

Tabor City Merchants Planning Dollar Days

Town-wide dollar day event, all merchants offering exceptional values for the shoppers to be held in Tabor City Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3.

The two big days are being sponsored by the Tabor City Merchants Association and dedicated to the event are now being arranged by Hubert B. Davis, the association's executive secretary.

All merchants are enthusiastic about Dollar Days. Davis and he are planning to offer special values.

The merchants secretary emphasized the fact that the event is not "Dollar Days" in the sense that all merchants pledged themselves to savings to their customers.

Robert Fipps Named VFW Commander

Robert Fipps was elected commander of Carlton M. Fonvielle post 6064, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Friday night at a barbecue meeting held at the Legion hut. He will succeed Phillips Harrelson as leader of the Tabor City veterans organization.

Elbert Wright was elected senior vice commander and Jason Norris junior vice commander. H. D. Stevens jr was elected quartermaster. Other officers and committee chairmen will be appointed in April by Commander Fipps.

The post adopted a resolution urging that the county service officers spend at least one day a week in Tabor City for the benefit of veterans in this area.

President Calls for Temporary Return Of Draft

President Truman issued a so-called Wednesday for universal military training and a temporary return to the draft.

The cause of "thoughtless" Soviet aggression in Europe is "critical" and this country must be strong enough to support the free European countries which are threatened with communist control and police state.

The president also urged swift action on European recovery program. House foreign affairs committee gave it to him, approving \$2,000,000,000 program—the amount already authorized by the Senate. Within a few days the president's administration will be in Washington to discuss the bill to revive Selective Training and Service Act. President Truman's request that Congress enact a temporary draft to stop Russian aggression.

Chairman Walter G. Andrews of the House Armed Services committee said he expects the bill to pass in one day if it is passed in a position to get action quickly if a national emergency requires the adoption of Selective Service again.

Other officials have pointed out that if any draft system is needed, a new registration would be necessary. Such registration could be accomplished within three days, they said. And even in one day if an emergency were necessary.

Sandy Plain

By MRS. RALPH NORRIS
 Her Claude Prince filled his car appointment at Sandy Plain church this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Wright and Bert Wright were visiting in his community Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Clyde Norris, Mrs. Luer Norris, Mrs. Lyman Fowler and Miss Ha Pearl Ray spent Sunday in Florence.

Mrs. Ida Cox Ward and daughter, Esty Mae, spent Monday in Mrs. Resse Norris.

Mrs. Clyde Norris was honored a barbecue dinner given at home Sunday in celebration of her birthday. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Norris and son, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Norris and daughter, Rosa Nell; Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Fowler and daughter, Mrs. Floyd Norris and child, Mrs. McKim Edward Norris, Mrs. Greta and C. H. Norris.

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GOOD BEAN YEAR

This will be a good year for farmers of the Tabor City area to grow string beans, in the opinion of E. W. Fonvielle, local produce broker.

Fonvielle said he had received word that the bean crop would be exceptionally short this year because of rain in the Lake City and Charleston areas.

He said he had heard that the bean crops in those two areas would be off about 50 percent.

Fonvielle pointed out that Tabor City has been going downhill in the matter of marketing beans from its position of eminence in that market a number of years ago.

Postmaster Exam To Be Held Here Saturday, Mar. 27

Examination for the postmaster of the Tabor City post office will be held Saturday, March 27, at 8:30 a.m. at the school. It was announced yesterday by Tom Angle, local civil service commission secretary.

RETURN FROM DOBSON

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Otis Gause have returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emmett White and Roger Eades in Dobson.

Town's Offer Of A 'Trade' Turned Down By Reynolds

Al Williams Elected Rotary President

W. Al Williams was elected president of the Tabor City Rotary club Monday night, succeeding A. C. Edwards.

Sam Jackson was elected vice president and D. A. Blue and J. A. Hufham jr were re-elected to their positions as secretary and treasurer.

The board of directors will be composed of A. E. Goldfinch and Davis Bruton as elected members, and the officers and the retiring president as ex-officio members.

The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in July.

Spring Revival At Emerson Church Begins March 28

The spring revival will begin at Emerson Free Will Baptist church Sunday night, March 28, with the regular pastor, Rev. Reuben Hilburn in charge, assisted by visiting ministers.

Services will begin at 7 o'clock each evening and the public is invited to attend.

The Tabor City town board Wednesday night offered R. E. (Pete) Reynolds a "trade" in which they would pay Reynolds \$1,700 less than called for in contracts between Reynolds and the town if Reynolds would finish all work on plans and specifications for three civic projects.

Reynolds rejected the offer completely.

The board offered \$850 upon completion of plans for a sewer project and another \$850 upon completion of street paving plans. A water project already has been completed.

Declaring that he had exhausted his personal funds in carrying on the work so far, Reynolds said the board, in refusing to advance money which Reynolds claims is now due, is "making it impossible for me to go ahead."

Commissioner Robert Soles made the motion that Reynolds be paid "half of a \$3,400 balance on the projects and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Horace Roberts.

The third commissioner, H. D. Stevens, voted against the proposal with the statement: "I'm against it."

The dispute between Reynolds and the town board has been simmering since the present board took office last July, the board contending that Reynolds had resigned all connections with the town prior to its taking office, and Reynolds contending that a contract between the town and his firm of Eutslar and Reynolds, Engineers, is still valid.

The engineering firm was retained by the town two years ago to prepare plans and specifications for three improvement projects—water, sewer and streets. Under contract signed after the work actually got underway, the engineers were to be paid 6 per cent of the projects for preparing plans and specifications—or a total of \$6,800 on the three projects.

A total of \$3,400 has already been paid and it was the remaining \$3,400 that the town board offered to split with Reynolds.

All funds used for paying the engineers so far and any funds paid them in the future would come under a Federal Government Agency program.

None of the money is refundable until and unless the town goes ahead with one of the projects—whereupon the engineering fee would have to be repaid the FWA.

As things stand now, Reynolds has received an advance of one half on the three projects and claims he is due another \$1,200 for completion of the water project.

The town board says Reynolds has received \$1,000 more than entitled to because his fee on the water project is \$2,400 and that is all the work he has completed.

The board stated in offering the proposal that it considers the original contract with Eutslar and Reynolds as expired and that a continuation of the work by Reynolds would be under an entirely new contract.

The members also emphasized the fact that they were propositioning Reynolds to finish the plans and specifications and not for any engineering work in carrying out plans.

In making the proposal, the board expressed the opinion that the original estimates on the proposed civic projects had been set too high and that doing all of the work was out of Tabor City's financial range.

Although indicating that it is ready to proceed with the water project, the board expressed the belief that it would not use the sewer and street project plans—certainly not at any time in the near future.

TO ATTEND W.O.W. LOG ROLLING HERE



Among W.O.W. leaders expected in Tabor City April 3 for the Woodmen of the World log rolling are: Nick T. Newberry, left, Charlotte, state WOW manager, whose father is national WOW president; Hiram A. Melvin, center, of Elizabethtown, assistant state manager; and Charles A. Hines, right, of Greensboro, WOW representative.

Plans Shaping Up For Log Rolling

Power Bills Will Be Lower Next Month

Power bills in Tabor City were unusually high last month because meters were read for a five-week period instead of the usual four-week period, Mayor Al Williams said yesterday.

Mayor Williams said he learned this from Tide Water officials after a number of complaints about power bills had reached his office.

The officials promised him, Williams said, that the next bills received here will be substantially lower in view of the fact that the meters then will be read at that time for only three weeks, instead of the usual month.

Services Set For Holy Week At Saint Paul

"The Triumphant Entry" will be the subject Rev. H. F. Surratt will speak on at the 11 o'clock services at Saint Paul Methodist church Palm Sunday.

Special music will be rendered and reception of new members will take place at the morning services. The topic of the evening service is "Life Everlasting."

Holy Week services at the Saint Paul Methodist church begins with Palm Sunday and continues through Friday, with services at 8 o'clock each evening. Candle Light Holy Communion services will be held Thursday evening.

1 Drowns, 2 Escape As Boat Goes Down

Earl Mercer, 35, was drowned and two companions, W. G. Bullard and Mack Wallace, all of Lake View, narrowly escaped a watery grave late Saturday afternoon when their boat capsized in Lumber river. The spot where the boat went down was near the river trestle. Bullard and Wallace swam to the trestle and in a half-frozen condition made their way to Nichols where they received first aid for exposure. At a late hour today the body of Mercer had not been recovered. The drowned man is survived by his wife and two children.

ATTENDING SCHOOL IN NORFOLK

J. C. Bell jr of the McGowan Electric company is attending an electrical school in Norfolk this week. Mrs. Bell and their infant son, Ronnie, are visiting Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. Nina Grady, in High Point.

They were accompanied there Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. J. Elroy Bell.

HOMEMAKERS CLASS

The Homemakers Sunday school class and Business Woman's circle of the Mount Tabor Baptist church will meet with Mrs. A. M. Smith at her home Friday evening, March 26 at 7:30. All members, both active and associate, are urged to attend.

VISIT FRIDAY IN FLORENCE

Mrs. Rosa Garrell, Mrs. R. M. Garrell sr and Miss Miriam Garrell were visitors in Florence Friday.

VISIT IN GREENSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Leinwand visited relatives in Greensboro Sunday.

Sentenced To Life In Jail For Robbery-Slaying



Richard (Whitey) Ciesilski, Joe Williamson, Edison Martin

CONWAY, March 17. — An all-male jury today convicted three men in the \$25,000 robbery-slaying of a Crescent Beach tourist cabin operator.

Conviction on the murder charge with recommendation for mercy drew automatic life sentences for Joe Williamson, 35, and Richard (Whitey) Ciesilski, 19, both Norfolk, Va., taxi-drivers, and Edison Martin, 28, Whiteville, N. C.

The trio was charged in the killing of 53-year old Clayton Hall, who was shot down four months ago by gunmen who took \$25,000. The killers overlooked \$17,000 hidden in the tourist cabin in an ammunition box.

Williamson testified that he and Martin had planned the robbery.

There had been no intention to shoot Hall, he added, but this backfired when the cabins operator struggled.

Williamson said that Martin did the shooting, corroborating Ciesilski's testimony yesterday.

Events leading up to Hall's death Sunday, November 8, 1947, as recounted by Williamson:

He knew Hall because years ago Hall stayed with the Williamson family in Belhaven, N. C. The previous Wednesday and Thursday Williamson had been Hall's guest at the cabins. At that time Hall spoke of having a lot of money.

Williamson went to Wilmington, N. C., and there planned the robbery with Martin. Ciesilski knew nothing of the plan, but

was persuaded to drive them to Crescent Beach.

Before leaving on Saturday they exchanged Ciesilski's rifle for a shotgun in a Wilmington pawnshop and bought a box of shells in a hardware store. They told Ciesilski they planned to shoot a deer on the drive down, and it would be easier with a shotgun.

Williamson testified that the plan was for him to spend some time with Hall again. Then, he added, Martin was to stage the robbery and tie up Williamson and Hall.

Ciesilski, still knowing nothing of the robbery, was to wait in the car a short distance away and drive off when Martin returned, Williamson told the jury.

Tabor Town Board Lets Contract For New Well

Tabor City town board Wednesday night contracted with Carolina Well Drillers of Southern Pines to drill a new well for the town, work to get underway as soon as possible.

The decision came after Howard Butler, owner of the drilling company, told the board that his firm would guarantee 200 gallons of water a minute from a well or the town would owe them nothing.

The price for the well, if the minimum of 200 gallons is obtained would be \$4,600 plus \$10 a gallon for all water over 200 gallons a minute, with a ceiling placed at 700 gallons.

Butler explained to the board that his firm constructs only gravel-packed wells—a type in which the hole is packed with gravel, which acts as a screen. Such a screen never wears out and gives a larger area from which the well can draw water, thereby assuring a larger yield than a plain type well.

Tabor City's water supply has been considered in a state of emergency since May 27, 1947,

when Sanitary Engineer W. S. McKimmon of the State Board of Health wrote a letter urging immediate action on increasing the water supply.

Tabor City's present water supply is furnished from two wells—one with a 60-gallon-a-minute capacity and the other with a 40-gallon-a-minute capacity. The present well has been in use approximately 20 years, the screen is deteriorating and the well is likely to go out of commission at any minute, in McKimmon's opinion.

McKimmon declared in his letter that the town's water supply at present is insufficient to take care of all the town's water needs in an emergency.

The board voted to instruct the police department to approach several property owners in town about cleaning up their grounds.

A proposal from Woodrow Sarvis and B. A. Garrell that they would construct a street through property owned by them if the town would furnish the lighting and maintain the street was left open for discussion at another meeting.

Gapway News

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turbeville visited relatives in Fair Bluff and Cerro Gordo Sunday evening.

Mrs. Leamon Strickland and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Buffkin Sunday afternoon.

Hazel Buffkin spent the week end with her aunt, Miss Lou Ellen Buffkin, in Greenville. She was accompanied by Ruby Lee Strickland of Tabor City.

Sunday evening guests of Wilson Lovett were Jennie Turbeville, Marion Strickland, William Herring, Tom Bennett, Calvin Bennett and David Turbeville. They enjoyed the afternoon boxing.

Mrs. Ruby Graham is spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Buffkin.

PTA MEETING

The meeting of the Tabor City Parent Teachers Association, which was scheduled to meet Tuesday, March 16, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, March 23 at 7:30 at the school auditorium. President Mrs. J. C. Singletary announced. Principal C. H. Pinner will serve as program chairman.

AT SIGNAL SCHOOL

Pvt. Ralph Gore of Tabor City route three, has recently arrived at Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he will attend the Army Signal School.

Overheard

By BILLY WHITTED

No us: looking We ain't gonna print nothing 'bout it.