

Fifth Annual Carolinas Yam Festival Is Approved

Floyd Announces Candidacy For House

W. F. (Bill) Floyd, present chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and a member of that body for the past six years, today announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives.

Up to now, he is the only aspirant for the Democratic nomination in the May 31 primary.

Floyd said he was announcing early to give full opportunity for a statement of his views regarding legislative matters.

A native of Tabor City, Floyd moved to Whiteville in 1936 where he engaged in the general insurance business. Two years later he became a partner in the Bond-Barkley Agency which engages in the general insurance and farm supply business.

He has been active in the business, political and civic affairs of Whiteville and Columbus County for a number of years.

A World War II veteran, he served in the Army for 43 months and was separated from the service with the rank of captain. He



held that rank in the organized Reserves. The Whiteville man is seeking the House seat filled at the 1951 session by Homer G. Avant, Sr., of Whiteville.

JANELL WHITE NAMED HEAD OF RAINBOW

Janel White was elected Fourth Advisor of the local Chapter Order of Rainbow for Girls at a meeting held in the Masonic Hall Monday evening.

Other officers elected were Rose Marie Simon, Worthy Associate Advisor; Mae Cox, Charity; Mica Claire Cox, Hope; Patsy Ward, Faith; Faye Spivey, Treasurer; Sheila Jean Hux, Drill Leader; Betty Jean Reese, Chaplain; Nell Long, Confidential Observer; Monnie Long, Outter Observer; Joan Strickland, Pianist; Marion Grey Todd, Choir Director; Ann Horne, Love; Sarah Williams, Religion; Mable Hodges, Nature; Dana Soles, Immortality; Darius Soles, Fidelity; Hilda Rae Wright, Patriotism; and Lona Long, Service.

Problems include Mary Ellen Todd Outter Observer, Mary Jo Pinner, pianist.

Nancy Hardee — Choir Director; Mary Lois Garrell — Love; Barbara Bullock — Religion; Frances Fowler — Nature; Shirley Fowler — Immortality; Susie Williams — Fidelity; Jean Fowler — Patriotism; and Anna Louise Cox, Service.

The new officers will be installed in a public program in April. Mrs. Mae S. Young, Mother Advisor, announced.

Directors Meeting
All members of the newly-elected board of directors of the Tabor City Merchants Association are urged to attend a meeting at the town hall Thursday afternoon at 7:00.

MSGT. BERNICE E. DAVIS
MSGT. Bernice E. Davis, of the Marine Corps, is spending a leave here with his mother, Mrs. Roger G. Davis. Sgt. Davis has been in the service about 14 years. He will report to Washington, D. C., April 4 for Embassy Duty overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Grainger and Miss Vera Graham of Raleigh visited friends and relatives here during the weekend.

TOWN GETS MOTOR GRADER



Seated atop the new street motor grader which began putting Tabor City's unpaved streets and alleys in first class shape last week are H. D. Stevens, Jr., street superintendent; and town workmen Woodrow Heath, Van Coleman, John Henry Dugar and Bonnie Brown. The grader is one of the best of its kind in existence and is expected to be of great value in keeping local streets in good repair.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLATION



Pictured above are the officers of the Tabor City Chapter, number 240, Order of The Eastern Star, installed in a public program Thursday evening. On the front row are the mascots, Josephine Caruso and Darrell Wright.

Second Row, left to right, Mrs. Marie Collier, Grand Representative who served as Installing Conductress; Mrs. Reva Butler, District Deputy Grand Matron, Installing Officer for the evening; Mrs. Estelle Horne, Installing Marshal; Sigmund Butler, District Deputy Grand Patron, the Installing Chaplain; Mrs. Dorothea Hardwick, Installing Organist.

Third Row, Mrs. Alene Long, Adah; Mrs. Mae S. Young, Warder; Mrs. Letha Gore, Conductress; Mrs. Grace Bruton, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Emma W. Smith, Worthy Matron; Milton H. Wright, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Viola Fowler, Associate Matron; Mrs. Theophile Frink, Chaplain; Mrs. Ruby Parham, Flag Bearer; Miss Inez Lewis, Organist.

Fourth Row, Mrs. Inez H. Rogers, Secretary; Mrs. Ida B. James, Treasurer; Mrs. Alma Canady, Sentinel; Mrs. Carrie Ward, Flag Bearer; Mrs. Betty Faye Averitt, Esther; Mrs. Doris Dean Gore, Ruth; Mrs. Margaret Soles, Page; Mrs. Gussie Watson, Marshal.

Fifth Row, Mrs. Edith Williams, Electa Protem; and Mrs. Joyce Young, Martha. Mrs. Claudia Bell King, Electa, and Mrs. Jay G. Soles, Page, not shown in picture.

MRS. EMMA W. SMITH INSTALLED WORTHY MATRON OF EASTERN STAR

Mrs. Emma W. Smith and Milton H. Wright were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron respectively of the Tabor City Chapter, number 240, Order of Eastern Star, in a candlelight ceremony held in the Masonic Hall Thursday evening. Mrs. Kelly's daughter, Mrs. S. W. Beulah H. Kelly is the retiring Worthy Matron. Mr. Wright served as Worthy Patron for the past two years.

Other elected officers installed at the public ceremony were Mrs. Viola Fowler, Associate Matron; James S. Rogers, Associate Patron; Mrs. Letha Gore, Conductress; Mrs. Grace Bruton, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Inez H. Rogers, Secretary; and Mrs. Ida B. James, Treasurer.

Appointed officers installed were Mrs. Theophile Frink, Chaplain; Mrs. Gussie Watson, Marshal; Miss Inez Lewis, Organist; Mrs. Alene Long, Adah; Mrs. Doris Gore, Ruth; Mrs. Betty Averitt, Esther; Mrs. Joyce Young, Martha; Mrs. Claudia Bell King, Electa; Mrs. Mae S. Young, Warder; and Mrs. Alma Canady, Sentinel.

Mrs. Reva Butler, District Deputy Grand Matron, was the installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Estelle Horne, Installing Marshal; Mrs. Marie Collier, Installing Conductress; Mrs. Dorothea Hardwick, Installing Organist; and Sigmund Butler, District Deputy Grand Patron, Installing Chaplain. Hartford Fowler gave the invocation for the program which fol-

lowed the presentation of the American, Christian and Eastern Star Flags. Mrs. Margaret Soles made the welcome address and A. C. Edwards gave the response. Following the address of the retiring Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kelly's daughter, Mrs. S. W. Beulah H. Kelly is the retiring Worthy Matron. Mr. Wright served as Worthy Patron for the past two years.

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love" with her brother Sam Wright making the presentation. Mrs. Inez H. Rogers presented gifts to the installing officers for Mrs. Smith.

During the social hour the hostesses for the evening served cup cakes, cookies, nuts, mints and lime ice to about 100 visitors and members.

LEGION MEETS THURSDAY LEGION MEETS

All members of the American Legion Post 101 in Tabor City are urged to attend a meeting of the post at the hut here Thursday night at 7:00. Plans for the baseball season have been made and committee appointments for the operating during the season are expected to be made at this meeting.

M. C. Pittman, Route 2, Kenly, has decided to produce hatching eggs as one of his major farm enterprises.

"FINER CAROLINA" COMMITTEE OUTLINES PROPOSED PROJECTS

The local "A Finer Carolina" improvement committee, which will compete with other communities in the Carolina Power and Light company area for \$8750 in prizes, this week presented five projects which will be the goal for Tabor City this year.

All projects must be completed by October 31 if maximum point credit is to be secured in the contest.

All the proposals were outlined to the combined meeting of civic clubs at the school cafeteria here Monday night and a unanimous vote of approval was given. The civic clubs also voted to actively assist in all the projects and each local club was assigned to sponsor various phases of the program.

The projects along with the name of the organization which will sponsor them, is as follows:

Project No. 1—Extensive beautification of school grounds, erection of metal fence to protect children from traffic hazards, hard surfacing of area near gymnasium that is currently muddy and wet, and planting of hundreds of azaleas throughout the grounds. This project will be sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association that is presently working on it and will be assisted by the Tabor City Woman's Club.

Project No. 2—Completion of the St. Paul Methodist Church, the beginning of construction on the \$50,000 remodeling enlarging project on the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, and the building of a parsonage by Tabor City Presbyterian church and hiring of first full time pastor. This project will, of course, be in the hands

of the two churches.

Project No. 3—Purchasing of street motor grader, constant improvement of non-paved streets, hard surfacing of at least two more city streets by October 31 and procurement of additional street lights in business district.

The street improvement project is in the hands of the Tabor City Town Board and any action must come from them.

Project No. 4—Building of a city park fully equipped for entertainment of small children with swings, sliding boards, etc., with picnic facilities for adults, and also the sponsoring of summer recreation program for children with paid supervisor, a softball league for adults, and American Legion Junior baseball team for youngsters. This project will be sponsored jointly by the American Legion Post, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Tabor City Civitan Club.

Project No. 5—Industrial survey on local scale with all such information to be assembled and printed in brochure form for extensive distribution to industrial possibilities. This includes the encouraging in industry with aim of proving at least one by October 31. This project will be sponsored by the Tabor City Merchants Association and Rotary club.

Tabor City's rebounding Merchants Association voted unanimously to sponsor the Carolinas Yam Festival again in 1952 at a meeting here Monday night and for the third time named A. C. Edwards and Mrs. B. A. Garrell to head the movement.

Edwards will again be overall chairman of the Yam Festival and Mrs. Garrell will head the all-important booth selling committee. Both have had these jobs for the past two seasons and received ovations from the audience Monday when they agreed to assume the back-breaking jobs again.

There had been some speculation that the festival might not be promoted this October but when voted upon by secret ballot, the vote on the festival showed 61 ballots in the affirmative to absolutely none against it.

The October event this season will mark the fifth consecutive season that the celebration honoring the sweet potato has been held in Tabor City. The program is a two fold one of encouraging the growth of quality yams and of entertaining the peoples of the area.

Annually the program receives nation wide publicity and attracts many thousands of visitors to Tabor City, that has laid claim to the title "Yam Capital Of The World."

PFC. DAVID COX AT JET SCHOOL

Pfc. David L. Cox son of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Cox of Route 1 Tabor City, is currently assigned to Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas, as a jet aircraft mechanics student, according to a recent announcement by Colonel Ray H. Clark, Base Commander.

Amarillo Air Force Base, often referred to as the Air Training Command's "model base," is the only training center in the nation devoted exclusively to the training of jet fighter and bomber mechanics.

Pfc. Cox was transferred to Amarillo from Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. He attended Tabor City high school.

Reunion Honors James Tompkins

A family reunion was held Sunday, March 16th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Holt honoring "Uncle" James Tompkins on his 83rd birthday anniversary. About 75 attended the affair with each family taking a basket lunch.

Following dinner the group attended services at the Ridgefield church.

Buck Creek Union To Convene At Sandy Plain

The Buck Creek Union will convene at the Sandy Plain Baptist church on Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28 officials announced. The program is as follows:

Friday, 10:30 a. m., Devotional by Rev. Roland Lee;

Welcome address by the pastor;

Introductory sermon by Rev. Crance Hardee.

Dinner, 12:30.

Reassemble at 1:30. Roll call of churches. Topic number 1, Revelations 13:1 discussed by Rev. S. A. Hatley; topic number 2, Revelations 12:14, Rev. Anson Smith, adjournment until night service.

Friday night at 7:15 p. m. Devotional by Rev. Eugene Evans, and Sermon by Rev. Burroughs Carter.

Saturday 10:30 a. m., devotional. Brother Davis Gause, Topic number 3, Matthew 22:42 "What think ye of Christ, Whose Son is He." by Rev. J. Bob Carter. Topic number 4, Revelations 16:14, by Rev. Otto Edwards.

Dinner, 12 o'clock.

Reassemble, 1 o'clock p. m. Sermon by Rev. E. D. Gaskin. Business and adjournment.

Explosion Injuries W. A. Inman

W. A. Inman sustained serious injuries Friday by a dynamite explosion on his farm in the Iron Hill section. He was destroying roots at the time of the misfortune.

Mr. Inman, a patient at McLeod's Infirmary, Florence, is receiving treatment for wounds about the face, neck, and head. His hearing is also impaired at this time.

Pireway Bridge Celebration Apr. 24

Approval of highway department authorities was received this week and the long-discussed celebration of the Pireway bridge will be held at the bridge on Thursday, April 24 at 2:00. E. W. Fonville, chairman of the celebration committee, announced today.

The committee is scheduled to hold a dinner meeting at Mrs. Todd's here Friday night at 6:30 with several representatives from Brunswick county to iron out all the details of the celebration. Kenny Jordan, a member of the committee, will invite the Brunswick dignitaries to the Friday night meeting.

Already the committee has decided to serve free soft drinks at the big celebration to all in attendance. The Columbus county band will be sought for the program and thousands of balloons will be inflated and turned loose bearing the printing "Welcome To Tabor City."

Among those being invited to the celebration are Governor W. Kerr Scott, Chairman of the Highway Commission, Dr. Henry Jordan, W. H. Rogers, chief highway engineer; T. B. Gunner, highway engineer, Wilburn Clark, highway commissioner, L. E. Whitfield, division engineer from Fayetteville, C. R. Roberts, E. L. Green and others.

Lewis Gore and Davis Bruton were named to a committee to be in charge of the refreshments at the bridge opening. Willard Wright, E. E. Wright and H. G. Dameron were named to the committee to handle the details of inflating the welcome balloons.

"We are holding this celebration to show our appreciation to the highway commission for making it possible for our Columbus county citizens in this area to travel into Brunswick county via a much shorter route and who have made it possible for Brunswick county citizens to travel into our section by the shorter route," Fonville said.

KLAN CASE TRIAL TODAY

LUMBERTON — A court test of an old State law dusted off as a weapon against the Ku Klux Klan began here today in Robeson County Superior Court.

Solicitor Malcolm B. Seawell, an old Klan fighter, will prosecute four men under an 1868 statute which forbids membership in secret political societies. Seawell is using the law on grounds that Klan circulars and handbills urge members to use the ballot box, thus making the hooded order a secret political organization which the state constitution calls "dangerous."

Violation of the law, attacked by Klan Imperial Wizard Thomas L. Hamilton as a "carpetbagger" statute, is a misdemeanor. The four defendants have denied Klan membership. The law provides that the charge be dropped if defendants renounce ties with the organization and 11 of the 16 men rounded up under Seawell's orders Feb. 27 renounced their Klan ties. Charges against another man were dropped.

The men who were indicted by a Robeson Superior Court grand jury Monday are Joe Nicholson, 33, of Lumberton, Joe Byrd, 55, of Fairmont, and Pret and Carl Stone of Rowland.

If convicted under the law the men face fines up to \$200 or imprisonment. Seawell told the men rounded up by officers Feb. 27 that he was using the law as a "warning." "We are not going to tolerate the Klan," he said.

He warned the men that if they broke into a person's home for whipping or flogging a victim, "I'll indict and try you for burglary in the first degree—in this State that carries the death penalty."

Merchants Association Names Directors

One of the best attended meetings of the Tabor City merchants association in many years was held at the school cafeteria here Monday night as ten directors were named to direct the group during the 1952 year. Named to serve as directors were S. P. Smith, Dr. H. G. Dam-

ron, A. C. Edwards, Mrs. B. A. Garrell, S. T. Rogers, E. W. Fonville, J. P. Dicus, Ben Nesmith III, Horace Roberts and W. Horace Carter.

Officers for the year are Oliver Prince, president; Lewis Gore, vice president; and A. E. Goldfinch, secretary-treasurer. These

officers were elected and installed at a previous meeting and presided for the first time at the Monday meeting.

President Prince appointed the following committee to plan a big tobacco promotion program for the local market this year: S. T. Rogers, Edwin Wright, Joe

Coleman, B. A. Garrell, and Jack McGougan. The group also heard Joe Coleman discuss the need for big-time promotion of the market and wholesale distribution of the statistical fact that Tabor City has led the Border Belt in average price more times in the last ten years than any other market.