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Tabor Native Dies In Auto Accident

Funeral services for Martin A. Byrd, Jr., victim of an accident near Morehead City early Sunday, were held at 4 p. m. Tuesday from the chapel of the Inman Funeral Home. The Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor of the Tabor City Baptist Church, officiated with burial in the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

A son of Flossie Soles Byrd and Martin A. Byrd of Tabor City, he was graduated from the Tabor City High School and East Carolina College.

He was historian for the summer at Fort Macon State Park.



MARTIN A. BYRD

Atlantic Beach, taught school at Newport, N. C. last year and was a former member of the Crestwell School faculty. He was to marry a Raleigh girl in September and was to have taught at Norfolk, Va. in the fall.

Byrd served 18 months with the Army during the Korean conflict and held the rating of second Lieutenant in the ROTC. In addition to his parents a brother, Kenneth and one sister, Mrs. Otis Fowler, both of Tabor City, survive.

The car which Byrd was driving carried five summer employees of the Ft. Macon State Park, near Morehead City. It careened off the road near the park entrance killing him instantly and injuring four others.

Injured were David Walker Windley, 18, of Havelock; Harold Hanes Willis, 19, of Fort Macon, formerly of Beaufort; Kenneth L. Midgett, 19, of Oriental; and Andrew Polk, 18, of Raleigh.

Officers said Windley suffered a broken leg and the others injuries. None was believed injured seriously.

Coroner Leslie Sprinkle said no inquest would be necessary.

Grover Faulk Is Legion Commander

Grover Faulk was elected Commander of the local American Legion Post at a meeting held at the hut Monday night succeeding D. Frank McGougan, Jr.

Hoyt Piver is the new vice commander, Harry Stephens, adjutant and Clarence Willoughby, Sergeant at arms.

No special ceremonies for installation will be held and the newly elected officers are now performing their duties.

A membership drive is slated for next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Jury of Falls Church, Va. are visiting her mother, Mrs. W. P. Stephens.

Paving Work Is Completed Here On Eight Streets

Over 3,000 feet of paving has been completed here during the past few weeks with a total of eight streets being paved.

Willard Wright, town commissioner in charge of the street department, said a few more streets would probably be paved as soon as landowners agreed to pay their portion of the cost.

Paving was recently completed on East Woodrow Street (270 feet); West Fifth (172 feet); Prince Street (579); West 7th St. (769); Dyson Street (298); Wall Street (450); East Fourth Street (512); and Nesmith Street (230 feet).

It marks the most wide program of street improvement noted here in several years.

Tax Collections Good This Month

The delinquent taxpayer list is getting cleaned up.

Mrs. Helen Truitt, town clerk, said today that \$3,140.82 had been collected this month for taxes on 1955 and prior years.

A major part of the collection, \$2,500, represented taxes for 1954 and 1955.

Excellent response was the way the town clerk termed this month's collections.

Of the total collected this month, penalties and interest amounted to \$371.12.

Town Attorney Frank McGougan wasted no time in letting delinquent taxpayers know he wasn't joking about garnishment of wages, levy and seizure of personal property, or seizure of real estate.

One unnamed delinquent taxpayer lost his automobile but made arrangements to get his taxes paid in order to get his car back.

"I didn't know they could take my car just for not paying my taxes," said the man in disbelief as the law was explained.

Midget Football Team Is Planned

Midget football was one step nearer a reality here this week as Jerry Cartrette, former Tabor City high school athlete, agreed to coach the youngsters.

Without benefit of former announcement, 26 youngsters were on hand Monday evening at Civitan Field to practice.

Complete plans are being worked out by a committee of Booster Club members. It is expected that uniforms will be purchased for the young footballers at an early date.

Youngsters interested in participating in the midget football program are urged to contact either Randall Burleson or Jerry Cartrette.

Candidates for midget grid teams are Roy Russ, Franklin Jernigan, Wayne Stevens, Larry Fowler, Sammy Williams, Joe Stevens, Ronald Ray, Ronnie Jones, Leon Fonville, Russell Fonville, Jerry Stevens, Johnny Marshall, Pete Soles, Curtis Allen, Freddie Rogers, Bobby Soles, Ronnie Bruton, Harry Bruton, Buddy Fonville, Marshall Allen, Boyd Lee, Bernard Norris, Franklin Stanley and Phil Delinger.

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Court sessions in the Columbus criminal term will be resumed at 10 a. m. Tuesday, September 4.



ACCIDENT SCENE — A small girl narrowly escaped serious injuries when the above auto careened into the service station and rammed the automobile in which she was sitting. Highway patrol officers issued a ticket for careless and reckless driving to Phillip Gibbons of Hamlet who admitted he went to sleep while driving along the Fireway Road. (Staff photo)

Child Hurt In Freak Wreck

A 10-year-old Tabor City girl narrowly escaped serious injury Monday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock in a freak auto accident at the Harvey Powell station on the Fireway road.

Frances Cartrette, daughter of Mrs. Eugene Housand, Route 1, Tabor City, was treated for minor injuries at the Loris community hospital.

According to Highway Patrolman Jessie R. Barker, the young girl was sitting in the parked auto in front of Harvey Powell's station when a car skidded off the road and rammed away one of the columns supporting the front of the station-grocery store combination.

The girl's stepfather, Eugene Housand was in the store at the time of the accident.

Patrolman Barker said charges of careless and reckless driving would be brought against Phillip Gibbons of Hamlet, N. C. who told officers he fell asleep at the wheel and would accept full responsibility for the accident.

Barker said skid marks were evident for 303 feet of the path taken by the car when it careened off the road.

The parked automobile was knocked 33 feet away by the impact. It was this jolting impact that tossed the small youngster out of the car. It was first reported that the auto ran over her but lack of more serious injuries cast doubt on this phase of the accident.

Approximately \$700 damage was done to the Gibbons' auto and an estimated \$300 damage to the Housand car. The service station damage was estimated between \$50 to \$100.

"City" Letters Should Possess Full Address

Letters with insufficient address are getting benefit of the doubt here because postal clerks usually recognize the name and know the full address.

However, it was requested today by Postmaster Richard Gordon, that persons mailing letters within the city or routes be certain that the complete address is given.

"It makes sorting the mail a speedier job when the correct and complete address is given," said Gordon.

Too, Gordon reminded citizens, when you write a letter be sure to use your complete return address in order that return correspondence may be addressed correctly.

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Pinner Names School Program For First Week

The first week's school schedule was announced today by C. H. Pinner, school principal.

Classes will begin at 8 a. m. Wednesday, August 29, and will be dismissed that day at 11 a. m. On Thursday and Friday classes will be held from 8 until 11 a. m.

The following two weeks will find the school on the regular short schedule that will prevail throughout the county. Hours school will be in session are 8 a. m. until 1 p. m.

Pinner urged parents to note that the cafeteria would not be open while the school is operating on the short schedule. An announcement concerning the operation of the cafeteria is expected to be made next week.

JAMES ROGERS WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

James A. Rogers, editor of the Florence Morning News, will deliver the worship message at the Tabor City Baptist Church Sunday at the 11 a. m. service. Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor, announced.

Dr. E. F. Grove, Professor of Music, Central Michigan College, will be guest vocalist.

Visitors are invited to attend.

Red Devils Hold Football Drills

About 25 grid candidates answered Coach L. S. Green's opening whistle Wednesday evening at Civitan Field.

With practices scheduled nightly under the lights of Civitan Field, rain took the upper hand and ran the enthusiastic griders inside the gymnasium where light drills were conducted.

Only 16 days are left before the season opener to be played at Dunn, Sept. 7.

Candidates for this year's team include, Kenneth Eddings, Jason Soles, Jackie Soles, Larry Williams, Larry Cartrette, Hugh (Continued on page 10)

LEAF AVERAGE HITS \$58.22 IN TABOR

Jaycees Push "Family Day" Ticket Sales

Local Jaycees begin the big push today on advance ticket sales for "Family Day" to be staged Monday, September 3, at Lake Tabor.

One of the selling features is the seven and one-half horsepower outboard Scott-Atwater motor being given away as a door prize.

Tickets, on sale for one dollar, entitle the bearer to admission to Lake Tabor where the Jaycees will feature, on Labor Day, free boat rides, water skiing exhibition and boat races.

"It's an evening of clean entertainment and one that can be enjoyed by the entire family," said Ben L. Nesmith, III, who is serving as overall chairman of the event.

In addition to the entertainment, the Jaycees will sponsor a fish fry, at a nominal extra charge, at the conclusion of the "family day" program.

The outboard motor to be given away is on display each day at New Farmer's Warehouse. Tickets may be obtained on the tobacco market from sales supervisor Bob Black or from any other Jaycee.

Roberts Lists Prize Winners

Roberts Clothing Company's grand re-opening met with tremendous success here last week as hundreds of persons flocked to the store for prizes and opening weekend bargains.

Hundreds of door prizes were given away during the opening while the big drawing saw prizes going to Mrs. J. C. Harrelson.

First grand prize, a complete outfit for fall; Dorothy Gove, Route 1, Tabor City, second prize, winter coat; Bonnie Norris, Route 2, Tabor City, third prize, pair of Freeman shoes; Mrs. Henry Skipper, fourth prize, all wool blanket.

"We would like to express our appreciation to the many persons who visited with us in our newly remodeled store. It was their sincere interest that helped to

make our grand re-opening a tremendous success," said Ruey Hewitt, owner.

Group Investigates Reports U. S. Companies May Buy Tobacco From Rhodesia

Another meeting protesting tobacco prices on the Border Belt was held Monday night in Whiteville by the Columbus Farm Bureau.

It was reported by D. D. Cox of Clarendon that the rumor of U. S. Companies planning to buy tobacco from Rhodesia was being investigated and a report probably would be given at a meeting of the 15-man Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee in Raleigh Friday.

One source at Whiteville said he had heard one large Rhodesian tobacco firm plans to place sales representatives on the U. S. market.

According to Bill Humphries, farm editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, the consequences

The farmer has a smile on his face but his fingers are still crossed as he hopes for continued higher prices on the tobacco markets in the Border Belt.

In Tabor City, the price average jumped skyward Monday as Bob Black, sales supervisor, reported \$58.22 per hundred on the day's sales. He stated that Monday's sale was one of the best reported anywhere in the Border Belt.

The rise in prices has been general throughout the Border Belt this week but the leading market in average price has been the local warehouses.

Black reported full sales every day except Wednesday. It is expected that full sales will be held for the next two weeks.

Reports by the day for the local market are as follows: Wednesday — 263,800 pounds; \$140,309.32; \$53.18 average.

Thursday — 342,396 pounds; \$187,577.69; \$54.78

Friday — 381,822 pounds; \$208,323.00; \$54.56

Monday — 390,954 pounds; \$227,521.32; \$58.22

Tuesday — 386,752 pounds; \$222,256.52; \$57.46

One official explained that the increase in price was due to the better grade of tobacco being placed on the floor. Whether or not the price will remain on the upswing is a question no one seems to be able to answer. No one has yet been able to explain the low prices paid during the opening 10 days of the Border Belt markets. A special committee appointed by D. D. Cox, president of the Columbus Farm Bureau, is expected to report its findings on low prices to the 15-man Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee in Raleigh Friday.

Baptist Class Plans Supper

Members of the YM Class of the Tabor City Baptist Sunday School are driving to Conway tonight (Wednesday) for supper at Bob's Place.

A good attendance is expected.

Miss Estelle Jenrette spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Margaret Smith.

Melvin Long was in Whiteville Thursday.

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could be far-reaching if the reports are true.

One grower said, "It could be a lot more serious for growers than 'homogenized' tobacco or anything else that has happened in the industry in a long, long time."

Southern Rhodesia, in Africa, produces flue-cured tobacco the same type grown in the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia and Florida. Its production has risen rapidly from less than 25 million pounds a year just before World War II to an estimated 160 million pounds this season.

Rhodesia already has captured a large part of the U. S. flue-cured market in Great Britain and Australia.

In 1935-1939, the United States

Nakina Youth Breaks Neck In Shallow Dive

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. for a young Nakina youth who broke his neck while diving at Dupree's Landing, about 6 a. m. Tuesday, August 14.

Charles Hawes, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hawes died at Duke Hospital, Durham, about 5:15 p. m. Wednesday from neck and spinal injuries received when he dove into shallow water at Dupree's Landing.

The victim was taken to Duke Hospital after being treated at Columbus County Hospital for a broken neck and severe spine injuries.

W. S. Edmunds, chief of the Lake Waccamaw fire and rescue squad, said that Hawes and a companion, Willard Smith, 26, were at Dupree's Landing about 6 a. m. Tuesday. Hawes had gone swimming alone, dived from a piling by a pier into about four feet of water. Edmunds said he apparently struck his head on the bottom causing the injuries. Smith, fully dressed, jumped into the water and pulled his friend out.

Final rites for the victim were held Sunday from the Happy Home Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Robert J. Carter. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his parents, three brothers, Samuel, of Jacksonville, Kenneth and Thomas of the home.

YM Class Holds Regular Meet

The YM Class of the Tabor City Baptist Church Sunday School met with Mrs. Kermit Hinson at her home last Tuesday evening. Mrs. C. M. Fowler gave the program entitled "God's Good and Secure."

In attendance with Mrs. Hinson and Mrs. Fowler were Mrs. F. L. Fipps, Jr., Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Elton Prince, Mrs. Dock Fowler, Jr. and Mrs. Frances Sugg.

A social period with refreshments followed the program.

Randolph Co-op Ruling Leaves Brunswick Phone Planning Group In Dither

BY ETHEL RYAN

SHALLOTTE — Men concerned with the cooperative telephone network which will soon spread through Brunswick County are in a dither.

They say that their fears and apprehensions may well be shared by phone and electric cooperatives throughout the nation.

These men are gravely concerned about recent action of the N. C. Utilities Commission in ordering the Central Telephone Company to render service to seven would-be subscribers in an area served by the Randolph Telephone Membership Corporation — a cooperative which has been organized

and is building a system to serve rural areas in Randolph County.

Directors of Brunswick County's Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, to which REA has already lent \$381,000 of federal funds to aid the construction of a system to serve 755 subscribers, concede that the immediate position of their undertaking is in no way affected by the Randolph ruling, but they feel that perhaps the future of all REA-financed enterprises may be jeopardized.

As to the immediate position, money for completion of the system is already in hand. Work is being speeded. Contracts for equipment have been let. Rights

of way are being acquired. Service will be instituted early in 1957.

But, as these local men see it, one of the major props has been kicked out from under the cooperatives. They believe that when the significance of the ruling is understood, cooperatives everywhere will be seriously worried, worried that other utility commissions will follow the precedent of looking lightly upon franchises, contracts, agreements which prescribe the area within which a public utility is permitted or required to render service.

The Randolph County order, it was stated at a meeting here,

requires a private utility to function within an area which had been assigned to a cooperative. The private utility was ordered, in effect, to invade territory in which both it and the cooperative had decided and agreed with the approval of the Commission that service should be rendered exclusively by the cooperative.

What worries cooperative spokesmen here is that any invasion of franchise territory and abrogation of agreements made in good faith will undermine the financial stability which is the backbone of security for REA loans. They fear there will no longer be this source of long-

term-low interest financing upon which publicly owned enterprises are dependent.

Prime spokesmen for cooperatives in this area is Harry L. Fintz, Jr., president of the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, prominent business man, former Brunswick representative in the State Legislature.

Mintz minced no words in condemning what he termed the "wanton unwarranted, unrealistic deprivation of rights which the Commission itself," had conferred upon the Randolph co-op — to which REA had advanced a substantial loan to help finance a much-needed phone sys-

tem in Randolph County. Mintz says he does not believe REA would have made the loan had it felt the co-op's "service area might be invaded at the whim of the Utilities Commission."

The "service areas" which provide lines of demarcation between the different utility organizations are arrived at in conference between the affected interests. They collaborate to work out agreements which are subject to approval of the utilities commissions — with the thought that their collaboration must resolve technical difficulties in the manner which will best serve the greatest number of persons.

As Mintz explains it, the Com-

mission's approval is tantamount to a guarantee by the State that it will protect franchise rights within the agreed areas.

Now here, according to Mintz, is what happened in Randolph County.

Upon the prayer of seven individuals living within the co-op's area, the Central Telephone Company, a privately owned utility with central facilities in the city of Asheboro, was ordered to serve these seven through direct lines into the central exchange. The Central Telephone Company was ordered to violate its agreement with the Randolph Telephone Membership Corpor-

ation.

"From the standpoint of the petitioners," explains Mintz, "there seemed sound reason for their plea. They live in the country, but they work and their families shop in Asheboro. Consequently, most of their telephone traffic is through the Asheboro exchange. As co-op subscribers their calls would go through another exchange and would be subject to a toll charge. So far the seven were concerned, there was a good dollars-and-cents argument on their side."

"But," Mintz went on, "here comes the greatest good for the (Continued on page 10)