

# Tabor City Tribune

"The Town With A City Future"

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

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## CARTER'S COLUMN

By W. HORACE CARTER



The A. H. Wright's completed one of the finest homes in the city in March and have set an example of modern building here. The streamlined seven room structure pictured above is located on Pireway street a few hundred yards beyond the Jessup-Inman Funeral Home here.

## FWA Now Considering Town Proposals -- Ray

Mayor Jack McGougan received a letter from O. T. Ray, division engineer with the Federal Works Agency, Bureau of Community Facilities, in Atlanta last week saying that application for public utility expansion in Tabor City were now under consideration by his bureau.

"The applications are now being reviewed and you will be advised as soon as a decision is made by the Bureau," Mr. Ray stated.

The applications now in hands of the FWA are proposals for advance planning for the non-Federal Public Works preparation of plans and specifications for adequate sewage and water systems here. If the applications are passed by the FWA, the project will have made a start toward success with work on the plans commencing immediately. This would not assure fulfillment immediately of the entire work slated but would start the ball rolling toward that end.

These applications have previously been approved by the State Planning Board in Raleigh and other state agencies.

## Mack Canady Clamps Down On Distilleries

Following up his recent appointment as deputy sheriff in this area, Mack Canady captured three liquor stills last Thursday and Friday, throwing a monkey wrench into the bootleggers' machinery.

Thursday afternoon, Will Bullard, L. R. Wayne and Canady, all deputies combined to uncover a large copper still in Welches Creek township. Four gallons of mash were found and three gallons of liquor, all of which was destroyed. The still was in operation at the time and no arrests have been made.

Canady destroyed another still on the same day in Lee's Township. This was a small whiskey making affair and only two gallons of mash were found. This was destroyed by Canady at the scene.

Friday Bright Stephens, George Canady and Mack Canady captured another still, just out of Tabor City on the Fair Bluff road, in the woods across the road from Wade Strickland's home. About 600 gallons of mash was found and the still showed evidence of having been in operation recently, although no one was present at the time it was found.

## Main Stem Flashes

L. Winstead designed and built a stretcher to fit Ernest Sanders' car last week and Sonny Sanders, who has been confined to his bed with a broken leg, was able to get to Atlanta and back, where he was treated. He also enjoyed the races there, thanks to Winstead's stretcher contraption.

Arthur Prince is back on his feet again and about town after spending several days in the veterans hospital in Fayetteville. He seems to be in the pink again and is busy for business.

## Boy Scout Finance Drive Now Underway

Headed by Shay Smith, chairman, the annual Boy Scout finance drive opened here this week with the quota for Tabor City set at \$800. Other members of the committee who are expected to be active in raising the money are Paul Rogers, Ernest Sanders, Buck Peay, Ed Fonvielle, Scot Parham and Joe Simon.

The quota for Columbus county is \$3150 and has been divided among Whiteville, Chadbourn, Fair Bluff, Bolton and Tabor City. This quota has been allocated to the county on the basis of more than 300 Scouts now active.

The finance drive will end on September 30 and all contributions are expected to be in the hands of the local committee by that date. During 1945, 4198 boys received Scout and Cub training in this county. And 1693 boys became Scouts; 557 became Cubs. Out of every 12 boys, nine want to become Scouts but according to national figures, five of those lack sufficient opportunity. Money is needed to reach some of these boys.

## Missionary Union Holds Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Mount Tabor Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon at the church. Highlighting the program for the afternoon was a talk by Thelma Graham, Tabor City colored resident and student at the Shaw University in Raleigh. In her address before the women of the church she brought out the need for Christian leadership among the colored here and in other parts of the world. She plans to go to Africa as a missionary upon completing her education. During her training she will assist in missionary work in the state. She is working her way through the university and is receiving financial help through the Baptist training program. Members attending the meeting of the WMSU presented a liberal offering to the young student during the afternoon.

Several local groups, including the Rotary, Women's Club and Civitan have previously named one man committees to represent their organization at the committee conference to be called in the near future.

The Legion discussed briefly some of the proposals that have been mentioned in other civic meetings and special interest was shown in the need for a library. Commander R. B. Mallard presented the facts on a new veterans school which will begin here soon. This will be an agricultural school with 14 members in each class, composed of farmers in the area. The school will meet four hours a week in the communities where 14 members are enrolled and will be held at night. Farmer-veterans are accepted in the class who will continue farming and attend the school. All those enrolling and attending class will be given \$100 for tools, and will receive \$65 a month if single, \$90 a month if married. This school will be given to the veteran for one year if he served less than three months in the service. If he served more than three months, he will be given one year plus one month for each month of service. This particular point has been questioned but all the information available seems to point toward this fact.

It was also decided at the meeting to have a fish fry at the Legion Hut within two or three weeks at which time all veterans in the area will be invited to attend.

All of last year's members of the local post are urged by Commander Mallard to pay their 1947 dues as soon as possible in order that they may be sent into the state department immediately as requested.

Surviving besides the parents are two sisters, Mary and Martha Ann and four brothers, Elbert, James, Bill and Thomas, Jr., all of the home.

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Rev. Waldo Marinas, pastor of the Green Sea Baptist church, is a patient at the Baptist hospital in Columbia where he will receive treatment for about three weeks.

Ernest Graham, prominent tailor who spends much of his time in Tabor City, has been appointed chairman of the building committee for the Loris American Legion Post, the largest post in a town its size in the United States, and has announced that plans are now going forward toward the proposed building of a \$25,000 home for the organization.

The new building, if it is carried through, will be located just out of Loris in the first wooded section on the Green Sea road. It would serve as a meeting place for all persons, a playground for children, kitchens, lobby, sound proof room for broadcasting, and a seating capacity for at least 600 persons are among the long range plans now being considered by the building committee.

More than \$2,000 have already been collected by the post toward the building of the home and several Legionnaires were canvassing establishments in Loris this week in an effort to determine to what extent merchants and townspeople would pledge funds toward the proposed structure.

The Loris post now has over 600 members and is setting its 1947 goal at 1,000. It had 604 members during the last year. Eldred E. Prince is the new commander of the post and Dallas L. Mackey is adjutant. Both have been active in promoting the post. Therman W. Boyd is treasurer of the building committee.

## Leaf Market Sets Pounding Record; Tobacco Witnesses Greatest Season In History Of Crop In This Area

### Woman's Club Holds First Meet of Year

The Woman's Club held the first meeting of the 1946-1947 year at the Mount Tabor Baptist church Thursday evening. Mrs. J. C. Singletary was in charge of the program of which the topic was "Home." Members taking part on the program were Mrs. J. S. Rogers who spoke on "The Joy of Home"; Mrs. S. T. Rogers, The Long Journey Home; Mrs. Doc Bruton, Housekeeping Along The Arctic Circle; Mrs. Mae Young, The Home Of Washington; Mrs. Paul Garrell, Golden Anniversary and Mrs. William Shelley read "Home" by Edgar Guest.

President, Mrs. J. C. Singletary presided over a brief business session in which Mrs. J. S. Rogers was elected secretary to the club, following the resignation of Mrs. Furman J. Fowler. Mrs. W. W. Woody was named to meet with other local civic organizations as a committee, to decide on a memorial for those who died in World War II. Mrs. William Shelley and Mrs. Deland Leonard were appointed official delegates to attend the district meeting of the Woman's club which convenes in Chadbourn October 5th.

Hostesses Mrs. R. B. Mallard, Mrs. D. F. McGougan, Mrs. B. L. Nesmith, Jr., and Miss Ann Brooks McGougan served a sweet course to the thirty members in attendance.

### Potato Meeting Slated Tonight In Florence, S. C.

Several local persons who have taken an interest in the Carolinas Sweet Potato Council and have attended the first two meetings of the organization, will be present at the first meeting of the group in Florence, S. C., tonight at eight o'clock.

B. Alton Garrell, president of the organization, E. W. Fonvielle, Leon Fonvielle, M. C. Sarvis and others plan to attend tonight's meeting at which time several subjects pertinent to the local potato farmers will be discussed.

The sweet potato season is here now and many farmers are ready to start digging. Some have already done so although the market here, the largest sweet potato market in the world, has not officially opened to date.

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### H. H. Roberts Dies Suddenly In Wilmington

Henry Hampton Roberts (Hamp) aged 69, retired business man, died suddenly in Wilmington Thursday, September 10th after he had waited for sometime in the car for his wife and son to return from a physician's office; he held a brief conversation with them and passed suddenly.

Funeral rites were held from the residence Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock with Rev. Winfrey Davis, pastor of the Mount Tabor Baptist church officiating. Interment was made in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Horace Roberts, Ruy Hewitt, Frank Boswell, Jimmy Roberts, Jack Hyman and Elwood Dorman.

Surviving is his wife, the former Miss Grace Phillips; two sons, H. H., Jr., and Wade Roberts; one daughter, Bonnie Faye; two brothers, John Roberts of Green Sea and Jess Roberts of Bennettsville; two sisters, Miss Rhoda Roberts of Green Sea and Mrs. H. B. Merrell of China Grove.

All local businesses closed an hour early in respect to Mr. Roberts and his former business affiliations here.

### Salvation Army Finance Drive Falling Short

R. C. Harrelson, chairman of the Salvation Army finance committee in Tabor City, had collected \$200 of the \$450 local goal up to Thursday of this week.

The drive will continue until October 1, and Mr. Harrelson urges all persons who have not contributed to the drive to do so as soon as possible and to help put the town over the top in this effort to procure needed funds for the organization.

### Methodists Discuss College Advance

Members of the Methodist church here held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at which time the Methodist College advance was the feature subject. The Methodists over the state are currently driving for \$2,075,000 to advance the four colleges and the Duke divinity school which are institutions of that denomination in North Carolina.

Tuesday's meeting was the first in a series of rallies to be held in Eastern North Carolina and was highlighted by speeches by W. A. McGirt, district lay leader of Wilmington district, and Rev. J. A. Russell, pastor of the Grace Methodist church in Wilmington and a former district superintendent of the New Bern district.

### Warehouses Here Will Close Down After Next Week

Despite curtailment in selling time, Tabor City's growing tobacco market smashed another record this week when it passed the ten million pound mark in volume of sales.

The previous high in pounds was 9,803,903 in 1945 and this was topped Tuesday. Wednesday saw the market pass ten million for the first time in the history of tobacco marketing here.

Up to Wednesday night, official figures released by Sales Supervisor Willard G. Cole, showed that 10,177,704 pounds had been sold for \$5,356,529.33. The overall season average stood at \$53.47 per hundred pounds. Selling time was cut to three hours Monday, thus reducing the daily pound average to slightly less than 200,000. This action affected all markets in the flue-cured area.

Tabor City faced another reduction in selling time next week when it operates for the final five days of the season, but warehousemen will be able to take care of all their local tobacco. Sales will last approximately two hours next week.

Tabor City market not only kept pace in volume of sales but also was among the leaders in price average during the month of August, according to a report released by the North Carolina department of agriculture. This report showed that only Lumberton and Fairmont topped the local market in average price and the margin was slight in both these instances.

The average for all markets operating in North Carolina during the month of August was \$54.04 while Tabor City averaged 60 cents per hundred higher, or \$54.73.

Prospects for reaching eleven million pounds were dimmed somewhat by curtailment in selling time, but local tobaccoists were still hopeful of surpassing last year's record by one million pounds.

However, it was generally agreed that it was necessary to shorten the hours of sales in order to insure an orderly flow of leaf to the re-drying plants.

### Local School Sets Record

C. H. Pinner, principal of the Tabor City schools, announced the school has made an attendance record of 1,117. This marked enrollment and attendance for the first month of school which is the best record of the schools' first month's attendance during Mr. Pinner's principalship. The elementary schools record is 859 students while the high school report shows 258.

Several vacancies have been filled since the opening of the new year, but the school is still short one fifth grade teacher and one high school teacher in the English and math departments. Mr. Pinner said it is hoped the state will allot the school two extra teachers as soon as they are available because of the good attendance record.

### Local Students Enrolling At North Carolina

Gwen Hughes, A. C. Edwards, Jr., Jimmie Roberts, Howard Harrelson and Jack Wats are prepared to enroll at the University of North Carolina when the school year opens next week.

Registration for first year students is scheduled for Monday, September 23 and all students are expected to be matriculated by Friday, September 27.

Carolina is crowded more this year than at any time before in the 151 year history of the school. Hundreds of veterans have returned and have flooded the university village far beyond its usual capacity.

Miss Martha Helen Westmoreland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland, left Wednesday for W.C.-U.N.C. Greensboro. Miss Westmoreland is a member of the Sophomore class.