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Hamilton Disbands Fair Bluff Klavern For "Un-Klanish" Acts

A story datelined Whiteville and printed by the daily presses throughout the country last Friday morning announced that Thomas Hamilton, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, had disbanded the Fair Bluff klavern for "un-Klanish" activities. There was no definite word received here in this regard and best available reports were that Hamilton himself called in the story to the Associated Press from Whiteville last Thursday night. Official circles maintained a strange atmosphere of silence on the subject. Hamilton had denied in a letter received here on Tuesday that the Klan had had anything to do with recent acts of a threatening and violent nature in the Fair Bluff area. Thus his disbanding of the unit there came as a complete surprise to investigators and newsmen who have followed the organization's action closely. In so far as is known, the Grand Dragon's action had no bearing on the other units scattered throughout this section. Hamilton was quoted in the release as having said "some men have joined the Klan there (Fair Bluff) who have taken the wrong attitude and want to take the law in their own hands, and the Klan does not approve of that type activity."

DAVIS JEWELRY HAS NEW LINES

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hipps of the Davis Jewelers announced this week they are adding two new lines to their store. They are the Theodore Haviland china made in Maryland, and the Cambridge crystal line. Mr. and Mrs. Hipps attended the Jewelry Show in Atlanta last week and secured the new lines along with buying other merchandise for their store. They were accompanied to Atlanta by Mrs. Allene S. Cox.

CAROLINA DEPT. STORES TO OPEN SALE

S. P. Smith, owner of the Carolina Department Stores in Tabor City, Loris, Fairmont and Clarkton, announced this week that their annual February sale would open at 9:00 sharp Friday morning. Smith pointed out that buyers have recently returned from the markets with some exceptionally good quality merchandise at their lowest prices in many months. He also said that \$200 in free merchandise would be given away to the first 25 customers who enter his stores on Friday morning.

TOMORROW IS CITY TAG DEADLINE

Have you bought your Tabor City town license plate for 1952? If you haven't, you better beat a fast path to the town hall this morning and get it. Police Chief L. R. Watson announced this week that he had been instructed to give all townspeople whose vehicles do not have a tag displayed by February 1 a ticket. The receipt of this ticket will mean a town tag will cost you \$6.00 instead of the \$1.00 "sale" price for which you can now procure one.

MRS. HARDWICK ENTERTAINS

Mrs. J. B. Hardwick entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club at her home last week. Mrs. Frank Boswell received the high score award. At the conclusion of the progressions Mrs. Hardwick served her guests ice cream and ginger ale. The Sandy Plain church will give a Barbecue supper and chicken bog at the church Wednesday, February 6, at 7 o'clock benefit of the church building fund. Plates will be served from fifty cents up. The public is invited to attend officials announced this week.

PARKER SAYS LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY LEGION IS BADLY NEEDED IN AMERICA

State Commander Louis Parker told a gathering of local Legionnaires and their wives at a banquet here Thursday night that the need for universal military training, and other features of the national Legion's proposed legislation are fundamental to the security of the nation. He pointed out how the demerphases of armed power following World Wars I and II played leading parts in the resumption of wars. He also reiterated the Legion's resolution for an all out effort to win the Korean War regardless of where it had to be fought or else get out. "We have lost the war so far in Korea," Parker said. Following Commander Parker on the banquet program was Mrs. W. K. Stewart, area vice chairman of the Legion auxiliary, who told of the need for reorganization of the unit here. Mrs. Stewart itemized the noteworthy functions of the auxiliary in rehabilitation of soldiers and discussed the voting power of the ladies along with the recommendations which they can make to Congress as a body of 1,000,000 persons. Harry Simms, commander of this Legion district, along with Jim Creasv, of Wilmington Post 10, were also guests. Mrs. L. L. Motte, of the Wilmington auxiliary accompanied Mrs. Stewart. A barbecue supper was served to approximately 60 persons by the home economics department girls of the local school assisted by Miss Sarah Britt and Miss Evelyn Yates. A committee of six ladies were appointed to investigate the possibilities of reorganizing the local auxiliary unit. The unit has been inactive for several years. The committee is composed of Mrs. Arthur Prince, Mrs. F. G. Kelly, Mrs. Ralph Norris, Mrs. Evelyn Leonard, Mrs. Vernon Morris and Mrs. Weston Ganus.

LOCAL O. E. S. SLATES MEETING

The Tabor City Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet in the Masonic hall Monday, February 4, Mrs. Inez H. Rogers, secretary, announced. A practice for initiation will be held following the regular meeting and it is important that all officers attend, Mrs. Rogers said. Refreshments will be served during the social period.

W. M. S. Officials Call Meeting

The Executive Board of the Mount Tabor Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the church on Wednesday evening February 6, following the prayer service, Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland president, announced. A good attendance is expected by the board.

Mrs. D. J. Hughes Is Club Hostess

Mrs. D. J. Hughes entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club at her home this week. Mrs. J. B. Hardwick was high scorer. Various arrangements of spring flowers formed the setting for the progressions. A sweet course was served by Mrs. Hughes to Mrs. J. B. Hardwick, Mrs. J. M. McGowan, Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland, Mrs. J. F. Boswell, Mrs. J. O. Prince, Mrs. J. C. Bell, Jr., and Mrs. E. C. Sanders. Phil Hughes is home and getting out after undergoing an operation in the Watts hospital, Durham. Mrs. D. J. Hughes accompanied him to Durham where she visited in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Hughes. Sam Jackson, student at Clemson college, is spending the mid-term holidays at his home here. Mrs. B. E. Hughes is spending some time in Virgilina, Va. with her daughter, Mrs. Jimmy Pleasants, and Mr. Pleasants.

VFW TO NAME NEW OFFICERS NEXT WEEK

The Carlton M. Fonvielle Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will name its new officers for the coming year next Wednesday night. The meeting will be held at the City Cafe and is scheduled for 7:30. A chicken supper will be served. All members are urged by post officials to be present at the meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTINUE FOR SCHOOL FENCE

Contributions are continuing for the fence project at the Tabor City School Mrs. R. P. Counts P.T.A. president, announced this week. A number of patrons are donating by paying for several feet of fence while others are contributing in coins. Several children have brought eggs and chickens from the farm this week to be sold for the project. The fence cost was listed at around \$1,200 with the Parent Teachers Association sponsoring the project.

Red Devil Cagers Continue To Win

By Harvey Fowler & Gene Spivey The Tabor City Red Devils whittled down the Lumberton Pirates methodically at Lumberton Tuesday night and defeated them by a score of 44-42. The Pirates took an early lead but good defensive play by Sam Walden and Junior Jordan along with consistent team scoring brought the Red Devils into the lead in the third period. Maitland Smith led the game for Tabor City by sinking a field goal with just 15 seconds to play and the score tied at 42 all Smith and Gene Burroughs set the scoring pace with 12 points each. Larry McMullen led the Pirates with 14 points. GIRLS' GAME Tabor City's lassies lost a one point heartbreaker to the home team, 34-35. Alice Horne with 15 points and Jannell White with 14 led the Tabor scoring. Patsy Prince was the leading defensive player. Charlotte Hedgpeth with 26 points led the Lumberton sextet.

JIMMIE KELLER NEW POSTMASTER AT CERRO GORDO

Jimmie Keller, brother-in-law of Dr. Ross M. Williamson, popular local physician, has been named acting postmaster at the Cerro Gordo postoffice to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Katie E. Williams Kelliham, who has served Cerro Gordo very faithfully since July 28, 1915, giving her a total of 36 years and six months service. Mr. Keller takes over tomorrow. At the time of Mrs. Kelliham's appointment, she succeeded the late H. D. Kelliham, the officer was of the fourth class and postmasters in that class of office were paid on a percentage basis; that is, a portion of the cancellation and money order fees. In 1943 business had increased sufficiently that the office advanced to that of third class and clerks were installed on a salary basis. Mrs. Jewell Benton was named first clerk and has since taken civil service examination. She will remain with the incoming postmaster.

IRISH POTATO PRICE NOW UNDER O.P.S.

The Raleigh District OPS Office announces that, recognizing the fact that the white potato is the most important vegetable in the nation's diet, representing in dollar value approximately one-third of all money spent for vegetables in this country, the Office of Price Stabilization has issued a dollars-and-cents ceiling price regulation to fix the price of this commodity at the shipper-wholesaler level. Later, OPS officials declare, a similar regulation will be issued to control potatoes at the retail level.

Oliver Prince Elected President Of Tabor Merchants Association

Oliver Prince, local furniture and oil man, this week was elected president of the Tabor City Merchants Association for 1952. Prince was high man in a four way election and will assume the duties of president following the annual meeting of the group some time in February. He will succeed Ben L. Nesmith III. Vice President for the coming year will be Lewis Gore, second high in the balloting for president. A. E. Goldfinch was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding W. W. Woody who has held the post for two years. G. L. Dorman, chairman of the election committee, announced that new directors were not voted upon by ballot but would be named by the membership at the annual meeting unless some objection to this method was heard. The annual meeting is usually held in January but circumstances of an unavoidable nature have necessitated the postponement of the banquet.

Ministers Oppose Floggings

The Columbus County Ministerial Association last week lashed out at hooded lawlessness with a declaration that "we do not countenance nor condone the lawless and violent acts of certain men within our county." The Rev. P. F. Newton of Whiteville, president of the county organization of ministers released a copy of a resolution already signed by ministers of all denominations. "The continued increase in instances of lawless has made it necessary that we, as ministers declare ourselves opposed to such acts," the resolution stated. While no direct reference to the Ku Klux Klan was made, the ministers declared. "We believe that the organization which inspired these acts is destructive of law and order and conducive to individual fear, political corruption, and general anarchy." The resolution denounced those responsible for floggings in the county and went on to express "fear that the ultimate result of these happenings is to be political control by a subversive, Fascist-like group unless patriotic and Christian citizens stand against this evil." The ministers called upon all ministers and all Christians "to do all in their power to work with worthy law enforcement officers to defeat these forces." Following is the complete text of the resolution: "We, the undersigned ministers, members of the Columbus County Ministerial Association wish to make known to all people that we do not countenance nor condone the lawless and violent acts of certain men within our county. The continued increase in instances of lawlessness has made it necessary that we, as ministers, declare ourselves opposed to such acts. "Since there is a similarity in the pattern of all outstanding occurrences of recent violence in our county, it seems reasonable to assume that they are the result of organized lawlessness. We believe the organization which inspired these acts is destructive of law and order and conducive to individual fear, political corruption, and general anarchy. "We, therefore, believe no

CAGERS SPLIT WITH CLINTON

Tabor City's Red Devils overhauled the Clinton Dark Horses in a basketball game at the local gym last Friday night by a score of 57-41 while the lassies were taking a beating by the visitors. In the boys game, Junior Jordan set a fast pace for the locals as he tossed in 23 points, followed by Gene Burroughs and Maitland Smith with 12 each. The halftime score was 29-14 in favor of Tabor City and they maintained a substantial margin throughout the contest. Burroughs and Jimmy Garrell were standouts on defense and both left the game via the personal foul route late in the battle. They were replaced by Sonny Sanders and Jimmy Tompkins. High scorer for the Clinton Dark Horses was Ferty Faison with 20 points and Marshall Newman with seven. Fuller Royal suffered minor injuries in a collision with a team mate near the close of the game. The local girls didn't fare as well as the boys in their contest with the Clinton sextet and suffered a 30-45 defeat. The game was hardfought and the lead held by Clinton was never more than six points until the final quarter. Coach Jackson sent in his second team later in the final period and fans expressed satisfaction at the way they competed against the winners. High scorer for Tabor City was Alice Anne Horne with 22 points. Ann Jernigan and Patsy Prince were defensive leaders. Anne, a veteran of basketball competition here, has played her final best basketball this her final season. Patsy has another year to play. Anne Hicks led the Clinton aggregation with 26 points and Dorothy Wooten set the defensive pace.

awakened Christian can take part in such acts nor support any organization which inspires them. "We note, further, that certain basic American rights have been endangered. The sacred right of a man to be secure in his own home has been violated. Further men have been dealt punishment for supposed unethical acts without the American right of defense and proper trial. Further these acts of injustice are committed upon the persons of the people molested because of hearsay evidence, prejudiced feeling or as mere retaliation. Since these acts are in no sense legal they constitute an abrogation of the right of the courts to decide questions of guilt and to mete out proper punishment. "Even the right to assembly and worship without disturbance has been violated and the freedom of the press tampered with. "We note the close parallel between these occurrences and the subversive methods of Communist and Fascist organizations. We therefore, wear that the ultimate result of these happenings is to be political control by a subversive, Fascist-like group unless patriotic and Christian citizens stand against this evil. "Since the fear, suspicion, hate and further violence, which such lawlessness engenders, is completely contrary to the spirit of Christianity — that is, love, tolerance, and neighborliness: "We, therefore, call upon all ministers to condemn the evils which are besetting our county and upon all church members to do all in their power to work with worthy law enforcement officers to defeat these forces. Further, we call upon those who love their God, their church, and their country to realize that these acts of violence and the organization which sponsors them are un-Christian, unpatriotic, and destructive of every freedom we hold dear." The resolution was inspired by the series of floggings which began following the Ku Klux Klan Rally between Whiteville and Tabor City on August 18 of last year.

Talley Seeks Congress Post

J. O. Talley, Jr., Fayetteville attorney and mayor of the Cumberland city, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the seventh district. The post is now occupied by Rep. F. Ertel Carlyle of Lumberton. Talley, who is 31, was educated at 71st Township school in Cumberland county and was graduated from Campbell college and Duke University before attending law schools of Duke and Harvard. He was a World War II Naval officer in the amphibious forces.

Teen-Age Club Honors Member

Miss Margaret Jo Jernigan was honored with a surprise party by the Teen-Age club Saturday night January 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rogers, Jr. The occasion celebrated her 18th birthday anniversary. Dancing and games were enjoyed during the evening and refreshments were served to about 20 guests. The honoree received many nice gifts.

Woman Charged With Shooting

Chessie McCallum of near Fairmont was arrested Sunday afternoon on a charge of shooting her husband, William Hayes McCallum. The victim is in a Lumberton hospital. According to the Deputies Bill Lewis and Charlie Pittman the man was reported to have returned home, picked a quarrel with his wife and struck her. The woman grabbed a .22 calibre rifle and shot him in the side. Fred Reeves, who had no part in the argument but who was in the room, was struck in the arm by a stray bullet. The shooting took place on the Grimsley farm near Marietta.

Mrs. Jack Hughes is now convalescing at her home in Durham after being a patient at Watts hospital for several days. Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Ethridge and daughter, Ann, and Mrs. D. W. Williams of Norfolk, Va. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Garrell and Miss Genola Woodard. Among local students out of school this week with flu are Sheila Counts, Henry Neil Wright, Scottie Gore, Joel Hedgecoe, Glenn Smith, and Margaret Inman. Ralph W. Spivey, Joy Spivey and Douglas Wayne Spivey are ill with flu at their home. W. F. Cox is reported improving at the McLeod's Infirmary Florence where he has been a patient for about two weeks. Mrs. F. F. Thompson returned Sunday from Raleigh where she was, with her grandson, Steve, who underwent a major operation in the Rex hospital. He is now convalescing at home. Steve is the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Raleigh.