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CARTER'S COLUMN

W. HORACE CARTER

The United Forces for Education is a group of civic people who are putting across a legislative program that is designed to better the educational system in North Carolina. At a recent meeting of this group in Columbus County, many people were present who voiced their hearty support for this legislation which includes more school buses, appropriation for janitorial services, fewer number of students in class rooms, longer pay for teachers, a higher pay standard for teachers and other proposals.

Senator J. K. Powell, present at the meeting, said that the proposals were good but where would the money come from? He pointed out how he would be convinced that the proposals of some citizens favored additional revenue could be raised.

The truth of the matter is North Carolina has set a fast progressive path in the last few years in education, roads, hospitals and industry. It is granted that most of this forward movement has been great but most of us know have favored it all of it. You can't find many people who have any doubts that our country roads have surfaced. You can't find many who object to the new gas stations and school buildings in the nation.

Some would be true of our situation. There will be some old fashioned people who would like to see the old system just as it was 20 years ago. There are those people who are against progress in any shape. But the majority of people who have hope for tomorrow, thank God for progress today.

There are at all time high taxes being collected more in some ways than all other states but together have collected some George Washington took as the nation's first chief executive. But to get by on that part of the funds needed for education is being miserly in the wrong direction.

North Carolina is near the bottom in amount of money paid to school teachers. It is near the bottom in capital expenditure per student. Yet, we have been called the "Ideal State." We cannot hope to cope with the generations of youth in other states so long as we ignore the needs of today's children and pass them along through an educational system badly lacking in good teachers or enough of any kind.

In our own county, proof of our insufficiency of education can be found at any time you seek to bring industry into our area. Not so long ago there was just an opportunity. A big concern was interested in locating a plant in Columbus. They turned the location down primarily because the people were not believed to be sufficiently educated to properly handle assignments which the company would have to entrust to local employees.

Now other States find the ways and means for doing more for education that does North Carolina. We cannot afford to be left behind. The peoples of the county need to stop long enough to drop Senator Powell a note and put THEMSELVES on record as approving this program and then let the combined brains of the General Assembly figure out where the money is coming from.

Robert B. Norris Now In Philippines

CLARK AFB—Pfc. Robert B. Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Norris of Route 3, Box 82, Tabor City, is now assigned to the 6204th Photo Mapping Flight, Thirtieth Air Force on Clark Air Force Base, located 60 miles north of Manila.

A graduate from Tabor City High School, the Philippines is the first overseas assignment of Private Norris who entered the U. S. Air Force in June 1951.

Some of the "unreported" cases of mob violence and night floggings came into the public view for the first time, although the cases were many weeks old, over the past few days.

Details of the heretofore reference to "Fair Bluff Incident" have been reported as something like this:

Rev. Eugene Purcell, popular pastor of the Fair Bluff Methodist church, reportedly was told that it would be unsafe to allow a Negro quartet to sing at a men's fellowship supper. According to the reports he received this message several times. It is also said that the night the quartet was scheduled to sing that several cars bearing South Carolina license plates were parked across the street from the Methodist church and that their occupants remained in them until the Negroes were escorted to their homes without making their scheduled appearance at the fellowship supper. They did not sing.

Alton Bullock, an employee of Scott Motor Company in Fair Bluff, and manager of the quartet, said he was approached by a man he did not know who said he was from Florence and told not to let the group sing at the church service.

This incident is reported in the cause of illness of Rev. Purcell at the present time. He is presently on a leave of absence from Fair Bluff. Mrs. Purcell, an expectant mother, it is said was considerably disturbed by the tension and was taken away until the situation has subsided.

This incident apparently is the basis for Grand Dragon Harold Taylor's branding of the Fair Bluff Klavern.

Other night flogging victims whose cases have been disclosed include: Lawyer Jernigan of Hallsboro, who was beaten on the night of January 1; Crier Bluff Wright of Hallsboro, who was flogged on December 29; and Dorsey Robinson, a Negro of the Chadbourne area, who was whipped on October 11, the same night Clayton Sellers was seized and flogged.

Columbus Native Dies In Baltimore

Mrs. Bertha Giles, 63, sister of Mrs. R. C. Harrelson, Sr., of this city, died in Baltimore, Md. Wednesday. Funeral rites were held from the chapel of the McKenzie Funeral Home Friday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. John Biddle officiating. Burial followed in the Chadbourne cemetery.

She is survived by one son, John, two daughters, Miss Marjorie Giles and Miss Julia Giles, all of Baltimore; three sisters, Mrs. R. C. Harrelson, Sr. of Tabor City, Mrs. E. R. Crawford of Chadbourne, and Mrs. Louise Carlton of Jacksonville, Fla.; and a brother, Barber McLelland of Chadbourne.

Green Sea Club Studies Pictures

Mrs. Ernest Hayes was hostess to the January meeting of the Green Sea Home Demonstration club at her home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Hayes presided and gave the devotional.

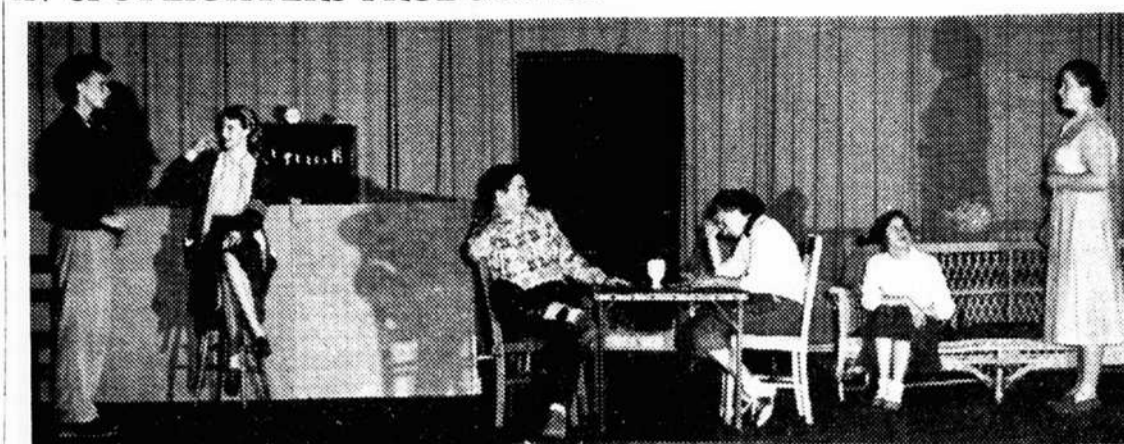
The minutes of the last meeting were read and roll called by Mrs. James E. Clardy. Beautifying the grounds at the grammar school teacherage was decided as the project for the coming year.

The officers for the year are: Agriculture, Mrs. E. L. Floyd; Beautification, Mrs. Ross Clemmons; Citizenship, Mrs. Ossie Harrelson; Consumer Education, Mrs. Ed Clemmons; Education, Mrs. C. A. Lupo; Fiance, Mrs. Cortez Britt; Health, Mrs. Rebecca Page; Legislation, Mrs. Wyman Lupo; Membership, Mrs. Addie Harrelson; Music and Recreation, Mrs. Morgan Gilreath; Publicity, Mrs. Jack Watson; Religion and Welfare, Mrs. Dewey Blanton; 4-H Council, Mrs. Tommie Johnson; Trustee of Loan Fund, Mrs. Lee Foley.

Miss Catherine Martin, assistant Home Demonstration agent gave the monthly demonstration on "Selecting and Hanging Pictures."

During the recreational period a salad course and coffee were served by the hostess.

IN SPOTLIGHTERS PRODUCTION



THE SPOTLIGHTERS, popular playmaking group of Tabor City, rehearse for the coming production of "Outward Bound" at the high school auditorium. Those shown on the stage are, left to right, Harold Jordan, Alice Ann Horne, Tommy Rogers, Sarah Williams, Mary Jo Pinner and Shannon Spivey. The play is being directed by Mrs. Katherine Jackson.

CAROLINA POWER AND LIGHT TAKES OVER TIDE WATER EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 1

Carolina Power and Light Company will take over Tide Water Power Company March 1, according to Louis V. Sutton, president of Carolina Power and Light Company. Stockholders of both companies Monday voted overwhelming approval of the merger.

A ready serving 274,121 customers in 22,000 square miles of the Carolinas, the Carolina Power and Light Company thus will extend its service to 72,500 new electric customers in 16 southeastern counties of North Carolina.

Expecting Federal Power Commission approval immediately CP&L took steps to make the merger effective as soon as possible. The "agreement of merger" will be filed with the Secretary of State at the close of business February 29. CP&L officials said the merger will be effective with the beginning of business, March 1.

CP&L's new territory includes 8,000 square miles with a population of approximately 369,000. It embraces 52,500 electric customers in 48 incorporated towns, 11,500 gas customers at Wilmington, Ken, Kingston, Fayetteville, New Bern and Washington; and about 2,600 water customers at Morehead City, Beaufort and Snow Hill.

The transaction is called a "statutory merger" and involves the exchange of outstanding Tide Water stock for CP&L shares or cash. Holders of Tide Water common may swap such shares at the rate of four for 1.1 of Carolina.

Current plans call for spending \$66,500,000 for expansion in the combined systems within the next three years (1952-54 inclusive). To improve service in the new territory, C. P. & L. will begin work immediately on a 110,000 volt transmission line into the area. Two such interconnections already exist, and plans for the third have approval of the Defense Electric Power Administration.

He indicated that plans for the area would provide even more employment for electric utilities personnel than already existed. Tide Water's president, Warriner W. Bell, and his executive vice-president, A. E. Jones, will serve as CP&L vice-presidents.

DEATH CLAIMS FREELAND FARMER

David James Ray, 85 year old farmer of Freeland, died in the Doshier Memorial hospital in Southport Saturday. Funeral rites were held from the New Life Baptist church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Bennie Price officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett Ray, and a daughter, Mrs. Ann Ray Bralix of Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. C. H. Pinner Pioneer Hostess

The Pioneer Study club met with Mrs. C. H. Pinner at her home Friday evening. Mrs. J. A. Huffman, Jr., president, presided. Mrs. A. P. Rogers, program chairman, gave the life and works of Pearl S. Buck.

Yellow spring flowers were used in the decorations for the occasion and a sweet course with coffee was served by the hostess. Present were Mrs. Huffman, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. S. W. Caruso, Mrs. Nell R. Fowler, Mrs. B. A. Garrell, Mrs. O. V. Hicks, Mrs. D. J. Hughes, Mrs. Ralph Inman, Mrs. S. L. Jackson, Mrs. W. O. Jackson, Mrs. D. F. McGougan, Mrs. B. L. Nesmith, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Singletary, Mrs. A. A. White, Mrs. W. A. Williams, Mrs. W. W. Woody, Mrs. R. B. Mallard, Miss Edith Stafford and Miss Anne Brooks McGougan.

The past matrons in attendance were presented corsages and the past patrons received bountiful gifts. Each honored officer received a gift.

The past matrons are Mrs. Marie Baldwin, Mrs. Inez Rogers, Mrs. Myrtle N. Soles, Mrs. Kate S. Prince, and Mrs. Vera Fontvielle. The past patrons are J. S. Rogers, Rev. Winfrey Davis and Milton Wright.

COURT HAS POSTPONED "KLUX" CASE

The "klux" threat case in which three Cypress Creek residents are charged with forcible trespass, was continued Monday until the next term of Superior Court.

Solicitor Clifton L. Moore offered no objection to the postponement motion offered by Luther Britt of Lumberton, council for the defense.

Charged in the "klux" threat are Johnnie Ward, Russell Blackmon and Pink Jacobs. They were recently convicted in Recorder's Court for alleged threats against Dan Ward.

Mrs. Fannie Spivey Passes At 86

Mrs. Fannie Louella Spivey, 86 of the Iron Hill community died in McLeod's Infirmary, in Florence, S. C. Thursday morning at 6:30 following a major operation on Monday. She had been in declining health for several months.

She was the wife of James Albert Spivey who died five years ago. A native of Dillon county she was the daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Britt Spivey. She was a beloved woman of her community and was affectionately known as "Aunt Fannie."

A faithful church member she joined the Bear Swamp church in her early days and moved her membership to the Iron Hill Baptist church when she came to Columbus county.

Funeral rites were held from the Iron Hill Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. S. A. Hatley, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Orren Anderson of Rowland and the Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor of the Mount Tabor Baptist church. Interment was made in the Spivey cemetery.

WATSON OBSERVES 5th ANNIVERSARY AS POLICE CHIEF

L. R. Watson, Tabor City Chief of Police, observed his fifth anniversary in that capacity here Tuesday February 5.

Watson came to Tabor City as police chief from Chadbourne where he had served on the force for about a year. Prior to that he had been employed in Wilmington.

He was hired while J. M. McCougan was mayor and the council was manned by R. C. Harrelson, Sr., Alton Garrell and Lewis Gore, and has seen a complete turnover in administration.

Watson has also received much credit for the greatly improved conduct of Tabor City during the time he has headed the police department. Open violations of the law have decreased many fold since he took over the duties in 1947.

GURTHIE FOWLER BURIED TUESDAY

Javie Gurthie Fowler, 48, of Tabor City died Sunday at 5:50 p. m. in the Community hospital. Mrs. S. C. after a brief illness. Funeral rites were held from the residence Tuesday at 2 o'clock p. m. conducted by the Rev. Coy Housand. Interment followed in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Norris Fowler; two brothers, J. F. Fowler and Archie M. Fowler of Tabor City; three sisters, Mrs. Linie Wilson of Charleston, Mrs. Janie Fowler and Mrs. Bessie Johnson of Tabor City.

The special edition is to feature Columbus county and will have considerable space devoted to Tabor City and Whiteville.

Town Board Warns Air Rifle Owners To Use Caution

CAGERS TAKE FIFTH WIN IN ROW

Tabor City's Red Devils made it five consecutive wins in the conference Tuesday night when they squeezed passed the Lumberton Pirates here by a score of 40-37.

Maitland Smith with 14 points led the local scorers while Junior Jordan accounted for 13. Gene Burroughs again was outstanding both on offense and defense.

R. L. Stocks with 18 points and Larry McMullen with nine set the pace for the Pirates.

Tabor City's girls also came through with a victory as they thoroughly trounced the Lumberton sextet 48-27.

Bobby Faye Jacobs with 17 points and Janelle White with 15 did most of the scoring for the locals. Anne Jernigan and Patsy Prince played outstanding floor games.

Adell Taylor with 11 points was high for the visiting lassies.

J. L. CLEMMONS PASSES AT HOME

John Lewis Clemmons, 74, prominent farmer of Green Sea, died at his home early Friday morning after an illness of about three years.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3:30 p. m. at the Green Sea Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. Morgan Gilreath officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Mr. Rowell, Rev. Orren Anderson and Rev. Mr. Mauring. Burial followed in the Green Sea cemetery.

He was a son of the late John Wesley and Eleanor Mills Clemmons. He married the former Miss Sara Ella Gore who died in 1937.

He is survived by his second wife, the former Miss Dora Rowell Blanton; six sons, Oscar, Ross, John, Tom, Edgar and Wesley; three daughters, Mrs. Gardner Prince, Mrs. Ira Hammond, and Mrs. Porter Shelly; two half sisters, Mrs. R. M. Garrell, Sr., and Mrs. Rosa Garrell; 32 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

MRS. LILLA MILLER PASSES IN BENNETTSVILLE

Mrs. Lilla Austin Miller, 82 wife of the late John S. Miller, died Sunday at 2:20 p. m. in a rest home in Bennettsville, S. C. She had been in declining health for several years. A native of Stanley County, N. C. she was a daughter of the late Rufus and Mary Jane Austin. She came to Columbus County in 1921 where she established residence on route 3, Tabor City.

Funeral services were held from the Kendall Baptist church, near Albemarle, where she was a life long member, Tuesday at 2 o'clock p. m. The Rev. S. A. Hatley and Rev. Tom Hern officiated and interment followed in the church cemetery.

She is survived by five sons, Cline Miller of Lilesville; O. M. Miller and Austin D. Miller of route 3, Tabor City; D. C. Miller of Camden, S. C. and W. C. Miller of Ontario, Canada; one daughter, Mrs. D. L. Long of Florence, S. C.; three step-sons, Dave Miller of Norwood, D. I. Miller of Albemarle, and J. A. Miller of New London; one step-daughter, Mrs. Cora Crisco of Albemarle; two brothers, M. C. Austin of Raleigh, Texas; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

W.M.S. Meets Monday

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Mount Tabor Baptist church will meet at the church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland president, announced.

The Tabor City Town Board meeting in regular session Tuesday night voted to warn all youngsters with air rifles that they must use them on their own premises only and must be used with caution.

The board decided that any person caught discharging an air rifle other than on his parents' property would be brought before the mayor for reprimanding and that parents would have to accompany them.

This action was taken because of numerous cases of damage inflicted on animals and property by careless handling of air rifles within the city limits.

The board also voted to erect a street light in the vicinity of the new gymnasium to facilitate parking at basketball games. Although approved by the board this light probably will not be erected until after Carolina Power and Light company takes over the franchise here in March.

Bobby Wright With 10th Marines

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.—Marine Cpl. Bobby G. Wright, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buren C. Wright of Tabor City, N. C., was recently assigned to serve with the Tenth Marines, an artillery regiment of the Second Marine Division.

Wright recently returned after serving with the Marines in Korea. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in July of 1948.

Prior to his present enlistment, Wright was employed on his father's farm near Tabor City. He graduated from the Tabor City High School in 1947.

CHAT IN KOREA CAUSES SOLDIER TO MISS BATH

A brief conversation between two local men in Korea caused one to miss his "much awaited for bath."

Ralph Baxter and Roger Mills who are with different fighting outfits met at the shower bath headquarters in Korea recently.

Mills was leaving the bath and Baxter was waiting his turn. When Baxter recognized Mills he stepped out of line for a chat and missed his bath.

Baxter is the son of Mrs. J. L. Baxter and the late Mr. Baxter, and Mills is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Mills.