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FIRE DESTROYS CAR — This 1952 Buick was demolished by fire Sunday morning when it collided with another car on the Fair Bluff Road, about four miles from Tabor City, and the gas tank exploded. The driver, Letha Fola Haney, and two children escaped from the burning car.

Sunday Morn Wreck Injures Four

Two youngsters narrowly escaped death Sunday morning about 10 o'clock when the car in which they were riding overturned and burned about four miles from here on the Fair Bluff Road.

Treated at the Loris Community Hospital for burns about the face and legs were Veronica Haney, 10, and Rosella Haney, 14.

Two persons, Ike Williams and Florella Flowers, both Negroes were treated for head injuries. Highway Patrolman Jesse R. Barker said the wreck occurred when the 1940 Ford, driven by Williams, collided with a 1952 Buick driven by Letha Fola Haney of Route 2, Tabor City.

The Buick overturned and burned when the gas tank exploded. The car was a total loss.

According to reports it was the quick action of an unidentified passerby that was credited with saving the lives of the two children. As the car overturned the doors were flung open permitting the passerby to rescue the two youngsters.

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They also stated that no criminal charges would be brought against those individuals caught in the raids but that the cases would be brought before the Tax Commission where the question of license suspension would be settled.

MERCHANTS MEETING
All Tabor City Merchants are urged to attend a rally at the Tabor City school agricultural building Monday night, July 8, at 8:15. Plans for various promotions will be discussed at length at the meeting and directors of the organization hope for 100 per cent attendance. Several items of business are urgent and need to be heard by all members of the association.

HARRELSON DEATHS

Triple Drowning At Beach Greatest Tragedy In Years

AN EDITORIAL TRAGEDY UNSURPASSED

The town and countryside mourned. A shroud of gloom hung heavy on the hearts of the people. There were few smiles and as though a Higher Power were restless, storms brewed, the wind whistled and thunder and lightning rumbled and cracked. Dr. R. C. Harrelson, Jr., and his two sons' sudden catastrophic death blotted out the normal, almost frivolous, worldly worries.

Not in the modern recollection of the populace, had such a triple disaster been brought so closely home to the people in and around Tabor City. Everywhere there was remorse, grief and a feeling of disbelief that it had really happened.

Perhaps it is not our lot to question why, but there could be no doubt that such a mark clouded the thoughts of man.

Here was a man in a moment of relaxation being the understanding, sympathetic parent expected of all of us. A man who, for his children's sake, was taking them swimming for just a few moments before the noonday meal. In this happy, gleeful excitement his two sons, perhaps the individuals closest to his heart and the subject of a large portion of his love, floundered on the brink of eternity.

With all his fatherly instinct to protect he struggled in a losing cause to snatch his boys from this oceanic monster that was intent upon swallowing them up. For a brief moment it appeared he had won the battle and perhaps one son and his own life could have been spared. But he could not bear to see the other to perish. Trying desperately to save them all, he lost all. And his troubles in this world were over.

A man dedicated to saving lives had lost his while fighting the hardest he knew how in this unfamiliar type of lifesaving.

In the prime of life, in the very midst of his professional career, a young doctor who constantly sacrificed personal pleasures to administer to the physical plights of mankind, can do so no more. No longer can he leave the comforts of home to bring comfort to others.

His memory will linger in the hearts of men. The people will long remember what he did here and even in passing his life and work will remain as a light upon a hill, a symbol, a goal for others.

Life — just a fleeting moment. Man seeks vainly to hold it in his grasp but it always slips away; sometimes quietly, sometimes violently, but always reluctantly.

Dr. Rose Crance Harrelson, Jr., 36, and his two sons, Sterling 8, and Whitney, 5, of Tabor City, drowned together at Myrtle Beach about noon last Thursday.

The triple drowning was the worst single tragedy in this area in modern times and jolted the citizenry over a wide area who heard the news with disbelief.

Dr. Harrelson and the youngest son, Whitney, were pulled from the water in a matter of minutes after the accident and extensive effort was made to revive them to no avail. The body of Sterling has not been recovered although searchers combed the beach area for several days in a vain attempt to find him.

Witnesses of the drowning relate the pitiful story of the father, who could not swim, struggling to rescue the sons from a deep hole on the very edge of the beach in which they stepped and could not retreat.

Dr. Harrelson, the two sons and his daughter Dianne were taking a quick swim before lunch. Dianne led the running youngsters to the beach with Sterling, Whitney and the doctor in that order following. Dianne was first to step in the deep hole on the low tide only some 20 to 30 feet from the edge of the water. She went down but by being able to swim a little

was able to make her way out of the hole while hollering to the boys not to come any further.

Either they didn't hear the warning or failed to heed and both came on in the hole. Dr. Harrelson quickly noted their plight and went to their rescue. Witnesses say that he at one time had Sterling in his arms but saw Whitney going down again and turned to get him also. In the confusion, all three drowned.

The drowning occurred a short distance from the Ocean Forest Hotel swimming area and a life guard from there was quickly summoned. He succeeded in recovering the body of Dr. Harrelson in just a few minutes and another swimmer retrieved Whitney. Extensive effort to revive them through artificial respiration failed.

Hundreds of persons then combed the water for the body of Sterling, but he was not found. An Air Force helicopter taking part in the search crashed in the surf but no major injury resulted to the three man crew.

The Harrelson family was spending a vacation at the beach.

Hundreds of compliments have been paid to the Myrtle Beach Rescue Squad for the hours of hard work they put out in an effort to find the body of Sterling Harrelson. Friends of the family here who took part in the search said that the rescue squad worked day and night tirelessly using every known means available to find the body.

and had discussed coming on back to Tabor City. The doctor had closed his office and was not scheduled to come back until Friday morning. He had taken the children for the swim at their insistence and there had been some talk of not going back in the water before lunch. They had been swimming earlier and had returned to the cottage for a drink of water. The accident occurred immediately after they got back to the strand.

The children were said to have been enthusiastic about taking the fast swim before lunch and the doctor had discussed carrying them to the recreation area.

Another district first place was awarded the F. F. A. club for its cooperative activities. This included a cash award of \$75 for being outstanding in work with not only F. F. A. but Young Farmer's Club and the Veterans' farmer training program.

Honors aren't new to the local youths. They have been winning for a long time and it's understandable. F. F. A. supervisors Sam Jackson and Fred Lay, Jr. are constantly on the alert to give an interested member every opportunity to further his knowledge and participation in the

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60 YEARS OF SAFE DRIVING — These three postal workers in Tabor City look over one of the safe driving cards issued to them by the National Safety Council. All three men are rural mail carriers. Seated is Tom Angle who has 26 years of accident-free motoring. Standing, from left, Carol Watts, 16 years of safety; and Clarence Willoughby, 18 years of safe driving.

Postal Workers Get Tribute For 60 Years Safe Driving

Three postal workers here were recognized recently for safe driving by the National Safety Council.

A total of 60 years of accident-free driving is represented by Tom Angle, Carol Watts and Clarence Willoughby, all rural mail carriers.

Angle, a member of the postal crew since 1941, has a total of 26 years safe-driving. He travels approximately 35,000 miles each year.

Watts, employed here as a postal worker for over eight years, has a 16-year accident-free driving record.

Willoughby, postal employee for the past eight years, has a record of 18 years safe driving.

The safety certificates were presented to the local workers by Postmaster Richard Gordin.

The organization of an Horry County United Fund was completed Monday night of last week with the election of officers at Bob's Grill in Conway.

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S. C. Tax Commission Agents Seize 140 Cases Of Beer, Whiskey On Sunday Morning

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Rogers Heads Rotary Club
Rembert R. Rogers was inaugurated as president of the Tabor City Rotary Club at its regular Monday night meeting here succeeding Don Hughes. Other new officers inaugurated were W. Horace Carter, vice president; Billy Dorman, treasurer; and Richard Gordon, secretary.

President Rogers named the directors of the four departments of Rotary. They are Al Williams, club service; W. W. Woody, international service; Randall Burleson, vocational service; and Carter, community service.

He also presented each Rotarian with a gift ballpoint pen and asked that they use it during the year and to remember each time they did, use it to think of Rotary, its principles and its motto of "Service Above Self."



FFA TEAM RETURNS FROM STATE CONVENTION — These are members of the Tabor City F. F. A. chapter who went to Raleigh last week and came home with a haul of money and awards. Front row, from left, Melvin Nobles, H. C. Lane, Douglas Spivey. Second row, Fred Lay, teacher; Ronald Wray, Larry Williams, Mitchell Ward and Sam Jackson, teacher.

They Brought Home The Bacon From The Annual F. F. A. Meet

Local F. F. A. members returned from Raleigh last week with a pocketful of money and a host of honors.

The occasion was the annual state meeting of F. F. A. chapters and it was normal for Tabor City's F. F. A. chapter to win more than its share of awards.

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Rev. Chambers Is New Pastor At Methodist Church

The Rev. Martin R. Chambers has been appointed pastor of the Saint Paul Methodist Church in Tabor City.

He succeeds the Rev. Paul Carruth who has been elevated to the post of executive director of High Christian Education.

Both appointments were announced last week at the annual Methodist conference held at New Bern.

The Rev. Chambers has served as pastor of the Methodist Church at Rowland for the past four years. He is married and has two sons, Joan and Bob. John is a civil engineer who makes his home in Atlanta, Ga. Bob is a medical student at Duke University.

The Rev. Carruth will probably make his home in Durham. The Rev. Chambers will move to Tabor City on Friday.

Services were conducted this past Sunday at the St. Paul Methodist Church by the newly-appointed minister.

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Tally Eddings Gets Merchants Position

Tally H. Eddings was appointed executive-secretary of the Tabor City Merchants Association this morning at a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

The appointment was announced by Ruey Hewett, president of the Association.

"We are happy to have a man of Mr. Eddings' ability serving in the capacity of executive-secretary," said Hewett in making the announcement.