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## Columbus Baptist Churches Will Begin Week-Long Missions School Sunday

A list of speakers for the Tabor City Baptist Church during the weeklong school of missions beginning Sunday, September 10, was announced today by the Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor of the local church.

Sunday morning the worship message will be brought by the Rev. Abraham Wright from the Home Mission Board. The Rev. Wright works with Italian speaking people.

Sunday night, at 8 p. m., the Rev. Robert L. Carpenter from Home Mission Board will address the congregation. He works with French speaking people of Louisiana.

Monday night at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Jerry Potter of the State Mission Board will be the speaker. He works with the deaf people of North Carolina.

The Rev. V. E. Duncan, Associational Missionary in the Tar River Association, will conduct services Tuesday night.

Wednesday night services will be held by the Rev. George Bow-



REV. ABRAHAM WRIGHT Will Speak Here Sunday

to Dr. Huggins with the State Mission Board, will speak Thursday night.

Friday night, Miss Jean Beck with Foreign Mission Board will deliver the message. She is a missionary to Nigeria.

Seventeen churches of the Columbus Baptist Association will participate in the school of missions. Included in the delegation of speakers will be five foreign missionaries, six home missionaries, and six state missionaries.

This School of Missions has been planned by the Association since 1954. Schools of this kind are sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention on the Association level all over the Convention territory.

Churches participating are Brunswick, Cedar Grove, Chadbourn, Cherry Grove, Clarendon, Fair Bluff, Hallsboro, Hinson's, Cross Roads, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oak Dale, Piney Forest, Pleasant Hill, Smyrna, Sweet Home, Tabor City and Union

Valley. Dr. Earle Bradley, State Secretary of Promotion for the State Baptist Convention will be located for the week at the New Whiteville Hotel and will be in general charge of the activities for the week.

Tabor City's speaker Sunday night, the Rev. Abraham Wright, was born in Pana, Illinois, and converted in a little country church when he was 12 years old. He received the Ph.D. Degree from Shurtleff College and the M.A. degree from the University of Illinois.

He also serves as moderator of the Masoupin Association. Before his appointment by the Home Mission Board, he was a teacher and supervisor in public schools, a pastor, an associational missionary, and a chaplain in the Air Force.

His recent past service and his present needed service among the Italians qualify him to be a very popular and helpful speaker.

## Fishing Trip Almost Has Tragic Ending

### Seek To Recover Rest Of Loot In Bank Robbery

A final judgement for \$13,062.38 has been entered in Columbus Superior Court Clerk's office against Dewey Paul Russ of Bladenboro. The amount represents missing loot from the \$28,872.95 stolen from the New River branch of the Jacksonville First National Bank. Russ was arrested for a Whiteville kidnapping and an extensive investigation by Columbus Bureau of Identification Chief Horace Shaw linked Russ to the Jacksonville bank robbery. Shaw received nearly \$2,000 reward for his part in solving the case. Russ is serving a 30 to 50 year sentence for the kidnapping charge and also faces a five-year federal term for the bank robbery.

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The final judgement represents the amount not recovered of the \$28,872.95 stolen. Hedgcock, who went under several times while struggling to get to safety, credited Stocks with saving his life. It was Stocks who made it to the bank first then waded back into the river to drag Hedgcock to safety. After rolling Hedgcock across a small log in an effort to clear his lungs of the excess water, Stocks waded through the swamps to the Pireway bridge. Unable to locate assistance at the bridge, Stocks broke the lock on a small boat and returned for Hedgcock. When the two men returned to the bridge, a passerby was summoned to take them to Dr. Ross Williamson in Tabor City. Hedgcock related that he spent about one and one-half hours on the river bank waiting for Stocks to return. The five-horsepower outboard motor on the small boat was believed to have caused it to sink. It overturned when Hedgcock attempted to retrieve a hat belonging to Stocks that had blown off into the water. "I was as close to drowning as you can get without actually doing it," said Hedgcock Sunday as he recovered from the frightening experience. Stocks, who returned to the river and recovered the boat and motor, related that he had difficulty convincing the owner of the borrowed boat that he had broken the lock and taken the boat during an emergency. The boat owner was waiting with shotgun in hand when Stocks returned to the river. Hedgcock, who knows how to swim, said he was unable to move his legs during the hectic minutes he floundered in deep water. "My legs were like iron and I couldn't get them behind me so I could swim," he recalled. Immediately after the boat overturned and sank, a fishing pole drifted between the two men. Stocks grabbed it and pushed it to Hedgcock but each time Stocks pulled Hedgcock toward him the pole would break. "It broke three times," said Hedgcock. With the death brush still heavy in mind, Hedgcock remarked that he was through with fishing. "That was too close for comfort. I'll leave fishing to someone else from now on." The heroic Stocks was unavailable for comment.

## Citizens Will Vote On Amendments Saturday In Special General Election

Whether or not the Pearsall Bill will ever be used to combat migration efforts in public schools will be up to the voters as they go to the polls Saturday in the special general election. Polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

The Pearsall Bill provides constitutional amendments that would allow granting of education expenses by the state and equal units to children in an area without segregated schools.

The amendment will leave in the hands of local people the decision to open or close public schools. This decision would be reached by a general vote.

Other amendments to be voted on Saturday include changing the General Assembly date from January to February.

A third amendment would permit a married woman to execute a power of attorney conferred on her by her husband. The practice is common in 46 other states now. It would allow women to transfer property they own solely without consent of her husband, or allow her to convey her husband's property for him providing a proper power of attorney is granted.

Finally, an amendment is proposed to grant legislators per diem and mileage at the same rate as granted to boards and commissions; would lengthen the available time for the Gen-

eral Assembly from 90 to 120 days, and would provide for special sessions of not over 25 days duration.

While the school amendment has been stressed far more than the other three amendments, it is doubtful if there will be any great rush to the polls.

However, Jack Hooks, Columbus County chairman of elections, said everything was in readiness for the election.

He urged registrars in each precinct to phone in the results as soon as possible.

### DRUNK PUTS UP STRUGGLE BUT ENDS UP LOSER

A local man being hauled to jail on a drunk and disorderly charge failed to kick his way to freedom but his efforts left their mark on Police Chief H. E. Epps.

Epps said today Floyd Jones was charged with being drunk and disorderly. As the police officer attempted to get Jones up the jail stairs, the fight began. Epps was kicked in the face during the fracas.

Prior to the fight, Epps reported Jones left no stone unturned in his efforts to kick out the police car windshield and rip out the radio. He was unsuccessful on all counts.

He will be tried Monday, September 10, in Mayor's Court.

## General Officers, Department Leaders Named At Baptist Church

General church officers and department leaders were elected Sunday for the new year at the Tabor City Baptist Church.

The Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor, released the following list of officers.

General church officers are A. Paul Rogers, Jr., church clerk; Harry Bryant, treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Bow, financial secretary; Mrs. Furman Fowler, organist; Miss Gayle Kelly, assistant organist; Mrs. Cecil Corbett, Sr., pianist; Mrs. W. W. Woody, choir director; Mrs. Sam Marshall, youth choir director; Mrs. James Garrell, assistant youth choir director; Mrs. Richard Gordon, assistant youth choir director.

Willard Wright was named training union director. Other members who will head departments in the training union program are Claude Huggins, adult department; Mrs. A. M. Smith, young people's department leader; Mrs. Sam Marshall, leader of intermediate department; Mrs. Harold Fonvielle, junior department leader; Mrs. Lonnie Willoughby, primary department leader; Mrs. P. C. Gantt, begin-

ner department leader; Mrs. Nellie Spivey, nursery department leader.

Kenneth Ray was elected general superintendent of the Sunday School. Other Sunday School officers include Claude Huggins, general secretary; E. W. Fonvielle, librarian; Mrs. J. S. Rogers, pianist.

Other Sunday School leaders are Richard Gordon, supt. of adult department No. 1; John Dorman, supt. of adult department No. 2; W. W. Woody, supt. of young people's department; Mrs. Lonnie Willoughby, supt. of intermediate department; Mrs. Harry Bryant, supt. of junior department; Mrs. P. C. Gantt, supt. of primary department "A"; Mrs. Billy Dorman, supt. primary department "B"; Mrs. Howard Harrelson, supt. of beginner dept. "A"; Mrs. M. C. Sarvis, Jr., supt. beginner department "B"; Mrs. D. C. Spivey, supt. nursery department "A"; Mrs. Don Hughes, supt. nursery dept. "B"; Mrs. Lewis Harrelson, supt. nursery department "C"; Mrs. Richard Gordon, supt. cradle roll; G. L. Dorman, supt. extension department.

Mrs. C. C. Leggett was re-elected principal of the vacation bible school. Others who have a leading role in the vacation bible school are Mrs. Harry Bryant, supt. intermediate department; Mrs. E. E. Wright, supt. junior department; Mrs. Billy Dorman, supt. primary department; Mrs. Harold Fonvielle, supt. beginner department; Mrs. D. C. Spivey, supt. nursery department; Mrs. Lewis Harrelson, supt. nursery department; Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland was named chairman of senior ushers; Robert McCormick, chairman of baptism committee; Mrs. E. W. Fonvielle, chairman memorial supper committee; C. C. Leggett, chairman building and grounds committee; and Mrs. J. F. Bow, transportation committee chairman.



Miss Peggy Carter, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McCormick of Tabor City, was one of the 43 graduates to receive her diploma from the Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Nursing on Thursday, August 30. While in the school she participated in a number of activities as well as serving as editor of "The Lamp" the school's year book. Her immediate plans are to join the nursing staff of James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

## Waccamaw Bank To Boost Interest Rate On Savings

An increase in savings account interest rate from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 percent, the second boost in the past three years was announced today by C. L. Tate, president of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.

All savings accounts in the Waccamaw Bank, except those in excess of \$25,000.00, will earn two and one half percent interest, effective October 1st, 1956.

"This increase is made possible by increase in rates of all securities, including U. S. Treasury obligations," said Tate.

The most recent previous increase in interest rates on savings accounts was made in October 1953 when the directors approved a rate boost from one to two percent.

"With the interest rate being increased to two and one half percent, it provides an added incentive for people to save. The board of directors is happy to note that the increased number of new savings accounts with Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. during the past three years and has justified their decision to increase rates at this time," said Tate.

Waccamaw Bank has offices located at Tabor City, Whiteville, Clarkton, Fairmont, Southport, Shallotte, Beulaville, Rose Hill, Chadbourn, and Kenansville.

A banking feature added recently by the Waccamaw Bank was free personalized checks. These are still available. Bank customers are urged to place their order at their nearest Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co.

## Alton Cribb Dies Of Heart Attack

Alton Cornel Cribb, 35, died of a heart attack Monday at 4:30 p. m. as he was returning home from a fishing trip.

Cribb and his fishing companions, Carl Brubaker and Bonnie Small, all employees of the Columbus Manufacturing Company, were returning from a fishing trip when Cribb stopped at Nixon's Cross Roads to shop and Cribb suffered the fatal attack.

Cribb, a resident of Route 2, Whiteville, was the son of Carmel P. Cribb and Dolly Worley Cribb of Columbus County.

Funeral services will be held from the Cribb Town Church at 11 a. m. Wednesday by the Reverend Jesse Hilburn of Cerro Gordo and the Rev. Woodrow Williamson of Boardman.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Juanita Cribb; one daughter, Ann, of the home; five brothers, Willie and Earl Cribb of Route 1, Chadbourn; Arthur and Lee Cribb of Clarendon; Joe Cribb of Lake Village of Wilmington; five sisters, Mrs. K. D. Cartrette and Mrs. J. B. Cribb of Route 1, Chadbourn; Mrs. Stellan Norris of Clarendon; Mrs. Martin Cribb of Clarendon and Mrs. Ernie Cribb of Route 3, Whiteville.

The High Holidays reach their climax with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Saturday, September 15, when those of the Jewish faith spend most of the day in synagogues offering prayer. Many fast on Yom Kippur.

Mrs. David Simon and Miss Rochelle Simon are spending Thursday and Friday in Charleston.

The prayer group of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Saint Paul Methodist Church, will meet with Mrs. Everett Prince at her home Tuesday at 8 p. m.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Walter Leonard, Spiritual Life Secretary.

## Methodist Slate Prayer Session

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## Devils Open Season Friday

Tabor City's game but inexperienced Red Devil gridders will journey to Dann Friday for the opening tilt of the 1956 SFAA football season.

Under the direction of a new coach, L. S. Green, the Red Devils have been pointing to the opening tilt since August 15 when the first drill was called.

While the local gridders will be light in the forward wall, Coach Green is optimistic about their chances for victory.

"They will give a good account of themselves. They can-

ceive the ball and they are determined," said the head men-

or. Hampered by absentees, due to having to work on the farm, the Red Devils aren't expected to hit their stride until about the third game.

Much of the Devil load will fall on the shoulders of Hugh Gore, Wayne Miller, Jason Soles, Mickey Gore, Mickey Watts, and Mitchell Anderson.

Green pointed out that he had two good passers in Hugh Gore and quarterback Kenneth Ed-

dings. The Devils will work out of the T-formation this season. This is the same system used last year.

One youngster counted on heavily is Willis Hill, a 175-pounder who operates from the guard position. Hill has missed several recent practices due to an ear infection; however, he is expected to be ready to move Friday night.

Coach Green had plenty of praise for tackle Mickey Watts. (Continued on Page 5)

## Prices Jump As Buyers Return From Weekend

The long Labor Day weekend gave tobacco buyers a rest and prices jumped from Friday's \$34.38 average to \$57.53 for Tuesday's sale of 410,460 pounds.

Bob Black, sales supervisor on the local market, reported full sales again this week but urged farmers to bring their tobacco to Tabor City early for prompt sales.

Figures for the following days were recorded:

Wednesday — 404,384 pounds, average \$56.88

Thursday — 416,020 pounds, average \$56.71

Friday — 389,076 pounds, average \$54.38

Monday — no sales due to holiday

Tuesday — 412,460 pounds, average \$57.53.

## Grunt 'n Groan Experts Will Stage Wrestling Match Here September 14

A headliner wrestling match will be held here Friday night, September 14, 8 p. m., in the school auditorium.

Erkine Young, president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, said today the professional wrestling match would include such television performers as Slave Girl Moola, Pat Sherry, George Becker, Jack Witzig, Buddy Lee and Jack Vansky.

Slave Girl Moola will oppose Pat Sherry in a two out of three falls match with a one hour time limit.

The co-feature will be an Australian tag team match featuring George Becker and Jack Witzig against Buddy Lee and Jack Vansky.

Becker is probably the most popular wrestler ever to appear in the South. He is from Brooklyn, New York and tips the scales at 215 pounds. After the death of his brother, Bobby, he selected Jack Witzig of Milwaukee, Wisconsin as his team partner. Witzig is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin



Buddy Lee, the blonde adonis, is 218 pounds.

is from Boston. Mass. A rough, rubbly but a nice wrestler. He is considered as one of the toughest in wrestling. He weighs 230. His partner, Jack Vansky, better known as "The Neck" comes from Camden, New Jersey. A former weight lifter, he is also a wrestler on the rough side. His weight is 225.

It marks the second time within 12 months the Jaycees have sponsored professional wrestling. The initial match drew one of the largest crowds ever to witness an athletic event in Tabor City. Nearly 1000 persons attended.

Advance tickets are now on sale by local Jaycees. Admission price is \$1.50 for rinkside, \$1.25 for general admission and 50 cents for children.

"Wrestling fans are in store for another big treat. This performance should be well worth the money," said Young in urging local citizens to purchase their tickets early.

Last year, reserve seat tickets were sold out several days before the match.