SELL IN TABOR CITY

Four of the last six years Tabor City has led Border Belt in Leaf Prices.

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Tobacco Averages Record $55.00 First Two Days Here

CARTER'S COLUMN

By W. HORACE CARTER

I wonder if anyone would have any objections to us using the term SOB (for the obvious) in this column this week? We gave the subject considerable thought before going ahead with writing it and came to the conclusion that those persons who would realize its appearance won't be disturbed by its meaning and those too young to know what it stands for won't get any value out of the column anyway.

Anyhow President Truman referred to some in those terms not long ago and the story and phrase made all the papers.

We use about were compelled to use the phrase because of some humorous incidents in its regard which took place with us.

The first item occurred years ago when two bank dealers in a North Carolina town were operating across the street from one another. They were highly competitive and the feeling steadily grew worse between them. They eventually came to blows fought it out and wound up in court because of the fracas.

While on the stand, one of the fighters was accused of calling the other a SOB and thus starting the brawl.

"Did you call John a SOB," the judge asked.

"No," came back the reply, "I didn't. He asked him if he wasn't one."

On another occasion two men came face to face on the street and one was fighting mad to start with. He pulled off his coat and was all prepared to fight the other when he said "Did you tell Hank Jones that I was a SOB?" The man to whom the remark was addressed was not perturbed in the least, but looked the challenger straight in the eye and replied "No, I didn't tell him you were a SOB. I don't know how he found it out."

On still another occasion there were two doctors who had a falling out. They went for months avoiding each other and thereby having a ready excuse for not being on speaking terms. One morning the doctors accidentally went to the post office at the same time and walked right together. Whereupon one of them broke the ice and said "Good Morning." The other was just as stubborn as ever, and all he said was "I don't speak to a SOB." But the doctor was not disrupted by the remark. He simply smiled, looked at him and said, "I do."

It's rather strange when you think of it in detail why that term SOB makes people fighting mad and is considered the first blow in a fight. It's one of those things that you know isn't true and he knows it isn't true. I suppose the best answer to a charge like that would just be to call the man a liar. You would be telling the truth, and he would be an obvious liar. But then everybody would start a fight, because the character who called you the SOB would then fight you because you called him a liar when he was one.

It's a funny world and people find all kind of ways and means to set off the spark that will arouse the fighting spirit in some one they were hankering to tangle with for some other reason anyway. But if two people were determined to oppose each other, seems that it would be just as good to go ahead and begin the fisticuffs and just leave off all those preliminary remarks.

Star Officials Attend Meet

Mrs. E. W. Fonvielle, Worthy Matron of the local chapter Order of Eastern Star, and Mrs. Jimmy Rogers, secretary, attended a workshop meeting of the order in Whiteville at the New Whiteville Hotel recently.

Mrs. Fonvielle attended a South Eastern Divisional meeting at the Masonic Temple in Wilmington last month.

ATTEND CAMP

Forty boys and 28 girls left for White Lake 4-H Camp Monday morning, July 31st. They will return to Whiteville Saturday.

During the week the boys and girls will be given instructions and practices in arts and crafts first aid, courtesies along with a class in swimming instructions.

Campers are under the direction of Extension Workers in the county with Miss Gayle Wells, assist. home demonstration agent serving as dietitian Mrs. Keith Blake, instructor in first aid, and recreation and Charles D. Raper, county agent as camp director.

T B SURVEY ENDS AUG. 4

Friday, August 4, will be the last day the T B Mobile Unit will be located in Tabor City Dr. Foyd Johnson and Miss Mary Floyd of the County Health department, today urged that all citizens in the Tabor City area take advantage of the convenient location.

Operating hours for the unit located in front of Harrelson's Pharmacy, is 11 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m.

Officials of the T B Mass Survey office this morning announced that 16,174 Columbus County citizens have been X-Rayed through the various units now located throughout the county.

The totals for the past week by the location of the Mobile unit is as follows: Tabor City 912; Whiteville R. R. Plaza, 1,1101; Acme Delco - Hallsboro 735; Cerro Gordo-Cherry Grove 654; Gaddeway - Mollie - Court House Square 570.

Dr. Floyd Johnson, County Health doctor, announced this morning that letters have been mailed to a number of Columbus citizens requesting that they come to the Health Department in the old County Home building on the Chadbourn road in Whiteville for an additional chest X-Ray.

Clinic will be held Monday through Friday from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock a. m. and from 1 o'clock to 4 o'clock p.m. The clinic will be held only for persons who received a letter requesting them to return for further examinations. Those persons are asked to take their letter to the clinic for indentification.

OUR THANKS

The Tribune wishes to thank all those persons who have called or stopped us on the streets for the past few days congratulating the newspaper for its editorial comments on the recent Ku Klux Klan activities here.

The Tribune also wishes to extend a special note of thanks to the St. Paul Methodist Church and Rev. G. W. Crutchfield, pastor, for the following item in Sunday's church bulletin:

AN EYE FOR THE TRUTH

Excerpts from a front page editorial The Tabor City Tribune — "In this democratic country, there's no place for an organization of the calibre of the Ku Klux Klan which made a scheduled parade through our strects last Saturday night (July 22). Any organization that has to work outside the law is unfit for recognition in country of free men.

With the Klan's frequent references to Jesus, God and religion they are being highly sacrilegious because their very being is in contrast to God and the Bible."

To which we add Amens and Amens

The Tribune also is pleased to note that the Charlotte Observer picked up the editorial and ran it in their editorial columns on Sunday, giving this newspaper proper credit for its stand. The Observer concluded its editorial comment with the statement:

"There is no need or place in North Carolina for Ku Klux Klan activities. It is an organization that has no valid reason or excuse for existance."

C. R. Collins, agronomy specialist of N. C. State College extension division is shown here discussing sweet potato fertilizer and cultivation to a group of future farmers of America at last year's Carolinas Yam Festival in Tabor City. The Third Annual Carolinas Yam Festival will be held in Tabor City October 12, 13 and 14 and State College will again exhibit 22 booths.

R. T. Bruton Passes Monday

Ruther Tate Bruton, 59, prominent business man and civic leader, died unexpectedly in the Thompson Hospital in Lumberton Monday afternoon at 1:25. He was stricken with a heart attack early Sunday morning and was admitted to the hospital shortly.

A life long resident of Tabor City he has been associated with the Tabor Hardware company and the Lewis Funeral home since he was 18 years of age and he has been manager of the hardware for the past 25 years. He also engaged in farming.

A veteran of World War 1, he was a charter member of the local American Legion post and has served as Finance Officer of the post since organization. He held the office of secretary of the Tabor City Masonic Order for about 20 years and has been a member of the lodge for 30 years. He was also an active member of the Woodmen of the World and a life long member of the Mount Tabor Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs Queenie Floyd Bruton; two sons, Harry Floyd and R. T., both of Tabor City; mother, Mrs. Ella Prince of Tabor City; two half-brothers, Gardner and Halley both of Tabor City; two half sisters, Mrs. Dillon Fowler of Tabor City, and Mrs. English Cooke of Mullins; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for this afternoon (Wednesday) with full Masonic rites, at the home at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor of the Mount Tabor Baptist church, and Rev. S. A. Hatley of Loris, formerly of Tabor City. Interment will be in the Myrtle Green cemetery.

The Tabor City business firms closed during the funeral hour.

There are approximately 1,234,000 grain and roughage-consuming animals in North Carolina.

Clarendon, Bethel 4-H'ers Perform

A group of 4-H club members of the Clarendon and Bethel Units of Williams 4-H Club went to Raleigh last Wednesday to put on a "Musical Folk Game" at the State 4-H Club Short Course. This group presented their part of the program along with five otheer counties in the state in connection with the State 4-H Dress Revue and it was presented before the 1400 delegates to the annual 4-H Club Short Course held at State College.

Club members going up were Bobby J. Gore, Hazel Gore Betty Joe Gore, Bernice Gore Joe Gore, Sammy Gore, Melton Godwin, Billy Gore, J. T. Fisher Jr., Jimmy Gore, from the Bethel unit.

Naomi Williams, Barbara Ann Bullock, Shelva Jean Fipps, Lean Mae Leonard, Doris Williams Carolyn Duncan, Roland McPherson. Harold Williams Kenneth Williams, Charles Bulock from the Clarendon Unit.

They were met in Raleigh by Marjorie Ward, President County Council, Patsy Stephens and Carrie Williams from the Clarendon Unit who were attending the entire week of Short Course.

The group was accompanied by Mrs. Elaine N. Blake, Home Agent, Carrol Gore and Charles D. Raper, County Agent.

The program was presented to the 4-H club members in the Coliseum and was the first group from Columbus County to perform in the new Coliseum at State College.

Cannery

The Tabor City Community Cannery will be open on Thursday's only until further notice, S. L. Jackson, agriculture teacher, announced today.

For the past several weeks the cannery has been open on both Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Police Chief Attends Asheville Meeting

Chied of Police L. R. Watson is attending a meeting of the North Carolina Police Executive association in Asheville Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. He left to attend the meeting Wednesday.

Accompanying Mr. Watson on the trip is the Chadbourn police chief Saunders.

The association holds a meeting annually at which time the latest police tactics are discussed by experts and various speakers are heard. Among those speaking this year is Walter Anderson of the State Bureau of Investigation.

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BB MRS. LESTER LONG

Alton Faulk visited his brother James Faulk, Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Ruby Jane Jacobs Sunday were Lillie Gray Soles and Hester Monrow of Eagle Springs.

Mrs. Leo Smith and Mrs. James Faulk visited Mrs. Donald Gore Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orbe Duncan made a business trip to Tabor City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hinsor visited Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Suggs Sunday.

J. D. Long and Ralph Long were Tabor City visitors Friday

Theldon Soles was in Loris on business Friday.

Mrs. James Faulk visited Mrs Elbert Soles last week.

Mrs. R. J. Long visited friends and relatives in West Jefferson recently.

Ralph Long and Orbie Cox were in Whiteville on business last week.

R. J. Stocks and Jinks Harper attended the Union at Simpson Creek Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Long made a business trip to Whiteville Saturday.

Bennie Hewett and Burman Jenerette were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Long.

Woodard Long and Leamar Duncan made a business trip to Roanoke, Va. Saturday.

Leo Smith was in Tabor City recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bentor visited Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Long Sunday.

Lester Long visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Long Sunday.

Betty Faye Soles and Ola Mae Suggs visited Thetus Connor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams visited Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Stocks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Jacobs visited Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Suggs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzie Bosman of Fayetteville visited Mr. and Mrs Dillon Jacobs Sunday.

Late Leaf Season Curtailing Sale; Quality Crops Bring $69

Tabor City's tobacco market opened Tuesday with indications of its usual enviable record by compiling an absolutely accurate average for the day of $54.32 per one hundred while 142, pounds were auctioned off for a total of $77,223.78. Even this fine average is not truly representative of the high price that is being paid for the bright leaf this season.

A great deal of the tobacco on the floors Tuesday was of the poorer grade and did not merit top prices. All the leaf that was good brought $68 and $69 per hundred pounds. Except for the poorer grades, the average might well have been high in the 60's.

About the only fault that warehousemen, buyers and other tobacconists were finding this week was the scarcity of tobacco. While the opening day sales was far from being a full one, things really were slim Wednesday when only 70,000 pounds were sold. The sale ended in all houses Wednesday morning at 11:00. However, no one was particularly perturbed at this scarcity, primarily because it was expected by one and all. The late crop was evident, and it is expected that not much tobacco will be on the local floors until early next week.

The Wednesday sale, although light in amount of tobacco sold, brought even a higher average than opening day with the day's record showing slightly more than $55.00 per hundred. Good grade leaf continued to bring $69 and buyers were anxious to buy all they could at that price.

All markets on the Border Belt recorded higher prices grade for grade on opening day this year than were recorded in 1949. The quality of offerings, however, was lower and the volumne was much lighter throughout the belt.

According to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture, most gains were from $6.00 to $10.00 per hundred. However, the increases ranged from $4.25 for best this nondescript to $13.00 for low orange lugs. Estimates of the general average on morning sales from several markets ranged from $55.00 to $60.00 per hundred. Extreme prices reported for individual lots were from $5.00 for poorest nondescript to $80.00 for choice lemon cutters. Practical top was $69.00 per hundred.

The general quality was not as good as last year because of less cutters and more priming and nondescript. Very few leaf grades were offered. Principal marketings were fair to fine lugs, low and fair primings and fair cutters.

Practically all warehouse floors were expected to be cleared within their alotted time. Some reported not enough tobacco on hand for a full day's sale. Light sales are expected for the next several days due to the lateness of the crop. Growers are busy harvesting and do not have their tobacco ready for marketing.

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Estimated receipts of the Flue cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, under the Government loan program, ranged from 1 per cent to 10 per cent on some markets. This was considerably less than was delivered on opening day last year.

Warehousemen and other tobacco personnel in Tabor City this week urged farmers to bring their tobacco in just as soon as possible and to take advantage of the excellent price that it is bringing.

Farmers selling here this week expressed themselves as being exceptionally pleased with the price their tobacco was bringing, and many have been able to put tobacco on the floor for several sales.

Farmers have also been receiving the tickets given to them by the warehousemen which entitles them to a chance at the $1500 in gifts that the merchants association has donated. All these gifts will be given away to farmers on September 6. These gifts are just that; there's no obligation to anyone. All farmers have to do is simply sell some tobacco on the Tabor City market. The quantity sold isn't taken into account.

The Merchants Association also this week asked all farmers who were interested in keeping up with the Tabor City market to tune in each morning of the week at 6:30 except Sunday, to station WENC in Whiteville to get the latest figures and facts on the market. Thise figures are accurate, up to date and given officially by the sales supervisor.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPEAKS TO TABOR CITY ROTARY CLUB

Dr. Howard J. McGinnis, district Rotary governor, outlined the fundamentals of Rotary at the regular weekly meeting of the club at the Modern Cafe here Monday evening.

Dr. McGinnis, of Greenville N. C. met with the club directors prior to the regular meeting at which time the various phases of Rotary were discussed and suggestion made by him and various members as to the ways and means of bettering the local organization.

Dr. McGinnis pointed out that the club with 24 members is an influencial organization in the community but that every effort should be put forth to increase the number and fill as many classifications as possible in the club. Rotary clubs procure their membership by trying to have one member form each trade and profession in a community.

He also pointed out that regular attendance of members is highly important and suggested that the Tabor City club exert every effort to make their attendance as near 100 percent as possible. The local club has consistently averaged close to 90 percent in attendance.

Howard J. McGinnis

WIFE FEEDS HUSBAND POISON

ELIZABETHTOWN, July 25—A "deep and trusting love" of a man for his wife has been credited with a year's delay in a husband's filing charges of attempted murder against his spouse.

Sheriff John B. Allen made the announcement today. He said he is holding Mrs. Annie Gertrude Croom, a native of Columbus county in the Bladen county jail. She is charged with feeding small amounts of arsenic to her husband over a period of two years.

Allen said the intermittent feedings of poison kept up until January, 1949, when the husband William David Croom, 39, entered Duke hospital, Durham, for treatment.

PARKING LAW AWAITING NEW SIGNS

The two hour parking ordinance that was slated to go into operation July 29 has been delayed because of the failure of the appropriate traffic signs to arrive.

The signs were order shortly voted to install the ordinance but to date the signs have not been received. Officials this week stated that they would be erected as soon as they arrived and that the law would take effect as soon as they were erected and all persons had time to learn the law

The ordinance will cover both sides of railroad street, and fifth street and two hours is all persons will be allowed to park in that area. Double parking and irregular parking will also be an offense and subject to one dollar fines.

B. F. Williams Claimed By Death

Benjamin Frazier Williams, 80 prominent farmer of Clarendon route 1 died early Friday morning in James Walker hospital in Wilmington, following an illness of two weeks. A life long resident of the Clarendon community he was a son of the late Moses and Lindsay Ann Harrelson Williams.

Funeral rites were held from the residence Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by the Rev. John Williams of Rocky Mount. Interment was in the Todd cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs Florie Cox Williams; three sons Garland of Clarendon, Arthur of St. Petersburg, Fla., Edward of Wilmington; seven daughters Mrs. P. D. Cox, Mrs. Woodrow Harder, Miss Eunice Williams of the home, Mrs. Joe Blount of Loris, Mrs. Dennis Williams of Chadbourn, Mrs. Kirbey Mincey of Wilmington, and Mrs. Horace Miller of Tabor City; 19 grandchildren and two greatgrand children.

Mr. Williams was a brother-in law of C. H. Harrelson of Tabor City.

An Open Letter From Me To You On This Week's Ku Klux Klan Developments

There has been a great deal of discussion during the past week since our editorial appeared condemning the Ku Klux Klan Many christian people have welcomed the opportunity of congratulating us for saying what every rightous individual felt following the klan's infamous so-journ down our streets. Written comment has also appeared here and elsewhere echoing the needless existance of organization and portraying their wretchedness.

We even received one letter either by mistake or as a practical joke, which was unsigned scribbled almost unreadibly and which was putting out the call to KKK for assistance in the Pireway section. The letter even went so far as to name the names of persons there who for one reason or another were deemed worthy of klan action. That letter has been turned over to the proper law enforcement authorities for investigation of the alleged lawlessness, as should all such cases of law breaking. The letter was dated July 26, post marked Tabor City, addressed to the postmaster, Tabor City, N. C. and carried a route 3 address at the top. Just to further complicate matter, a local kid, not yet dry behind the ears, saw the letter and started the wild and viscious rumor that the editor of The Tribune was in reality the "headman of the Ku Klux Klan." To which we have only this to say, he's a liar first class and should take top honors in a contest among the leading liars in the land. We would call his name but in that he is fairly young and has a chance of still becoming at least a mediocre citizen and possible gentleman we are with holding his name in hope of helping him therefrom As we told one Tabor City man who called to ask specifically if your editor was as Klansman, the answer is now as always "No we had rather be in jail with our back broke than to be associated in any way with such a gang."

Also in circulation is the story that many local colored persons have talked of leaving Tabor City because of the KKK threat To which we have just this to say to them. Don't let this band of hoodlums scare you. If you are a rightous man and living within the law, law enforcement officers or no one else is going to give you any trouble. And although we despise every phase of lawlessness and crime, the klan isn't going to bother you in Tabor City. It's our belief that they have too many enemies here to attempt any action against anyone. And this much is a promise, should they come to Tabor City again and if it is anything other than a "sneak attack," they will be openly opposed. There are enough prominent local persons to push the prosecution of any klansmen apprehended while taking any action whatever against a citizen of Tabor City. We cannot and do not wish to encourage rioting However, the klan in any form is so obnoxious enough to turn the stomach of law-abiding people and should be dealt with as if they were an outlaw band which they are.

In actual number, there are probably something like 50 policemen, sheriff's deputies, highway patrolmen, constables in Columbus County all pledged to fight lawlessness. All would be available to protect the rights of individuals in this county. But add to that number 99 percent of the population of the county who hate the very guts of the klan and you have about the right percentage of people who would go all the way in opposing klan activities in Tabor City.

Reports say that a Horry county man was threatened by the klan last weekend. They say he lived between here and Green Sea, an area where people live that call Tabor City home. A section of good farmers, many good christians and law abiding people. It seems to us that our first responsibility is our own town but that the people of that area should condemn the action as vehemintly as they know how and take the proper steps toward curbing the KKK lawbreaking The rightness or wrongness of the way of life being led by the person attacked, has nothing to do with whether the klan is right or wrong in doing the flogging They are wrong in either case and as previously stated, it's not for them to decide. Let righteous citizens file their greviance with proper authorities and don't condone this band of hooded fly-by-night boys.

There were even reports this week of some of our good farmers saying they didn't want to bring tobacco to Tabor City because of the KKK. Let me plead with you in as sincere a way as I know how, not to let this little demonstration scare you. The klan breeds on fear but you are not going to be bothered by them The outfit that paraded here came from a long distance away You have practically no KKK men in Tabor City although there are a few Yet, they are so few in number that they could all be put inside a medium sized phone booth. Their following here is not consequential while on the other hand you have the backing and protection of 99 and 44 on hundreds percent of the population. Bring your tobacco on in to Tabor City and don't give this band a second thought. They simply made a so-journ down our streets and it is sincerely believed that they will live to regret that.

As a parting thought, don't scare, report any activities of the klan to your local law enforcement officers, be a law abiding citizen and openly talk against the gang's very being every time you have the opportunity.

Sell Your Tobacco In Tabor City--Market Leader 4 of 6 Years