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PLAN FESTIVAL — These are part of the Yam Festival committee members who ironed out some of the program wrinkles during Monday night's meeting. Seated, from left, Willard Wright, overall chairman, and Erskin Young. Standing, from left, Claude Boyd and Bob Black.

Tabor Leaf Mart Records \$59.22 Average

Vandalism Charged At TC Negro School

James Walsh Is Named Red Devil Assistant Coach

Tabor City's final school vacancy was filled last week when James Walsh accepted the eighth grade and assistant athletic director's duties.

Selection of Walsh to fill the vacancy was announced today by C. H. Pinner, school principal.

A native of Ingold, N. C., the new faculty member has been a student at Wake Forest Seminary for the past year. This marks the first year of classroom teaching for Walsh; however, he has wide and varied experience in athletics.

During his six years of U. S. Marine Corp. duty, he participated in basketball, football and baseball.

He is married and has two children.

He will serve as assistant director of athletics to L. S. Green who recently succeeded David Diamond in that position.

Tabor City's tobacco market average daily prices set a new season high yesterday as the average soared to \$59.22 on the sale of 424,016 pounds.

Bob Black, sales supervisor, reported this morning that full sales were being observed on the local market but urged farmers to bring their crop to Tabor City early and insure selling the next day.

With the posting of \$59.22 for yesterday's sale, the local market retained a firm grip on "honors." Last year, Tabor City had the highest average in the country for a one-sale market.

Through yesterday's sales, 5,380,287 pounds of tobacco had been sold here for \$2,946,363.48. This represents over \$55 per hundred average for the season.

The trend in average and pounds placed on the warehouse floor substantiate claims made before the August 2 Border Belt opening that the markets were jumping ahead of the farmer. The original opening date of August 7 had been considered ideal.

On opening day in Tabor City, the market sold 221,922 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$49.34. While the average remained about the same during the following four selling days the poundage did not exceed 99,588 on any given day.

As farmers completed gathering and curing the market volume increased and averages began to steadily increase.

These are the figures for the past five selling days:

August 22—365,599 pounds	averaging \$57.09
August 23—393,728 pounds	averaging \$57.42
August 24—402,922 pounds	averaging \$57.59
August 27—419,404 pounds	averaging \$58.27
August 28—424,016 pounds	averaging \$59.22

TABOR-LORIS GOLF STOCK SELLING FAST

Club For Young Farm Wives Will Organize Here

An organizational meeting to form a club for wives of young farmers will be held Tuesday, 8 p. m., at the home economics department of the Tabor City High School.

Plans for organizing the new club were announced today by Mrs. Irma Hammon, home economics teacher.

"We hope to be able to conduct monthly demonstrations on home decorations, freezing, cooking, sewing and many other homemaking activities. The club members will plan the program according to the desires of the group," said Mrs. Hammon.

In addition to election of officers, the business meeting Tuesday night will include a demonstration of an appliance by Miss Frances Dillingham, home representative for Carolina Power and Light Company.

Hopes are high that the organizational meeting and work of the new club will be successful. About 18 months ago a Young Farmers Club was formed here and has been highly successful. Present plans call for the two clubs to meet on the same night enabling a young farmer and his wife to attend meetings at the same time.



Bob Black Quits Merchants Post

Bob Black, executive secretary of the local Merchants Association since May 1, has resigned effective September 28.

Black's resignation was accepted this morning at 9 o'clock during a special called meeting of the board of directors.

Ben L. Nesmith, president of the Association expressed appreciation to the executive secretary for his work and cooperation during his tenure of office.

Black said today he would accept a sales position with a Spartanburg, S. C. firm.

Since coming to Tabor City, Black has shown considerable interest in helping to promote the sale of stock in a proposed golf course. A golf professional, he was employed by a large Nashville, Tenn. department store as manager of the golf department prior to accepting the executive-secretary post in this community.

"I want to express my appreciation to the merchants and other citizens of the community for the fine spirit of cooperation shown me during my stay in Tabor City," said Black in announcing his resignation and plans to enter sales work.

Festival Committee Irons Out Wrinkles For Annual Shindig

Program wrinkles are being ironed out by Yam Festival committee members as they keep an eye on the rapidly approaching day for action. This year's festival will be reeled off October 11, 12, 13.

A meeting of the committee Monday night saw the possibility of a "name" band being ruled out in favor of a group of musicians who can be secured locally. The committee is making contacts this week in an effort to conclude work on that phase of the varied program.

A search is currently underway, according to Willard C. Wright, overall chairman, for someone to head the festival warehouse booth committee. This phase of the festival is one of the most vital in that it insures promotion of the educational aspects of sweet potato growth and marketing.

The square dance, under sponsorship of the Civitan Club, committee is contacting Slim Mims and his Dream Ranch Boys. They were a big success recently during the "tobacco day" festivities.

One of the most colorful phases of the festival is the annual walking contest. Champion Mack Gore of Tabor City.

Superior Court Will Hear Cases Of Murder, Rape

Three murder cases will highlight the criminal term of Superior Court opening in Columbus County on Tuesday.

Judge Clawson L. Williams will preside over the term that includes three murder cases, two rape cases and an abortion case.

Wilbert E. "Punk" Daniels, Whiteville Negro, will stand trial for the slaying of Junior McDonald, Negro, at Daniels Brickyard home north of Whiteville.

Daniels claims he shot McDonald through the door of his home when McDonald attempted to force his way inside.

The trial of Hubert Livingston, Chadbourn area man charged with the poker game death of Wilbert James Nobles, is also expected to be heard. Nobles died of injuries sustained in a fight over a tobacco barn poker game.

Milton McKay, young Negro, will face a murder charge in the death of a cousin over a woman.

Charges of larceny and abortion are expected to be heard against Leona Lyons, former employee of Columbus County Hospital. She is free under \$2,000 bond pending action by the grand jury.

One of the two rape cases on the docket is that against Langel Cross Grainger, Old Dock resident, charged with raping a Chadbourn waitress. Officers said he offered assistance at a car breakdown then drove the woman to a point near Old Dock where he attacked her.

Another Chadbourn area man, Lemuel Rorie, will face rape charges. He is reportedly free on \$300 bond.

Youngsters Make Trek To Classes As School Opens

Over 12,000 youngsters swarmed into Columbus County schools this morning as the 1956-57 term officially opened.

From now until September 17, the students will attend classes from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. This short schedule has been practiced during the opening and closing weeks of school for several years and will be observed again during this school term.

Tabor City opened its school doors on one of the sweetest notes in several years. A full faculty was on hand to greet the eager youngsters.

"It's the first time in many years that our faculty has been

"Family Day" Set For Monday At Lake Tabor

Tickets were selling briskly today as local citizens anticipated an afternoon of recreation during "Family Day" being staged Monday at Lake Tabor.

Under sponsorship of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, "Family Day" will feature a grand door prize of a 5-horsepower outboard motor, free boat rides, water skiing and boat racing.

Tickets, admitting the bearer to Lake Tabor and offering a chance on the door prize, are on sale for one dollar.

In addition to the host of activities planned by the Jaycees, a fish fry will cap the event. An additional charge of one dollar will be made for the fish fry.

The outboard motor to be given away is on display at the New Farmer's Warehouse each day.

Power Off

There will be an interruption of power Sunday morning from 5:00 to 6:00 o'clock on all lines from Williams Township school on highway 701 to Tabor City and including Tabor City and the Clarendon community. H. M. Leamon, local Carolina Power and Light Company manager said today.

All work possible is being done without interruption of power but for the safety of the workmen on high voltage lines, this short interruption is necessary, Leamon said.

MERCHANTS ARE ON OWN HOOK ABOUT HOLIDAY

The individual merchant will have to decide for himself whether or not to close Monday in observance of Labor Day.

That was the decision made this morning at a special meeting of the Merchants Association board of directors.

B. L. Nesmith, president of the Association, noted that any group wanting to get together and close could do so on their own initiative.

"The Merchants Association has no right to dictate when to stay open or when to close," said Nesmith.

The motion to leave the subject of whether or not to close with the individual merchant met with approval of every board member present.

It was reported at press time that all automobile dealerships would observe the Labor Day holiday on Monday.

Tabor Gets \$9,793 From Powell Bill

The State Highway Commission's announcement allocating \$6,219,336.82 in cash aid to 400 incorporated, active, eligible and qualified municipalities for improvements on non-highway system streets included \$9,793.04 for Tabor City.

The overall distribution represents the largest amount since the Powell Bill Act, fostered by Attorney J. K. Powell of Whiteville when he served in the N. C. Senate, was passed in 1951.

Payments range this year from the low of \$380.10 to Falkland in Pitt County to the high of \$453,091.21 for Charlotte.

As stated by the State Highway Commission, the increasing annual totals are due to the ever-growing volumes of gasoline being used in motor vehicles. The allocation being based on State gasoline tax revenue.

Half of the total allocation, or \$3,109,668.41, is to be divided among all qualified municipalities on the basis of relative 1950 U. S. Census Population.

Half of the total allocation is to be divided among all qualified municipalities on the basis of relative mileage of non-state-system or local streets complying with the Act.

Columbus County towns receiving cash aid under this Act were Whiteville, \$19,654.18; Chadbourn, \$9,712.47; Brunswick, \$760.43; Bolton, \$3,338.21; Fair Bluff, \$6,501.92; Lake Waccamaw, \$2,837.85; and Tabor City, \$9,793.14.

Brunswick County towns receiving cash aid were Long Beach, \$1,249.98; Shallotte, \$1,650.06; Southport, \$9,752.49; and Youpon Beach, \$2,646.81.

Checks will be mailed to the participating towns in mid-September.

Arrest Three For Tossing Bottles Through Window

Three Chadbourn men, two of them self-styled hoodlums who recently engaged in a brawl with Highway Patrolman J. R. Barker at the 904 Cafe, have been arrested for throwing bottles through the window of a home located across from the 904 Cafe on the Fair Bluff highway.

Chief of Police H. E. Epps said this morning that Roger Bullard, James E. Boswell and Jessie E. Fipps, all of Chadbourn, had been arrested and charged with trespassing, disturbing the peace and being drunk and disorderly.

Bullard and Fipps were among the trio involved in last month's brawl at the 904 Cafe when they attacked Patrolman J. R. Barker. Fipps was tried in Recorder's Court and given a two years suspended sentence. Bullard requested a jury trial and his case is still pending.

Chief Epps reported the trio tossed bottles Sunday at midnight through the window of a home occupied by the family of Floride McClurie, Negro, on the J. N. Prince farm.

Epps quoted men as having said, "We don't know why we did it, we were just drinking."

Bullard was the last of the trio to be arrested. He was taken into custody by Chief Epps and Chadbourn Police Chief He yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. Fipps was arrested Monday morning at 6 o'clock and Boswell was apprehended at 6 p. m. Monday.

Columbus Ranks 12th In Nation In Yam Acreage

Sweetpotatoes harvested for home use or for sale from 261,051 acres on United States farms in 1954 amounted to 27,396,896 bushels, with 189,911 acres, or 72.7 percent, in 100 leading counties producing 18,925,843 bushels, according to 1954 Census of Agriculture figures for ranking counties released today by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Columbus County ranks 12th in the nation in sweet potato acreage with 3,900 acres planted in 1954 but the rank in production was 15th in the nation with 356,091 bushels.

Horry county was tied for ninth rank with 4,766 acres and 14th ranking in production with 402,464 bushels.

Brunswick county ranks number 29 with 1,361 acres and 33rd in production with 115,738 bushels.

St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, led in sweetpotato acreage and production with 35,382 acres — 13.6 percent of the U. S. total—yielding 2,692,010 bushels, Lafayette Parish was second in acreage with 11,293 acres and third in quantity harvested with 918,550 bushels. Van Zandt County, Texas, third in acreage with 9,925 acres, was tenth in production with 541,277 bushels. Acadia Parish, Louisiana, fourth in acreage with 9,284, ranked fifth in quantity harvested with 722,516 bushels. Accomack County, Virginia, fifth in acreage with 8,197 acres, ranked second in production with 1,250,067 bushels.

The 100 leading counties in sweetpotato acreage in 1954 were distributed by States as follows: 22 in North Carolina; 12 in Louisiana; 10 each in South Carolina and Texas; 9 in Georgia; 8 each in California and Mississippi; 5 each in New Jersey and Tennessee; 3 each in Maryland and Virginia; 2 in Alabama; 1 each in Arizona, Arkansas and New Mexico.

Major Portion Of Columbus 1955 Income Was Used To Purchase Automobiles, Food

With the votes all in and the tabulations completed, it appears that residents of Columbus County cast more of their dollars in the last year for automobile equipment and for food than for any other candidates for their spendable income.

Some 47 percent of all purchases in the local retail stores were garnered by these two leaders. Elsewhere in the State of North Carolina they attracted only 46 percent of the dollar.

Local automotive sales, including new and used cars, boats, farm machinery and the like, amounted to 27 percent and sales in retail food stores and restaurants, 20 percent.

The slowdown on how the retail dollar is distributed is given in Sales Management's copy-

righted survey of the spending habits of the people. Wide variations are noted for different sections of the country.

In Columbus County, where employment was at a high level, incomes good and population rising, dynamic advances were made in the past year. Particularly did it profit the local retail merchants, whose cash registers jingled a \$34,832,000 tune for the year. It had been \$32,132,000 in 1954.

Of this total, automotive sales were responsible for \$9,490,000 and food sales, \$7,106,000.

In both cases, the trend to more luxurious living was in evidence. People were buying better cars and more of them. Additional families were acquiring second cars.

Similarly, the study shows, they were spending more for food, going in for finer cuts of meat and for better grades of canned goods. And they were consuming them in greater volume.

While these retail branches were the chief recipients of the spending surge in Columbus County, other lines of business also fared well.

Stores selling general merchandise had a \$3,833,000 year, accounting for 11 percent of the consumer dollar.

Sales of hardware supplies, building materials and lumber came to \$4,838,000, another 14 percent.

Shops selling clothing and other apparel grossed \$1,692,000, equal to 5 percent.