

# The Tabor

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# Hamilton Implies J.K. Powell Represented Both Sides In Columbus County Ku Klux Night-Riding Trials

# Street Lighting Soon

Taker City Board of Commis-grans will hear street lighting GRID TEAM ussed with Carolina Power ish Company offering the PLAYS pality the lowest rate in

new street lighting rate into effect area formerly serviced by Water Power Company and towns to double their candispower at no extra cost.

Tabor City, Carolina Power Light will install free of bulbs in existing lights increase the overall ng effect by 78 percent and new rate would cost the town it only 86 cents per month. on the overall light bill of

The same proposition is being contest out of it. stered small towns throughout Eastern North Carolina and, of wwns. A representative of power ing game. was here last week and that towns who want the ingreased lighting power will be accomodated in the order in which

installing additional lights and in the Emerson section. more than tripling their existing lights' power at a nominal increase

### Amateur Contest Winners Will Get Many Free Prizes

persons who can play a banjo, the former. and dance or anything else in New Farmers Warehouse miestants may enter the event 9, 10 and 11. by contacting Cash Garrell, Jimmy Diens or Royce Harrelson. prizes will be presented to winzers in the show.

### Sunday School Rally Planned At Old Zion

id Zion Methodist church will told a Sunday school rally Sunday morning October 5 at 9:45. On the following Weednesday.

October 8, the revival meeting segin with Rev. Carl V. Sparks conducting services. Rev. Sparks is from Lynchburg, Va. He was the evangelist who conflucted the revival at Old Zion imo years ago.

be held nightly at 7:30.

### HOMECOMING SERVICES Homecoming services will be

12 Rev Lester Parkes, pastor, anseried on the grounds and every- Another Worm asuared today. Dinner will be one is invited.

### Green Sea P.T.A. Meets

### Free Chicken Bog

wide meeting for the purpose of lard will give the program on be \$1.00 for spectators and \$1.00 constructing the city park Thurs- Paul Green.

day night at 7:30. Members of all local civic clubs lina authors, native and adopted, are especially urged to attend the this year. the "Finner Carolina" program in playground secured by October 31 if maximum contest credit is to be

Secured. Miss Virginia Gregory, a memhelp-plan and layout the park area October 11 from 8 'til 12 o'clock. most enjoyable events during the and will make the principal address Thursday Night. Everyone is urged to attend.

A few days ago. CP&L put a FRIDAY NIGHT Tabor City's high school football team will oppose Wadesboro here rate makes it possible for at Civitan field Friday night at 8:00 in what the locals hope will

Lumberton last week. Coach S. W. Caruso said this week that his team was hit hard by injuries and that he was uncertain as to the strength of his team for this week's event. Hows not 86 cents per light but ever, if the team has all the players back in uniform by game time, they are expected to make a close

Practice sessions have been spirited this week and has imis being accepted by all proved a great deal since the open-

### Kills Rattler

Ben Hinson killed a large rattle snake last Saturday that had Many towns are taking even ten rattlers and a button, accordfarther advantage of the new rate ing to Oscar Soles, correspondent

### Sandy Plain Club Plans Participation In Yanı Festival

The Sandy Plains Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon with Miss Irene Wright and Inman, Ed Clemmons, Ralph Jolly, An amateur contest for those Mrs. L. Harrelson at the home of A. L. Wright.

the entertainment line will be held membership discussed the club's Wright, Eston Wright, Lascoe participation in the Carolinas Yam Strickland, Albert Todd. Friday afternoon, October 10. Festival in Tabor City on October 12. Shippers Exhibit — Fred Lay,

Mrs. Fred Wright, Mrs. Leon L. P. Ward. Wright and Mrs. Homer Adams gave project reports. A report on Joe Gourley, State Dept. Agri., Farm and Home week was made

by Mrs. Charlie Williams. An exhibit of canned food was on display for the meeting.

Mrs. Otis Norris was received as new member and Mrs. Trenton Hinson, Mrs. Mattie Fowler, Mrs. Lamar Hinson and Mrs. Joe Blunt were recognized as visitors.

### Green Sea School To Have Festival

The Green Sea grammar school will hold a Harvest Festival on Gourley, State Dept. Agric. Troy Friday night October 10 under Bennett, Watson Shelby, Jack Bul-Services during the revival will the auspices of the Parent Teachers Association.

The event will feature the egular side show attractions including fishing, hobbing for apples, at the Old Zion Methodist fortnuing telling, cake walks, etc. thursh at Guideway on October No admission will be charged.

Grover Duncan, of route 3, David Pugh Loris, brought in another worm to Will Play For the office recently exactly like the one which the newspaper pic- Negro Dance tured three weeks ago that was The Green Sea school Parent caught by B. H. Porter. The huge

### Pioneer Club

meet with Mrs. Earle Floyd at her The contest is now underway by served at the Legion hut to every- home Friday at 8:00 p. m. officials a penny vote process. one who attends a community announced today. Mrs. R. B. Mal-

The club will study North Carc-

## Town May Increase Yam Booths Are Listed Thomas L. Hamilton, grand dragon of the now defunct Association of Carolinas Klans who begins his four year prison term today, released a statement to the press this week in which he implies that State Senator J. K. Powell represented both defense and prosecution

Yam Festival which opens here next week, October 9, 10 and 11, will occupy 2660 square feet with COMPANY'S 19 different themes, each teaching a lesson about yams.

along with the names of the per- Winbourne, Chairman of the North sons in charge of each are as fol- Carolina Utilities Commission,

1. Breeding New Varieties: Dr. D. T. Pope, State College, Bob and Telegraph Company be re-White, Tabor City, Ralph Spivey, H. E. Soles, Darwood Strickland.

Seed Selection—Dr. Fred D. Cockran, State College, Phil Hughes, W. C. Cox Jr, June White, be the second win against as many Rt. 4, Whiteville; C. W. Todd, Rt. losses this season. Tabor defeated 1, Clarendon, A. G. Long, Loris, Lumberton by a 18-13 count at S. C.

3. Seed Treatment—S. L. Jackson, Ben Nesmith III, Brice Mills, Newman Strickland, Lynwood

4.Diseases-Charles D. Raper, Lewis Gore, Thelbert Gore, Carson McPherson, Wilbur Smith, Ernest

5. Insects-Dr. Glenn E. Moore Watt, Dow Hinson, Marvin Lewis. Garrell's Warehouse on Friday at esy of Davis Jewelers, and all Claude Boyd, Ossie Norris, H. J. 6. Plant Beds & Bedding- H. M. Covington, State College, H. G.

Dameron, Grover Hinson, Dock

Ray, Philip McPherson, J. A. 7. Soil Selection-W. D. Lee, State College, Ruey Hewitt, Jack Godwin, Shannon Gore, Dupree

8. Fertilization - Moyle E. Harward, State College, Horace Roberts, Edwin Wright, Frank Ward, Bruce Gore, B. H. Hinson. 9. Planting& Cultivation - H. M.

Shey-Smithering a Jordan, Harvey Coleman, Clyde Stanley. 10. Harvesting - H. M. Ellis, State College, John Dorman, Fred

Covington-Pope, State College,

12. Curing - R. M. Richie, State During the business session the College, R. R. Rogers, Buren

Jr., E. W. Fonviell, B. A. Garrell, tion.

13. Grades of Sweet Potatoes-

Long, Grover Faulk. Sweet Potatoes Receipts — Mrs. Elaine N. Blake, Mrs. Robert Soles, Mrs. Cecil Wright, Mrs.

Lilly Stanley, Mrs. Roy Buffkin. 15. Consumer Preference-George Abshier, State College, Jack McGougan, E. Lee McGougan,

Ferney Willoughby, Rex Lovette. 16. Youth & Adult Exhibit -Archie F. Martin, Albert Goldfinch, G. T. Johnson, W. O. Jack-

17. Sweet Potato Products-Joe lock, Joe Blunt.

18. Farm Bulletins - Norman Youngsteadt, State College, Robert Soles, Ted Soles, James Long, Herman Thompson.

19. This Business of Farming-Charles W. Williams, State College, W. W. Woody, W. B. Buffkin, Tom Lupo, Everette Miller.

The highlight of the evening them. will be the selection of a "Popul-The Poincer Study club will arity Queen" by the high schoool.

The admission of the dance will

the taxpayer all-in.

### this project which will complete the "Finner Carolina" program in cleared and equipment for the playground several states.

Carolinas Yam Festival next week

The shindig is being sponsored three days festival. by the Tabor City Civitan Club All children under 12 years of and they have lined up Clarence age will beadmitted free.

One of the featured entertain-¡Jackson and his band to provide ment events at the Fifth Annual adequate music for the affair.

The big wareshouse will be apwill be an old fashioned Barn propriately decorated and a large tion Commission, of Raleigh, will Dance and Cake Walk at Garrell's crowd is expected to turn out for Warehouse on Saturday night, what promises to be one of the

# at the Firfth Annual Carolinas MERCHANTS OPPOSE PHONE

The Tabor City Merchants As-The titles of the various booths sociation this week wrote Stanley asking that the request for a rate

fused. their disapproval of the increase. ties commission.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company applied for and was given a substantial rate increase about three months ago, inc. case by Carolina Telephone but they are making another request. When the last rate hike went into effect, several local bus-J. Oliver Prince, president of iness firms, at least four, had the local association, asked Win- their phones removed because of bourne for the date of the hearing the exceptionally high cost. Still on this proposed poest in rate and others are expected to make the for other information that phone same move if this second price subscribers could use to voice increase is approved by the Utili-

tendent of Education, will crown and the ring by Dorman's Jewelthe 1952 Carolinas Yam Queen at ers. The runner up will be award- in the county to fear and tremble." the Queen's Ball to be held in ed a handsome wrist watch court-9:00 p. m. festival officials an- candidates will receive a gift cernounced today.

linas will vie for the honor. The also.

The queen will receive a basket The yams will be given by the music.

About 20 girls from the Caro- pattern by the Davis Jewelers

selection and coronation program | Miss Jean Yandle of Elizatbehis planned to offer entertainment town, 1951 Carolinas Yam Queen, both to spectators and dancers will reign at the ball until the coronation ceremonies.

The popular Coy Tucker Orchof quality yams and a dinner ring. ester of Tennessee will furnish the tion that any leniency will be

At an inquest on the death of shot my brother." Fowler reputedfarmer of the Mollie section o. ly, said "Shut up, or I'll shoot Columbus County, held last Thurs- you." Then he is reported to have day evening at the Loris Town Hall the jury reached the verdict that death was caused by gunshot by Bertie Fowler who is to be held for grand jury investiga-

Witnesses appearing before Coroner Dix and questioned by Solicitor Rheuben Long and, for the very little about the actual shoot- lotte Observer, with certain stateof this section who came here thinking there might be trouble, from Texas in June, 1952; Weldon Johnson, a resident of the area; and Donnie Williams, Jr., another

local citizen: Gerald, Watts, and Vasquez, all present at the time of the shooting in front of Bertie Fowler's store, Saturday night, September

20th gave similar testimony. Wilson, Gerald, and Watts had stopped at Bertie Fowler's store to get a can of beer, it was alleged. drove up. Tony Vasquez, arriving about that time, told Wilson his language because of the presence wife was outside. Wilson went out of his wife and children. and sat in the car with his wife. father-in-law were in the store with him or were outside was not made clear at the inquest, but apparently they were, near the car in which wilson was sitting. Vasquez, also, was near the car at this point.

Gerald, Watts, and Vasquez all The David Pugh orchestra of Negroes in a nearby car were en- this week and averages have been Negroes in a nearby car were en- unis week and averages have be gaged in "scandalous talk." Wil- among the best of the season. Association will hold a spots on the face with prickly for the Negro Dance at the Caro-son, they said, told the Negroes to Sales have been light with only watch their language for his wife some 60,000 pounds on the floors watch their language for his wife some 60,000 pounds on the floors spines all over them. Wit. Dunday in the floors revealed so that the people of the caught his on a pecan tree al- Planter's Warehouse on Friday and children were present. One of each day this week, however, a great State of North Carolina will though it is different from the evening, October 10, officials of the Negroes replied that he would general price increase throughout program will be on fire usual "pecan borer" found in this the Tabor City Negro school, spon-make a football out of Wilson, the belt has kept most farmers really happened.

Sors of the dance announced.

coming toward Wilson with for the balance of the week. knives. In the process of stopping a friendly manner, the witnesses pounds. stated.

Bertie Fowler came out of his store and pointed his pistol at Wilson and, according to Gerald, Watts, and Vasquez, said only that he was going to shoot wilson. Donnie Williams, Jr., however, testified that Bertie, after telling him and the other Negro with him to go into the store, first told out the noise and break it up.

Firing his pistol only once, Gerald's wife then said, "You'v: same high prices.

turned to Watts and said that he would shoot him if he didn't have a baby on his arm.

Wilson, hit in his left chest, Mr. Junius K. Powell, Attorney was rushed to Loris Community Whiteville, N. C. Hospital where he shortly died.

Weldon Johnson, the fourth witness at the inquest, revealed through a clipping from the Chai-Thompson were Hubert Gerald, into the store and told Fowler that so because there had been few times when he was there that there was not some trouble. Upon further questioning he stated that he had warned Fowler of impending trouble about an hour before

the shooting. Negroes accused of the "scandalous" talk, claimed that he and another Negro were sitting in a 1952. While Wilson was inside, his wife car talking about football when someone told them to watch their

# SALES

Tobacco sales on the Tabor City concurred in stating that some market topped 7 million pounds

Sales have been light with only

Sales on the local market are Vasquez then grabbed Wilson to due to close Friday, October 3, and stop him in order to keep him Sales Supervisor Don Hughes said from getting into a fight with the today that he expected prices and Negroes whom Vasquez said were volume to remain about the same

Tuesday's sale showed 66,456 Wilson, Vasquez and he simmbled pounds sold for an average price over each other and fell to the of \$53.48. Total sales through An all-out tax program leaves ground. They began wrestling in Tuesday were listed at 7,012,115 into Columbus County in the past wood from J. Edgar Hoover, chief

### First Yams

Wilson and those with him to cut indication of continued high prices and without an exception they and sentenced to ten years. Also Fowler then shot Wilson, accord- last season and most potato auth- ing about. I made this survey for was sentenced to five years for ing to Gerald, Watts, and Vasquez. orities expect another year of the my records. We are running a Larceny and receiving stolen

in the recent klan trials.

of North Carolina for his part in we will have data and material as well as evidence that I feel will the prosecution. cause some people in that County

This week The Tribune received an envelope bearing a Leesville, S. C. post mark and containing a carbon copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Junius K. Powell, Attorney, Whiteville, N. C. and signed by Hamilton which infers that all is not serene in Columbus

Hamilton says that he has information that Columbus county people have received "Statements" from Powell for "services rendered" and asks Powell how he could prosecute and render serv-

ices at the same time. Hamilton also says that "we (supposedly the Ku Klux Klan) are running a complete investigation in Columbus County and one of these days we will have data T. Ward Guy, County Superin- | Tabor City Marketing company and material as well as evidence that I feel will cause some people

Hamilton also says that his survey of the Columbus county people shows "without fear of contificate for silver in their chosen tradiction" that they are on his

It has been reported that South Carolina neighbors of the Grand Dragon have appealed to North Carolina authorities for reconsideration of the Hamilton case. However, to date, there is no indica-

shown. At any rate, Hamilton is sche-At any rate, Hamilton is sche-duled to report to the sheriff's under any condition until they had carried their point. office in Whiteville today (Wednesday) to begin his sentence. He 6:11 "Put on the Whole armour was granted 60 days freedom after sentencing to allow his wife to undergo a major operation. He is devil " I realize the truth couplied by Mrs. Roger Bullock of

Fair Bluff.

The Letter follows: Leesville, S. C.

Dear Sir: It has come to my attention Leon Fonviell, C. A. Lupo, Fred defense, by Attorney Frank A. ing, but admitted that he had gone ments that were released through you or the Honorable Clifton L. the victim's brother-in-law, Rose he thought there would be trouble Moore, Solicitor of the District. THURSDAY Watts, Wilson's father-in-law; at the store that night. Pressed at This news dispatch was Captioned Tony Vasquez, a recent resident the inquest for his reasons for "Whiteville North Carolina." I cannot gather who is responsible Association will show a film enhe explained that he had thought for the false and falacious state- titled "The Sixth Chair" at its ments made in the Press regard- Thursday night meeting at the ing me, namely, that I had ap- school house, Mrs. R. P. Counts, proached you or tried to get you president, said today. Ward T. to represent me there in North Guy, county superintendent of Carolina. Now, Mr. Powell, I nev- education, will summarize the picer approached you or tried in any ture and give its high lights. The way to get you to represent me; meeting is scheduled for 7:30. Donnie Williams, Jr., one of the in fact I had never laid eyes on you until I met you in the Court mittee will make their reports and

I feel that any Attorney who is State. But, it is a little puzzling parents take an interest in the to me a man who is employed by PTA and attend its meetings," the State to act as States Attorney Mrs. Counts said. can represent certain people that he is trying to convict. Information has come to me from certain people in Columbus County have Carnival Here

received STATEMENTS from you for "Services Rendered." How Could You Prosecute and "Render Services" at the Same Time???? One of these days, in the not too 11, it was announced today. distant future, the facts of the Ku Klux Klans trials in Columbus Keystone Shows and will be set County North Carolina will be up in the vacant lot behind the revealed so that the people of the city hall in the center of town. have a TRUE conception of what Wanted Everywhere

Since I was convicted I have had the opportunity to walk with weeks ago after striking and robsome of the most influential and bing Mrs. Alice Fowler at the highly respected citizens of Co- Courtney Grocery has a long polumbus County, and, from my lice record according to a teletalks with these people, I have gram received here by Chief of been led to believe and to KNOW Police L. R. Watson this week.

certain things with regards to my Watson had requested inform case there in Columbus County. tion on the Negro who gave his I have had the opportunity to go name he.e as Jimmie Lee Haysixty (60) days to talk with vari- of the FBI. ous people and I find that in talk- The telegram said that Having with the people the picture wood also used the names of Jim portrayed by the Press in White- Goodwin, James Goodman and The first yams of the season ville, N. C. was certainly false. James Goodson. He is wanted by came in this morning as the mark- At no time have I had any diffi- the State Convict Department eting company began the auction- culty in getting WHITE or BLACK Montgomery, Ala., for second deing of the most famous product of to the door at any hour of the gree burglary committed in May Tabor City. The first few truck night. It so happens that most of 1936 when he was sentenced to loads of yams solf for \$3.10 and the residents in the rural areas three to four years. He was again \$3.20 per bushel and gave every that I talked with were Negroes caught for robbery in July 1940 through the season. The market would come out to the car and arrested by Police in Flo.ence. held its highest average in history direct me to the place I was ask- S. C. in April 1942. In July he complete investigation in Colum- goods.

Powell assisted Solicitor Clifton Moore in the trial of 46 members of the night flogging band and was paid a fee of \$5000 from the State

to fear and tremble. My survey

of the people who are the back-

bone of Columbus County, I find

without fear of contradiction, are on MY SIDE. TRUTH BEARETH AWAY THE VICTORY AND TRUTH WILL

ALWAYS TRIUMPH. Before reading this statement, released to the Press, I was led to have the utmost confidence in you for your position and standing, representing the people there in Columbus County and I feel you should, through the Press straighten this falsehood out so that you will continue to have the

respect of your people. At no time, when I spoke in Columbus County on two occassions, did I quote a mis-statement or tell the people of North Carolina a falsehood. Every Speech that I made in that State I could back to the hilt. I do not know and personally do not care about the opinions of some people in Hamilton Implies . . . galley 2... North Carolina. In your State as well as other places, I have led a fight of TRUTH AND RIGHT and when the time comes for me to "give up the ghost," Sir, that will still be my fight. I know that there were disgruntled people in North Carolica who wanted things to go their way and would not stop

very forcibly to fight harder for

the CAUSE OF CHRISTIANITY. Under the guidance of the Supreme Architect of the Universe and under the Banner of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, may Peace and Prosperity be yours.

> Sincerely, Thos. L. Hamilton

## P.T.A. MEETS

The Tabor City Parent Teachers

The budget and finance com-House at Whiteville on July 21, suggestions for this year's projects will be heard.

"There are nearly 900 families secured by the State to represent represented at the local schools the State should be paid by the and we would like to see those

## VFW Sponsors

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a carnival in Tabor City next week, October 6 through

The Carnival is operated by

The Negro nabbed here two

Watson had requested informa-