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"Tabor City Anglers make big haul"



Deep-sea fishing is fine on the Grand Strand! These lucky anglers from Tabor City display a healthy catch made last week aboard Mr. S. P. Gardner's 83-foot deep-sea party boat, "Carolina Queen." Embarking from Vereen's Marina at Ocean Drive Beach, the party of three hauled in well over 100 pounds of highly edible black-fish. Shown here with their catch are, left to right: Wade Sales, Capt. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Fowler. Vereen's Marina, on Highway 17 one mile north of Ocean Drive Beach, is fast becoming the favorite deep-sea fishing headquarters for angling enthusiasts in and around Tabor City, especially during the currently heavy run of black-fish some 8 to 10 miles off-shore. Photo: Claude Dunnagan.

Fifth Yam Festival Planned

NEW INDUSTRY APPLICANTS WILL TAKE APTITUDE TEST

CARTER'S COLUMN

By W. HORACE CARTER

When businessmen like Albert Schild suddenly ask "when did you come back to Tabor City," it's getting time to write another one of these columns. You see, we haven't moved away but have been on the go so much in recent months that it might appear we had really left the country. Now that particularly disturbing when a good advertiser like Mr. Schild makes such a statement. He might as well decide he didn't want to do any advertising with me, a stranger.

But when you get involved with several newspapers, and the company is currently publishing five magazines, it becomes quite a problem to be at all the places you need to be at the same time. That has been particularly true in recent weeks with the rock-ribbed Democratic Primary in Horry County and us with a handful of newspapers down there.

We have got a great deal of pressure out of the elections this far anyway. The Horry county elections are always worth one time they still have a series of stump speeches by all candidates for each office and the countryside turns out to hear the politicians rattle on. Now the process is hard on the candidates because they really have to keep on the go with a stump speech every night. Some days they have two speeches to make.

It's pretty hard to be in the newspaper business and not sincerely want some particular candidate to win. Such as usual our candidate didn't come through, although running a good close race.

We would never side with a candidate that we didn't honestly feel was the best man. We would never side with an individual that we believed was dishonest or incapable. But it becomes more and more apparent with each election that we observe that it is a difficult task for a real good man to be elected. People just naturally vote for the man who makes the best impression upon them or the one who some friend says should be elected. A good honest man is usually not enough of a show-up to attract enough votes to win.

That goes for indifferent, but almost a certainty that who we want to win, will surely get beat. Looking back we remember favoring Frank Graham for Senator. Willis Smith was elected. We pulled for Joe Tally for the House of Representatives. F. Ertel Carlyle was elected. We worked hard for Edward E. Prince for Senate in Horry County. Frank A. Thompson was elected.

In the election Tuesday in Horry, we wanted John Henry to win. The election results aren't in as this is written but if we were doing in betting, we would put the money on Ernest Sasser.

The Fifth Annual Carolinas Yam Festival will be held in Tabor City this year on October 9, 10, and 11, and Oliver Prince will serve as overall festival chairman, it was announced this week.

Prince, local businessman currently serving as president of the Merchants Association, was named to succeed A. C. Edwards as overall chairman at a meeting of the directors of the association last Thursday.

Prince immediately named Edwards as honorary chairman, and he will assist as much as his health will permit. Edwards has had the overall chairmanship for the past two years and was scheduled to handle the job again. However, ill health in recent months has made it inadvisable for him to assume full responsibility for the festival arrangements.

It was also announced that directors of the merchants association would serve as committee chairman for the various functions which the festival presents and that each director when assigned a specific duty would be responsible for appointing his own committee.

Mrs. B. A. Garrell, who has handled the important booth selling committee for the past two years, has again taken over that task and letters to various prospects will be mailed out this week. It was also announced that a group of farmers from this area along with County Agent Charles D. Raper and Sam Jackson, local agriculture teachers, are expected to meet with officials of the N. C. State College Extension Service in the immediate future to outline the educational booth schedule this year.

Prominent sweet potato farmers county agents and agriculture officials will man the booths and participate in the lectures this season. The merchants association has also decided to hire a full time girl secretary to handle correspondence for the yam festival and other projects during the remaining summer months.

4-H Club Health Winners Named
Miss Gayle Wells, Assistant Home Dem. Agent, announces the County Winners in the 4-H Health Improvement Contest as follows: Patricia Stephens, Rt. 1, Clarendon, County Health Queen; Jack Boswell, Whiteville, County Health King; and Wilma Jewel Gore, Rt. 1, Nakina, was a runner up for County Health Queen.

Miss Wells also states that Patricia Stephens and Jack Boswell will go to State College, Raleigh the week of July 21-26 to compete in the State Health Improvement Contest and to participate in the State Health Pageant and Coronation of the State King and Queen. Other 4-H members attending the 4-H Club Week are Shirley Norris, Rt. 3, Whiteville who will compete in the State Dress Revue Contest; Marjorie Ward, Rt. 1, Clarendon; and Macel Cox, Tabor City.

District Governor Of Rotary To Visit Here
Stanley Woodland, of Morehead City, district Governor of Rotary International, will visit the Tabor City Club next Monday night. It will be the new governor's first visit to the local club.

The Tabor City Rotary Club voted Monday night to ask the secretary to compile a history of the organization since its chartering 15 years ago. Secretary Don Hughes agreed to gather the information and preserve it.

CATHY LAVEE DAVIS
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Davis of Dillon, formerly of Tabor City, announce the birth of a daughter, Cathy LaVee, on Monday, July 14, Dillon hospital. She weighed six pounds.

BACK FROM EUROPE
Mrs. Harriett L. Sikes and son, Lewis, returned yesterday from a several week tour in Europe.

LEGION MEETING
The Tabor City American Legion Post 101 will hold its regular meeting at the Hut here Thursday night at 7:45. New officers who were elected at the last meeting will take office Thursday night. Legion members and other veterans are urged to attend the meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET CHANGED TO AUGUST
The Columbus Baptist Association Group Sunday School meetings scheduled to be held Sunday afternoon, July 27, have been postponed until August 24 officials announced this week. No meetings will be held on the 27th.

AUTO DEALERS NAME OFFICERS
The Columbus County Automobile Dealers Association named the new officers for the coming year at a meeting at the Whiteville Hotel last Thursday afternoon.

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However, drought and exceptionally hot weather in this area damaged the crop to some extent and the amount of tobacco that will be sold is a matter of speculation at the moment.

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Tabor City will again have four warehouses in operation and so far as is known at the present, the same operators will manage them as in past seasons.

Hamilton Enters Guilty Plea

TROY BENNETT RESIGNS FROM LOCAL TOWN BOARD



C. H. HARRELSON

Troy C. Bennett, a member of the Tabor City town board for a little more than a year, resigned from the office at a special called meeting of the group at the town hall Saturday.

Although giving no reason for resigning, Bennett presumably elected to resign because of the current unrest of local citizenry following the request for the resignation of Police Chief L. R. Watson. Just one week prior to his resignation, the town board had voted to ask Watson to resign.

A protest meeting of townspeople last week indicated that the vast majority of people favored the police chief who has been here for more than five years. Watson had originally handed in his resignation when asked to do so but at the request of the citizens attending the protest gathering, he withdrew his resignation.

Although under no obligation to do so, some persons voiced the opinion that Bennett may have resigned because of his indictment on Ku Klux Klan charges. He is scheduled to appear in the special term of court now in progress and has entered a plea of no contest. With Bennett off the town board, a replacement will be left up to the two remaining commissioners, Willard C. Wright and J. M. McGougan. Should they fail to agree upon an appointee, the Mayor will be permitted to cast a deciding vote.

No appointment has been made to date but Mayor W. A. Williams said today that one would be named at the next regular meeting of the board which is scheduled for August 5.

With the change of events, little is known of the future status of the police chief. However, it is assumed by most people that the board as it will be constituted after August 5, will make some decision regarding the police matter.

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The latest arrests includes two former Tabor City residents, Russell Hammacher, now of Fayetteville, and Ernest Hardee, also now living in Fayetteville.

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Other persons facing charges include J. F. Callahan, Western Prong; Earl More, Western Prong; Paul Nance, Chadbourn; Kelly Johnson, of Smyrna section; E. W. Williamson and Marion Butler, South Whiteville; and W. H. "Will" Bullard, Coy Nobles, Oscar Nobles, Daniel Leary, Mutt Jolly, Paul Barnes, Floyd Butler, Kinchen Britt, and Edward Yates, all of Chadbourn.

MARTHA ANN NESMITH
Mr. and Mrs. Ben L. Nesmith, III, are happy to announce the adoption of a daughter, Martha Anne, Tuesday, July 22, three months old.

JOHN HENRY NEW SHERIFF OF HORRY

John T. Henry, businessman and livestock market operator, swept into the Horry county sheriff's office with comparative ease as a result of yesterday's runoff Democratic primary when he opposed Sheriff C. Ernest Sasser.

Ending a dynasty in the sheriff's office of nearly ten years, Henry licked Sasser in all but seven of the county's 57 precincts rolling up 7,294 votes as compared with 3,860 for Sasser. Henry's margin was 3,434, nearly two to one.

Sheriff Sasser conceded defeat early Tuesday evening and congratulated Henry on his victory. Henry in turn thanked the people for their confidence and pledged to fill the office to the best of his ability. He will take office on January 1.

Henry's election turned the tables on the first primary results when Sasser was high man in the eight man race. Apparently Henry received the majority of the votes which went to Woodrow Medlin and Tull Floyd in the first primary.

Also startling was the fact that more people voted in the second primary than voted in the first one. The count showed that 247 more people voted Tuesday than voted on July 8. A total of 11,116 voted in the second primary.

Other officers elected Tuesday were Fred G. Graham, incumbent clerk of court, who sneaked by John H. Atkinson, Jr. by only 256 votes. The vote was 5696 for Graham to 5440 for Atkinson.

Alton D. Lee upset incumbent E. B. Johnson for chairman of the county board, winning with a big majority of 1972. Lee had 6,544 votes to Johnson's 4572.

In the only magistrate's race, C. H. Grainger defeated Hobson Smart 2,799 to 1378, a margin of 1421.

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As most people knew a long time ago, anything that Thomas L. Hamilton says is not to be taken as the truth.

Just this became publicly evident Tuesday when the Grand Dragon of the Association of Carolinas Klans changed his plea to guilty of conspiracy to assault in the case of Evergreen Flowers, Chadbourne Negroess, who was brutally mistreated by the hooded hoodlums last year.

Hamilton had entered a plea of not guilty to conspiracy charges when the special term of court opened in Whiteville Monday with Judge Clawson Williams presiding. But Tuesday he was ready to change the tune, and ex-Klansmen told in no uncertain terms of the way Hamilton directed the flogging from his exalted Grand Wizard's position.

Just a few days ago in a South Carolina speaking, Hamilton had boldly stated that "only God and me know I'm innocent." But Tuesday he also became convinced.

Eight men who were at the meeting when the flogging of the Flowers woman was planned told their story.

Hamilton's dream of building a North Carolina Klan empire went up in smoke at this term of court. When he entered his plea of guilty in the Flowers case, he proved to one and all that he had been the guiding hand behind the Columbus violence. He still faces similar charges in three other cases.

Accused Klansmen at Tuesday's court told of Hamilton's ambitions. T. L. Enzor of Chadbourn quoted the grand dragon as having said he wanted to make the Klan "strong enough to control the State politically."

Sid Scott, of Tabor City, another defendant, added that Hamilton had said "if you get enough Klansmen, no Klansman will be convicted."

Horace Strickland, of Cerro Gordo, put the finger on Hamilton when he said the Wizard told them to "do a good job (on the beating) or you will have to go back and do it over."

Strickland also said that it was Hamilton who sat the night and picked the group to attend to Will Flowers." Will Flowers went out the back door when the Klansmen arrived but the mob took his wife Evergreen out, torn her slip, gagged her with it and proceeded to shoot up the house. She crawled under the house at least 100 shots were fired at the Flowers farm.

Witnesses also testified that the membership in KKK had chipped in to pay Hamilton's fine when he was fined \$1000 last year in federal court for sending defamatory messages through the mail.

The new grand jury which was empaneled Monday considered 95 indictments in flogging cases this week and returned 95 true bills. Cases involving 10 other victims are scheduled for trial at this term of court.

It was not known exactly when Hamilton would be sentenced. The court room was exceptionally hot this week and along with the fact that most people were busy in tobacco, prompted only a small number of courtroom spectators. Hamilton himself has sat through it all and occasionally tugged at his tie or collar.

Only infrequently did he show any emotion when witnesses testified against him. He stirred momentarily when Enzor said that Hamilton had told him that he "wanted to make the Klan strong enough to control the state politically."

Solicitor Clifton Moore then asked Enzor "what State," and Enzor said "Well he told us how pretty South Carolina was working and how pretty he could make North Carolina work."

Solicitor Moore said of the Hamilton case "The outcome of this case upholds the dignity of the law and should be a warning to any group which seeks to violate the statutes."

State Senator Junius K. Powell, who is assisting the prosecution, had this to say: "It is my judgement that the end has come to the movement in this State and that Hamilton's admission of violence conspiracy will have a deadly effect on the Klan everywhere."

CHARLES ANDERSON, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Charles Anderson announce the birth of a son, Charles, Jr., weighing eight pounds and four ounces, Sunday, July 13, Columbus hospital, Whiteville.