

New Operator



GEORGE WALDEN, veteran tobacconist, who, with his brother, Ed Walden, has leased Garrell's Warehouse in Tabor City and will return to the border town's tobacco market this season.

ge and Ed Walden, both veterans on the Tabor City tobacco market, have leased Garrell's Warehouse for the coming season, according to an announcement by E. Alton Garrell, local produce dealer and warehouse operator.

The Walden brothers were associated with J. W. (Buck) Peay in the operation of the Carolina Warehouse here for several years. During the past two seasons, however, George Walden has been connected with Peay's warehouses in Williamston and Ed Walden has been head bookkeeper at the Planters Warehouse in Whiteville which is operated by Mr. Peay and A. O. King, Jr.

The change in the operation of Garrell's Warehouse will increase the local market's separate managements to three. The Cox house, formerly operated by the Garrell Sales Company, was recently leased to a Green Sea group, headed by Don Watson.

The Carolina and New Farmers are expected to be operated again this year under the management of Roscoe Coleman and Mrs. Harriett Sikes.

Waldens Lease Garrell House On Tabor Mart

Brothers George and Ed Will Return To Tabor City Market During Coming Tobacco Season

TABOR CITY, March 21—Geor-

Carpenter Clewis Is "Character"

Oliver D. Clewis, the Chadbourn carpenter who has made the news services on several occasions with his razor blade and finger-chopping antics, claims to be a descendant of an early Crusoe Island family.

Present day inhabitants of the land-locked island which was inexplicably settled when the rich soil of this area was ignored, assume no blame and take no credit for his questionable bid for fame. His father moved off the island to the more fertile Chadbourn area when he was 21 years of age and Oliver D. never visited Columbus County's "Touch of Normandy" until he was 21, making a 42-year separation from Crusoe which has now lengthened to 76 years.

Following his finger amputation the first of March this year, Clewis said he was a distant cousin of the famous Buck Clewis of Crusoe Island who became known as "Bear" Clewis after the story got out that he had snagged a bear while waiting for an old sow. The alleged incident took place many years ago in a woods when the Crusoe Island man hid in the bushes to grab the sow in his arms as she followed a trail. The Chadbourn carpenter said he had been told that his distant cousin, without waiting for positive identification, snared the grizzly bear but lived to tell the story.

Clewis is the authority for the Crusoe Island angle, having related the Buck Clewis account in response to a question as to the place of his nativity and his ancestry.

Current interest in the Chadbourn carpenter stems from his guillotine amputation of the forefinger of his right hand. The digit, he claimed, had been bothering him for years, resulting in his decision to perform the operation himself. He carried out his plan on March 3.

This did not represent a sudden act of rashness on his part. He publicly, through the press, announced a year ago that he was unhappy about the finger and set a date for an exhibition on the Railroad Plaza in Whiteville. Elaborate plans were made, these including a razor blade-eating act to precede the amputation.

Since he is a carpenter and has been for more than a quarter of a century, he carefully prepared the guillotine. It consisted of a wooden block with an extension to allow for the boring of a hole through which the finger would be put and laid firmly on the top of the cutting surface. His light axe was whetted to razor sharpness.

The instruments were brought to Whiteville where he spends about half of his time in free-lance carpentering and placed in the window of a local business house so that the curious could visualize what he planned to do.

The day and hour of the finger-chopping came with Clewis on hand and fully prepared for the occasion. But at the last moment the Whiteville Police Department stepped in and ordered him to desist.

It can be told now that the final act of local police was purely for stage purposes. Officers had previously served notice on Clewis that he would not be allowed to go through with the public operation. He begged long and pitifully for a chance to save his face, contending that any failure to show up at the appointed time would discredit his published announcement and might leave an impression of cowardice. The police had a heart and agreed to step in after the crowd had gathered.

That he intended to give the crowd a show and actually chop off the finger was not questioned by the general public.

With the amputation thus postponed, Clewis continued to put up with the offending digit until his patience was exhausted early this month. Then in the privacy of his own home, he



used the same equipment he had so carefully prepared for the public exhibition.

How he came to be unhappy about the finger is another story Clewis doesn't hesitate to relate. Although he never mentions a name, he admits that the finger trouble originated when he got into a fight and his opponent gave a vigorous bite which subsequently caused two periods of hospitalization and the same number of operations.

This didn't solve the problem. The pain continued and finally became so acute that amputation was sought as a relief. The alleged surgical failure of the doctors resulted in the decision to place the finger in a homemade guillotine rather than under treatment of a qualified surgeon.

Clewis added the amputated portion of his finger to his collection of items he has "pickled in alcohol." He says these include such items as snakes, fish, frogs, grasshoppers and others. He said he began this hobby some three years ago.

The carpenter first made the headlines about 10 years ago the purpose of duplicating what when he began eating double-edged razor blades. The first one, he reports, was eaten merely for he saw another man do. He claims he was perfectly normal when he ate the first steel but admits that he has eaten many when he could hardly remember the act. Barring a miscount when his state of sobriety was in question,

Clewis says he has a consumption record of 153 blades.

The razor blade-eater and finger chopper is 55 years of age. He has been married twice and voluntarily stated that he was the father of 25 children. He said six were by his deceased wife and 11 by the present Mrs. Clewis. When the discrepancy in his statement was called to his attention, he shrugged it aside and stuck to his original count.

With or without his offending finger, Clewis is something of a "character," known as intelligent and as an excellent carpenter whose eccentricities tend toward ostentation.

Much Timberland Is Cut Unwisely, Forester States

Three Out Of Four Owners Of Small Tracts Accused Of Destructiveness By Beichler

W. K. Beichler, State forester, said today that about 80 percent of the logs, pulpwood, poles, piling and other forest products used by North Carolina's forest industries come from farm woodlands and other small timberland holdings. However, he made this sobering statement: "Three out of every four owners of those small timber tracts are cutting their timber destructively. What trees are left are often finished-off by repeated wild fires and unrestricted grazing of young seedlings by cattle, hogs and sheep."

The State Forester said that much of the destructive cutting in our State can be blamed on the lack of adequate technical assistance to the farm owners. Under the Norris-Doxey Farm Forestry Act 7, farm foresters cooperatively employed by the State and Federal government are giving free service to farmers and small woodland owners. Beichler estimates that to adequately advise North Carolina's farm owners a total of 30 foresters are needed. "Our farm foresters are so few that they must spread their work far too thin," he said. "Some have a backlog of as many as 15 unfilled requests for aid from farmers."

The reliance that forest industries place on the timber that comes from farm woodlands makes it imperative that they be properly managed if they are to continue to sustain these industries.

The State Forester said that with its limited means the State



J. HORACE BULLOCK of Chadbourn who will open his new store known as Bullock's Department Store, in the Smith building next to Braxton-Warren on Thursday morning, March 21, at 9 o'clock. The veteran department store executive, who has operated Bullock's Department Store in Chadbourn for several years, will manage the new store here in addition to his Chadbourn retail outlet. He has arranged some outstanding values for the opening event this week end.

faces a big job in helping farmers to (1) reforest barren and understocked lands, (2) protect their lands from wildfires, (3) reduce the damage to young trees from grazing, and (4) refrain from overcutting their timber. "We are doing our best to serve Tar Heel farmers with the farm foresters that we have. However, with this limited help, we can only hope but to scratch the surface of the huge forestry job that we must do if we are to insure our forest farmers of a steady income from their timberlands, and our forest industries of a continuous supply of wood.

Cattle Rustlers Are Under Bond

Two alleged modern rustlers were under bond today for the theft of four head of cattle in Columbus and Horry counties last

week. The cattle thefts, which kept officers on the go last week, were committed on Monday and Wednesday nights. Two cows were taken from the same pasture in the Iron Hill section near Tabor City and sold on the Fairmont market. One belonged to Hoyt Piver and the other to John T. Soles.

The second raid cost H. L. Norris of Loris, Route 4, a bull year-

ing and Humber Suggs of Guide way a milk cow. These were sold on the Clarkton market but were placed under bond in connection with the thefts were Garfield Gos of Mollie and Ed Register of near recovered by the officers. Loris.

Noah Webster was 18 years old when he wrote his "American Dictionary of the English Language."

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There is nothing to worry about if you want to get into heaven. Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. The entrance requirements are the strictest that you have ever encountered, and yet God has made the way of access simple and plain.

In your natural self you cannot find the way to God, for we are told in the Bible that "there is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is the way of death." But God has a way by which He frees the sinner from the penalty and power of sin and prepares the sinner for His very presence. Find deliverance in these words: "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."

There you have it! Christ paid the penalty for your sins on the cross of Calvary that you might be right with God.

God knew full well that man, at his very best, is just a poor wretched sinner. His justice demanded that we be punished with the penalty of death. But God is also a God of love. He sent His only Son to die for us! "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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