

Interest Mounting In Fishing Rodeo

Interest continues to mount this week in the Jaycee-sponsored Fishing Rodeo slated to be reeled off Wednesday, June 30, at one of the beach fishing piers.

Youngsters between the ages of 9 and 15 are urged to pick up their permission slips from the Tribune office and have their parents sign them. Only those who have signed slips will be permitted to make the trip which begins at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, June 30 and continues until 7 p. m.

Highlighting the Fishing Rodeo will be a weiner roast and the presentation of prizes to the three youngsters who have caught either the largest, the second largest, or the greatest number of fish.

"This is the first time any such project has ever been undertaken in the community and if it is a success then it might easily become an annual event," said Richard Gordon, president of the local Jaycees.

Jaycees will furnish the transportation, food for the weiner roast, and fishing equipment during the event.

"Parents are invited to give aid on the transportation problem if they desire to accompany the children," said Ben L. Nesmith, III, Nesmith and Al Harrison are co-chairmen of the transportation committee.

Anyone desiring to take a car load of the Rodeo contestants is urged to contact either Harrison or Nesmith.

Fair Bluff Youth Wins Scholarship

Howard Gordon Small, Jr., of Fair Bluff has been selected winner of a four year "Talent for Service" scholarship at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, effective at the beginning of the fall semester in September.

A total of twenty scholarships were given to North Carolina graduates this year valued at a total of \$42,000. Each individual scholarship is valued at \$500 each for four years or a total of \$2,000 each.

Small is a recent honor graduate of Fair Bluff High School. While in school he was active in the Beta Club, FFA, was a class officer and was the winner of the Citizenship award.

His course of study at North Carolina State College will be agriculture.

He is the son of Mrs. Rhoda Small of Fair Bluff.

Band Members At Music Camp

Larry Williams and Joel Clements of Tabor City are among the group of nine county musicians and Director Bob Hodges who are attending a two weeks Summer Music School at East Carolina College.

The musicians are studying music theory, conducting, choral works and play twice daily in a 125 piece symphonic band during the session.

Other members from Columbus County attending the music camp are Betty Long of Naxina, Edwin Jones of Hallsboro, Jimmie Warwick, Louis Sauls, Billie Tucker and Bettie Lou Smith all of Whiteville.

Miss Louise O'Tuel At Maine Camp

Miss Louise O'Tuel left last week for Philadelphia where she joined the staff of Devereux Schools. The Devereux staff and students are leaving this week for summer camp, North Anson, Maine.

Miss O'Tuel, of route 4, Nichols, will serve as a counselor for small children at the camp which runs until late August. She is a member of the faculty of the Mullins Elementary School.

4-H TALENT CONTEST
Friday, June 25th at 8:00 o'clock there will be a 4-H talent contest at the recreation center in Whiteville to select a blue ribbon group to enter the district contest on July 7th. Any 4-H member is eligible to compete and the public is invited to attend.

A.L. Wright Produces Many Strawberries

A. L. Wright, Tabor City Route 1, who lives in the Vinegar Hill community picked 203 1/3 crates of Albritton Strawberries from his 3 year old plants this year. These berries averaged \$8.92 per 24 quart crate or a total of \$1,810.95. Last year this same field yielded 206 2/3 crates for an average of \$10.15 per crate.

His field of 2 year old plants picked 227 1/2 crates for a \$9.34 average per crate and his field of November set plants produced 77 1/2 crates which averaged \$10.15.

In all Mr. Wright picked 508 1/3 crates this year that averaged \$9.29 per crate while the market average was only \$7.75 per crate for a total gross receipts of \$4,923.35.

Summer Program Shows Progress

Enrollment in the Tabor City Recreation Program has nearly doubled since it began a week ago. Thirty-six children attended the first day's program and at present sixty-five children are taking advantage of the summer recreational activities.

The 6-10 age group has received the much needed new equipment and their program has been fully organized and unified to suit the needs of the participants.

Two new saws have been constructed and there are two more to be built in the near future. Also, additional swings will be placed on the community playground before the end of the week.

Mr. R. P. Counts donated paint books, brushes and crayons to this group and engaging in this activity is one of the highlights of the day.

Equipment for the older group of boys has not yet arrived and they are still engaging in active games such as softball, ping-pong, croquet and horse shoes. It is hoped that the necessary equipment can go into full swing.

Beginning Monday, June 28th, the 6-10 age group will meet from 9-12 a.m. while the hours for the older group will be 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

All interested children are urged to take advantage of the summer recreation program.

Cinemascope Screen Installed At Ritz

Cinemascope has been installed at the Ritz theatre and will be used this month Van Jones, manager, announced today.

The Cinemascope screen covers the entire front of the theatre, excluding the exit doors, and is very deep with four sound tracks. The projection room has been renovated and new booth equipment has been installed to give the patrons every advantage of the new vision and sound, Jones stated.

The screen will be used for the first time with the showing of the picture entitled "The Robe" on June 27.

The Ritz Theatre is one of the 11 houses in the 85 Stewart and Everett Theatre chain which has Cinemascope.

Cinemascope is declared "the most forward step in the 59 year history of motion pictures and we are happy that our theatre is now equipped with this new screen and sound" said Jones.

Tabor City Grill Will Open Under New Management

Tabor City Grill will reopen Saturday, June 26, under new management.

Located between Dicus-Fowler Co. and Fowler's Barber Shop, the grill will be under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson. The grill has recently undergone remodeling and the finishing touches are expected to be added prior to the opening date.

"We will specialize in meals and will offer a special fried chicken dinner for only 65 cents during the opening weekend," said Mr. Wilson.

Coleman To Attend Tobacco Meet

Roscoe C. Coleman will attend the Bright Belt Warehouse Association convention at Virginia Beach Sunday through Wednesday. He is a member of the board of governors and will attend the session in setting the date for the opening of the tobacco market.

Joe Coleman, J. L. Lewis and Mrs. Harriett L. Sikes will also attend the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kelly spent several days last week in Asheville and Spencer.

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Safety Program On Brink Of Folding

Radio Station Assigned WTAB Call Letters

WTAB will be letters everyone in Columbus County will become conscious of within the next 30 days.

Tabor City's new radio station was assigned the call letters "WTAB" and will derive its slogan from these letters.

Arthur Nix, station engineer, said today that no slogan had been adopted but that one would be forthcoming within the next ten days.

Present plans call for the opening of the station on July 1st. Tentative plans have been made by the local Jaycees to sponsor a dance in honor of the radio station opening. Details of the dance will be announced in the near future.

Wyche Receives Bank Award

Henry Wyche, assistant vice president of Waccamaw Bank, recently received the award, "President's Prayer," which is given for achievement in the U. S. Savings Bonds program, dedicated to the economic strength of the nation and the financial independence of its citizens.

The award was presented to Mr. Wyche by C. E. McIntosh, Jr., Deputy Director of the U. S. Savings Bond Division for North Carolina.

Lumber from the inaugural platform on which President Eisenhower took the oath of office was used in making the frame to hold the award.

Mr. Wyche expressed his appreciation for the award and stated that he was impressed with the total sales record of Savings Bonds in Columbus County since 1941.

Ten Pay Cost In Mayor's Court

Ten persons paid court costs and four other cases were transferred to Recorder's Court at the Monday night Mayor's Court here. A total of \$135.50 was collected.

Cases transferred to Whiteville include Acie M. Soles, Lester Goss, Frances Parker and Robert Nealey.

Cases tried here for public drunkenness were: Arthur Gibbs, Moody Stanley, Addison Smith, Alton Chapman, Gaston Soles, Jerry Jackson and Lewis Watts.

Nathaniel Boyd paid court cost for disorderly conduct.

Avis Strickland and Dewey Sellers paid court cost for speeding.

Rev. Newton Will Speak To Club

Rev. P. F. Newton, pastor of Whiteville Methodist Church, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of the Methodist Men's Club slated for Thursday night, June 24, at 7:00 p. m. at the St. Paul Methodist Church.

All members are urged to be present and those who have not signed the Charter will be given the opportunity to do so Thursday night. The Charter will be framed as soon as all members have signed it.

Members who are planning to attend are asked to contact Horace Cox, attendance chairman. The Methodist Men's Club was organized here February 25th and now has a membership of 35.

JUNE 30TH DEADLINE FOR WHEAT APPLICATIONS

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for the years 1952, 1953, and 1954 may apply for a 1955 wheat acreage allotment, according to Clyde Wayne, Chairman of the Columbus County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC committee by June 30, 1954.

Blank application forms are available at the county ASC office for use in filling requests for allotments.

One of the most effective weapons ever used against death on the highways in Columbus County is on the brink of folding up in the near future unless a fund raising campaign is initiated with successful results.

The much publicized Columbus County Safety Campaign has proved to be one of the best programs of its kind ever instituted to curb traffic violations and death on the highways; however, the program is faced with a problem of initiating new ideas with no financial backing. At the present time there is six cents in the treasury.

"Have Your Car Safety Checked" is the slogan currently used by the program. Bumper stickers have been distributed throughout the County for use by citizens interested in keeping the public safety conscious.

This safety committee was organized approximately eight months ago and was financed from the beginning by donations solicited from civic organizations and any individual interested in promoting the program.

Robert C. Soles of Tabor City, treasurer of the program, said today, "We have only six cents remaining in the treasury and the continuation of the program is endangered by the lack of finances."

Effectiveness of the program can be measured more accurately by comparing the Columbus County fatalities of 1954 with those of 1953. Last year approximately 23 persons lost their lives in highway accidents. So far this year, only eight persons have been killed—six of these were killed in a collision two weeks ago.

"We will be forced to discontinue the program if no further finances are available," said Soles in urging the people of Columbus County to support this worthy program.

N. C. Braxton, of Whiteville, is president of the Columbus County Safety Committee.

Cherry Resigns Brunswick REA

Hugh B. Cherry tendered his resignation from the position of Electrification Advisor with the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation effective as of July 1, 1954.

Cherry began his employment with the Co-operative in April of 1950 and has spent most of his time in promoting better public relations and Co-op understanding. He was responsible for the planning of the Co-op membership meetings, their education and power-use programs. He worked closely with all of the agricultural leaders, the merchants, schools, and various community enterprises.

He became known as an ardent worker for the betterment of both Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Cherry was a very active civic worker as indicated by the respect and number of positions that he held. He is now serving as a vice-president of the Shallotte Lions Club, program chairman of the Shallotte Lions Club, Superintendent of the Camp Methodist Church School, Chairman of the Boy Scout Troop Committee for Shallotte Boy Scout Troop No. 506, and has served on many other committees in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherry, with their three little girls, lived in Shallotte. It is reported that Mr. Cherry has accepted employment in Raleigh with the Prudential Insurance Company and will move his family there.

Wilson Rankin Joins Green Sea School Faculty

Wilson Rankin has joined the Agriculture Department of the Green Sea High School and is assuming duties in July.

Rankin will work with Don Johnson who has been a member of the Agriculture Department for the past several years.

The new faculty member, a native of Allsbrooks, has taught Vocational Agriculture in Lake View for the past seven years. He was graduated from Clemson, class of 1947.

Rankin is married to the former Esta Norris of Conway. They have a son, Fredrick Ross, eight years old, and a daughter, Mary Esta, 15 months.

The Rankins plan to establish residence in Tabor City.



Pfc. Paul Ray Soles is stationed at Camp Carson Army Base in Colo., where he is receiving instruction and training in the 198th Tank Bn attached to the 31st Dixie Division.

Pfc. Soles entered service Sept. 23, 1953. He was engaged in farming prior to induction.

The army man is the son of Mrs. George Soles of the Dothan section. He is married to the former Eunice Powell.

Negro Escapees Soon Captured

Three Negro convicts, who escaped from a work-gang Wednesday afternoon near the Tabor City Lumber Company, were all returned to custody by early Thursday morning.

One member of the trio was captured about 10 Wednesday night.

They were members of a prison gang working out of Columbus County Prison Camp 602 near Whiteville, which was working on the construction of a new road near the Tabor City Lumber Company.

The escapees were Willie George Williams, 31, of Wilmington who was serving a term of 10 years for safe-breaking, entering and larceny; John McQueen, 27, of Fairmont, who was serving a sentence of 8-12 years on two counts of breaking, entering and larceny; and J. C. Pierce, 31, of Angier, who recently began 3 years sentence for a breaking and entering charge.

A posse of 25 men, including officials of Prison Camps from several surrounding counties, the Columbus County Sheriff's Department, the State Highway Patrol and the Tabor City Police Department, engaged in the manhunt. Bloodhounds from several of the Prison Camps were used in the hunt.

Bill Mahoney, Prison Camp 602 Superintendent, said that all the convicts were captured within a mile square area of the spot where they escaped.

Bill Truitt To Attend Meeting

Bill Truitt of Tabor City will represent the St. Paul Methodist Men's Club at the National Conference of Methodist Men at Purdue University at West Lafayette, Indiana July 9-11.

Over 2,000 Methodist Men are expected to take part in this meeting which is designed to make those attending more effective churchmen and more aware of their Methodist heritage.

Discussion groups will be conducted by skilled laymen and church officials from every state in the Union.

Green Sea Cannery Announces Opening

The Green Sea Cannery will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Summer months. Food will be accepted for canning from 8:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. The cannery is in good operating condition the boiler having undergone major repairs. Equipment is available for canning in cans and in jars. The cannery will be operated by the local Home Economics and Agriculture teachers.

COTTON

What is believed to be the first cotton blossom in this section of the county was brought to The Tribune office by Mr. C. C. Bullock of Route 1, Tabor City.

Mr. Bullock stated that he found the first blossom in his field on June 17th.

All indications are that the cotton crops will be good this year.

Second Primary Set For Saturday, June 26

Voters will return to the polls Saturday, June 26, and vote in the Second Primary to elect a Sheriff of Columbus County.

In the only race slated for a run-off, Sheriff Hugh Nance and J. R. Pridgen will vie for the office of Sheriff. Pridgen called a second primary after suffering a defeat of 500 votes in the Democratic Primary held May 29.

Although both candidates have been campaigning heavily since the May 29 Election, there has been little interest shown by the voters in the forthcoming election.

There have been no registration books open for the Second Primary and only those who were eligible to vote during the Democratic Primary on May 29 will be allowed to vote on Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Angle, registrar of the South Williams Precinct, said today that the polls would be open from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m.

"Although the vote is seldom as heavy in a Second Primary we are expecting approximately 700 voters on Saturday," said Mrs. Angle.

Nancy Hardie Wins Jr. Red Cross Award

Nancy Hardie was designated today as Columbus County's "Most Outstanding Junior Red Cross Leader" and will receive an expense paid trip to the Junior Red Cross Leadership training center at Camp Green Cove, Tuxedo, North Carolina.

Miss Hardie was selected for the honor by Mrs. Mae Young, of Tabor City, chairman of the Jr. Red Cross program in Columbus County.

The training period for the Columbus County winner will begin on August 19 and be concluded on the 28th.

The program at Camp Green Cove is designed to provide instruction, stimulation and recreation. It will be soundly educative and thoroughly enjoyable, according to reports from the camp workers.

Subjects discussed at the camp will include organization and activities of Junior Red Cross in schools and chapters, community services, international activities, Jr. Red Cross publications, production, home nursing, first aid and water safety, and nutrition.

An assembly program each evening will be devoted to presentations of the various Red Cross services, including the following: disaster service, Red Cross blood program, home service, service in military installations and in military hospitals, service groups, home nursing, and first aid and water safety.

One or two programs will be planned to give the historical background of the American Red Cross and its basic underlying philosophy.

Miss Hardie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hardie of Route 1, Clarenden, is a recent graduate of Williams Township School.

She won many honors for participation in extra-curricular school activities and was named one of the four most outstanding high school graduates in North Carolina when she received the initial Clyde A. Erwin Scholarship at recent commencement exercises.

"We are happy and fortunate to have such a talented and capable young lady to represent Columbus County's Junior Red Cross program at the annual training center," said Mrs. Young when she named Miss Hardie as winner of this year's award.

Miss Hardie was selected on the basis of her leadership, keen sense of responsibility, good citizenship and school record.

Her school record speaks for itself. She was awarded the Bal-

four Medal for her outstanding contribution to Williams School. Too, she was awarded a \$150 freshman scholarship at Meredith College. This was in addition to the \$100 scholarship awarded by the Clyde A. Erwin group.

Always active in school activities, she was a member of the Beta Club, Future Teachers of America, Future Homemakers of America, 4-H Club, Glee Club, Dramatics Club, School Bus Driver's Club, Girls' Basketball Manager, official scorer for County and Senior class plays, School Reporter, reporter for the junior and senior classes. In addition to belonging to these organizations, Nancy was also the most ardent newspaper reporter in the County. Too, she helped to collect items for 20 gift boxes to be sent overseas through the Red Cross and she gave full cooperation during the Red Cross drive.

Nancy plans to major in Home Economics at Meredith College, where she is enrolled for next term.

Collins Reunion Slated

More than 200 persons are expected to attend the Fifth Annual Collins Reunion slated to take place Sunday, June 27, at 11 o'clock at the American Legion Hut near Marion, S. C.

Mrs. R. R. Rogers of Tabor City, secretary of the Reunion, urged every member of the Thomas, Elizabeth, and Caroline Collins family to be present for this year's event.

"I hope everyone will attend and make this reunion one with a perfect attendance," said Mrs. Rogers.

Green Sea Opens Home Ec Dept.

The Green Sea Home Economics Department will be open each Wednesday from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. during the summer months. The equipment of the department will be at your disposal. Button holes will be worked and assistance in sewing or any other phase of Home Economics may be received by the Home Economics teacher.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING
The Tabor City American Legion Post 101 will meet Thursday, June 24 at 8:30 p. m. at the Tabor City Legion Hut. Installation of new officers will take place at the meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Carter Wins Editor's Award

The President's Award of Merit, given by NEA's President Alan C. McIntosh for 1954, was presented to Horace Carter, Tabor City, (N. C.) Tribune.

Presentation of this plaque was made at the Awards Dinner, in connection with the 69th Annual Convention of National Editorial Association in Baltimore, Med., June 18.

The award went to Carter "in recognition of his courage in battling the forces of intolerance and terrorism through a vigorous editorial campaign—conducted in fearless disregard of his own safety in the face of threats of violence—to banish hooded terrorists from his community; for his bravery in printing the truth in the noblest traditions of courageous journalism; for the high example which he has set for members of the National Editorial Association."

Carter shared the honor with his friend and fellow North Carolina weekly editor, Willard Cole, of becoming the first weekly newspaper editors to win the Pulitzer Prize—this in 1953. They received the Pulitzer Prize for their courageous work in fighting the Klu Klux Klan.

Carter founded the Tabor City Tribune in 1946 with a few dollars saved from his Navy pay and a GI loan. He formed a partnership in 1950 and became co-owner and publisher of five weekly newspapers in the Carolinas.

He also received the Sidney Hillman Foundation Award and the B'nai B'rith Award. He was named one of America's ten outstanding young men for 1953.

Past winners of the NEA's Award of Merit were Guy Easterly, publisher of the LaFollette (Tenn.) Press, in 1953 and John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publisher Association, in 1952.