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Mystery Shrouds Gore Lake Explosion

Canady Resigns Police Chief Job To Accept Appointment Here As Full Time Deputy Sheriff

Commissioners Allot Money; Stanley Appoints

H. D. Stanley, who for ten years has served as sheriff of Columbus county, appointed Mack Canady, local chief of police, full time deputy with headquarters in this area on Tuesday morning after the county commissioners had appropriated funds for the establishment of the officer in Tabor City.

A delegation of Tabor City townspeople met with the county commissioners Tuesday morning and were assured that funds would be made available for this officer and suggested that Canady fill the position. His appointment was made the same day by Sheriff Stanley.

Mr. Canady has served as chief of police of the local town force for 13 months but accepted the job of deputy sheriff, resigning from the police force here Tuesday night when the town council was in session.

He has now assumed his new duties and will be at work in several townships surrounding Tabor City.

Mr. Canady has served as a fee deputy sheriff in the past and is familiar with the duties of the office.

No successor to his job as police chief has been named to date.

Elton Prince Is Given Five Year Probation Term

Judge John J. Burney ruled the \$1,400 settlement of a \$25,000 civil suit against Elton Prince in the July 11 auto death of Herbert Waddell acceptable and sentenced Prince to two to three years in the State penitentiary, suspended upon payment of the cost. He was placed on five years probation.

Prince issued a plea of nolo contendere in the suit filed by R. B. Waddell, administrator of the Herbert Waddell estate who charged that Prince was guilty of reckless driving and unconcern for human life. The nolo contendere was accepted by the state.

Town Commission Discusses Stop Light System

At the regular monthly meeting of the Tabor City board of commissioners, action was taken on a merchants association suggestion that greater safety precautions are needed in the railroad crossing throughout the town. It was voted to investigate the methods of increasing this safety with the probability of proper placement of stop lights.

The commissioners voted to study the possibilities of drawing up some kind of zoning ordinance which would decrease the building of unsightly structures in certain streets. Equipment facilities for the keeping of the city streets in better condition was discussed and was voted to be looked into further by the commissioners.

A ball one-sixteenth of an inch in diameter has probably reached the greatest speed achieved by a mechanical device. Enclosed in a high vacuum, it turns at 211,000 revolutions per minute. If such speed were changed to straight line motion, the ball would circle the world in 40 minutes.

Baptist Union Meets Sunday

A meeting of all officers and leaders of the Baptist Woman's Union of Columbus county association has been called for Sunday afternoon, September 8, at three o'clock.

Officers of all local societies as well as associational officers are urged to attend. Mrs. B. F. Duncanson, of Tabor City, associational WMU superintendent has expressed the hope that full attendance will be had.

An Editorial

A committee appointed by the local Merchants Association last week had as its sole purpose, the investigation of the possibilities of procuring for Tabor City a spacious hotel capable of serving the general needs of a town this size, now totally lacking in this respect.

This newspaper endorses the move of that group one hundred percent and the success of that committee will mean a great deal to the future well being of our town. Right now several big things are pending, hanging in the balance, because it is doubtful that Tabor City has the living accommodations available that would be a must, should our town get the green light.

One of those things is the permanent placement of the Carolina Sweet Potato Council. By every code in the book, this is a logical location for the permanent headquarters of that organization. But let's put it to you. Where would 75 persons find lodging in Tabor City for just one night? Where would 500 people eat lunch and dinner here in addition to the people jamming our restaurants? There just isn't anything available and until there is, our town is going to take a back seat while the rest of the world rushes on.

Let's not be left holding the bag. Let's get everyone interested in this hotel move and keep them that way until some man or a group of men make the definite move and construct a modern hotel in our town. Until then, we are treading water just waiting to see whether we can hold our own or go backward. There are many forward steps that are in our grasp but yet untenable because of the lack of hotel facilities.

The hotel might never pay off to its builders vast profits; certainly it would not for a few years. But eventually it would not only be a sound investment, but it would have earned a place in the history of Tabor City and would undoubtedly mean much toward our future well being and actual life.

ACL Rest Rooms May Be Opened To General Public

In reply to a letter from the Tabor City Merchants Association, the Atlantic Coastline Railroad company tentatively agreed to consider opening their depot rest room facilities to the general public if the town would furnish a full time caretaker. This tentative promise was brought before the town council at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night and a resolution was adopted by which the town agreed to furnish a caretaker if the Atlantic Coast Line would open their facilities.

The need for public rest rooms here for both white and colored has been emphasized for some time and was one of the suggestions offered at the last meeting of the merchants association. This is the first step that has been taken toward solving the problem.

Leaf Market Averages \$52.50

With the tobacco holiday ended and warehouses back open for business, the Tabor City market witnessed high prices Thursday for the quality of tobacco offered, averaging for the day approximately \$52.50 per hundred.

Thursday's sale saw another 325,000 pounds sold on the local floors. Government inspectors were present yesterday to grade all tobacco and only tobacco passed by the government inspectors during the day can be sold that day. The bright leaf continued to roll into Tabor City and hopes are still high among tobaccoists that a record will be set here in poundage as well as dollars.

MAN OF THE WEEK

Mack Canady, 36, a farmer and policeman, takes the limelight this week with his appointment as deputy sheriff for the Tabor City area by high sheriff H. D. Stanley.

Respected everywhere by both lawless and law abiding citizenry, Mr. Canady has built a name during his 13 months as police chief that is seldom heard of by men serving in that capacity.

Prior to accepting the job here last year as police chief, Mr. Canady was a fee deputy sheriff in Lee township and the work he did there was highly commendable. His new office gives him more latitude in which to work and means greater law protection for people of this area.

Mack is the son of Henry Canady and the late Mrs. Canady of the Nakina section. He is married and the father of four children, Hazel, Helen, Mack, Jr., and Barbara Ann.

Bruton Requests Full Cooperation Of Townspeople

H. B. Bruton, city street superintendent, has been putting on a sustained drive to better the appearance of the town for the last week and has issued a statement to the people which he believes will make for greater cleanliness if full cooperation is given him.

"If everyone would obtain sufficiently large containers to hold their garbage and waste paper and cover these so that the wind would not scatter the papers and dogs cannot get into the garbage, disposal would be greatly facilitated and it would improve the appearance of the town," Mr. Bruton asserted.

"Place your garbage cans near the sidewalk every Friday morning. We especially ask for cooperation of every resident of the city in this matter. This will facilitate handling and enable us to accomplish more in keeping the streets clean. Garbage, tin cans and such should be placed in garbage containers," he continued.

"We must have the assistance of every citizen in order to do an efficient job. It is our desire to keep the city as clean as possible. Your cooperation in conveniently placing your garbage for Friday collection will aid greatly.

"To accomplish our purpose, we also hope that merchants and businessmen will avoid sweeping papers into the streets and also have their garbage available for our collection," Mr. Bruton concluded.

Merchants Association Board Of Directors Names Hotel Committee At Friday Meet

School Attendance Stressed By Peneer

Principal of the local schools, C. H. Peneer, has issued the following statement to the people of this area. "This is an appeal to the general public concerning school attendance. Attendance is the most important factor in the success or failure of a pupil in school. For the past several years the state has made little effort to enforce the public attendance law, except where individual counties and cities employed an attendance officer. The attitude of the general public here is that of the 'let-it-alone' type. A child is on the street during school hours. It should be your concern and the concern of every parent as to why that child is not in school. The fact that a child is out of school unnecessarily is the concern of every man and woman in the Tabor City school district.

"I give you the following incident which actually happened last year. Our school had to close two days due to the sleet and bad roads. On one of those days four girls of school age had a chance to go to Wilmington for the day. They arrived about ten o'clock. They first went to

Sunday Morning Blast Rips Mill Pond Apart

Few clues were left behind when the Gore Lake dam and mill house were dynamited into complete destruction Sunday morning about 12:30 by some persons still at large and unsuspected.

Rattling windows in town and the surrounding countryside, the dynamite estimated at from six sticks to a case or more, tore away the North side of the dam in an instant and the water pressure from the fast flowing lake carried off the mill house and machinery, crushing it in the swamp several hundred feet below its original location.

Harrelson Heads Salvation Army Drive For Funds

R. C. Harrelson, well-known Tabor City druggist and ex-state legislator, has been appointed chairman of the Salvation Army committee now seeking to raise \$450 in the Tabor City area. Vice Chairman of the drive is Willie Webster who is associated with Mr. Harrelson in business here.

The drive recently began and donations are now being accepted by Mr. Harrelson and his representatives. He has expressed the hope that as many people as possible will contribute to this worthy cause.

Posters have been placed in windows around town announcing the fact that funds are sought.

At the Monday night meeting of the local Rotary club a movie was shown by Charles D. Rapier, farm agent, which depicted the part that the Salvation Army has played and is playing as a benevolent helper of all needy persons in time of war and peace.

Willie Webster spoke briefly and urged that Tabor City take the lead in Columbus county in raising their share of the county goal and James Rogers, editor of the News-Reporter, Whiteville, also urged that everyone see this need and respond accordingly.

An advertisement in this newspaper itemizes some of the good that the Salvation Army is doing and was sponsored by local businessmen in an effort to show everyone what that organization strives to accomplish.

BULLETIN

Deputy Sheriff Mack Canady, W. C. Gore and Bright Stevens captured a 100 gallon still, 700 gallons of mash and other whiskey making equipment one mile west of the business section of town yesterday afternoon. Eighteen barrels of mash were cut down and the still was brought back to the city hall where it was destroyed.

The whiskey makers were not present and no one was captured. The evidence showed that syrup and sugar were being used but none was present at the still.

J. W. Roberts Robbed Of \$500 And Pistol

J. W. Roberts, owner of J. W. Roberts grocery and service station here was allegedly robbed of \$500 and a 38 automatic special as he left his place of business here on Saturday night, August 24th.

Mr. Roberts was carrying the money and gun in a cigar box and is alleged to have been attacked by four persons who grabbed the box and ran. No previous information has been given regarding the reported robbery in order that undercover investigation might be made without enhanced difficulties.

Four persons were recently arrested by deputy Bright Stevens, and charged with having committed the robbery. They are Lillie Strickland and James Jordan, lodged in the county jail at press time; and Leman Fowler and a woman named Todd, at large on bond.

No money has been recovered by Mr. Roberts to date.

The salary of members of the British Parliament was recently raised from 600 pounds to 1000 pounds (about \$4,000) per year. American Congressmen receive \$10,000.

TABOR CITY --
Fastest Growing Market In The Border Belt. Serving North and South Carolina

TABOR CITY --
A Market Leader of Sweet Potatoes, Tobacco, Strawberries, Snap Beans and Others

CARTER'S COLUMN

By W. HORACE CARTER
With this issue, the Tribune has a new home. Up to this time, we have been taking advantage of the kind offer to allow us the use of desk space in the City Hall. The new building is really a dream far better probably than our newspaper deserves. However, the plans to come, perhaps the plans will not be out of place in elaborate surroundings.

Attention has been sought from the news here. Still it has not been secured. Every effort is being made to move it in here just as soon as it is available. Used commercial printing and newspaper printing can be bought but at a premium price, and to date we have been unable to make a deal of this kind. It is hoped that everything we need will be right here in Tabor City some time before long, making for greater satisfaction on the part of all concerned.

We have foreseen the need for an improvement in town where the old newspaper could pur complete lines of office supplies. This we have considered and tried to stock the items that are in the paper line and which offices and schools must have, usually buy from out of town.

Next week we will have available a variety of several kinds, envelopes, tape, adding machine paper, carbon paper, cardstock used as post-board in school rooms, onion paper and other types of second hand papers, and a variety of other items. We thought you might be interested in the things we are endeavoring to do as a private enterprise and at the same time a regular business to serve the community permanently.

When we get our equipment in, there will be held an open house for several weeks. But even if we have you to call on us at any time. We are interested in the people of this town. The only way we have of talking to you. Don't keep secrets, let us know what you are thinking about.

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Farm Bureau Membership Will Grow

P. Quinley, chairman of the Columbus County Farm Bureau membership committee, was in Tabor City Tuesday and announced that the drive for membership in the Farm Bureau was coming along well. He said that many farmers are joining the ranks of the organization. The drive commenced on August 14 and will continue through September 14. It began with a banquet at which time many members were in attendance. All sections of Columbus county were represented and speakers were heard from throughout the State.

Scouts To Meet At Hut Tonight

Members of the local Boy Scout Troop are urged to attend a meeting at the Legion Hut tonight at 8 o'clock. Several new members were inducted at the last meeting and new working toward tenderfoot status. It is a good time for other beginning scouts to enter the troop and work along toward advancement with the new boys now in the troop.

Handbooks are needed at the meeting and scouts now in the troop are urged to bring a set of signal flags to bring them to the meeting.

TIP-OF-WEEK

The subscription to the Tabor City Tribune will be given away each week for the next few months to the person who gives the best news tip to the editor. This is being done in order to give the area better news and the subscription will be given promptly and news value will be high.