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## Red Devils Capture County Cage Championship

### New Officers Of Merchants Association



Oliver Prince, president; Lewis Gore, vice-president; and A. E. Goldfinch, secretary-treasurer, are shown discussing this year's activities at a recent meeting of the Tabor City Merchants Association at which they were installed in the important positions. A business meeting of the association will be held in the school cafeteria March 24 at which time directors will be named.

## Carolina Power & Light Announces Big Community Betterment Project

A contest offering \$8,750 in prizes for "Carolina's finest" towns, judged by community improvements made during this year, was announced here last week.

Details of the competition were given at a dinner sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Company, which will offer the prize money and will help to promote the contest. Theme of the project is "helping to build a Finer Carolina."

The contest is open to the 300-odd communities whose electricity is served at retail by Carolina Power & Light Company. The contest was announced simultaneously at 69 dinner meetings attended by community leaders throughout the area.

Rules for the contest were explained by L. W. Chauncey, representative of Carolina Power & Light Co. Towns wishing to compete must enter the contest by April 1, he said, and the winners will be judged for improvements made during the 12 months ending next November 1.

There will be three population groups competing for three sets of prizes of \$1,000 each for the winners and \$750 for the runners-up. The first group will include towns of 1,000 or less, the second towns of 1,001 to 2,500 population, and the third towns over 2,500 population. In addition, two state prizes of \$1,000 each will be awarded to North Carolina's "finest" and to South Carolina's "finest," regardless of population. Thus it is possible for one town to take \$2,000 in prize money. In addition, there will be 15 prizes of 100 each for honorable mention.

"Nobody loses," said Mr. Chauncey, who explained the details of the contest: "for even if your town is not one of the 23 prize winners, the competition will bring its reward in terms of civic pride and improvements for the community."

"Carolina Power & Light Company is spearheading this contest because that company's future depends upon the future of the people it serves," he explained. "There is no gimmick to it. The company expects to prosper in direct proportion to the progress and development of the area."

He explained that checks for the prize money will be made payable to the steering committee and may be applied to the future development of long-range projects under taken during the year.

The speaker pointed with pride to the state's high rank in the nation, and especially in the South in agriculture, in industrial growth, in scenic beauty and in her potential for attracting tourists. But he also stressed her relatively low per capita income and the migration of youths trained in the state to other localities that promised them greater reward for their services.

"Regardless of the progress made by North Carolina during recent years," he added, "there is still room for improvement. There is unlimited opportunity for the development of civic pride, better schools and churches, more playgrounds and parks, and an expansion of public facilities."

Mr. Chauncey suggested the

best way to start a constructive program would be to conduct a survey to decide what the community already has and what it needs. Towns will be judged on the basis of just five projects, he explained, and he suggested holding community efforts to five carefully selected projects "in order not to scatter your shots."

## RUDOLPH FIPPS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN FIGHT HERE

Rudolph Fipps and Bill Norris, both of Tabor City, fought a drunken fight with a knife and cue stick at a local pool room Saturday afternoon late that ended with Fipps being seriously injured with a brain concussion.

Fipps was in the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, S. C., this morning and believed to be slightly improved although still in critical condition. He had not spoken since Sunday until late Tuesday and had been completely berserk much of this time.

Warrants have been sworn out for both men. Fipps is charged with public drunkenness and assault and Norris is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Reports of the fight have been widely divergent but eye witness accounts of the fracas indicate that it was something on this order.

Fipps and Norris both reportedly were drinking and an argument started between them. Fipps allegedly took a hold of Norris' coat and Norris slapped him. This incident was believed by bystanders to be strictly of a playful nature. However, as the argument continued, witnesses say that Norris struck Fipps with his fist, knocking him down and out. Witnesses say Fipps lay on the floor where he was knocked for some time while operators of the pool room were endeavoring to get in touch with policemen.

Reportedly, Fipps finally got to his feet, went into the back of the pool hall and Norris remained in the front. Fipps then is said to have returned to the front with his knife and slashed at Norris' back. Norris moved forward slightly and the knife cut through his coat, shirt and undershirt but did not actually injure him.

Witnesses say that Fipps then ran into the back of the pool room with Norris chasing him around tables. Norris is said to have picked up a cue stick while chasing Fipps who was by then heading for the front door. Fipps ran into the front door, breaking the glass and falling down.

At this point witnesses say Norris overtook him and struck him across the head with the cue stick. He allegedly then kicked him out onto the sidewalk where he struck him again "between the eyes."

Policemen arrived several minutes later and carried Fipps to jail. Policemen say that Fipps walked into the jail at 7:30 and that he did not ask for a doctor that he was kept in jail until 1:00. He was released. Policemen say that he also walked out of the jail and that they found no

bruises on him except a bruised eye and did not consider his condition serious. However, they say they did look for a doctor but could not locate one.

Policemen said that the rumor that there was no fire in the jail during the time he was there was false and that there was fire in the heater.

Fipps was carried home and on Sunday became seriously ill. He was carried to the Columbus County hospital twice Sunday but allegedly was told that nothing consequentially was wrong with him. However, he became irrational after the second visit and could not talk. He spoke no more from the time he left the hospital in Whiteville Sunday until Tuesday afternoon. During this time he was partially paralyzed.

Meantime he had been rushed to Columbia where an emergency brain operation was performed to remove a blood clot. Doctors told persons there that his condition was almost hopeless, however, he was showing some slight improvement Tuesday night.

## LEGION MEET IS PLANNED THURSDAY

All members of the Tabor City American Legion Post 101 are urged to attend the regular semi-monthly meeting of post at the hut here Thursday night at 7:30. The meeting will be short and a maximum of business will be transacted.

## PRESBYTERIANS SLATE SERVICE

The Tabor City Presbyterian church will hold regular morning worship services Sunday with F. C. Hutchinson, supply pastor delivering the sermon. The public is invited to attend.

## High School Chorus Wins No. 1 Rating

The Tabor City high school mixed chorus won a number one rating of "Superior" at the State Music Festival in Wilmington last Saturday morning. It marked the first time that the local singers had won this highest honor although on two previous occasions that had earned a number two rating of "Excellent."

The 54 voice group which took part in the Wilmington festival

## JILEY D. FOWLER DIES FOLLOWING AUTO ACCIDENT

Jiley D. Fowler, 58, prominent farmer of Tabor City, route 2, died in the Mullins S. C. hospital Saturday afternoon at 5:30 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Fowler's School on Sunday.

He was a veteran of World War I and a trustee of the Fowler's School.

Funeral services were held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Brice Ward officiating. Interment followed in the E. Fowler's cemetery. Full military honors were accorded at the graveside by the Tabor City American Legion Post, Number 101.

He is survived by six sons: Clayton Fowler, Jim D. Fowler, Clayton Fowler and Lacy Fowler, Ralph Simmons, and Junior Simmons, all route 2, Tabor City; two daughters, Miss Thelma Fowler, and Miss Lula Fowler of route 2, Tabor City; two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Faulk and Mrs. Ransom Fowler of route 2, Tabor City.

## H. B. Buffkin Burned In Auto Accident

H. B. Buffkin, Jr., of Tabor City, and Bob Spivey, of Tabor City, were injured in an auto accident near Ocean Drive Beach Sunday morning before dawn.

Buffkin was rather seriously injured when his clothing became soaked with gasoline which blistered much of his body. At present he is confined to McLeod's Infirmary in Florence.

A Fairmont, N. C., man was killed in the wreck.

Reportedly, the car in which Buffkin, Spivey and two unidentified girls were in had stopped on the side of the road because of motor trouble when another car allegedly driven by Frank Bailey, 42, of Fairmont, crashed into their parked car. The gas tank on the parked car burst and saturated Buffkin's clothing causing his injuries. Spivey suffered minor bruises. Bailey was killed almost instantly.

## TROY ROSWELL DIES TUESDAY

Troy C. Boswell, 54, one of the best known subscription solicitors in this section, died suddenly at the home of his sister, Mrs. Neta Long, in Cerro Gordo, Tuesday. Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 P. M. at his sister's home. Burial will follow in the family cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Rakley Boswell, a daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Allen; three sons, Claude, Harvey and Andy, all of Cerro Gordo.

Boswell had been an asthmatic for many years and had been hospitalized frequently in recent months. He was a popular figure throughout Columbus county and had been associated with the newspaper business in several capacities for many concerns.

## Women Of Church Hold Meeting

The Women of the Tabor City Presbyterian church met with Mrs. J. A. Huffham, Jr. at her home Tuesday evening. Mrs. W. O. Jackson gave the Bible Study from the Tenth Commandment, and Mrs. Huffham presented the program entitled "Christians Changing The World."

A salad course with Russian tea was served by the hostess to Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. Roland Baldwin, Mrs. J. C. Bell, Jr., Mrs. Claude Boyd, Miss Caroline Murray, Miss Roberta McCulloch, and Miss Myrtle Bailey.

## LAURINBURG LICKS LOCAL CAGE TEAM

A powerful Laurinburg basketball team took the measure of the Tabor City five at Sanford last Friday night in the district Class AA championship playoff by a score of 42-27.

Laurinburg went on to win the four team title by beating Sanford in the finals 61-45 on Saturday night.

Laurinburg will represent Southeastern North Carolina in the State championship at Durham this weekend.

## ELDRÉD WADDELL TO ARRIVE HERE

S-Sgt. Eldred Waddell who has spent 18 months with the Armed Forces in Okinawa is expected to arrive here this week for a 30 day furlough. He arrived in San Francisco, Calif. Sunday.

He is the son of Mrs. Rena Gore Waddell, and has been in the service for five years.

## LEO HOLT OPENS BUSINESS HERE

Leo Holt, a mechanic with about 40 years experience, this week opened a garage and service station in the W. Leonard building here. The location previously housed the L and W Auto Service.

The new business will be known as Holt's Auto Service. Mr. Holt said this week "I would like for my friends to visit me at my new place." He has been a Tabor City mechanic for about 20 years. Before establishing residence here he worked in Loris S. C., Chadbourne, Saint Paul, Lumberton and Whiteville.

## CROWNED COUNTY CHAMPIONS



Tabor City's Red Devils captured the Columbus County basketball title at the local gymnasium Monday night by defeating Whiteville 53-47. The players who brought this distinction to the team capital are left to right: Sonny Sanders, Gene Burroughs, Jimmy Jernigan, Jimmy Tompkins, Junior Jordan, Maitland Smith, Sam Wallden, Earl Soles, Jimmy Garrell and Tommy Rogers.

## ATTEND CANCER MEET

Mrs. Mae S. Young, chairman of the Columbus County Unit, American Cancer Society, attended the annual district meeting of the Society in Clinton yesterday. The business session was held in the Methodist church Fellowship Hall and the luncheon was given at the Rufus King Hotel.

Mrs. Young was accompanied by Mrs. Jackquelin Evans of the County Health Department.

## CAROLINA BAPTIST SLATES REVIVAL

The Carolina Baptist church annual spring revival meeting will get underway Sunday,

The Tabor City girls' basketball team lost out in the semi-finals round of the Columbus County tournament here last week but the boys' aggregation was not to be denied and hung up a 53-47 win over Whiteville here Monday night in the finals for the Columbus title.

The Red Devils entered the tourney as the favorite and lived up to their advance billing by winning fairly handily in each of their three tournament starts.

In the final scrimmage against Whiteville, Junior Jordan again took the limelight by playing an outstanding floor game while tossing in 22 points. Gene Burroughs connected for 12 points and Sonny Sanders had eight.

Bobby Stanley scored 16 points for the losing Whiteville Wolfpack and John Lemmon had 14.

Tabor City held a four point, 30-26 lead at half time and continued to command the scoring with a narrow margin throughout the last two stanzas.

The new Tabor City gym, scene of its first county tournament, was jammed to almost twice its ordinary capacity. The gym is designed for 932 persons but more than 1500 were jammed inside for the tournament finals. Many were not able to get in the gymnasium at all.

The Evergreen girls won the lassies' title by pulling ahead in the third period and going on to defeat Williams 43-35. The game was tied 26-26 at halftime.

Trophies and individual awards were made to the following teams:

Evergreen Girls, winners of the Class A county title and also winners of the county championship.

Williams girls, runners up in the Class A bracket and also runners up in the county championship.

Chadbourne boys, Class A county champions; and Evergreen boys, runner up in the county class A competition.

Tabor City boys, county champions; and Whiteville boys, runner up for the county title.

## W. S. C. S. Slates Meeting

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Saint Paul Methodist church, will meet in the church auditorium Tuesday night, March 18, at 7:30, Mrs. Doc Bruton, president, announced.

"The meeting is very important and all members are urged to attend," Mrs. Bruton said.

## Another Cutting Here Saturday

S. H. Small and W. H. Tyler were involved in a knifing here Saturday night about 7:30 according to police reports.

Small was allegedly cut by Tyler across the neck and chest and was rushed to the Loris Community Hospital. Both men were from Horry county and no arrests in the fight have been reported to date.

## MAD DOG KILLED AT VINEGAR HILL

A mad dog was killed in the Vinegar Hill section of the county Tuesday after running at large from East Tabor, officials reported. He was brown and white spotted and weighed about 40 pounds.

It was definitely known that the infected dog made attacks on other dogs and residents of that area should observe dogs for possible rabies infection officials said.

## Western Auto will introduce complete 1952 line of Wizard Major Appliances at a special show to be held in Hotel Charlotte, Charlotte, on Sunday March 16, officials announced this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Currie and Royce Harelson of the Tabor City, and Loris, S. C., Western Auto Associates will attend the show along with representatives from Associate Stores throughout North and South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.

## Judges of the Wilmington festival were from Duke University, Davidson and Greensboro College.

The local chorus has been organized for about six years.

festival 500 voices will make up a chorus that will be directed by Dr. Lare Hoggard, choir director of the Fred Waring Pennsylvanians.

The honors received at Wilmington entitles 12 members of the chorus to attend the State Festival in Greensboro. At this

present their second annual concert in Tabor City. Mrs. Nel Fowler is accompanist.

New Hanover high school was the only other group to receive the "Superior" rating. St. Paul and Rowland received number two ratings of "Excellent."

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