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Jaycees Will Sell Light Bulbs Monday

Tabor City Jaycees will "knock on every door" on Monday, May 9, beginning at 5:30 p. m. as their "Light-Up Sale" moves into high gear to raise money for the summer recreation program.

Light bulbs and Kleenex will be sold by the Jaycees in their initial campaign to finance such activities as swimming classes, little league baseball, church softball league, youth night, adult night, arts and crafts, pony league, and the purchase of playground equipment. The estimated cost of the program is \$700.

"We have ordered approximately 2000 light bulbs and 500 boxes of Kleenex and are optimistic about the outcome of this sale. It gives us an opportunity to sell a useful commodity at nearly the same prices one would pay in the retail stores. Too, it takes the summer recreation program financing to the people whose children will benefit from it," said Al Harrison, Jaycee president.

In past attempts to organize a recreation program there was rather haphazard organization and the only funds were those solicited from the merchants.

"This is probably the best outlined recreation program that has ever been attempted in Tabor City and will be an asset if it functions according to present plans," said Harrison.

David Diamond, athletic director at the local school, has given the Jaycees assistance in organizing the program and will direct the program during the month of July. Two students will be secured to be in charge of the direct supervision during the six weeks period.

Interest is keen at the moment in the little league baseball teams for youngsters 12 years of age and under.

"About 50 or 60 youngsters have been practicing several times each week in anticipation of the summer program. They are vitally interested in the league and will benefit greatly from its operation," said Coach Diamond.

Various civic clubs in Tabor City are being contacted by Jaycees Billy B. Garrell and Frank McGougan. The clubs are being asked to sponsor one of the teams and to appoint a committee to coach their respective teams as well as to act as representatives in the overall organization of the Jaycees.

Tabor City Jaycees and Civitans have already agreed to sponsor teams. Coach Diamond said that a total of four teams would be needed to start the league.

"Anyone who belongs to a civic club that would be interested in sponsoring a team should get in contact with either Billy Garrell or Frank McGougan," said Ben L. Nesmith who is serving with Horace Cox as overall chairman of the recreation program.

Shelley Enters Town Board Race

William H. Shelley, town commissioner for past two years, announced today that he would be a candidate for reelection in the town election to be held June 14.

Shelley, well known merchant and civic worker, has served as head of the police and fire department during this current term on the town board.

He is a charter member of the Tabor City Civitan Club and a past president of that organization, a member of the Merchants Association, and a member of the Tabor City School Board from 1951-1953.

As a member of the local board of commissioners, Shelley has played a prominent part in revamping the volunteer fire department and the police department. In this phase of the town operation, a new fire truck was purchased several weeks ago and at the beginning of his term the town purchased a patrol car for the police department.

Shelley was credited with investigating stricter enforcement of town ordinances which resulted in curbing flagrant violations of the law such as speeding, spinning wheels, etc.

Additional police officers were hired during the term in which the department was under the present administration. When the current board members took office in 1953 there were two policemen on the force. At the present time there are three full-time police officers and one special policeman.

Shelley has supported movements by the local board which resulted in putting the town affairs on a "business-like" basis. Such action as street improvements, better drainage, collection of taxes, reduction of town indebtedness, better water collections and other minor improvements were all endorsed by Commissioner Shelley.

"I am deeply indebted to the people of Tabor City for giving me an opportunity to serve during the past term on the local board of commissioner. I have attempted to render a service based on the principles of better local government and if elected for another term will continue to uphold these policies," said Shelley. "I would appreciate your support in the coming election."

Shelley is married to the former Mildred Watson of Green Sea. They have one daughter, Bonnie Dale, 5. They are members of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

TABOR CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Members of the local volunteer fire department are shown prior to attending an instructional class on the operation of the new fire truck. Front row, left to right: Winston Gore, Don Hughes, Howard Stanley, H. G. "Doc" Dameron, Bill Wilson, and Bruce Watts. Standing, left to right: Sid Scott, Jerry Watts, Howard Watts, Maxie Watts, Willard Wright, Ned Butler and Lewis Gore. Four members, Frank Nesmith, Arthur Prince, Lloyd Hips and C. M. Fowler, were absent when the photo was made.

Gasoline Explosion Guts Home In 'Quarters' Sunday Evening

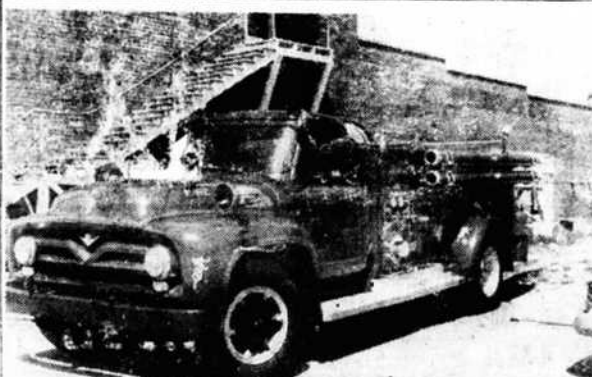
Modern equipment and fire-fighting efficiency were credited today with saving four homes from destruction when a gasoline explosion destroyed a home in the "Quarters," a colored section near the Tabor City Lumber Co., at 6:45 p.m. Sunday. No injuries were reported.

Tabor City Fire Chief Lewis Gore said today that the explosion which engulfed the frame dwelling in flames was caused when someone attempted to start a fire in a stove with gasoline. Chief Gore reported that the explosion caused the unidentified person to drop the gallon jug of gasoline which spread and burst into flames.

Using the new fire truck, volunteer firefighters had the fire under control in less than three minutes. The intensity of the heat had set fire to the two adjoining houses before the fire alarm was sounded. Damage to the adjoining houses was termed "very minor."

Several hundred persons rushed to the scene of the fire; however, Chief of Police Epps said that the flow of traffic was very orderly and did not hinder the efforts of the fire department. No tickets were issued to any of the spectators. In recent months the police officers have been cracking down on spectators who rush to the scene of the fire and park their automobiles in a manner that tends to congest the area and cut the efficient operation of the firefighters.

Firemen who have had years of experience in volunteer fire-fighting praised the operation of the new fire truck. Several said that the "fog" nozzles on the new truck were responsible for the rapidity with which the Sunday fire was extinguished. It marked the first time the new truck had been used.



TABOR CITY FIREMEN were using the new \$8500 fire truck to good advantage Sunday evening when fast action saved an entire Negro section in the "Quarters." Equipped with modern fire-fighting facilities, the new truck affords adequate fire protection to local residents.

Impersonation Charge Dropped

Charges against Claude Spivey, local magistrate, for impersonating an officer were dismissed Friday in Mayor's Court after Mayor W. Horace Carter found no probable cause.

A warrant charging Spivey with impersonating an officer was taken out by John Stevens, Tabor City Negro, after Spivey had accompanied Columbus Lee, Deputy Sheriff Dennis Strickland, Fair Bluff, to serve a warrant.

According to Tabor City Chief of Police H. E. Epps, Stevens swore out the warrant after stating that Deputy Strickland had approached him while he was talking with several other men in the Bottom and asked "Is your name D. W.?"

Stevens replied, "What is your name?" Then the deputy sheriff allegedly had Stevens walk a straight line in the road and told him that he was going to lock him up for being drunk. Stevens was driven around town then returned to the point where he had been picked up and released without charges being placed against him. . . . Deputy Strickland testified he had gone there to issue a warrant and had picked up the wrong man.

Several witnesses appeared in Mayor's Court on Friday and testified that Stevens had not been drinking when he was picked up by Deputy Strickland.

Mayor Carter dismissed the case against Spivey when it was learned that he was merely accompanying the deputy sheriff.

Other cases heard in Mayor's Court included:

Bracey Bellamy, public drunkenness costs; Levi Lewis, no operator's license, transferred to Recorder's Court; R. G. Fipps, spinning wheels, costs; Bobby Tate, public drunkenness, costs; J. P. Perry, disorderly conduct, costs; James Anderson, speeding, costs; James Anderson, failure to stop at stop sign, costs.

Perry McPherson, speeding, costs; John Thomas Hayes, speeding costs; Leon Buffkin, public drunkenness, costs; Lester Johnson, public drunkenness, costs; Claude Spivey, impersonating an officer, case dismissed.

Jaycees Install New Officers

New officers in the Tabor City Junior Chamber of Commerce were installed last night at services held at the Pee Dee Lodge.

Approximately 50 Jaycee and their guests were on hand when Jim Phillips, Lumberton Jaycee and organizer of the local club, installed Al Harrison as president for the coming year. Harrison succeeded Richard Gordon as club prey.

Other officers installed were Erskine Young, vice president; Horace Cox, treasurer; Harold Ward, secretary; Dr. Eugene Cook, corresponding secretary; and H. D. Stevens, Jr., director. W. Horace Carter, new director, was unable to attend the installation services.

Phillips told the new officers that they were given great responsibilities in their new offices and that the "honor" of having been elected would come at the end of the year when the progress of the club was measured.

Each officer was given a brief resume of the duties he must perform.

Master of ceremonies Ben L. Nesmith III, presented the outgoing president, Richard Gordon, with a plaque for outstanding leadership during his year of guiding the club. To Gordon was presented a beautiful past president's pin by Al Harrison.

Reports were heard during the meeting on the progress of the summer recreation project. Members also voted to attend the joint civic meeting set for Friday, May 13 to pay tribute to the man and woman who have contributed the most to civic activities during the past year. Jaycees will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, but the regular meal will not be served.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by Lany Walden and Patsy Ward, accomplished high school vocalist.

H. G. Dameron Files For Mayor's Office



H. G. "Doc" Dameron announced his candidacy today for the post of Mayor in the Tabor City election to be held June 14. Dameron, member of the town board of commissioners and mayor pro-tem for the past two years, has been very active in local civic work. The well known druggist owns and operates Dameron Drug Store.

He is the first candidate to file in the race for mayor. While serving on the town board he was in charge of administering the town office.

He is presently a member of the local Civitan Club of which he is a past president and past member of the board of directors. He is an active supporter and member of the Tabor City Merchants Association and for the past several years has been in charge of the float committee for the Yarn Festival parade. Dameron is a member of the Tabor City volunteer fire department and a member of the board of directors in the Tabor City Booster's Club. Several years ago he served as chairman of the Red Cross drive in Tabor City.

Dameron moved to Tabor City in 1946 from Wilmington where he was associated with Lane's Pharmacy. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he received his B.S. in pharmacy in 1945.

"I appreciate the opportunity given me to serve as a commissioner in Tabor City for the past two years and if elected to the mayorship will strive to continue placing emphasis on better local government. I consider it an honor to serve as mayor of Tabor City and will appreciate your support during the coming election," Dameron said today in announcing his candidacy.

While serving as a commissioner on one of the most successful town boards in the history of Tabor City, Dameron has shared credit with other board members for helping to put the town affairs on a business-like basis.

Specific accomplishments in the town office affairs administered by Dameron included reduction of town indebtedness from approximately \$14,000 to a "pay as you go" basis, reorganization of the town office. A new bookkeeping system and new water billing system were initiated during his term of office.

Other board achievements supported by Dameron included the purchase of a new \$8500 fire truck, purchase of a new police car, installation of five new water meters per month besides those installed in new homes built in the community, improvement of streets and drainage, and other minor improvements.

One of the highlights in accomplishments by the town board was cooperation and coordination of efforts with the State Highway Department in getting the main street, from city limit to city limit, widened. Portions of this project will also include curbing. Work is expected to begin on the widening of the street this summer.

Dameron said that he would continue to combat speeding, bootlegging, public drunkenness and spinning wheels. These violations were curbed considerably through a sharp crackdown in Mayor's Court on all violators.

"If elected, the policies of a fair trial in Mayor's Court will be continued with those judged guilty having to pay for their violations. Mayor W. Horace Carter has done an excellent job in administering justice through Mayor's Court and if given the opportunity to serve as Mayor I will continue to uphold these policies," Dameron said.

Dameron is married to the former Lois Odum of Coates, N. C. They have two sons, Richard, 8, Frank, 5, and one daughter, Phyllis, 1. They attend the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church.

Millpond Named "Lake Tabor" At Directors Meet

Lake Tabor is the name of the new recreation center formerly known as the Millpond.

Members of the board of directors of the recreation corporation met Thursday night and selected the new name. Berlin Ward of Loris and Jo Ann Strickland of Tabor City were credited with sending in the winning name. Token gifts of appreciation for their contribution of the winning name will be made by Joe Coleman and Troy McPherson. Apparently 100 names were suggested.

Directors also adopted regulations for the operation of boats at Lake Tabor.

"Boating has become a very popular pastime at Lake Tabor and it was necessary that we institute some regulations in order to make the area safe for all of those who operate boats," said W. Horace Carter, president.

The following regulations were adopted:

1. All boats are required to taxi when entering or leaving the boat dock or loading ramp.
2. All traffic in the boat dock and unloading areas shall be counter clockwise around three buoys placed in the channel between the boat dock and the unloading ramp.
3. All boats entering the channel must give right-of-way to boats already in the channel.
4. All traffic in the main channel must travel counter clockwise around buoys placed in the main channel but at anytime may make a full circle of the lake if the circle is made counter clockwise using the buoy as the center.
5. No boats will be allowed in the swimming areas which will be isolated with buoys.
6. Larger boats must reduce speed when approaching a smaller fishing or pleasure boat.

"We urge everyone to cooperate with us in complying with the regulations set up for boating in Lake Tabor," said W. Horace Carter.

F. G. Kelly, secretary, said that each holder of one share of stock would be permitted one free permit with his choice of boating, swimming or fishing.

Original permits issued are for fishing only and anyone desiring to exchange his fishing privilege for one of the others is advised to contact Mr. Kelly.

Joint Civic Meet Set For May 13

Tabor City's "Man and Woman of the Year" will be honored Friday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock at the Pee Dee Lodge.

In a joint meeting of all civic clubs, awards will be presented to the man and woman who have contributed most to civic activities during the past year.

The Tabor City Tribune will make the awards and civic club presidents are urged to report a number of members who will attend this meeting to Al Harrison by Tuesday noon May 10, in order that arrangements can be completed. Each club will pay for its individual members meals.

In past years the Merchants Association has awarded the trophies to the outstanding workers; however, the Association is now in the reorganizing stage and no provisions had been made to carry on this annual event.

"We are happy to be able to present the trophies to the outstanding civic workers and feel that everyone benefits from joint civic meetings. We hope that every club will be strongly represented at the banquet," said W. Horace Carter, editor of the Tabor City Tribune.

Indications are that approximately 60 persons will attend from the Rotary, Civitan, Jaycee and Womens Club.

Wright Will Seek Reelection To Town Board

Speculation on candidates for mayor in the city election to be held June 14 was narrowed today when Willard C. Wright, active civic worker and town commissioner for the past two years, announced his candidacy for reelection as a member of the board of commissioners.

Wright had been prominently mentioned for the office of mayor after W. Horace Carter announced several weeks ago that he would not seek reelection.

"I am very happy to have had the privilege of serving as a commissioner for the past four years and appreciate the cooperation of other board members and citizens of the community. I will continue to uphold the policies of sound government and services to the people," Wright said in announcing his candidacy.

A member of one of the most

Dog Killed By Police Found Free Of Rabies

A stray dog killed last week by Tabor City Chief of Police H. E. Epps was not afflicted with rabies according to a report from the State Health Department.

Chief Epps had the dog's head sent to the state laboratory in Raleigh after killing it in front of Bruce Watt's Garage. The dog was not claimed and did not have a tag.

Columbus County Health Department officials said the report from the State Laboratory of Hygiene stated that tests performed showed the dog was not afflicted with rabies.

Prince Elected School Chairman

J. Oliver Prince, local furniture dealer, was elected chairman of the newly appointed Tabor City school board at its first meeting held Thursday night.

Prince succeeds Dr. Ross M. Williamson who was elevated to the chairmanship of the county board of education.

C. H. Finner, principal of the local school, was reelected to serve in that capacity.

The new chairman said today that applications for reappointment to teaching posts would be reviewed at a meeting Monday night. This marks the first time that teacher's contracts have not been renewed automatically. Now, each teacher must file an application for reelection at the end of the school year.

Members of the board present for the recent meeting were David Kelly, Eugene Grainger, Mrs. Doris Garrell and Roland Gore.



Berry Festival Will Select New Queen Tonight

A mammoth parade featuring 23 beauty contestants was staged this afternoon as Chadbourn celebrated opening day of the 23rd annual Strawberry Festival.

Included in the parade were 28 floats, 12 marching bands, and several high-ranking political dignitaries.

One of the highlights of the festival is the Festival Ball which will begin tonight at 9 o'clock. Miss Strawberry Festival will be chosen from 23 lovely contestants. Ralph Flanagan's famous orchestra will furnish the music for the Festival Ball.

Through the cooperation of Chadbourn merchants, a number of prizes were given away after the parade. Merchants contributed a variety of items ranging from trade certificates to automobile paint jobs.

A 1955 Ford automobile was the grand prize given by the

Registrar Named For Town Election

Ben L. Nesmith III has been appointed registrar for the Tabor City town election to be held on Tuesday, June 14.

Appointed as election judges were Wayne Baxter and A. V. Elliott, Sr.

While a new registration of voters is not necessary, all persons who are unqualified and have not registered will be required to register as provided by law with Mr. Nesmith, the registrar.

Voters will go to the polls on June 14 to elect five members of the board of commissioners and a mayor.

Registrar Nesmith said that the registration books would be open to voters, not previously registered, from 9 a. m. until sunset, on each day, except Sundays and holidays, beginning on May 21 and closing at sunset on June 4. Registration of new voters will also be conducted each Saturday between May 21 and June 4 at the town hall. Nesmith said the books would remain open on Saturdays until 9 p. m.

On election day the polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and will close at 6:30 p. m. Books will be open for inspection or challenge on the second and first Saturdays before the election.

Candidates for election must file written notice of their candidacy and pay a \$10 filing fee before 12 o'clock noon on June 4.

Woody, Hughes Enter Race For Town Board Seats

Two more veteran town board members filed yesterday for reelection to the posts of commissioners.

W. W. Woody, commissioner who headed the tax department, and Phil Hughes, commissioner in charge of water and sewer departments, filed yesterday at Town Hall for reelection in the June 14 town election.

Commissioner Woody is completing his second term as a member of the town board and has done an outstanding job.

Hughes is now completing his first term as a member of the board and his record on improvement services and facilities in the water and sewerage departments has been very commendable.

Both men are well known and extremely active in civic affairs of the community.

Woody has been a member of the Rotary Club for the past 15 years and has held the position of president. Active in Merchants Association work, he has held the post of secretary-treasurer for about five years.

In 1946 Woody headed the



Clubwomen Observe Tenth Anniversary

A reunion of clubwomen and a glance at the achievements of the club highlighted the Tenth Anniversary Observance of the Tabor City Woman's Club held at the clubhouse Friday evening April 29.

The program included the club history by Mrs. Erskine Young, roll call of charter members by Mrs. J. C. Singletary and special music by Mrs. James Garrell.

Mrs. Annie Memory Spears of Whiteville, president of District 10, commented on the club's achievements and gave a report of the North Carolina State Convention held in Greensboro during the week.

Mrs. A. J. Krahnke of Whiteville was in attendance with Mrs. Spears.

The club colors of green and white were observed in decorations and refreshments for the occasion.

Mrs. J. Woody High poured lime ice and Mrs. W. C. Truitt served the two-tier birthday cake.

Assisting with hostess duties were Mrs. Fred M. Jernigan, Sr. and Mrs. Willard Garrell. Mrs. Evelyn Leonard was program chairman.