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Curtain Goes Up On 10th Annual Yam Festival Tomorrow



PRESIDENT TALKS WITH NEW MEMBERS—Ann Elizabeth Mallard, president of the Tabor City School Beta Club talks with several of the new members after the recent initiation program. Miss Mallard, far right, talks with initiates, left to right, Martha Brooks Bell, Daphene Gaskin, Margaret Inman, and Tony Waddell. They were among the 13 new members accepted into the Beta Club.

Tabor City Beta Club Initiates 13 New Members

Thirteen new members were recently initiated into the highest honorary scholastic organization, the Beta Club, at the Tabor City School.

Miss Ann Elizabeth Mallard, president of the Beta Club, conducted the initiation rites for the Officers of the local Beta Club following members: Levern Ward, Dixie Cox, Martha Brooks Bell, Daphene Gaskin, Betty Dimmery, Tony Waddell, Joe Hedzeco, Henry Neil Wright, Eugene Watts, Frances Norris, Jessica Gore, Katherine Harrelson, and Margaret Inman.

Take your choice—there are dozens of events and some of them should be right down your enjoyment alley during the three-day 10th annual Carolinas Yam Festival that opens in Tabor City tomorrow (Thursday).

Dancing, music, parades, shooting exhibitions, walking contests, greasy pig chases, beauty pageants, yam judging, speeches, highly decorated booths, and a host of other attractions have been planned and will be unveiled for thousands of visitors this week.

With a program varied to some extent from years past and yet with attractions provided before that proved successful, the 1957 festivities promise to be second to none seen here before.

Hindered by a late start in the planning and with the ever-present shortage of operating capital, the festival committee has apparently overcome these obstacles to bring to Tabor City another outstanding event.

Perhaps foremost of the events will be the Johnny Long Orchestra that will highlight the Queen's Ball on Friday night. Under direction of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, this marks the first time in many years that a big-name band has played here.



Pretty Rosa Huntley "Carolinas Yam Queen of 1956" who will crown the new queen, shortly before 8 p. m. Friday evening in Denton's Warehouse. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Huntley of Lumberton, too, she wears the 1956 crown as Lumberton's Fire Prevention Queen.

will put on a concert Saturday afternoon at the exhibit hall and then play for the Civitan-sponsored square dance at Planters Warehouse Saturday night.

Bingo Stand Will Be In Operation

For the first time in several years, a bingo stand will be operated during the Yam Festival.

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Fast On The Draw

Ralph Dayton Smith is a man with confidence. "Nobody can draw a 44 revolver and fire any faster than I can. And I'll not change from that statement until someone shows me I'm wrong."



Slated for a leading role in the three-day festival program, Smith has trained long and hard to perfect a lightning-like draw that stacks up favorably with the best Wyatt Earp and Matt Dillon can do.

ernone, at 2:30 Smith is set to stage his first exhibition at the Tabor City school athletic field. The following day, Friday, he will put on another demonstration of speed and accuracy with a shooting iron at the exhibit hall at 11:00 A. M.



UJA Campaign Directors Named

The United Jewish Appeal fund kick-off dinner was held last night at the Hotel Whiteville.

Some 60 persons attended the meeting and saw a board of governors named to handle the overall planning for this year's drive.

The board of governors is expected to meet again next week and name various community chairman for towns in South-eastern North and South Carolina.

Methodists Set Workshop For Friday Night

The last of the Workers' Initiative being held in the Wilmington District of the Methodist Church will be held at the Whiteville Methodist Church Friday night, October 11, at 7:30 p. m.

Dr. J. E. Garlington, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District, will meet with all the pastors; Rev. J. D. A. Autry, District Director of church school work and also pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Fairmont, will meet with the church school superintendents and Commission on Education chairmen.

Rev. John Pfister, District Director of adult work and also pastor of the Sneads Ferry-Verona Methodist charge, will meet with all the workers with adults; Rev. W. C. Teachey, District Director of youth work and also pastor of the Cerro Gordo-Olivet Methodist charge, will meet with all workers with youth 15 years and older; Rev. W. B. Starnes, District Director of intermediate work and also pastor of the Shallotte Methodist Church, will meet with all workers with intermediate, ages 12-14. The District Director of children's work will meet with all workers with children.

"A number of important items will be discussed at this meeting, and it is urged that each Methodist church in this area be fully represented," Rev. Teachey said.

Santa's Arrival Date Is Dec. 4

Santa Claus will arrive in Tabor City this year on December 4 at 3:30 p. m.

Festival Parade Will Be Longest And Best Yet

The largest parade ever staged in Tabor City will begin moving on Friday at 2 p. m.

Tolly H. Eddings, executive secretary of the Tabor City Merchants Association, said today that there would be a total of 43 units in the parade. This includes floats, bands, beauty queens, etc.

Although military bands will be extinct, there will be nine high school bands including the famed Winyah High Band from Georgetown, S. C.

The assembly point for this year's parade will be behind the Tabor City High School building.

Units in the parade and the order in which they will move include Johnny Phillip Morris, Winyah High School Band, Miss Georgetown, Atlantic Coastline Railroad float, 1908 Ford Garnier Cain, Lake City Chamber of Commerce float, Columbus County Band, "Miss Williams Township High," Fox Royal Bakery float, Tabor City Rotary Club float, Congressman Alton Lennon, Whiteville High School Band, "Miss Whiteville," Whiteville Merchants Association float; Willard Garrell float; Wilston High School band, "Miss Evergreen," Piggly Wiggly of Tabor City float, Hickman's Boat float, 1909 Model T, Bladenboro High School band, V. F. W. official, Mrs. Maude Osborne, president of the N. C. VFW Auxiliary, James Wallace, department

Local Jaycees Set To Host District Meet

Tabor City Jaycees will play host to some 250 guests on Tuesday, October 29, when the Sixth District holds its second meeting of the year.

Jaycees are expected from throughout the 10-county area comprising the district. Towns to be represented include Wilmington, Burgaw, Red Springs, Raeford, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Bladenboro, Dublin, Elizabethtown, Kenansville, Warsaw, and Clinton.

Harold Ward, local Jaycee president, said plans were moving ahead rapidly for entertaining the district guests. Howard Fowler, is chairman of the district meeting.

It marks the first time in the brief history of the local Jaycees that they have hosted a district meeting. The meeting will be held at the Tabor City School cafeteria.

MRS. STEVENS ILL. Mrs. Davis Stevens is a patient in the James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

Archie Fipps Funeral Today

Archie Devon Fipps, 66, died in the Conway, S. C. Hospital at 12:10 a. m. Tuesday following a three year period of declining health.

A son of the late William Blain Fipps and Laura Clementine Stephens Fipps he was a well known farmer of route 3, Tabor City. He served in World War I with the Navy.

Funeral services are to be held from the home this afternoon (Wednesday) at 3 p. m. by the Elder Gardner Mishoe and the Rev. G. Clyde Prince. Burial will be in the Spivey Cemetery.

He is survived by his widow the former Gurley Mae Wright; two brothers, Alton and S. P. Fipps of route 3, Tabor City and a sister Mrs. Vera Jernigan of route 2, Tabor City.

LATE ENTRY

A late entry in the yam queen's contest bringing the total to 17 is Miss Carolyn Turberville of Cerro Gordo, sponsored by the Cerro Gordo Home Demonstration Club.

HARDROCK WON'T MAKE IT

Hardrock Simpson, the Burlington postman who spends his leisure hours walking and running, notified Yam Festival officials this afternoon that he would not be able to make an appearance for this year's "Bunion Derby."

The amiable postman has been a favorite of the crowds ever since the "Bunion Derby" was initiated here several years ago. He was dethroned last year by Mack Gore of Tabor City. But even in defeat he was a favorite of the crowd.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR HOWARD HARRELSON

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is traditionally observed each year during the full calendar week including October 9, anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871; and

WHEREAS, in the last decade fire has killed more than 100,000 persons and burned and disfigured many hundreds of thousands more; and

WHEREAS, each year about 11,500 Americans die needlessly in fire and more than twice that number are severely burned or disfigured for life; and

WHEREAS, last year alone fire took the lives of 201 people in North Carolina and resulted in property loss of more than \$31,369,621;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HOWARD HARRELSON, Mayor of Tabor City in recognition of the importance of fire prevention to all our citizens, do hereby designate the week of October 6-12, 1957 as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. I urge all of our people to join in effective programs to promote safety in the control of fire.

HOWARD HARRELSON, Mayor

TOWN BOARD MEET

Tabor City's Board of Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night at the City Hall.

The meeting, originally scheduled for last night, was postponed due to several of the commissioner's playing an active part in the Yam Festival functions.