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ON THE WAY OUT—This was a pretty field of golden weed just a few days ago. Today the same field will have that vacant look as constant croppings move the golden leaf off of the stalk, into the barn and eventually to the warehouse floor.

### Border Belt Opens With Record Prices

A record average price was paid tobacco growers along the South Carolina-North Carolina Border Belt when auctioneers opened the markets on Thursday. The \$59.52 average for 10,076.178 pounds was five cents per hundred over the previous high record on the first day in 1957 when 9,648,762 pounds brought \$59.47. According to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture, average prices for most grades of lugs, cutters and leaf held steady at \$54.85, \$54.85, \$54.85 and \$54.85. Low of \$60.44 which was an increase primings and nondescript were off \$2.50 to \$7.

year. North Carolina markets fell below last year's \$59.38 when they posted a combined average of \$50.40 on the sale of 4,527,662 pounds of the golden weed.

**BABY BOY JOYE**  
Baby Boy Joye was pronounced dead at birth on Friday, July 17, Community Hospital, Loris. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joye and sister, "Frankie," reside at 106 Garrell St., Tabor City.

**DAVIS BRUTON'S**  
The Davis Bruton's are now at home in their new residence, known as the Floyd Home, on Lewis St. except for Davey who is convalescing at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Bruton, Sr., in Chadbourn. Davey was a patient at Babies Hospital, Wrightsville Sound for several days.

Whatever it is your duty to do, you can do without harm to yourself.

### Violence Has Yet To Make An Appearance

The usual outbreak of violence and law violations of lesser nature that usually accompany the opening of the tobacco season have thus far failed to make their appearance.

Police Chief Jesse R. Barker has his fingers crossed in hopes that this year the wave of violence will fail to make its appearance.

"Everything has been very quiet so far. We have had the usual number of public drunkenness cases but nothing major," said Barker.

### Columbus Gets Parole Officer

An increase in persons placed on parole in Columbus County has resulted in a fulltime probation officer being assigned.

Edmond O. Wall, native of Pitt County, will be in charge of Columbus and Brunswick Counties.

At present there are some 68 probation cases in Columbus and 23 in Brunswick.

Naming of Walls as fulltime probation officer in this area was a result of the late General Assembly action authorizing nine new probation officers. This swelled the probation staff in the state to 45.

Prior to Wall's arrival the probation work had been done by Done R. Jackson, Jr. of Lumberton who served Robeson, Columbus and Bladen counties.

### Hospital Plans Near Bid Stage, Prince Says

Everything's settled and in about four or five weeks The Loris Community Hospital should be ready to issue invitations to bid on construction of a \$300,000 addition.

E. E. Prince, chairman of the board, said all details were ironed out at a meeting of the board and the medical staff last week and final plans were turned over to the architect for preparation of final drawings, specifications and invitations to bid.

The new addition will contain 28 beds in 24 rooms, with all the latest equipment. Expansion plans also call for the construction of a laundry and for air conditioning not only the new but also the existing building. Indications were contracts for the work should be let about Oct. 1, and that actual work should begin in November.

Final Federal approval of \$150,000 in Hill-Burton funds has been received and all is in line save for obtaining local support necessary to furnish the rooms.

Meanwhile plans continue for the medical staff to bring three new doctors into the community as members of the staff, already carrying a heavy load, anticipate an increase in the number of patients who will come to Loris for treatment.

### Baker Gets Grocers Award

Bryant Baker, owner of Baker's Super Market, has been presented a "Favorite Grocer's Award" by the Pillsbury Company.

Northern Research Laboratories, Inc. officials notified Baker this week that a recent survey included comments from his customers that his store had the "finest products and friendly employees."

On the basis of the survey the "Favorite Grocer's Award" was made.

### CWBC Members Review Book

Members of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club reviewed the study book "Preparing For Progress" at the regular semi-monthly meeting held last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Blanche Britt, president presided at which time clubwomen furthered plans to invite a special guest or prospective member to the meeting to be held Tuesday at 7:30 a. m. at the Capitol Restaurant.

### Leaf Market Average Ahead Of 1958



THIS IS WHERE MONEY TALKS—This was a scene in a local warehouse on opening day. The buyers and warehousemen move quickly from row to row and it takes a trained market goer to know who bought what for what price.

Tabor City's tobacco market known for its late start and fast finish, posted an increase for the first four days of the season over the same period last year.

Tally Eddings, sales supervisor for the tobacco market here, said that the market was off to an exceptionally good start. The average for the first four days of sales was \$58.36 compared with the \$56.69 average for the same period last year.

"We always seem to start off with a slightly lower average but there is a reason. During the first 10 days of the market the buyers have demands for lugs, low primings and nondescript tobacco so we urge the farmer to bring this grade of tobacco to market. It helps the farmer get the most for his tobacco and that is what we are interested in," said Eddings.

The record-price setting ways of the market usually become evident about the midway mark of the season.

Eddings explains it this way—"We set a record for the entire season and not just for a few days."

Early sales are finding a rather poor grade of tobacco being sold.

Eddings commented that the burnt lugs are being put on the floor. He recalled the 35 days of dry weather that tended to burn up the lugs.

"This is what is going on the floor now so the price here is phenomenal considering the quality of tobacco," he said.

Last year the local market ended the season with a record \$61.19 average despite the early market average of \$56.69 for the initial four days.

Opening day sales here saw 311,290 pounds averaging \$58.55. The second day saw a drop in poundage and price as 139,334 pounds averaged \$56.74. Sales on the third day were on 130,123 pounds for a \$58.69 average.

Stales on Tuesday saw 106,236 pounds average \$57.00.

"We have plenty of floor space and are anxious to serve the tobacco farmers in Tabor City," said Eddings.

### Gus Travis Will Be Guest Yam Speaker

Gus Travis, well known humorist and columnist for the Charlotte Observer, will be the guest speaker at Tabor City's Yam Festival public relations dinner in October.

The announcement was made today by Horace Cox, president of the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce.

It marks the first time a humorist has been selected for the key speaking role at the public relations dinner. Prior years have seen Congressman Alton Lennon, Terry Sanford and other speakers who were politically inclined.

"We will sell tickets to the dinner this year and hope that the response will be the best ever since we have secured the services of Gus Travis," said President Cox.

**SANFORD PITMAN**  
Sanford Pittman, former member of the Tabor City School faculty, spent the weekend with the Dewey Hewitt's. He is a faculty member of the Sanford Schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy D. Fowler and their guests last week here. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fipps, and as their guests last week here St. Chief Fipps is retiring from the Navy with twenty years' service. Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Strauss and his family plan to reside in Spring Valley.

**ELDRIDGE FIPPS**  
Chief and Mrs. Eldredge Fipps and daughter, Judy, of Spring Valley, Calif. are leaving late this week after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fipps.

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### FHA Loans To Columbus Families Hit \$231,895 For 1958-59 Period

Columbus County families borrowed more than \$231,895 in loan funds from the Farmers Home Administration during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, according to a report this week by Oseo W. Jackson, the agency's county supervisor.

During the year borrowers returned to the U. S. Treasury \$274,083, of which \$10,140 was interest.

Loans made by the Farmers Home Administration are increasing in size according to Mr. Jackson. For example, ten years ago FHA operating loans in Columbus County averaged approximately \$1,100, while this past year the same type of loan averaged \$1,900 per borrower. The growing need for capital stems from inflation, expanded operations and the adoption of modern farming methods, he said.

Farmers Home Administration borrowers during the past year used about \$142,165 in operating loans to pay for feed, seed, tractor fuel and other items needed to carry out their regular farm operations and to buy livestock and machinery needed to put their farming programs on a sounder basis.

In addition to money borrowed for farm operating expenses Columbus County Farmers Home Administration families borrowed \$89,730 for real estate investments. Some borrowers used real estate loans to improve farms

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**VANCE FAMILY**  
AD-3 and Mrs. William E. Vance and children, Franklin, Lynn and Janet Lee, are leaving this week for his new assignment in Lakehurst, N. J. They have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Fipps, Sr. in transferring from Key West, Fla.

**Stanley Avers 'Twas Dope, Not Parole**  
Wayne Stanley, who has been in a peck of trouble with the South Carolina and North Carolina law, states that some discrepancies appeared in the story of his 120 mile per hour race with police in June.

Stanley says that his bond was not posted by Clyde Soles but by Ino Grainger. He says Federal authorities were not looking for him for violation of parole but to question him on \$1400 worth of narcotics which North Carolina law enforcement officers caught him with. He is charged in N. C. with transporting narcotics. He was recently released from prison for interstate transportation of a stolen automobile. He was just released last week from a 30 day jail sentence for contempt of court. He has bonds posted before two Horry county magistrates and Recorders Court in Whiteville for charges growing out of his June race with police.

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### Williamson Crops And Crops And Crops Giant Tobacco



GIANT TOBACCO—Here's what that glass of Curtis Williamson at Red Bluff looks like. For comparison, Althea T. Williamson and her oldest child stand beside the giant plants from which, at the time, had already been eight croppings.

Curtis Williamson is right good, grainy left. happy, thank you, about his giant tobacco.

It looks as though the Red Bluff farmer will get about 3,750 or possibly 4,000 pounds to the acre and he has 8.82 acres. And tobacco men say it is

neighbor who had found a few giant hills among his Hicks tobacco the year before.

"I went whole hog," Mr. Williamson said. "I planted my entire allotment to it. I planned to put 3,500 pounds of fertilizer to the acre but when some of it began to button out small, I got scared and put the fertilizer to corn instead. That's when I dropped the candy. Had I put it to the tobacco I would have a much better crop than I have now.

The giant tobacco appears the plants may be rather resistant to wilt. Williamson's land has shown fusarium wilt in other years but little of it is to be found in the mammoth plants he has this year.

Generally the plants have been late blooming and for that reason there has been no problem of sucker control. However it is anticipated the savings in that part of the tobacco-raising job may be increased costs of cropping offset by increased costs of cropping the high leaves. Williamson is currently busy building a rig from which a man can crop the high leaves.

What effect would this tobacco have if it retains its present characteristics of quality and high production.

There are many schools of thought.

One group says high production will simply mean acreage reduction.

Williamson sees it differently. "If we can grow two crops in one at little more cost," he said "it seems to me we can afford to sell tobacco cheaper. That would mean we would reduce the support price and put the American tobacco grower back into the world market."

Still a third group predicts that high production itself will bring outlawing of the tobacco since overproduction has been the big problem in this country.

One thing you can count on. You'll see a lot more of this tobacco next year. Many farmers already are expressing a desire to buy seed and Williamson plants to sell, though such sales will probably be without any guarantee.

### "Whammy" Will Go Back Into Operation Here

Police Chief Jesse R. Barker gave fair warning today to motorists that the "whammy" would be back in operation beginning this week.

"We hope that everyone will observe the speed law and avoid being hauled into court on speeding charges," said Barker.

The speed limit inside the city is 35 miles per hour and in past years it wasn't too uncommon to find the "whammy" located just inside the city limits. So, the word of warning from Chief Barker should be taken at face value.

### Alan Thompson District Winner In WBTW Lone Ranger Contest

Alan, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Thompson, Orange Street, Tabor City, was declared district winner yesterday in the Lone Ranger contest sponsored by WBTW, Television Station, Florence, S. C.

The contest was on letter writing with the subject "Why I Would Like To Go To Hollywood and Visit Disneyland and meet the Lone Ranger."

Over 500 letters were entered and Alan's went in on the last day. For the district prize he was awarded a complete set of Encyclopedias Britannica and a jet motorized air plane which actually flies with a cord control.

Alan, accompanied by his mother, was in Florence yesterday to receive the awards and for a voice tape recording in competition with twenty-four other boys. The main sentence in the recording is the Lone Ranger's signing off slogan "Hi-Yo-Silver, Away."

The winner of the national honor, one of the group of twenty-five boys, will receive an all expense paid trip to Hollywood, Calif., accompanied by one parent, to visit the Lone Ranger.

Alan's contest letter follows: Dear Sir:

I would like to see and meet the Lone Ranger and tell him how much I enjoy his program on

TV and the movies. I think he is just wonderful and his horse Silver is the champion of all horses.

I sure would like to have one of his silver bullets as a souvenir to show the boys and girls here in my home town. Then some day when I have a little boy of my own, I will be able to tell him all about the Lone Ranger. How wonderful he was and about

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