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Marion Stanley and Flora Mae Graves of Tabor City are shown with one of the instructors at Camp New Hope, a summer camp provided by the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children.

Youngsters Know Value Of Seal Sale

Sunrise Services Planned

Committees were named today to make final preparations for Tabor City's second union Easter Sunrise services to be held Sunday, April 10, on the lawn of the local school. The exact time will be announced later in the week.

Ministers of the local Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches will conduct the service. Those taking part are the Rev. P. C. Gantt, the Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson and the Rev. Paul Carruth.

Musicians will be furnished by Mrs. W. W. Woody and the Tabor City High School Choir. Named to the property committee were Don Hughes, Eldred Hickman, J. C. Bell, Jr., and Howard Wooten. Ushers will be C. G. Westmoreland, Carl Brubaker, J. A. Hufham, Jr., Lewis Gore, R. T. Rogers, and L. B. Hedgecock.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Methodist women at the St. Paul Methodist Church following the sunrise service. The public is invited to attend.

"Many of the people will remember that chairs were not furnished last year so those desiring to be seated are requested to bring their own chairs," said one of the officials.

Last year's setting with the empty cross proved very inspiring and it is hoped that this year's service will be even more inspirational.

Citizens will be reminded of the sunrise service by the sounding of the fire alarm siren.

The Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, is preparing the order of the service.

Although no forecast of the weather has been made, citizens were reminded that sunrise weather can be rather cool.

The service will broadcast over the amplifier system that was placed into use last year according to one of the spokesmen.

"The Bible says 'And very early in the morning the first of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.' It was then that the glorious news of Christ's resurrection was discovered and made known. It is in the keeping of this wonderful time that since the practice has come into being that sunrise services be held," said Rev. Fletcher C. Hutcheson, pastor of the Tabor City Presbyterian Church.

Van Coleman is critically ill in the Mullins hospital following surgery there Thursday.

Freezing Weather Proves Costly To Columbus Farmers

Signs of Spring were in the offering today but the sudden "deep freeze" took its toll over the weekend according to Columbus County Agent Charles D. Raper.

A survey of crops by Raper indicates that the strawberry crop may have been the most heavily damaged.

Raper estimated that over half of the county's Kionmore berries were destroyed by the freeze. The Maseys and Albrittons are not thought to have suffered very much.

With temperatures dipping down into the low 20's the county agent estimated that about \$10,000 was lost through the

Two young ladies from Tabor City know the value of the Easter Seal Society which is staging its annual "Lily Parade" on Saturday, April 2.

Marion Stanley and Flora Mae Graves were both given treatments at Camp New Hope last summer. This camp is maintained for ambulatory crippled children.

Both of the young girls spent two happy weeks at the camp last summer. The Tabor City Woman's Club provided the wardrobe and transportation for the parade.

"These are the children you will help when you contribute to the 'Lily Parade' that is scheduled in your community," said Mrs. E. L. McGirt, co-chairman of the Columbus Easter Seal Campaign.

Mrs. McGirt reported that a total of 52 children attended the camp last year.

"A great amount of emphasis was placed on the recreational aspect of the camp program and proved very beneficial to many handicapped children," said Mrs. McGirt.

"Lily Parade" Day is well known to local citizens. It is the day when youngsters sell white paper Easter lilies that are a symbol of the Easter Seal Society.

Ann Brooks McGowan, member of the Tabor City School faculty, is chairman of the Tabor City Seal Sale Society.

Lawrence Bowers and County Commissioner W. B. Buffkin were appointed to a committee to study a request by representatives of Boys Home, Inc., for acquisition of a one-half to three-quarter acre tract as a site for dormitory cottages.

Raymond Mallard, prominent Tabor City attorney, has been named to advise the two-man committee.

The request was brought before a called meeting of the County Commissioners on Friday night. The commissioners expressed themselves as in full sympathy with the Boys Home project and offered their assistance in anyway legally proper.

Representatives for Boys Home were A. D. Peacock, J. L. Collier, Dan Todd, Lloyd Collier, Bill Hooks and Mr. Bowers.

The freeze took its toll on truck crops the agent said. Little damage was inflicted on tobacco growers except in cases where the plant had reached the top of the bed-canvasses.

Raper said that the freeze probably helped the tobacco farmers more than it hurt them.

"The freeze would retard blue mold considerably as well as other leaf diseases," said Raper. Only one disadvantage was suffered by leaf growers, Raper said the "setting out" would probably be delayed about 10 days.

Other growing plants suffering from the weekend cold were fruit and flowering trees of the

Sentiment Favors Having Woman On Local School Board

21 Contestants Enter Race For "Miss Tabor City" Title

Twenty-one attractive contestants will vie for the title of "Miss Tabor City of 1955" at the Civitan Minstrel Show to be held Thursday night, 8 o'clock, at the local school auditorium. Gifts will be awarded the winner and runnerup by Davis Jewelers.

Mrs. S. T. Rogers and Mrs. R. R. Rogers, co-chairmen of the contest, said today that the 21 beauties included Alice Ann Soles, Faye Lewis, Patsy Ward, Alice Ann Horne, Betty Williams, Mary Canady, Martha Jernigan, Doris Hattaway, Myrtle Jenerette, Lorraine Long, Peggy Gore, Darcus Soles, Shelby Jean Hux, Violet Wright, Dana Soles, Lou Floy Watts, Patricia Spivey, Vickie Sue Lewis, Nelda Gaskins, Ann Williams, and Irma Jean Cox.

Featured as a special part of the minstrel show, the beauty contest will be held prior to the opening scene of the minstrel.

Another specialty number was added to the minstrel today when it was confirmed that the Tabor City unit of the Columbus County Band would present a brief concert earlier in the evening. The band is under the direction of Mr. Bob Hodges of Whiteville.

Blackface end men in the show are Jimmy Dicus, H. G. Damerson, Al Harrison, Phil Hughes, Hank Nobels, and David Kelly. Ben L. Nesmith, III will perform as interlocutor.

Admission to the show will be 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

Barcey Nealey Claimed By Death

Barcey Nealey, 57, died in Columbus County Hospital, Whiteville Wednesday at 9:20 a. m. after an illness of two months. He was a farmer of route 1, Chadbourn.

Funeral rites were held from the Beaver Dam Baptist Church, where he was a member, Thursday at 3 p. m. by Rev. J. A. Hucks. Burial was in the McPherson Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viola Nealey; two sons, Garfield and Clifton of route 1, Chadbourn; four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Harp, Mrs. Margaret Shoemaker and Miss Dorothy Nealey of Fayetteville, Miss Violet Nealey of route 1, Chadbourn; three sisters, Mrs. Lola Duncan of Asheville, Mrs. Nola McPherson and Mrs. Zellie Lee McPherson of route 1, Chadbourn.

Man Gets Cut; Goes To Jail

Some days it just doesn't pay to get up and that seemed to fit the activities of J. P. Perry, 27-year-old Negro man on Saturday.

Chief of Police H. E. Epps said today that Perry who lives near the State Line, was slashed with a pocket knife early Saturday afternoon. When he entered Dr. R. C. Harrelson's office for treatment he made insulting remarks to the nurse, Marie Fowler, and acted disorderly.

Chief Epps said Perry was charged with disorderly conduct and lodged in the local jail. The knife victim was unable to identify the woman who attacked him.

Trial has been set for Friday in Mayor's Court.

Saint Paul Church Holy Week Services

Holy Week Services will be observed by the Saint Paul Methodist Church beginning Sunday, April 3, Pastor Paul Carruth announced.

Featuring the Sunday evening service will be the presentation of the film entitled "Trial Before Pilot."

On Monday evening the film strip with the topic "The King of Glory" will be shown giving the meaning of Holy Week.

Special worship services will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with Pastor Carruth officiating and "The Maundy Communion" will be observed Thursday evening.

Good Friday services will be held at 12:00 noon Friday. All evening services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Pastor Carruth said.

Teachers With 25 Years Service Will Be Honored At Banquet

Twenty-five Columbus County teachers who have served more than 25 years will be honored Friday night at the annual Public Relations Dinner sponsored by the Columbus County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association to be held at Whiteville Township School.

Mr. Sanford Martin, chairman of the State Board of Education, will be the guest speaker.

Teachers who have served 25 or more years in the Columbus County system are Miss Jessie Griffin, Miss Mildred Griffin, Miss Hannah Yates, Miss Annie Lee Powell, Miss Evelyn Floyd, Miss Maude Butler, Mrs. Bertie Cox, Mrs. Merle Penn, Miss Annella Lennon, Mrs. Bertha Wooten, Mrs. Winnifred Stout, Mrs. Jessie Harper, Mrs. Ruth Coker, Mrs. Mamie Barksdale, Mrs. Marion Ward, Miss Mattie Justice, Mrs. Josephine Dudley, Mrs. Melba Formyduval, Mrs. Martha B. Hicks, Mrs. Robert Boyer, Miss Pearl Williamson, Mrs. Lollie Boswell, Mrs. Lena Strauss, Mrs. Annie Lee Vereen, Mrs. Veata Wright, and Mrs. Mortie Coleman.

In addition to honoring the teachers, officers for the coming year will be installed. They include Mr. J. E. Pierce, president; Mr. I. O. Wortman, vice president; and Mrs. Ruby Rabon, secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing officers are V. J. Colombo, president; Mrs. L. E. Pierce, vice president; and Mrs. Bettie Skipper, secretary-treasurer.

Unusual Number Of Disorderly Conduct Cases In Mayor's Court

Use of obscene language and indecent gestures netted James Finick a sentence of \$15 and costs Friday in Tabor City's Mayor's Court.

The Negro man was charged with disorderly conduct after making obscene remarks and indecent gestures from an automobile to several white women on Sunday, March 20.

Chief H. E. Epps said that five men were in the automobile at the time of the incident. The other four, William Finick, Nathan Beas, James Stevens and F. W. Dewitt were found not guilty on the disorderly conduct charges.

Other cases tried by Mayor W. Horace Carter included Daniel H. Gasque, speeding, costs; Earl Miller, bad check, transferred to Recorder's Court; Joe Sarvis, disorderly conduct and profane language, costs; Shelton Stevens, fighting and profane language, costs; Paul Mribb, fighting and disorderly conduct, costs; Benjamin Worley, fighting, costs; Carson Fowler, public drunkenness, costs; Clyde Stallvey, disorderly conduct, costs.

David Lewis, public drunkenness, costs; Willie Turbevise, public drunkenness, costs; Rufus Garrett, public drunkenness, costs; Rufus Garrett, failure and refusal to pay taxi fare, ordered to pay taxi fare of \$5; W. K. Jackson, profane language, costs; Wilbur Barnhill, hit and run and reckless driving, prosecuting witness failed to appear and case was dismissed.

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Sen. Arthur Williamson said that adoption of Assembly bills appointing Columbus County's and Whiteville's new boards of Education was expected this week.

"I think all of us owe a debt of gratitude to the retiring board. It has done an excellent job during the past two years," said Williamson.

Strong sentiment was recorded today favoring the appointment of a woman to fill one of the two existing vacancies on the local Board of Education. Appointments will be made Monday when the new County Board of Education holds its first meeting.

Tabor City's Womens Club was spearheading a move this week to have a woman named as a member of the board. At a called meeting of the club Monday morning members went on record endorsing the appointment but declined to recommend any particular person for the post.

Two vacancies were created last week on the local board when Dr. R. M. Williamson, chairman, and I. C. Gore were named to the County Board of Education.

Leading the action by the Womens Club were Mrs. Helen Pruitt and Mrs. Evelyn Leonard. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Pruitt said today, "We feel that a woman could be of valuable assistance on the school board in clarifying many of the school functions that are misunderstood." Specifically mentioned were the operation of school snack shop, cleanliness of the rest rooms, and first aid facilities.

One major factor behind the action of the Womens Club is that they feel mothers would be more prone to discuss their points of view on school problems with a woman than with male members of the Board.

Dr. Williamson said today that he was highly in favor of a woman being appointed to the local board.

"When I first learned I was being considered for the County Board of Education, I began giving thought to the possibility of having a woman on the local board," said Dr. Williamson.

Although many persons have suggested to Dr. Williamson that a woman be placed on the board, the new County Board member was a step ahead of them on the issue.

"I think the appointment of a woman would be a fine move. They are entitled to representation and I would certainly welcome it," he said.

Dr. Williamson said that the chances of a woman being appointed were "excellent," however, he declined to comment on any person to be considered.

If a woman is appointed it will mark the first time since 1939 that the board has not consisted entirely of male representatives. As far as could be ascertained, Mrs. W. F. Cox has been the only woman ever to serve on the local board. She served from 1936 - 1939.

"I think it would be a very fine thing," said Mrs. Cox when contacted early this morning.

Several members of the local board were contacted this morning and all approved the possible appointment of a woman.

C. H. Pinner, principal of the school, said today that "there should be no reason why a good woman wouldn't make a fine member of the school board."

He remarked that most of the schools he had been associated with in the past had women on the school board.

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JAYCEES SELL 16 MAIL BOXES DURING HOUR PROGRAM AT WTAB

A new method of promoting civic projects in Tabor City was introduced with success Saturday afternoon as radio station WTAB officials permitted local Jaycees to hawk mail boxes via the air waves.

Relying on telephone calls from local residents who had not made the final step for obtaining city mail delivery service, Jaycees sold and erected 16 mail boxes and five house numbers.

Although such programs are quite common to other sections of the state it marked the first time a civic club had utilized the local radio station for such a promotion.

"We would like to thank Hank Nobles, Arthur Nix and officials of WTAB for making this program possible. The results were very favorable and we are looking forward to another program in the near future," said Richard Gordon, president of the Jaycee unit.

Green Swamp Fire Continues To Roar

Red Devils Open Baseball Season At Williams

David Earl Anderson, versatile young Tabor City athlete, has been given the nod for mound chores in the baseball opener slated for next Tuesday between Tabor City and Williams Township at Williams.

Cochin David Diamond said today that a shortage of pitchers was his greatest problem in molding a winning team.

"We aren't hurting for reserves as badly as we are for pitching material," said Diamond today as he refused to make any predictions for the season.

Between 12 and 15 candidates have been vying for the past several weeks preparing for the season opener.

Several of the baseballers who will see regular duty this year are seasoned performers.

Jerry Cartrette, three-letter athlete, has capped a starting role at shortstop. Cartrette is a regular from last year's squad.

Other performers with experience are Jack Cox who will play second base, Jason Soles at first base, David Anderson will handle the bulk of the mound chores and Billy Wright will hold down duties at third base.

Diamond announced his starting lineup for the season opener as follows: Jerry Cartrette, ss; Jack Cox, 2nd; Jason Soles, 1st; Bobby Wright or Leverne Spivey, c; David Earl Anderson, pitcher; Billy Wright, 3rd; Gene Ray Lawrimore, Mitchell Anderson and either Tommy Collier or Leverne Spivey in the outfield.

Reserves include Kenneth Edgings, Hugh Gore, Brooks Mills, and Franklin Ray.

Fete Cage Champs To Keep Promise

Promises are made to be kept and Major Gore of the Fireway section kept his last night when he feted the Tabor City girls basketball team to a Weiner roast.

It all started before the County Tournament when Major Gore told the girls that he would give them a weiner roast if they carried home the crown.

The trophy has been in the showcase at the school for several weeks and Major Gore made good his promise.

All members of the team were present along with the coaches and managers.

Chadbourn Baptist Choir Will Present Cantata Sunday, April 3

The Chancel Choir of the Chadbourn Baptist Church will present a Cantata, "Man of Sorrows," by Thompson on Sunday evening, April 3, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock. Beginning with Palm Sunday, the music appropriately describes the last week of Jesus' earthly ministry. The Cantata opens with the Triumphant Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and moves on the Gethsemane, and from Gethsemane to Calvary's mountain, where Christ was crucified. The text is based on such

A giant blaze that started last Wednesday afternoon continued to roar through Green Swamp today after eating away more than 60,000 acres of timberland but officials said there was hope that it might be brought under control within the next 24 hours.

District Ranger G. R. Melville of Whiteville said the fire was working toward Bell Swamp in back of the International Paper Company headquarters near Bolivia.

One hundred men were rushed into the area yesterday to battle the fire started by what officials call a "diabolically cunning" firebug.

Several branches of the fire have been brought under control by use of bulldozers and every other piece of firefighting equipment available.

Melville said he had not received word of any houses or buildings of any sort being destroyed in the roaring blaze although there are a number of small homes located in the swamp.

One of the biggest problems, according to Melville, has been the manner in which the blaze has generated its own wind.

"It's much worse here than any fire we've ever seen," he said.

It was deemed impossible to determine the cash damage to the forest land since part of the land was worth very little while other portions were extremely valuable.

The International Paper Company rushed about 25 new reinforcements into the area yesterday morning, bolstering the weary crews that have been carrying on their bitter battle with the blaze since Wednesday.

Another big fire was reported to have broken out Monday at Lanes Ferry Bridge near Rocky Point. This fire is now roaring out of control said Melville.

Other blazes that broke out yesterday include one at Crusoe Island at the edge of the Green Swamp fire, a blaze near Clarkton and one at Smyrna Church between Whiteville and Clarkton. Both of the latter fires have been reported under control.

Host To MYF Rally

The MYF Rally of the Wilmington District will be held in the Whiteville Methodist Church Friday beginning at 5 p. m. in the afternoon local officials announced.

The theme of the rally will be "I Belong To The Church" with Dr. Barney Jones of Duke University giving the principal address.

The session will continue through 9 p. m. with supper at the church. Delegates will take a picnic lunch and the Whiteville church will serve beverages.



Rev. W. C. Herrington, pastor of the Carolina Baptist Church, who is conducting revival services at his church. Meetings are being held each evening at 7:45 through April 10.

TC Young Farmers Set Tuesday Meet

Members of the Tabor City Young Farmer's Club will hear a representative of the Wolsworth Chemical Corporation explain insect control on tobacco, cotton and sweet potatoes at the meeting slated for Tuesday, April 15, at 7:30 p. m. in the local Agriculture Building.

Williams P. T. A. Meets Monday Night

Election of new P. T. A. officers for next year will take place Monday night at the Williams Township School according to an announcement today by President Philip McPherson.

Azalea Queen



Mrs. Shane, Lovely Hollywood actress has been selected Azalea Queen for the Eighth Annual Wilmington Azalea Festival that will be reeled off March 31 through April 3.