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NEW MASONIC OFFICERS



Officers of the Tabor Masonic Lodge 563 AF and AM are shown here as they were installed in 1952 year at a recent meeting of the group. They are: Front row, left to right, Ben Hux, senior warden; Jack Strickland, senior warden; H Dewey Stevens, Sr., master; J. Erskin Young, junior warden; and Jimmy P. Dieus, secretary. Back row left to right, Bill Young, junior deacon; Hoyt, senior deacon; James Franklin Long, steward; Norman Ward, steward; and Cooledge Wright, steward.

Klan Dragon Scorns Tribune Editor; Questions County Law Enforcement; Rebuttal To Hamilton's Charges Given

OUR DEFENSE

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Thank you for your letter of January 21, even though most of your remarks are highly slanderous and untrue. However, in at least one respect we see eye to eye—we both believe in the freedom of the press and for that reason your letter is printed in this "trash sheet" word for word. I know then that you would have no objection to my offering a few remarks in my defense. Even criminals tried in legal courts have that privilege.

In your first paragraph you repeat a charge made by you months ago that my "mind is warped." Mr. Hamilton, to just deny this statement is not evidence enough, when you consider the source from which the charge came. But perhaps you will accept my challenge to appear with me before any qualified psychiatrist and let him thoroughly examine us both. It might be interesting to see just whose mind is warped. Matter of fact, I believe it would be a revelation.

You insinuate in your first paragraph that my advertisements in The Tribune, as well as subscribers, are affiliated with your organization. Of course, we can neither say you are right or that you are wrong. But we will make this statement, if there are any KKK members advertising with us who would like to cease doing so, we will be happy to cancel it forthwith. If there are any subscribers, who would like to have their subscription money refunded, we will refund in cash the remainder of their paid up subscription time. We ask for no assistance from the Ku Klux Klan. There are enough other people for us to make a living.

In your second paragraph you "are led to challenge" me to prove that your KKK's have had anything to do with the recent Columbus county floggings. Mr. Hamilton, please take note that the column to which you have taken such violent objection stated "this fear is an outgrowth of the KKK and an evil thereof, whether they are the guilty parties in the numerous Columbus county floggings or not." The coming of your Klan marked the beginning of these floggings and even if your group isn't doing the job themselves, others are using the organization for a haven. But believe me, if I could prove that the KKK's are responsible for just one of them, I would be most happy to tell a jury of 12 men all about it. The group carrying out these floggings give the defendant no chance to testify for himself. They are being beaten on the theory that they are guilty without any right to plead innocent. Your boys will seek legal council and a chance to plead their case when the time necessitates such action. And that's as it should be—innocent until proven guilty.

Then Mr. Hamilton, there is no difficulty in proving your statement wrong when you said "I challenge anyone to prove where the organization has in any way tried to administer justice to any one." By your own admission, you and your robed friends dragged Charlie Fitzgerald from his place of business in Myrtle Beach and made some violent attempts at your form of administering justice. Did you or didn't you?

And then the constitutional principles to which you refer. Have you ever really read that document? A man who so roundly criticizes the law, the Negro, the Jews, the Catholics in public speeches everywhere and who still professes to believe in the principles of our democratic government is stretching an interpretation much further than I can imagine.

You have asked what was wrong with the law officers of Columbus county. As to their ability to track down these criminals, who have made one as-insignificant as I do not know. As to their efforts in this direction, I'm confident they have done their best. Pitted against such an undercover society perhaps makes it too big a job for them. But at any rate they are lending their assistance to a big brother, the FBI along with the SBI, from whom they have every right to request help, and it is our belief that they are making progress, and that there is no reason to believe there is anything wrong with our law enforcement.

Should they fail miserably to hang one of these crimes on the proper persons then I will have to agree with you, there's some ability or something lacking. I do not minimize their task. It's difficult to procure the evidence. With that, they have my sympathies and best wishes.

As to the calibre of men in your Klan, I can say only "no comment." But I would, like to have the membership roster held up before God to get His stamp of approval. A group of hand-picked righteous people who can hide their identity and their faces and do no wrong.

In your last two paragraphs you get back to God and Country, both dear to my heart, and to which I can say only "amen." But as to the missions given by God, I can't help but wonder if God gave you your mission, or if he gave me mine. Or if he had rather you cease your operation or me mine.

Very sincerely yours
W. Horace Carter

Editor's note: The following letter was received Tuesday from Thomas Hamilton, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, in which he took exception to our column of last week. Even though it is highly slanderous and filled with falsehoods, it is printed here for public consumption exactly as we received it, word for word and with exact spelling.

HAMILTON CHARGES

Mr. W. Horace Carter
Tabor City Tribune Press
Tabor City, N. C.

Dear Sir:
In the Tabor City Tribune Press under title "Carters Column", I read that you express your opinions and views about the people who are advertising in your paper and who subscribe to your newspaper—or should I say TRASH SHEET? There is one thing that the Organization, of which I am leader, stands for—it is Freedom of the Press. Now Freedom of the Press, when used recklessly by some individual, whose mind is warped, and I have every cause to believe that yours is in that condition since the day that I had a conference with you, which was held through your insistence, by some of the statements you made at that time.

Now, Sir, since reading your column, and some of the other columns and news articles, I am led to challenge you to prove, without a shadow of a doubt, where the Ku Klux Klan had anything whatsoever to do with the flogging or so-called flogging in your section of North Carolina recently. I further challenge you to prove where the organization has in any way tried to administer Justice on any one—when that statement is made by you or anyone else it is a contemptible falsehood. You further state in your column that in your way of thinking, the Klan is against the Constitutional Principles laid down by our forefathers—Your leanings and warped ideas seems to me that you could not give a fair interpretation of the Constitution. You further stated, in your column, about Fair Bluff—let me state clearly to you that upon a personal investigation, there was no connection there with reference to the Klan. When an individual and his family takes certain steps, it does not necessarily involve the Klan. If I were a resident of Fair Bluff, I would make you eat the newspapers you printed it in for telling an untruth about the people having so many guns in readiness. It is such untruths that stir up neighborhoods and cause violence. If your column was thoroughly analyzed, the right interpretation would be—that you advocate force and violence. You further stated in your column that the F. B. I. are near the day when wholesale arrests will be made. First, let me ask you a fair question—what is the matter with the elected law officers of Columbus County?

After the War Between the States, which was fought for the preservation of States Rights, the stalwart men of the South had to fight back oppression. History tells us that the carpetbaggers and scalawags and Federal troops and agents were driven out of the Southland. The sooner that each individual State awakens and realizes its Constitutional rights, the sooner we will have less Federal interference and less agitation.

Now, Sir, you profess to be a teacher of a Sunday School class professing and teaching the story of the Good Samaritan, yet when you print your column, you make the following statement that you believe that the members of the Klan, in your area are largely a bunch of disgruntled persons and low type individuals; with of course some good people in their midst. Now, Sir, let me say, first, I have not had the pleasure of meeting all of the members of the Klan in your area, but those that I have had the pleasure of meeting and those that I know personally, I can truthfully say that you have made a GROSS mis-statement. I agree with you that there are some people in and around Tabor City who are telling that they are members of the Klan, but I want to assure you that those people are not members of the Klan but are some disgruntled persons who are using that means of having something to hide behind. Sir, I dare you or any individual in North Carolina to find anything of an accusing nature against any man who holds membership in the Klan. Sir

they are the CREAM of the CROP in Tabor City and in Columbus County, North Carolina.

Further in your Column, you made reference to what a Christian gentleman said; I do not know who the so-called Christian gentleman is you had reference to and I care less, for my interpretation of the Holy Bible, God's pain and purpose, is to LIFT men UP. I have heard people, time and again make this statement with reference to the Church: "If so and so is connected with the Church, I don't care to belong to it." Remember—the shoe might fit your foot.

Constructive criticism is fine but destructive criticism like your column does not make you any bigger in the eyesight of your people whom you must depend on to sell your papers and advertisement. Remember, you are a servant of the people and no matter what organization might be instituted or set up you will always find some good therein. There is no individual living who does not have some good traits no matter how low or how bad he or she may get. I am always ready to act the part that Jesus Christ my Savior has implanted in my heart—that is to reach down and lift those who have fallen up, wherever it is possible to do so. My sole ambition, through the help of Almighty God, is in some small way to help lift a Sinful and Perverted Nation back on its feet and into its rightful place.

God has a mission for each individual and he should shoulder the responsibility that God has given him. America NEEDS MEN.

Yours sincerely,
Thos. L. Hamilton

Spreading Fast

The Tribune is spreading rapidly over the Carolinas especially in Horry and Bladen counties as well as Columbus.

Newest additions to the already large family of readers include: Daniel Brown, Bladenboro; Earl Brown, Bladenboro; J. C. Black, Smyrna; Edgar Enzor, Fair Bluff; Herman Anderson, Causey, S. C.; and scores and scores of others.

MARCH OF DIMES DANCE PLANNED

A March of Dimes dance has been planned for Thursday night, January 31 at the Whiteville armory and all proceeds will go toward this year's county polo quota. S. T. Rogers, local chairman, announced today.

Tickets to the dance are on sale at Dameron Drug Store and Harrelson's Pharmacy in Tabor City.

The Green Sea Elementary School Parent Teachers Association will hold the regular meeting Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Mary Cooley, R. E. A. consultant on lighting, will give a demonstration. All patrons of the school and vicinity are invited to attend.

BANK CHAIN PROGRESS REPORTED

Stockholders of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company, lead financial organization in this area with ten business houses and their 26th annual meeting in Whiteville last Thursday night.

C. Lay Tate, executive vice-president of the banking system, gave the annual report to the 130 stockholders in attendance and stated that "Although the expenses of the bank increased during 1951, the net earnings, after taxes, showed an increase of \$9,620.67 over 1950."

"After paying dividends to the stockholders amounting to \$42,000, and setting-up full reserves for all known liabilities, the remainder of the net earnings amounting to \$71,604.25 was added to the capital account of the bank. This substantial addition to the capital account is the best evidence that can be given stockholders of the soundness of the bank and the safety of their funds."

Every branch office of the Waccamaw chain showed an increase in deposits during 1951 and an overall increase in deposits of most three and one half million dollars. The banks now serve 25,000 depositors, an increase of over 100 percent in the last ten years.

Total resources of the Waccamaw banks at the end of the year were \$23,292,259.37.

Dr. Ralph C. Sadler, who was elected president and chairman of the board following the sudden death of Clyde K. Council on the 24, 1951, presided at both stockholders meeting and the annual banquet which followed.

Mr. Council had held this position since the bank was organized in 1926.

Mr. Tate expressed his appreciation to all the banks' officers and to the board of directors who met a total of 53 times during the year.

All directors were reelected without opposition for the current year.

A motion was made and passed unanimously that the present board of directors be authorized to name three additional members with equal power and authority should the need arise through expansion of the chain otherwise.

At the dinner meeting following the stockholders annual session, Charlie Stafford of Fairmont invited the group to meet in Fairmont next year.

L. Patton, a highly entertaining dinner speaker, of Beantown, made the main address during which he emphasized the need for relaxation and for business men and executives everywhere.

James R. Jones has assumed duties as assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church here. He has just completed training at the St. Mary's Seminary at Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.

Raymond J. Donohue, formerly the assistant pastor of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic church.

STATE LEGION COMMANDER TO SPEAK HERE THURSDAY; LADIES NIGHT PLANNED

Louis Parker, Commander of the North Carolina Department of American Legion, and Mrs. W. K. Stewart, District Vice Commander of the Legion Auxiliary will give the principal addresses at a ladies night banquet slated at the hut here Thursday night at 7:30 by Post 101.

Commander Parker, a native of Elizabeth City, notified the committee in charge of the ladies night last week that he would be present.

The banquet has been planned by Post 101 in an effort to interest wives of legionnaires here in the organization of an auxiliary unit. A Legion Auxiliary was active here until a few years ago and an effort will be made to get it reorganized.

Every member of the post and his wife is urged to attend the meeting.

A barbecue supper, free of charge, will be served. Arrangements for the meeting have been made by a committee composed of Buell Lanier, chairman; and Ralph Norris, J. C. Ward and Bryant Graham.

The supper will be served by the home economics girls of Tabor City high school.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO SET PLANTS

Wednesday and Thursday, January 23 and 24, have been set as the days for planting shrubbery and flowers at the Woman's Club house Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield, chairman, announced.

The committee will appreciate contributions of plants from local gardens. Anyone wishing to donate shrubbery or bulbs should contact Mrs. Crutchfield or take them to the clubhouse.

Following is a list of the desired plants: Ligustrum, Nandina, Wisteria, Abelia, Dogwood, Jonquils, Daffodils, and Narcissus.

DEATH CLAIMS FRENCH WORLEY

Boyd French Worley, prominent 61-year-old farmer of the Cerro Gordo section of Columbus county, died at his home Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock of a heart attack. He has been in declining health for several years but was not confined to his bed.

Funeral rites were conducted from the Spring Branch Baptist church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Rev. Haywood Comer, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife; four daughters, Mrs. Audrey Jolly of Tabor City, Mrs. John Wright, Jr., of Laurinburg; Mrs. James W. Smith of Raleigh, and Mrs. Ralph Sayre of Fayetteville; one son, A. J. Worley of the home; two brothers, Will Worley and Yates Worley of Cerro Gordo; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Nance of Cerro Gordo and Mrs. Hampton Baldwin of Whiteville; and 11 grandchildren.

THREE FROM TABOR CITY GET POSTS WITH BAPTIST VOLUNTEER FOUNDATION

W. S. Caudle of Lake Waccamaw was elected President of the Baptist Volunteer Foundation of Columbus County in a meeting of the Foundation at the New Hope Baptist Church on Friday evening. All officers of the Foundation had been serving on a temporary basis pending the completion of the organization.

Other officers: C. G. Westmoreland, Tabor City, Vice-president; Donald Keyser, Hallsboro, Secretary; Charles Council, Lake Waccamaw, Treasurer.

Board of Directors also elected: Pate Stanley, Lake Waccamaw and P. C. Gantt, Tabor City, were elected to serve for one year. Bill Thomas, Hallsboro, and A. M. Glisson, Whiteville, were elected for two years. Elbert L. White,

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