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SWEET POTATOES,
TOBACCO, STRAWBERRIES,
SNAP BEAN AND
OTHERS



In the scene above, Governor W. Scott is shown congratulating R. C. Coleman on the opening of the Greensboro tobacco market. Addressed over 12,000 people at the pre-opening barbecue on Thursday evening, September 8 in the huge warehouse located on Highway 70 east of Greensboro. From left to right, Governor Scott, R. C. Coleman, Harriet L. Sikes, assistant tobacco manager; Joe Coleman, R. C. Coleman, son and brother of R. C. Coleman respectively. In the foreground is the opening of sales Monday morning with R. C. Coleman, center background, presiding over the sale.

DRIVERS LICENSE REVOCATIONS IN COUNTY GIVEN

DRIVERS LICENSE revocations for drunken driving in Columbus County reported for the week include Freeman Cox, Recorder's Court; Herndon F. Fomy Duval, Ft. Bragg, Recorder's Court; John Franklin, address unknown, Recorder's Court; S. E. Jordan, Whiteville, Recorder's Court at St. James; and Edward Dewey Ray, Whiteville, Recorder's Court.

Greensboro Market Reactivated By Coleman After 20 Years Lapse

R. C. Coleman and Mrs. Harriet Sikes, operators of the New Farmers and Carolina Warehouses in Tabor City, opened on Monday the first Greensboro tobacco market in 20 years. The large warehouse, located on Highway 70 east of Greensboro, is modern construction, with floor space sufficient to handle more than 200,000 piles of tobacco. Opening day was greeted by thousands of bystanders on the highway and buyers up and down the rows of golden leaf. Traffic on the highway became so congested it required the services of a patrolman to keep cars and trucks moving in and out of the tobacco parking area. Coleman and Mrs. Sikes reported that sales were going exceedingly well and that the farmers were pleased with prices received. Assisting Coleman and Mrs. Sikes are Joe Coleman, son of Coleman, who acts as auctioneer; Mrs. Joe Coleman, piano player; C. B. Edwards, bookkeeper; and R. C. Coleman, Jr., floor manager.

Horry Preacher Dies In Pulpit; Brother Follows

CONWAY, Sept. 11—Special: The Rev. John Henry Altman and his brother, J. J. (Bubber) Altman died unexpectedly today, both of heart attacks. The Rev. Mr. Altman expired in the pulpit of Valley Forge Baptist Church, near Bayboro, about 10 A. M., as he was preparing to preach a sermon. J. J. Altman, unaware of his brother's death, was stricken in an auto en route to Conway about 4:30 P. M. He was taken to a doctor in Hemingway, but was already dead. Joint funeral services will be held at the graveside in Eddy Ford cemetery, near Johnsonville, at 11 A. M., Monday. The Rev. Mr. Altman had lived in Florence County until moving near Conway in 1932. Besides being a licensed Baptist preacher, he was a farmer. He was 62 years old. At the time of his death he was holding a series of meetings at the Valley Forge church, but was a member of Ridgefield Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Etta Nettles Altman; eight sons, Garland Altman, of Nixonville, Colinda Altman, of Ryland; Alton J. H. Altman, Jr., of Outland; Alton, Midland Altman, Lylesland Altman, Ridgeland Altman, all of near Conway; four daughters, Mrs. Kathleen Hatcher of Aynor, Mrs. Henrietta Smith, of Socastee, Mrs. Wade Williamson, of Socastee, and Mrs. Alvilla Thompson of Conway; and a number of grandchildren. J. J. Altman who was 55 years old, was a farmer in the Vox community. Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mettie Cooper; five sons, Wade Altman, of Lake City, and Matthew Altman, James Altman, John Altman, and Andrew Altman, all of Vox; three daughters, the Misses Rebecca Altman, Hannah Altman, and Druella Altman, all of Vox; two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Tanner, of Savannah, and Mrs. Dalley Evans, of Johnsonville, and five grandchildren.

Reception For Teachers To Be Held Wednesday

Plans are complete for the public reception to be given in honor of the teachers of the Tabor City school on Wednesday evening, Sept. 21. Miss S. L. Jackson, president of the Pioneer Study Club, announced. The reception, an annual event of the local Pioneer Club, will be held at the American Legion from 8 o'clock until 10 o'clock P. M. Prior to this year the reception has been held in the afterschool hours. The evening hours were scheduled to give the work- ing patrons an opportunity to attend. Miss Ann Brooks McGougan, chairman of the invitation committee, pointed out. All patrons of the school, both men and women, are invited to attend the reception to meet and welcome to the community the teachers in the school, Miss McGougan said.

TABOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT REACHES 1272

Principal C. H. Pinner announced on Wednesday that the total enrollment in the Tabor City Schools for the first ten days had reached 1,272, 100 more than were registered at this time last year. Enrollment in the elementary school is 967 and in the high school, 305. Pinner also said he hoped to secure 2 additional teachers for elementary school within the next week or two.

Schoolmasters Vote To Hold Sports Clinic

Columbus County Schoolmasters voted Wednesday evening to sponsor a sports clinic in each sport with the idea of developing officiating personnel. Meeting in Chadbourn with Principal S. A. Townsend, the school leaders centered their discussion around sports in the several county schools. A committee, composed of W. J. Boger, Earl Brinkley and Townsend, were appointed to develop the plan for a sports clinic. The group also voted to hold a Field Day in May with all schools in the county participating. C. H. Pinner, Robert Randall and L. A. Bruton were appointed to work out plans for this event. The next meeting of the schoolmasters will be held on October 12 in Hallboro. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year.

County Students Enter High Point College This Week

Columbus County students entering High Point College this week included Bernard Frink of Clarendon, Deland Leonard of Tabor City, J. W. Wray and Joe Inman of Whiteville.

Whiteville Civic Groups Announce Contest Plans

Fifth Annual Farmers Day To Be Held Sept. 30

WHITEVILLE—The Whiteville Civitan Club and the Whiteville Merchants Association have announced details of the contest to select the queen of the Fifth Annual Farmers' Day on September 30. Counting Friday, September 14, only 10 days are allowed for the nomination of candidates. Since early entries are desired, the sponsors have established a "Vote-Bonus" plan for the nominations. This week a ballot will count five points, next week a ballot will count three points, and ballots sent in the final week will count only two points. Dave S. Neilson and J. G. Worell are co-chairmen of the beauty contest committee, while Joe Wells and Gerald Hege are co-chairmen of the committees of prizes. Neilson and Worell said the following rules would be in effect for the beauty contest: 1. Queen candidates must be on float in Farmers Day parade. 2. Must be farm girl, or have parents living on farm. 3. Must not be over 20 years of age and unmarried (never married). 4. Must be a resident of Columbus, Brunswick or Horry counties. 5. Highest vote in each township will determine representative of that township. 6. Entries must not be received later than noon of Wednesday, Sept. 28. 7. Township winners will be announced by mail, radio and press. 8. Ballots, as printed in Tabor City Tribune, News Reporter, Stateport Pilot, Bladen Journal and Columbus County News, must be mailed to box 509, Whiteville. 9. Each vote must be signed by the owner and not by a candidate. 10. A facsimile ballot (a ballot other than the one printed in the newspaper) may be entered provided only one signature is submitted as balloting for his or her chosen candidate. Some outstanding prizes are in prospect for the queen and for the finalists in the contest. The contest committees placed emphasis upon the importance of obtaining early entries. With votes counting five points this week, they said the farm girls entered before Saturday night would have an advantage over others who were entered later. The contest will be held at 9 P. M., on the evening of the Farmers Day. The candidates will wear evening dresses for that occasion.

Tobacco Sales 7,199,070 Pounds On Tabor Market

Unofficial figures, released this week by Sales Supervisor Larry Ashby, showed the Tabor City tobacco market almost a million pounds ahead of the 1948 season. Gross sales for the 1949 season were 7,199,070 pounds for an average of 49.44. Ashby pointed out that these figures were unofficial but would not vary too far from the official government figures which will be released next year, after the close of all tobacco markets. The average price on producer's sales is expected to be around 75 cents above the gross sales average, which will place the market average well above 50 cents. Gross sales for the 1948 season were 6,279,798 for an average of 53.25.

Still Destroyed By Officers On Sunday Afternoon

Police Chief L. R. Watson, accompanied by Police Officer Ted Watts and Deputy Sheriffs A. H. McCubbee and E. B. Courtney, discovered and destroyed a whiskey still Sunday afternoon, located about two and one-half miles from Tabor City on the Fair Bluff Road. Watson reported the still as being a one hundred gallon copper rig with four hundred and fifty gallons of mash. Watson estimated the still was in operation as late as Friday night preceding the Sunday afternoon raid. Operators of the still were unknown and no arrests were made.

ACL RAILROAD OFFICIALS TO YAM FESTIVAL

A. R. Howard, General Agricultural Agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Wilmington, announced this week that all seven agricultural agents of the company and their three supervisory officers would attend the three day Carolinas Yam Festival, to be held in Tabor City, October 13, 14, and 15. This is the first time, Howard said, that an event of this kind commanded enough interest on the part of the railroad company to send its executive agricultural personnel from four states as representatives of the organization. The executives are located in the states of Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGougan, Jr., are now residing at Wake Forest where Mr. McGougan has entered law school.

Merchants Plan New Features For 2nd Annual Carolinas Yam Festival, October 13, 14, 15

IT CAN BE DONE

This seems to be the time of year when every person is pressed to contribute to some cause or another. The boy scouts, the cancer fund, and now the polio drive, all worthy causes, needing the attention of every eligible citizen.

On Friday, the Polio Epidemic Emergency Drive will be launched all over the nation to aid the polio stricken public in their fight to overcome the dreaded disease. Polio has struck the nation with unusual violence for the past two years. Last year was the blackest polio year since 1916, and this year the toll will be even greater, officials report.

Columbus County has already used \$6,000 more than has ever been paid in through the County Polio Drive and this drive is to pay that sum to National Headquarters so that other states may be helped.

Our part in Tabor City is \$1,000, one-sixth of the county quota. Give generously, we have a great deal to be thankful for in Tabor City, no polio case in almost two years. No one knows when or where polio will strike, but we may be calling on the rest of the nation for help some day. Let's help them NOW while we can!

C. C. Legette and E. C. Sanders, serving as co-chairmen of the Tabor City drive, will accept your donation. They ask your cooperation in completing this drive successfully in one week; it can be done, but YOU must help.

Memorial Rites Dedicate Mount Olive Nursery

Gary Blanton Family Erect Nursery In Memory

A nursery was dedicated to the Mount Olive Baptist Church Sunday in memorial rites for Gary Blanton who gave his life in World War II. Rev. H. E. King, pastor of the church, and James Blanton, brother of the deceased, officiated. The brick building given by the family of the deceased is erected on the church grounds. It is equipped with loud speaker amplifiers and modern furniture. Blanton was reported missing in action January 24, 1944, in the battle on the banks of Repedio River in San Angelo, Italy. His burial place is unknown. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. John Clemons, Sr., of Green Sea; five brothers, James P. Blanton of Green Sea and Tabor City; Harry Blanton of Savannah, Ga.; A. B. Blanton of Greenville, S. C.; Wilbert Blanton of Nichols; and Olin Blanton of Greenwood, S. C.; three sisters, Mrs. W. F. Brunson of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Troy L. Collins of Mullins, S. C.; and Mrs. Oscar Putnam of Greenville, S. C.

Spivey Acclaims Advantage of Use Of Tile Drainage

"I did not think it possible to harvest 1,500 pounds of quality tobacco per acre from that field. I had tobacco in this year. The drainage made the difference." That was H. Cliff Spivey's comment while talking about his present tobacco crop. Spivey lives two miles out of Tabor City toward Cherry Grove. About 18 months ago Spivey stopped by the Soil Conservation Service office in the old jail building in Whiteville and asked for help in laying out some tile on his farm. After I explained that the Soil Conservation Service was working through the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, and that we could help him with other problems on his farm at the same time, he requested that a conservation survey be made so that he could improve his farm according to the needs of each acre. "One of my troubles," Spivey said, "as we were looking over his farm, 'I have disease in my best tobacco land and I cannot rotate it to another field because the soil is too wet.' Referring to the conservation survey map, I noted that there was quite a lot of IIA land (poorly drained) that would grow good tobacco if properly drained. I suggested that he tile drain enough IIA land so that he could rotate his tobacco. 'If you say that field will make tobacco with tile drainage, I'll take a chance and plant there next year.' I assured him that it would make good tobacco so he started working on the tile after crop last year. 'I have never seen so much water as we had this summer. One big rain after another. I thought I would lose my tobacco after all, but not a single hill 'flooded.' My tile really did the work and no disease in my tobacco field either," Spivey said. Spivey is following his conservation plan too. One acre of severely eroded land was planted to Sericea Lespedeza for hay, two acres of pasture improved, green grazing rotation for his hogs, and "bedding" to secure surface drainage on eight acres of corn and bean land. "I hope to complete all the practices outlined in my farm plan," Spivey, who is very pleased to be called a Conservation Farmer.

Joe Steed Now With Strickland Grocery And Market In Tabor

Joe Steed has accepted a position with the Jennings Strickland Grocery and Market and assumed his duties in the meat department Monday morning. Mr. Steed is well known in this city as he is a former Tabor City resident. Leo Floyd who has been associated with the local firm for the past several months has returned to Lumberton. Attend Dry Cleaner Meet Myrtle Beach

CONCERT DRIVE FOR MEMBERS TO CLOSE FRIDAY

The Whiteville Community Concert Association membership drive will close Friday afternoon, Sept. 16, at 6 o'clock, Miss Ann Brooks McGougan, chairman for Tabor City announced. The goal of the campaign is that at least four concerts may be brought to the county this year. The minimum objective is 700 members and season tickets may be purchased for \$6.00 to adults and \$3.00 to students. The membership is open to anyone who is interested. Mrs. McGougan said, Miss McGougan are Miss Puckett Walden, Miss Monteen Winstead, Miss Margaret Jo Jernigan, and Mrs. Fred M. Jernigan. All the local committee members attended the kickoff dinner held at Harry's Anchorage at Lake Waccamaw Monday evening.

Publisher First Tabor Newspaper Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Perkins Follows Husband In Death Saturday

Double funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon from the Chadbourn Methodist Church at 3 o'clock for Mr. and Mrs. William Garrett, husband and wife, who died within 27 hours of each other late last week. Mr. Perkins passed away at the Bullock Hospital in Wilmington at 11:15 o'clock Thursday night following an extended illness. Upon learning of her husband's death, Mrs. Perkins suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and died Saturday morning at 2:15 o'clock. Mrs. Perkins had been an invalid for the past four years and Mr. Perkins had been her constant wheel-chair and bedside companion until he was stricken. Mr. Perkins received several blood transfusions during his final illness in an effort to save his life. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins came to Columbus County in 1928 and established the Columbus County News which they continued to edit and publish until 1943. They retired from the business due to failing health and sold the newspaper to the late B. Gordon Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins obtained the mailing permit for Tabor City's first newspaper "The Tabor City Times," in 1933 which they published for about three years. Mr. Perkins spent his entire business career in the newspaper field. He was connected with various newspapers throughout the Carolinas prior to establishing the Columbus County News as editor of the Columbus County News and the Tabor City Times. She was regarded as one of the state's better newspaper women. Surviving Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are two daughters, Mrs. Lem W. Settle of Marion, S. C., and Mrs. Hal Rahey of Chadbourn, and five grandchildren. Mrs. Perkins is survived by a brother, J. W. Wiggins, of Charlotte. Mr. Perkins is survived by two brothers, Jake Perkins of Chester, S. C., and John T. Perkins of Lincoln.

Thomas G. King Rites Held On Monday

Thomas G. King, about 40, died at his home on Bayboro, route 1, Sunday night at 8 o'clock. Grave-side rites were held from the Pleasant Union Cemetery at four o'clock Monday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie King; one daughter, Lucille King; one brother, Sam King and five sisters, Mrs. Maggie Skipper, Mrs. Fannie Goodman, Mrs. Lela Hardwick, Mrs. Gurdy Rabon and Mrs. Vick Jones.

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Growers Offered Cash Prizes For Sweet Potato Baskets

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Attend Dry Cleaner Meet Myrtle Beach

Harry Bell and Ralph Baxter of the Bell Cleaners attended a meeting of North and South Carolina Dry Cleaners at the Tally-Ho Inn, Myrtle Beach, during the week end.