

MOVING TO ENGLAND



Mrs. Howard Garrell and daughter, Tonia Sue, of route 1, Chadbourn, left the United States Tuesday for England. She will join her husband who is with the Army stationed there. Mrs. Garrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Fowler of route 3, Tabor City. Tonia Sue is just five months old but anxious to see her daddy.

Grand Jury Puts Bee On Floggers

KLAN TRIAL SET FOR MAY 11

RALEIGH, Mar. 31—Eleven former members of the Ku Klux Klan in the Fair Bluff area of Columbus County will be tried by Federal Court in Wilmington on May 12, U. S. District Attorney Charles P. Green announced Thursday.

Green said the date for the trial was set in Tabor by Federal Judge Don Gilliam, who felt the cause of justice would be better served if the case were heard by the court which is nearest to the home of witnesses to be called.

Attorneys for the defendants, said the district attorney, moved that the cases be continued and tried in Fayetteville. The trial was originally set for April 7 in the Raleigh division.

Carl Richardson, the 11th suspect arrested in connection with Klan activities in Columbus, was indicted Thursday by the special federal grand jury in session here. Richardson was indicted on kidnapping and conspiracy counts.

Other Columbus County defendants include Early L. Brooks, Robert "Bob" Hayes, Bobby Brooks, Pittman Foy Strickland, Ross Enzor, George Miller, Sherwood Miller, Steve Edmonds, Horace Strickland and L. C. Worley.

Each of the men is charged with abducting Dorothy D. Martin and Ben Grainger on or about October 6, 1951, and driving them across the state line into Horry County, S. C., for the purpose of inflicting bodily harm on them. The men are also charged with conspiracy to kidnap and inflict injury to Grainger and Mrs. Martin.



Eastern Star Initiation

Five candidates, two sets of sisters and another one, were initiated into the Tabor City Chapter, 240, Order of Eastern Star, for memberships at the last dated meeting of the 1951-52 fiscal year with Mrs. Beulah H. Kelly serving as Worthy Matron. The sisters were Miss Naydean Ward and Mrs. Ann Veronna, and Mrs. Pearl Wright and Mrs. Lorena Ganus. The other one was Miss Mildred Holt.

Front row, left to right, Miss Mildred Holt; Miss Naydean Ward and Miss Ann Veronna, sisters; Mrs. Beulah H. Kelly, Worthy Matron; Milton H. Wright, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Pearl Wright and Mrs. Lorena Ganus, sisters. Second row, left to right, M. S. Lillian Simon, Esther; Mrs. Mae S. Young, Warder; Mrs. Letna S. Gore, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Alene Long, Adah Proteem; Mrs. Ruby Parham, Electa Proteem; Miss Inez Lewis, Organist; Mrs. Emma W. Smith, Associate Matron; Mrs. Mildred Burroughs, Treasurer; and Mrs. Viola Fowler, Conductress. Third row, left to right, Mrs. Queenie Bruton, Chaplain; Mrs. Margaret Soles, Adah; Mrs. Inez H. Rogers, Secretary; Mrs. Joyce Young, Martha Proteem; Mrs. Edith Williams, Adah Proteem; Mrs. Berlyne Rogers, Marshal Proteem; and Mrs. Blanche W. Hyman, Sentinel.

SIX NEW DEFENDANTS ARE NAMED

After a two day hearing, true bills of indictment were returned by the Grand Jury against 25 alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan in 44 cases of flogging at the one week term of Superior Court which began in Whiteville Monday.

Of primary interest throughout the area was the indictment of six more defendants not previously mentioned in the violence cases.

One of these was Jack Ashley, present chief of police in Fair Bluff. All the defendants are charged with conspiracy, kidnapping and assault. The kidnapping charge on North Carolina warrants carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

Grand Jury Foreman R. L. Thompson of Hallsboro, brought in the true bills shortly before six o'clock Tuesday after the group had heard witnesses for the greater part of two days. Judge William T. Hatch, solicitor Clifton L. Moore and a few officers and visitors were on hand when the foreman made his report.

Other persons who now face charges who had not previously been named, in addition to Ashley, are Pittman Foy Strickland, Harvey Barfield, Mack Norris, Ernest Ward and George White.

The remaining 19 defendants had been arrested previously by SBI agents and county officers. Seven of the 25 persons indicted also face federal charges of kidnapping.

The indictments stemmed from the floggings the men allegedly administered to Esthe Lee Floyd, Negro, Dorsey Robinson, Negro, Woodrow Johnson and Greer Pinkney Wright, all of whom were kidnapped between November 14 and December 29 of last year.

Only three of the 25 men indicted today are charged with participation in as many as three of the floggings. These are George Miller, 19, who was indicted in the Wright, Floyd and Robinson incidents, Early L. Brooks, 44, in the Floyd, Robinson and Johnson cases, and Steve Edmonds, 26, in the Floyd, Robinson and Johnson cases. Miller was brought into the Wright case for the first time today.

Richard Gore, 20, Whiteville electrician, was also indicted in the Greer Wright flogging.

Defendants in both, the Floyd and Robinson cases are E. L. Ward, 40, Route 2, Chadbourn, L. C. Worley, 25, Fair Bluff, Pittman Foy Strickland, 29, Fair Bluff, Jule C. Richardson, 44, Fair Bluff, Ed Floyd Riggs, Jr., 25, Fair Bluff, Hubert Hilburn, 31, Fair Bluff, Edwin Brooks, 20, Fair Bluff and Florence, S. C., Bobby Brooks, 18, Fair Bluff and Raleigh, Bob Hayes, 38, Fair Bluff, Billy Horne, 25, Chadbourn and Jack Ashley, Fair Bluff.

Johnson case defendants, in addition to Barfield, Norris, Ernest Ward and George White, who were among the six indicted for the first time, are Henry Otto Edwards, 52, Whiteville, Ray Kelly, 43, Whiteville, Frank Lewis, 37, Fair Bluff, John Honeycutt, Jr., Chadbourn, and Leroy Honeycutt, Chadbourn.

Seven of the 25 have been indicted in federal court on charges of kidnapping Dorothy Dillard Martin and Ben Grainger last October. These are Early L. Brooks, Bobby Brooks, Strickland, Hayes, Worley, Miller and Edmonds. The federal and state indictments thus far have covered the cases of six flogging victims leaving seven cases still unsolved. The other victims were Clayton Sellers, J. M. Russ, Robert Lee Gore, H. D. Best, Lawyer Jeremiah, Evergreen Flowers and Lee Tyson.

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EASTERN STARS MEET MONDAY

The Tabor City chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet Monday at 7:30 p. m. in the Masonic Hall with Mrs. Emma W. Smith, newly installed Worthy Matron, presiding, Mrs. Inez H. Rogers, secretary, announced.

The Monday evening schedule marks the first meeting of the new fiscal year and Mrs. Rogers said "all Eastern Star members are urged to attend to start the new year off right."

Brunswick County Days Set For April 24, 25, 26

The board of directors of the Tabor City Merchants Association, met to designate Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 24, 25 and 26, as Brunswick County days at its called meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The big three days will be sponsored in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the Finney bridge project which has been completed. Travel began some time ago across the bridge and paved highways connect Brunswick with Tabor City for the first time.

Free soft drinks and balloons will be given away at the bridge opening ceremony at which time several high ranking state officials will be present. Also trade certificates will be given to everyone crossing the bridge during a certain period of that day and the certificates will each be worth one dollar in trade at various places of business in Tabor City. At least \$500 worth of these certificates will be passed out to bridge crossers.

In addition to the trade certificates that will be worth their face value, merchants are going to offer several items for sale during the three days that will be listed at cost or below and every such item will be available at a definite saving. These will range from groceries to furniture, seeds and etc.

The bridge opening committee held a meeting at Mrs. Todds Friday night and discussed the arrangements.

New Life Club Holds Meeting

The New Life Home Demonstration club held the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at the home of Mrs. L. B. Cox with Mrs. Harvey Stephens as co-hostess.

Present were Mrs. Paul Stephens, Mrs. Archie Fipps, Mrs. Alton Fipps, Mrs. S. P. Fipps, Mrs. Otha Arnette, Mrs. Roy Arnette, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Mrs. Murray Fowler, Mrs. Brice Mills, Mrs. Lester Watts, Mrs. O. O. Watts, Mrs. W. P. Stephens, Mrs. W. H. Stephens, Mrs. Stewart Huffaker, Mrs. Douglas Mills, Mrs. Lewis Watts, Mrs. Carol Watts, Mrs. Worth Mills, Mrs. Columbus Fowler, Mrs. Gaddy Watts, Mrs. Vernon Morris, Mrs. James Taylor, Mrs. Roy Buffkin, and Mrs. Benton.

The local assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will hold a public installation program in the Masonic hall, Monday evening, April 14, at 7:30. The public is invited to attend the program and social hour which follows.

WILLIAMS SENIORS TO PRESENT PLAY

The seniors of Williams Township High School will present the play entitled "Finders Creepers" on Thursday, April 3, at 7:30 p. m. in the school auditorium.

The mystery comedy, in three acts, will provide the audience with laughs, thrills, chills and shocks, officials announced.

The cast includes Jerry Stephens, Harold Williams, Garland Williams, Margaret Louise Ward, Mary Lois Garrell, Barbara Jean Gore, Mary Ellen Todd, Betty Jo Gore, Hilda Anne Gasque, Doris Strickland, Vernon Gurganus, J. T. Fisher, Jr., Tom Simmons, Hershel McPherson and Wayland Currie.

Mrs. Olive B. Wright, senior sponsor, is the director of the play.

Mrs. Davis Bruton Entertains Rotary

Mrs. Davis Bruton, a Rotarian's wife here, entertained the local club at Mrs. Todds Monday night with a highly enjoyable selection of piano music. Mrs. Bruton played six varied numbers ranging from semi-classical to popular and she received considerable applause after each selection.

The Rotary instructed the secretary to notify state Rotary officials that at least 20 Rotarians and wives would attend the convention in Lumberton on April 17-18.

1848 Recruitable Workers Available In Columbus County

A report recently released by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina shows that Columbus county has an estimated 1,848 recruitable workers, including 405 white males, 174 white females, 1,170 non-white males and 199 non-white females. Of the total number, 607 are classed as skilled and semi-skilled workers while an estimated 730 are deemed trainable for jobs requiring skills and are under 45 years of age.

LEBANON MYF MEETS SUNDAY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Lebanon Methodist church is now meeting at the church each Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

All young people in the community are invited to attend the meeting, officials announced.

FOUNDATION LAID FOR LOCAL MANSE

The foundation for the Tabor City Presbyterian Manse has been laid and the home is scheduled to be completed by June officials of the local Presbyterian church announced this week.

The Manse site is on Nesmith Street. The construction a three bed room plan, will be of asbestos siding.

Fletcher C. Hutcheson is now serving as student pastor of the church and will move here in June with his wife and infant son to assume full time duties. He is now attending the seminary in Richmond, Va.

MAIL BOXES TORN DOWN AT PIREWAY

A dozen mail boxes were uprooted or torn from their posts some time Friday night in the Pireway section and were found Saturday morning on the new bridge.

Eight boxes were taken from Route 1, Nakina, and the others from Route 3, Tabor City.

Deputy Sheriff T. C. Butler said the vandals also set up a road block on the highway leading to the bridge and traffic was turned back with a "bridge out" sign.

Investigating officers will turn over their information to a post office inspector for a further probe and possible prosecution.

DOCTOR'S DAY OBSERVED HERE

In observance of "Doctor's Day," Mrs. J. P. Brown, teacher of the Adult Class of the Tabor City Presbyterian Sunday school, presented each member of the class in attendance with a carnation at the regular class period Sunday morning. The carnation, a flower of strength, durability and courage, is the official "Doctor's Day" symbol.

In presenting the flowers Mrs. Brown paid tribute to doctors and Mrs. R. C. Harrelson, Jr. wife of Dr. Harrelson, gave the response in behalf of the local doctors.

An observance of the day was also noted by the Lula Rogers class of the Saint Paul Methodist Sunday School. Mrs. Walter P. Cox, teacher of the class presented carnations to the class members.

The graded Sunday School lessons for Sunday were on Dr. Luke.

GOOD ATTENDANCE FEATURES BAPTIST ENLARGEMENT DRIVE

With about 90 percent of the officers and teachers of the Mt. Tabor Baptist church in attendance, a well organized Sunday school enlargement campaign is underway here every night this week.

Nightly programs from 7:30 until 9:00 began Monday and will continue through Friday. The highlight of the week will be Thursday night's program at which time the final figures of the recently conducted survey will be given and recommendations on ways and means to increase Sunday school attendance will be heard. All interested church workers are urged to attend this session of the campaign.

The Baptist have set as their goal an attendance of 400 on Sunday morning. This number has never been in attendance at any local church, in so far as is known, and the church membership is urged to encourage all possible persons to be on hand Sunday.

This week's enlargement campaign has been conducted by Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill, pastor of the West Hickory Baptist church in Hickory, N. C., and has been supported with a strong faculty, including Mrs. C. H. Crosby, Knoxville; Mrs. F. A. Bowers, Morganton; Mrs. Ben Ingram, Coker, and Mrs. D. N. Forhand, Conway.

Lula Cox Circle Holds Meeting

The Lula Cox circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Saint Paul Methodist Church met at the parsonage Tuesday evening with Mr. R. P. Counts serving as hostess. Mrs. F. C. Norris, Jr. presided.

The program entitled "Fruit of the Spirit-Devotion" was presented by the circle members.

Refreshments consisting of congealed salad, sandwiches, cup cakes and Russian tea were served by the hostess to Mrs. F. C. Norris, Jr., Mrs. Dewey Cox, Miss Mary Lou Cox, Mrs. Lewis Gore, Mrs. Walter P. Cox, Mrs. J. L. Baxter, Miss Marjorie Wood, Mrs. Frank Wood, Mrs. F. F. Thompson, Mrs. N. K. Currie, Mrs. Walter Leonard and Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield.

Street Tiling, Paving Is Considered

The Tabor City town board at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night voted to commence tiling on Garrell street immediately with paving to follow if property owners along the street will agree to pay half the paving costs.

Most property owners on the street have already agreed to pay their share but some have been reluctant to make commit-

Methodist Women Hold Open House

The Woman's Society of Christian Service, Saint Paul Methodist church, held an open service in the church auditorium Tuesday evening, March 25, with Mrs. L. Baggett and Mrs. Frank Schulken of Whiteville appearing as guest speakers. Mrs. F. C. Norris, Jr., presided.

The service was called as a climax to the visitation of the society urging all women of the church to enroll in the W. S. C. S.

Mrs. Baggett, Zone Leader, and Mrs. Schulken, Christian Social Relations Secretary of the Wilmington District spoke on the work of the society and told of the important part women play in the church through a membership in the W. S. C. S.

Following the program a delightful social hour was held at the parsonage. Mixed spring flowers and burning tapers were used in the decorations.

The dining room table was overlaid with a cut work cloth and centered with a gracious arrangement of mixed flowers and white tapers in silver candelabra. Lime ice, sandwiches, cookies, nuts and mints were served to about 40 guests.

R. H. COX DIES AT HOME HERE

Randall Hyman Cox, 50-year-old farmer of Tabor City, route 1, died at his home Monday at 8 o'clock a. m. after a three day illness. Funeral rites are scheduled for this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock with the Elder Grady Cox officiating. Burial will be in the Cox cemetery.

He is survived by his father B. F. Cox, two brothers, Belton and Kirby, all of route 1, Tabor City; three sisters, Mrs. Davis Stevens of Tabor City, Mrs. Mayo Hardee and Mrs. Goham Hardee of route 1, Tabor City.

A forestry field day for Edgecombe County, held recently on Romaine Howard's farm near Contoee, attracted some 200 farmers, sawmill operators, and pulpwood dealers.

MRS. MAE YOUNG HEADS COLUMBUS CANCER DRIVE



Mrs. Mae S. Young, chairman of the 1952 Cancer Crusade in Columbus County which officially gets underway this month announced that the drive will seek \$2,200 as its part of the national Cancer Crusade which hopes to raise \$16,000,000 for programs of research, services to patients and public and professional education.

Mrs. Young said that the first step is to obtain chairmen for all communities in the county.

The slogan for the Crusade, she said, will be "Cancer Strikes One In Five, Strike Back, Give to Conquer Cancer."

"A strenuous effort will be made during the Crusade to reach every family with our educational messages," she stated. "Knowledge of the symptoms of cancer is a highly important weapon in fighting the disease since improved cure rates depend on people going to their doctors when early detection is possible. Ignorance of the danger signals of cancer usually delays diagnosis until the disease has reached an advanced, an incurable, stage."

Mrs. Young lives in Tabor City and is setting up a Crusade office there.

Presbyterian Women

The Women of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. W. O. Jackson at her home Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. All members, both active and associate, are invited to attend.

The town board also voted to ask for bids on the old street grading machine. The highest bidder will get the piece of equipment and bids must be placed with Willard C. Wright, town commissioner.