

YOUTH CHOIR The Youth Choir of the Tabor City Baptist Church will meet Friday at 5 p. m. for choir practice.

Silver Star Quartet Coming

Celebration Slated For Mart Opening

An old fashioned celebration their first load of tobacco to Tabor City and to visit with local merchants after the sales. The Silver Star Quartet and Ken Lovell's "The Sharecropper" South-Melody Boys will be held here on July 30, opening day of the tobacco market.

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V.F.W. Post Auxiliary Plans Meeting

The Carlton M. Fonville Post 6064, and the Auxiliary, will hold a joint meeting Sunday, July 21 at 2 p. m. at the V.F.W. Home.

Plans will be made for the district meeting to be held in Tabor City, July 28, and it is urged that all members attend.

MRS. WILLOUGHBY HERE Mrs. Lonnie E. Willoughby, Jr. is here for a stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Jernigan, Sr. Her husband is attending a nine months Radar Maintenance School at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Although similar problems have arisen in other Carolina counties, in so far as is known the first Columbus tobacco grower to challenge agricultural department officials who claim his crop is mixed with Coker 140, a discount variety.

Soles, who is growing about 12 acres of the bright leaf on three different farms, says he planted certified Hicks tobacco and when the first acreage and variety check was made on his farms, he signed a statement that he had only Hicks. He says as far as he knows, no one at that time questioned his statement that his plants were Hicks.

About six weeks later, two tobacco specialists, he says, from the department of agriculture came and rechecked his tobacco and apparently turned in a report that it was mixed to some small degree, perhaps less than one per cent, with 140.

As farmers are generally aware, the 139, 140 and 244 varieties require growers to sell on a so-called "Blue Card" and entitles them to only 50 per cent support price on their crop if bought by the Stabilization Corporation. This thought Soles was not in the least happy with, particularly when he was sure he had planted only broadleaf Hicks.

He immediately called the producer of the seed which he had planted and their specialist seed breeding inspected the Soles tobacco. The result of that investigation, according to Soles was that the entire crop was definitely Hicks with a throw back plant occasionally which the seed grower indicated was typical of the Jones strain of the Hicks variety. Soles says that other farmers in the same area have made the statement that some throw back plants in their Hicks is prevalent also.

Following the seedman's study of the problem, Soles called agricultural officials in Washington complaining about the mixed variety label he had been tagged with. There, he found, among other things, that if he had reason to challenge the labeling he must request a chemical analysis of the tobacco.

The analysis reportedly is a sulfure test of the nicotine and sugar content of tobacco and all varieties can be determined by such procedure.

Soles requested through the county PMA office the chemical analysis. Shortly thereafter, 60 leaves were flown to Louisville, Ky., and Soles now awaits the results of those chemical tests to see whether he gets a white card and a clean bill of health for his tobacco crop or a blue card and a 50 per cent support for his crop.

SARVIS VISITORS Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Sarvis are visiting this week her sisters, Mrs. Emma Roberts and Mrs. Bulah Hardee, both of Raleigh.

On Tuesday another sister, Mrs. G. S. McCormick of Florence visited with them and also their son, S. G., and grandson Sammy of Winston-Salem.

Too, another grandson, Carl Sarvis, Jr., of Southern Pines is here for the week.

Miss Fipps Named Manager At Wood's

Miss Ha V. Fipps has been named manager of the Wood's Five and Ten Store here succeeding Ralph K. Walters who was transferred to the Rowland Store.

Miss Fipps has been associated with the local store for almost four years and has held the position of cashier for some time.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Fipps of Tabor City she was graduated from the Tabor City High School.

BOBBY FOWLER HOME Bobby Fowler returned yesterday from Memorial Hospital in Charlotte and is convalescing at his home, following back surgery.

AL SUGGS HERE Al Sugg of Ayden is visiting the Johnnie Sugg family at their home on the Pireway Road.

The State Highway Department reported today that 1,827 persons had their driver licenses withdrawn for various traffic law violations during June.

In Horry County, 55 licenses were withdrawn. Of this number, 18 were for drunk driving.

Setting a precedent in the modern era, J. P. Strom, chief of the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division, masterminded simultaneous raids on four Horry resort area clubs Friday night and the effort netted some \$30,000 worth of slot machines and whiskey.

Chief Strom reportedly picked up Horry Sheriff John Henry and Myrtle Beach Police Chief W. C. Newton at their homes a few minutes before the raids took place and carried them with him to at least some of the clubs that were hit in the roundup.

Reports also indicate that some SLED agents were on hand and participated in the raids. Some agents were said to be dining in the clubs at the time the crackdown occurred and they simply took their places at various doors quietly as the management was informed that the place was being raided for gambling devices and illegal whiskey.

According to an announcement from Governor Timmerman's office, the agents confiscated 29 slot machines and 25 cases of whiskey. The total take was estimated to be valued at about \$30,000 although the price tag on a one armed bandit is difficult to determine in that it is against federal laws to transport the machines across State lines and they are generally scarce.

The confiscated slot machines and whiskey came from the Dunes Club, Myrtle Beach; The Elks Club, Myrtle Beach; the RVA Club, Myrtle Beach; and the RVA Club at Ocean Drive.

Persons who observed the raids say they were quiet and orderly and many individuals in the places at the time didn't even know the raid is occurring.

A private party was in progress at the Dunes Club, one of the Carolinas' most elaborate country clubs, and reports of the raid there indicate that only a handful of patrons were aware of what was going on until the raid was over.

Slot machines confiscated were loaded in trucks and carried to the Myrtle Beach police station. Operators of the four clubs were arraigned before Magistrate Wallace Harrelson, at Myrtle Beach, and he ordered bonds of \$1000 each. Harrelson also ordered the slot machines destroyed and their contents, about \$800 in change, turned over to the Horry County Clerk of Court. In so far as could be determined, this marked the first time in a decade or more that any funds from slot machine raids had been turned over to the county.

No announcement has been made as to the disposition of the 25 cases of confiscated whiskey. The slot machines were the variety that accepts nickies, dimes, quarters, fifty cent pieces or silver dollars.

SLED Chief J. P. Strom Leads Raids On Beach Gambling



A lot of good citizens of Horry County have steadfastly refused to believe that wide open gambling flourished along beach resort areas. Here's proof of part of the gambling operation as these 29 slot machines, including a good number of the one armed bandit variety, were turned from \$30,000 values into a \$25 junk appraisal in a few minutes following last Friday night's raids at Myrtle Beach and Ocean Drive. The raids of four clubs was headed by SLED Chief J. P. Strom in the company of Sheriff John Henry and Myrtle Beach Police Chief W. C. Newton. (Photo by Fleming Brothers.)

Another story making the rounds is that one of the undercover SLED agents in one of the places when the raid started walked to the back door when one employee started out with a slot machine in his arms.

The agent allegedly said, "You don't need to carry out the machine. We'll load them in a few minutes."

Several cars and two trucks reportedly made up the raiding party. The trucks, of course, were used to transport the slot machines.

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