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Charges Brought Against Four More Ex-Klansmen

A. E. Goldfinch Named Local Red Cross Chairman

A. E. Goldfinch, civic leader and manager of Prince Motor Co. here, has been named chairman of the 1952 Red Cross funds drive here, H. L. Valentine, Sr., county chairman, announced.

Goldfinch said today that the drive is officially open. "We have, in Tabor City, a substantial quota of $1,358.-48 and I will appreciate any contributions that the public will send in," Goldfinch said.

"It will take a lot of cooperation by the public to raise these needed funds this year but

everyone knows that the cause is a worthy one and I know the public in general will strive to put us over the top," he continued.

"Last year the Red Cross quota in Tabor City was $1,132 and a total of $807.87 was raised. I hope we can reach our quota and not fall short two years in a row," said Goldfinch.

The county's quota this year is $12,000 with only the Whiteville community having a larger share than does Tabor City. Whiteville has a quota of $4,632.

Other communities with their chairmen and quotas in this area are: Chadbourn, Lester Lowe, $1,020; Cerro Gordo, C. E. Williamson, Jr., $250; Cherry Grove, Mrs. Otis Williamson, $100; Fair Bluff, Mrs. E. K. Proctor, $542.80; Evergreen, Mrs. Frank Love, $339.60; Nakina, Leaman C. Ward, $150; Bug Hill 1 and 2, Greeley Long, $110 and $125 respectively; Clarendon, Mollie, Williams Township school, V. J. Columbo, $260 and $245 among others.

G. R. FIPPS PASSES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

George Roscoe Fipps, 52, of Loris, S. C., route 1 died Saturday at 5 o'clock p. m. in the Conway S. C. hosspital, after an illness of 15 years.

Funeral rites are scheduled for this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock at the Dogwood Hill church with the Rev. Mack Gore, Rev. Ansel Smith, and Rev. Thomas Hughes in charge. Burial will follow in the family plot.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maude Fipps of route 1, Loris; three son, Pfc. James R. of Amarillo, Texas, Daeford of Rock Hill, S. C., and Paul Gene of route 1, Loris; five daughters, Mrs. Ava Belle Hodge, route 1, Loris, Mrs. Katie Lee Boyd, route 1, Loris, Miss Lia Faye Fipps, route 1, Loris, Miss Brookie Mae Fipps, route 1, Loris, Miss Beth Jane Fipps of route 1, Loris; one brother, Roosevelt Fipps of Tabor City,; three sisters, Mrs. Debbie Fipps and Mrs. Carette Fowler of route 1, Loris, and Mrs. Lovetta Fowler of Tabor City; seven grandchildren.

White Motor Sales Announce Farmer's Day

White Motor Sales Announces—

White Motor Sales is holding a Farmer's Day, Thursday March 6, at 7 o'clock p. m. in their show room on the Tabor City-Green Sea road.

The public is invited to attend.

Refreshments and movies will be shown during the evening. The gala event is called in the interest of Massey-Harris.

Five Killed In Horry Wreck

Five men were instantly killed Sunday morning at 3 o'clock when their 1950 Ford crashed into the Inland Waterway Bridge at Bellamy's Landing.

The dead are Robert Edwin Smith, 22, William Herbert Duncan, 31, and Ralph Elbert Gore, 23, all of route 3, Tabor City; Lenwood Grainger, about 20, of Fair Bluff, Star Route, and Pfc. James D. Strickland, 19, U. S. Army of Loris, S. C.

Ralph Gore was named as the driver of the car. However, details of the accident are meager.

SMITH

Funeral rites for Smith, a farmer, were held from the Pireway Methodist church Tuesday at 2 o'clock p.m. with the Rev. Oscar Hardwick officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Mae Soles Smith; one son, Ralph; two daughters, Rosella and Wanda of the home; parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Smith of route 3, Tabor City, three brothers, Herman and Thomas E. Smith, Jr., of route 3, Tabor City, and Melton Smith of Forsythe, Ga.; five sisters, Mrs. Thelma Williams of Hemingway, Mrs. Myrtle Benton of route 2, Loris, Mrs. Letha Ray of route 3, Tabor City, Mrs. Eula Johnson of Loris, and Mrs. Juanita Whittington of Van Horne, Texas.

DUNCAN

Final rites for Duncan a farmer were held from the home Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m. conducted by the Rev. Ansel Smith. Burial followed in the Jacobs cemetery.

He is survived by four brothers, Roscoe, Woodrow, Burnice and Maulsby all of route 3, Tabor City; two sisters, Mrs. R. G Smith and Mrs. Barney Benton, both of route 3, Tabor City. A son of the late W. J. and Amanda C. Duncan, he served two years with the Army in World War II.

GORE

Funeral services for Gore, a chemist at Reigel Carolina Corporation, Acme, were held from the Pireway Freewill Baptist Baptist church Monday at 4 o'clock p. m. conducted by the Rev. Leavy Ward. Burial was in the Gore cemetery.

He served with the Army four years having spent some time in Italy. He was discharged in October 1951.

Surviving are the parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Clayton Gore one brother Edward Gore all of route 3, Tabor City.

STRICKLAND

Funeral services for Strickland were held from the Grassy Bay Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock p. m. with the Rev. Ralph Johnson and Rev. H. E. King officiating. Burial followed in the Hodges cemetery with military personnel in charge.

He is survived by his father, William J. Strickland; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Strickland; and maternal grandmother, Mrs. Francis F. Hodges.

GRAINGER

Final rites for Grainger were held from the Grassy Bay Baptist church Tuesday afternoon with Rev. H. E. King and Rev Ralph Johnson officiating. Interment was in the Williams cemetary.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Grainger; a brother, Alonzo; and a sister Mrs. J. C. Stroud of Fair Bluff.

Cheetham Dorman Dies Monday

Cheetham Dorman, 39, of Conway, S. C., route 4, died at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Mack Mishoe, Monday morning at 8 o'clock after a three month's illness.

Funeral rites were held from the Popular church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Charlie Tyler officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by two brothers, Leon of route 4, Conway, and Hubert of Loris, S. C.; one sister, Miss Edna Dorman.

LOCAL GIRL CAGERS UPSET WHITEVILLE IN TOURNAMENT

Tabor City's girl basketballers pulled the first upset of the Columbus county tournament Tuesday night when they rolled over the Whiteville Wolflets, defending champions, by a score of 37-28. It was the first victory for the Tabor City girls over Whiteville since 1945 and broke an 18 game winning streak for the county seat lassies.

Alice Ann Horne's 18 points and Bobbie Jacobs with 13 proved the undoing of the Whiteville sextet.

In other games Tuesday night, the Whiteville boys defeated Acme-Delco 39-29, and the Evergreen boys licked Fair Bluff 41-31.

Results of Monday night games were according to expectations with Williams girls beating Acme-Delco 64-24, Tabor City boys beating Williams 56-19 and Evergreen girls taking a win over Chadbourn 41-30.

Games tonight (Wednesday) are Chadbourn boys vs. Hallsboro; Cerro Gordo Girls vs Hallsboro; and Tabor City boys vs. Evergreen.

J. F. Boswell Club Host

F. Frank Boswell entertained the Men's Bridge club at his home Thurssday evening. J. Oliver Prince received the high score award and Willard Wright took the low. Other playing were Dr. R. C. Harrelson, Jr., E. F. Wright, Ben Nesmith, III, Don Hughes and Dr. H. G. Dameron.

Strawberry short cake and coffee were served during the evening.

Town Of Chadbourn Sells Water Bonds

The Town of Chadbourn sold a total of $50,000 in water and sewer bonds to the bonding agency of McDaniel-Lewis Company of Greensboro, it was learned last week.

The bonds were sold for 1.86 rate of interest, C. L. Tate, a member of the Chadbourn Board of Commissioners, reported. Tate, who is also executive vice-president of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., described this rate of interest as "excellent" for a town the size of Chadbourn.

New Life Club Has Meeting

The New Life Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Lester Watts at her home Thursday evening for a demonstration on Corn Shuck Articles. Details in making chair bottoms and door mats were explained.

Refreshments were served by the hostess after the demonstration.

Following is a report of the Register of Deeds for the month of Feb., 1952:

449 Chattels @ 50c	$224.50
483 Liens @ 50c	241.50
159 Deeds	325.60
185 Mortgages	479.20
388 Irregular Instrm'ts	410.00
50 Misc. Instrm'ts	87.95
5 Marriage License	20.00
	$1788.75

Dogs In Columbus To Be Quarantined

All dogs in Columbus County will be quarantined for 90 days beginning Monday, March 10, it was announced today by Dr. Floyd Johnson, county health officer.

Dr. Johnson said there had been a report Sunday of a mad dog biting livestock and several other dogs in the Clarendon community, and the quarantine for all the county was for the protection of the people and livestock in Columbus.

The health officer reported that all dog owners would be expected to keep the animals on their premises and they would be responsible for the actions of their dogs.

YAM MEET SLATED HERE MARCH 12

All farmers and dealers in sweet potatoes are urged to attend a meeting at the Tabor City school auditorium next Wednesday night, March 12, at 7:30, Charles Raper, county agent, announced today.

The very latest information relative to the control of sweet potato diseases, along with other valuable information regarding the yam, will be given to the group next Wednesday by Dr. L. W. Neilson and Howard R. Garriss, of the plant pathology department of N. C. State College.

A similar meeting will be held in the high school auditorium at Chadbourn on Tuesday night, March 11, Raper said.

REPUBLICANS NAME TUCKER 1952 CHAIRMAN

Irvin B. Tucker, Jr., Whiteville attorney, was reelected chairman of the Columbus County Republican Executive Committee at the party's biennial convention in Whiteville Friday night.

Mrs. D. E. Baggett was named vice chairman and J. A. Maultsby, Jr., was elected secretary-treasurer.

Organizing for the 1952 primary and election campaigns, Republicans elected the following members of the executive committee: D. E. Baggett, Whiteville; A. G. Long, Route 3 Tabor City; Wayne Bailey, Chadbourn; Ralph L. Price, Clarendon; John H. Peterson, Delco; Ralph Spivey, Tabor City; and Crovo Benton, Cerro Gordo.

"All Republicans in good standing" were designated as delegates to the Congressional and State Conventions.

District Chairman Josiah A. Maultsby, Sr., announced that the Congressional convention would be held in Elizabethtown, March 8. The State convention will be held on March 18.

Since the primary system is in effect in this county, candidates for Columbus offices will file in the primary, and no nominations were made at the convention.

SCOTT SAYS KLAN LOSING BOUT IN N. C.

Governor Scott told his press conference Tuesday that North Carolina seems to be winning its battle aga nst the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan is learning, he said, that North Carolina's solicitors, sheriffs and State and local authorities are determined to stamp out Klan activity.

"It ought to be stopped," he insisted. "There's no cause for it."

Like many another North Carolinian, the Governor was pleased with the showing made by the SBI, the Columbus County sheriff's department and Solicitor Malcolm Seawell. He also praised the "quickness" with which Wake County officers and court officials cleared up a cross-burning near Knightdale — an incident which proved to be a poorly thought out prank.

Scott said he had heard a lot about "the boldness of Seawell." Seawell recently called a group of Klansmen on the carpet and warned them either to renounce Klan membership or face prosecution.

"He's been very forthright," the Governor said.

Scott wasn't sure what caused the Klan to move into Columbus County. He surmised, however that it had just leaked over the line from South Carolina.

Caroline Jackson In Meredith Performance

RALEIGH — Caroline Jackson of Tabor City is participating in the annual Palio and Stunt Night at Meredith College, scheduled for next Saturday afternoon and night, March 8. The colorful Palio parade will begin at 3 o'clock on the front drive of the college with the class Stunts getting underway at 8 in the auditorum

In the Saturday night stunt competition, Miss Jackson is a members of the cast of the sophomore class entry in the contest for which a gold loving cup is awarded for the best original dramatic stunt.

Preceding the night performances, the 17th annual celebration of "Palio," the Meredith version of the ancient Italian festival of Siena, will be held in the afternoon. Judges will award the Palio banner to the best class costumed entry in the event which also features races and contests between the four classes

Miss Jackson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Jackson of Tabor City, is majoring in primary education at Meredith and is also a member of the Spanish Club.

Tuesday Club Entertained

Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club at her home yesterday. Mrs. D. J. Hughes was high scorer.

A salad course with coffee was served by the hostess to Mrs Hughes, Mrs. R. C. Harrelson, Jr. Mrs. James Cox, Mrs. J. F. Boswell, Mrs. J. M McGougan, Mrs. B. L. Nesmith, Jr., and Mrs. B. L. Nesmith, III.

Mrs. J. B. Hardwick entertained the club recently at which time Mrs. J. F. Boswell received the high score award. A sweet course was served by the hostess

FORMER FAIR BLUFF POLICEMAN SURRENDERS AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Another Columbus county flogging case was solved this week and four more alleged ex-Klansmen and floggers were indicted and loose on $5000 bonds.

Latest arrest was that of Frank Lewis, former police chief at Fair Bluff, who surrendered in Whiteville this morning (Wednesday). Lewis was the fourth person to be implicated in the flogging of Woodrow Johnson, mechanic of Whiteville, on the night of December 8.

Arrested on Tuesday in the same case were Henry Otto Edwards, 52, Whiteville garage operator; John Honeycutt, Jr., 26, a Chadbourn produce dealer; and Ray Kelly, 43, mechanic and garage operator. At least one other arrest in this case was a definite possibility and would have been made Tuesday except for the sickness of the individual involved. His arrest is expected to be made today or tomorrow.

The arrest of Lewis today brought the total number of persons now charged with Klan floggings in this county to an even 20 and five flogging cases now have definite suspects under arrest.

SBI Agent James F. Bradshaw identified Kelly as the man who answered the door when advance agents of the mob called at the Johnson home on the night of December 8, 1951. Kelly, a neighbor of the Johnson family, was reported to have summoned Johnson from a cot where he was asleep and told him some men wanted to see him.

Admission Made

Bradshaw said Edwards, a father-in-law of the victim by marriage, admitted he was a Klan member in 1951 but had torn up his card and burned his robe.

Honeycutt was quoted as saying he had sent a Klan membership application to Grand Dragon Thomas L. Hamilton of Leesville, S. C., but claimed he had received no reply. He contended he had sent no money with the application, the SBI agent said.

The FBI crackdown on February 16 against 10 Fair Bluff area men in the Dorothy Dillard Martin and Ben Grainger kidnapping was followed last Wednesday by the arrest of 12 men by SBI agents and county officers in the kidnapping of Esther Lee Floyd, a Chadbourn Negro. Since six of the men arrested in the Floyd case had previously been charged in the FBI case the total number of men accused in the two cases went to 16.

SBI Agent Bradshaw revealed today that the same 12 arrested last Wednesday would also be charged with the flogging of Dorsey Robinson, another Chadbourn Negro on the same night Esther Lee Floyd was kidnapped. He did not indicate that they would be rearrested immediately

Arrests are yet to be made in the floggings of eight other victims. Seven of these have been identified as Lee Tyson, Greet Pinkney, Wright Lawyer Jernigan, Robert Lee Gore, Clayton Sellers, H. D. Best and Evergreen Flowers.

Bonds for the three men arrested in the Johnson case were set at $5,000 for Honeycutt and Edwards and $3,000 for Kelly. All made bail and were released.

Edwards is charged with aiding and abetting in the kidnapping of his son-in-law while Kelly, the victim's neighbor at the time is charged with conspiracy. Honeycutt is alleged to have been a member of the mob.

FLOGGING DETAILS

Johnson was beaten on a Saturday night after he had returned home from Florence, S. C., where he had been working as a mechanic in a garage. Some men called to see him for a minute. Supposing they were people who wanted to talk to him about automobile repair work, as was often the case when he was home for weekends, he walked up to a car where he was seized, blindfolded, and carried away to be flogged.

The mechanic was beaten severely and released by the mob which warned him not to look back. He was one of the two victims who disregarded warnings about talking to the law and reported the incident to officers immediately.

RED DEVILS ENTER LOOP TOURNAMENT

The Tabor City Red Devils, after tonight's bout in the county tournament, will see their next action in the State Class AA district fracas in Sanford on Friday night. The locals will compete there against Sanford, Rockingham and Laurinburg for the district crown. They will play both Friday and Saturday night's if they win in their opening round.

The locals will return home to compete in the finals of the county tournament if they win in their bout with Evergreen here tonight.

WAMPEE MAN IS PROMOTED

WITH THE 7TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA — Lenford L. Carter, whose wife, Doris, lives on Route 1, Wampee, S. C., was recently promoted to sergeant while serving with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

The division occupies a strong bunker and pillbox defense line on the mountainous east-central sector of the front. Tank-infantry patrols from the division move out daily to probe and raid Red defenses in the "Punchbowl" area.

Carter, who entered the Army on Jan. 16, 195[illegible] is a member of the 32d Regiment. He departed for Korea on May 31, 1951, and since his arrival in Korea has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Korean Service Ribbon with one campagin star.

Carter attended Loris (S. C.) High School.

C. W. FORMYDUVAL DIES AT DUKE

Captain Willie FormyDuval, 57, prominent farmer of the Old Dock section of the county died in Duke hospital Tuesday night at 8 o'clock after an illness for several months.

Funeral rites will be held from the Palmyra Baptist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. Gaston Hester officiating. Interment will follow in the family cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Ora FormyDuval; nine sons, Morton of Freeland, Ulysees, Lile, Guy, Foy, Faye, Wynn, and Gleon, of Nakina, and Thurl of Marion, S. C.; two daughters Miss Coleen FormyDuval of Wilmington and Miss Thela FormyDuval of Nakina; two brothers, J. J. of Hallsboro and M. L. of Shallotte; one sister, Mrs. Belle Ward of Nakina.

J. W. BLACKBURN DIES IN HOSPITAL

Jillie Wilson Blackburn, 69, retired farmed of Loris, S. C., route 1, died in the Mullins hospital Thursday morning following three years of declining health.

A son of the late George and Louise Harrelson Blackburn of Horry County, he was a member of the Tabor City JOUAM and an honorary deacon of the Mount Tabor Baptist church. He moved his membership to Mount Tabor church from the Mt. Zion Baptist church in 1938 and resided in Tabor City for several years.

Funeral rites were held from the Mt. Zion Baptist church Friday at 3:30 p. m. by the Rev. P. C. Gantt, Rev. S. A. Hatley, Rev. Morgan Gilreath, and Rev. Ralph Johnson. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Lula Harrelson Blackburn of route 1, Loris; one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Floyd of route 1, Loris; two brothers, W. A. Blackburn of Loris and Luther Blackburn of Wannabow; one sister, Mrs. Carson Harrelson of Loris; one granddaughter and one grandson.

Singing Convention

A singing convention will be held at the Fire Baptized Holiness church in Tabor City Sunday afternoon at 2:30 officials of the church announced this week. Rev. Chester Collins, pastor, will be in charge.

The public is invited to attend.

Tally Speaks At Merchants Meet

J. O. Tally, Jr., mayor of Fayetteville and candidate for Congress from the seventh district, was the featured speaker at the annual banquet of the Tabor City Merchants Association in the school cafeteria Monday evening.

Using for his subject "What Is Our Civic Duty" Mayor Tally urged the return of American faith. He said "we must live a life of civic service as well as a personal life" and stressed that each person should be aware of his civic responsibilities.

Willard Wright, local town commissioner, introduced the speaker. He also introduced Love, of Whiteville, who spoke on the current Red Cross Drive. Howard Vallentine, Columbus County Red Cross fund chairman, of Whiteville, was recognized as a guest.

Mayor W. A. Williams led the invocation.

Ben Nesmith, III, 1951 president of the association, presided at the banquet and turned the gavel over to J. Oliver Prince, newly elected president. Lewis Gore and A. E. Goldfinch will serve Prince as vice president and secretary-treasurer respectively. The new directors will be elected by ballot.

W. W. Woody, retiring secretary-treasurer, reported a $2400 bank balance with no bills. C. C. Leggette is the outgoing vice president.

The banquet meeting, a ladies night affair, was attended by members of the merchants association and all local civic clubs. The Parent Teachers Association served the dinner.