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Federal Grand Jury Indicts Officers For Third Time

For the third time, a Federal Grand Jury indicted Horry Sheriff John Henry and eight of his deputies in Florence Monday on five counts of violating the rights of prisoners.

The Horry officers had been indicted by two previous Grand Juries on the same charges involving the same four cases. The first true bill was returned in Columbia. Later they were indicted again in Charleston under a new statute. Monday's indictment was under Section 242, Title 13 of the Criminal Code.

N. Welch Morrisette, U. S. District Attorney, said his office re-presented the charges to the Grand Jury Monday against the Horry officers. "Because I believe the other juries were drawn from improperly composed boxes."

Sheriff Henry and his eight deputies are charged with violating the civil rights of Cleo Patrick, Leonard Ford, Vernee Floyd and Bob Jackson Spivey. The indictment states that the officers "did knowingly, willfully, unlawfully, corruptly and feloniously combine, agree and conspire to deprive" the four men of their "rights and privileges under the 14th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution."

The indictment states that the officers, while holding Ford, Patrick and Floyd used "fists, hands, feet, blackjacks or other blunt instruments to strike, beat, whip, assault and injure them, all for the purpose of oppressing, threatening and intimidating" the trio in the free exercise and enjoyment of their constitutional rights and privileges.

Sheriff Henry, Deputies Chalmers Small, Odell Floyd, Roy Huggins, Arnold Hendricks, J. D. Stanley, Harry Harrelson, Mack E. Booth and James D. Smart are named in the first count.

The second count charges Sheriff Henry and Deputies Floyd, Huggins, Small, Stanley and Smart "did deprive Patrick of his liberty without due process of law."

Deputies Hendricks, Harrelson, Floyd, Small and Booth are named in the third count with having "willfully and unlawfully subjected Ford to deprivation of the rights and privileges secured to him under the protection of the 14th Amendment."

The fourth count of the indictment charges Henry, Hendricks, Huggins, Smart and Small of having deprived Floyd of his rights under the same amendment.

The fifth count of the indictment charges only Huggins with depriving Spivey of his rights while acting under the color of the law.

The charges against Sheriff Henry and his deputies grew out of a fracas on Oct. 13 near the Red Bluff area in which Stanley is alleged to have been attacked by Ford. Stanley was admitted to the hospital for injuries received in the attack. Ford was later tried and sentenced on charges growing out of his attack on Stanley.

The alleged attacks on Patrick, Ford and Floyd, according to the indictment, occurred "on or about Oct. 13 and continued until Oct. 17."

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Merchants Set Banquet Date For March 10

The annual Merchants Association banquet scheduled originally for March 3 has been postponed until March 10.

H. G. Dameron, Merchants Association director and chairman of the banquet committee, said today that about 300 persons were expected to attend the event.

Civic club members and their wives will be invited to attend. "Tickets will be priced exceptionally low and employees will be urged to buy tickets for their employees," said Dameron. The annual meeting will be highlighted by election of officers.

Earl C. Horne Accepts Western Auto Position

Earl C. Horne has accepted a position with the local Western Auto Associate store announced S. T. Rogers, owner.

Horne, son of Mrs. Hobby Horne and the late Mr. Horne of Horry County, was graduated from the Green Sea High School attended the University of South Carolina and Coastal Carolina College.

He is married to the former Betty Brown of Columbia, S. C. They have two sons, Dennis and Larry.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

All children who will reach the age of six on or before October 15, 1958, are scheduled to attend a pre-school clinic at the Tabor City school on March 17, Principal Randall Burleson said today.

Parents of children who will attend school for the first time next year are requested to call the school office this week if possible and give the age of their children and other pertinent information.

The pre-school clinic will check each child for health and other data.



Rev. and Mrs. Jack Mathews will lead revival services at the Church of God on Lewis Street in Tabor City from March 2, to March 16. Pastor Joseph Chambers has announced. Prayer for the sick will be held nightly. Special music is scheduled during the services.



CLUBHOUSE NEAR COMPLETION—Construction of the new clubhouse for the Carolinas Country Club is nearing completion. Preston Hennies, golf pro, estimated that 10 more working days would be required to complete outside construction. The golf course is expected to be opened in early Spring.

Father-Son Fete Held At Local Baptist Church

A father-son banquet at the Tabor City Baptist Church met with success last night as 29 boys, members of the R. A., and their fathers were guests of the Brotherhood organization.

The Rev. Frank Haynes, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Loris, was guest speaker.

The R. A. presented a brief program on the steps in the ranking system of the organization. Three steps for membership in the R. A.'s are obedience, faithfulness and willingness to work.

The banquet was the first event staged here but its success virtually insures it becoming an annual event.

Counselors for the R. A.'s are the Rev. P. C. Grant, Ed Hickman, Billy Dorman, Joe Coleman and Grover Hardee.

Business conducted at last night's meeting included a report on the cost of floodlights that have been erected behind the church. The project was under the boys committee of the Brotherhood.

H. A. Brady, Miss Connie Brady and Mickey Watts visited in Snow Hill Sunday afternoon.

Doctor Will Locate Here In Near Future

Tabor City will get its third doctor within the next 60 days, according to an announcement by the Merchants Association.

Eddings has headed the drive to locate another doctor for Tabor City during the past seven months.

He said this morning that he was not at liberty to disclose the name of the doctor who will locate here but said he would be here at least by May 1 and possibly by April 1.

"I appreciate the aid of directors of the Merchants Association, other local people and the Loris Community Hospital during recent months in the effort to secure a doctor," said Eddings.

"Of course, we appreciate all the help on other projects and solicit your continued support."

The doctor who plans to move here was in town Monday and talked with many of the merchants.

Civilians Plan Beauty Pageant

Tabor City's Civilians are planning their annual "Miss Tabor City" beauty pageant.

Clyde Stanley, president, appointed a committee to plan the program. Expected to report next Monday night are Ben Nesmith III, Phil Hughes and Cecil Mierce.

Other business conducted at the regular meeting held at the Capitol Restaurant included an increase in dues to \$6.50 monthly with approval of a motion to eliminate the fifth Monday night as an eating night for the club.

A report was given by the budget committee.

Mrs. D. J. Hughes is spending some time in Fairmont this week.

Repeat Offenders Pay The Price In Mayor's Court

Second offenders were still finding the going rough in Mayor Howard Harrelson continued to stick by his policy to make repeat offenders pay the price.

Three persons this week found themselves melting out more money to the court because of the policy.

The docket was as follows: Floyd Hilburn, failure to yield right of way to street, not guilty; Curtis Allen, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, \$10 and costs; Rufus Strickland, public drunkenness, cost; Lillie Mae Smith, disorderly conduct and assault, cost; Raymond Glenn, Jr., disorderly conduct, cost; Kelly D. Long, disorderly conduct, \$10 and cost or 30 days; J. E. Mishoe, improper muffler, cost; Sidney Gore, affray and using deadly weapon, transfer to Recorder's Court; George Scott, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, \$20 plus cost; Ernest Melrum, fighting, cost; Oree Wilson, fighting, cost; Mary Lee Wright, fighting, appeal to Superior Court; Marlene Williams, fighting, appeal to Superior Court; Bobby Noles, disorderly conduct and using profanity at school, transfer to superior court; Earl Hilburn, public drunkenness, cost; John Wayne Gerald public drunkenness, appeal to Superior Court; Williams Neal Singletary, public drunkenness, cost; Dillon Raymond Cox, public drunkenness, cost; Leroy Tyler, no operator's license, transfer to Recorder's Court; James Thomas, no operator's license, transfer to Recorder's Court.

MRS. BORDEAUX ILL. Mrs. Florence Bordeaux, mother of Mrs. Eugene Cook, is a patient in the Columbus County Hospital, Whiteville. Mrs. Bordeaux has spent most of the winter here in her daughter's home.

Leal Loophole Appeals Greatly To Defendants

Defendants in Mayor's Court have found a legal loophole that gives them extra time in which to raise whatever money necessary to pay court fines and costs.

Four persons appealed convictions this week to Superior Court. This in itself would not be important but the rights that go with the appeal to superior court often mean the difference in a person paying his court fine or serving time in the pokey. One of the four persons paid the Mayor's Court fine Tuesday afternoon and withdrew the appeal.

According to a recent defendant 10 days in which to have a change of heart and pay the fine fixed by Mayor's Court. So, by appealing to Superior Court, a man without means of paying his fine in Mayor's Court on the night of conviction is given a 10 days grace period.

Those who use the appeal as a legal loophole to gain 10 days grace are happy with the system. However, they admit—a conviction in Mayor's Court means paying out money and even the 10 days goes by in an awful hurry.

Mrs. Ralph Spivey Places In Contest

Mrs. Ralph Spivey placed in the second group of the Betty Crocker Contest winners sponsored by the Lions Club of Fayetteville last week.

The event, displaying 3,976 cakes made from the Betty Crocker products, was held at the Stewart Oldsobile establishment in Fayetteville.

The first place winner received a new Oldsmobile while Mrs. Spivey and 15 other women will receive silver.

Cerro Gordo Man Files For Commissioner



Ed Walton Williamson, 32-year-old Cerro Gordo merchant and farmer, announced today that he would be a candidate for county commissioner for District 3, in the Democratic primary May 31, subject to the will of the voters of Cerro Gordo. Williamson is a native Cerro Gordo, a veteran of World War I. He is editor and publisher of The Tabor City Tribune and has been associated with civic projects in the Tabor City area and Southeastern North Carolina for the past 12 years. In 1957 he served as president of the SENC-land Development Association, a seven-county organization de-

Carter, McPherson Head Red Cross Drive In County



W. HORACE CARTER AND GROVER MCPHERSON

Grover McPherson, of the area, to improve farm income Carter, of Tabor City, have accepted the 1958 Columbia County Red Cross fund drive and serving as chairman of that campaign on March 2.

Carter is also president of the Tabor City Recreation Commission throughout the month of March until the \$7000 county quinquennial Country Club, Inc. vice has been reached.

This marks the first time that either McPherson or Carter have headed the Red Cross campaign and they said this week that they would do their best to raise the necessary funds. "However, we realize that no two or three people can make this drive successful. It is going to require a considerable amount of time by dozens of civic individuals if we are to come close to success with the Red Cross campaign this year," they said.

Set Pre-School Clinic March 31 At Williams

The first grade teachers of Williams Township School met recently to discuss plans for the 1958 pre-school clinic.

Miss Ruth Meads, elementary supervisor, announced that the pre-school clinic was scheduled for Williams Township School on March 31 at 9:00.

Details concerning the clinic will be announced later.

BULLETIN

A telegram was received today at press time from Congressman Alton Lennon advising that the House of Representatives sitting as a committee of the whole had appropriated an additional \$250 million for the acreage reserve program. The proposed action will give equal treatment to those desiring participation in the soil bank but denied contracts.

What Has Happened During 1st Year Of Horry Misconduct Investigation?

By—W. Horace Carter (First in a Series)

Twelve long months have passed since this newspaper launched its crusade revealing the fact that the Horry sheriff's force was under investigation and charging that "misconduct in a variety of ways is rampant among some Horry officers and others." On this first anniversary date, what has happened during the year? Were we right? Were we wrong? Is the decision yet to come?

So that the public may draw its own conclusions, we are rehashing the week by week developments since last February 20, as reported in this newspaper and if the "cold war" should continue another 12 months, a second anniversary recap will appear in 1959. You will recall we previously said investigations of this nature sometimes last from two to five years.

In our weekly column on February 13, 1957, we said, "There's more than a usual amount of

rumor going around about an alleged investigation of Horry county law enforcement officers. . . this rumor has some foundation. If this alleged investigation comes up with concrete proof of bribery, fraud, intimidation or other equally deplorable misconduct among law enforcement officers of the county, then the people are entitled to know about it. If no misconduct is found, then that should be brought out too. . . It's a known fact that there are hundreds of bootleg joints operating in Horry county. During the opening months of Sheriff Henry's first term, these illegal operators had a lot of pressure on them regularly and these raids served to discourage these operations. . . doesn't appear to most of the public now that the raids are as frequent or as successful as they once were. Whether his is a matter of nonchalance or something worse is a matter of conjecture. That column was the trigger for

the year-long crusade that even now has not climaxed. Following that column on the week of February 20, this newspaper ran the streamer headline: Horry Sheriff's Department Now Under Investigation. Thus the lid was off and the pressure on all concerned. That article went on to say that two separate investigations were underway, one private and one federal and that "if misconduct is revealed sufficiently to warrant indictments there will probably be a wholesale swapping of badges for prison numerals." That article charged in affidavits printed and names withheld that some officers had pressured various businesses to change music boxes and pinball machines and to do business with the Horry Music Company. Sworn statements of threats to operators who refused to change machines appeared.

In an editorial in the same issue we said, "This newspaper and the public generally wants

only the truth. Rumors of misconduct of public officials is an old story in Horry. This time there appears to be concrete material available to prompt the investigation. Proving malpractice of a public official is always a difficult task, but not impossible if guilt is present. Graftings in other counties in South Carolina and elsewhere have been broken up and convictions secured through painstaking efforts on the part of investigators. If some of the Horry sheriff's department is guilty of misconduct, we believe that indictments will be forthcoming."

The editorial pointed out further, "some of the 'racketeers' in the county are afraid. Many are guilty of operating illegally and to cooperate with the investigators brings them fear of road sentences and heavy fines. But if the investigation does prove misconduct on the part of public officials, it will have to result in statements of illegal gambling operators and those in the whiskey traffic. The church folks aren't in a position to testify to these activities. It's the little racketeers themselves who have the power to bring out the truth. No statement ever made by this newspaper had greater truth than that. In the same February 20, issue, was the story of Bob Spivey, Deputy Roy Huggins allegedly beat Spivey over the head with a post several times and jailed him on a variety of charges. In subsequent county court, a jury after seven hours deliberation found Spivey guilty of only resisting arrest. He was given a road term that was appealed to the State Supreme Court. And Huggins was later indicted by a Federal Grand Jury on charges of violating Spivey's civil rights in the incident. That case, along with others, is scheduled to be heard in Florence on March 10. On February 27, this newspaper's banner head read, "Affidavits

partments of the officers who are making the investigation long to federal authorities by the newspaper. An editorial in that issue said, "We are primarily interested in seeing complete honesty on the part of law enforcement agencies. We believe that when this sheriff's department, Solicitor Long since that time has announced his intention not to run for the office again and is reportedly among those attorneys who will defend Horry officers in federal court. In the same issue it was pointed out that SLED officers in company with Sheriff Henry had Fed Up, Solicitor Sick As Investigation Continues." Solicitor Reuben Long had branded the newspaper stories as "false rumors." Sheriff Henry had said he was "fed up to the ears." An illegal subpoena had been served on the editor to appear before the Horry Grand Jury. And instead requesting that the hearing there-after, affidavits and names

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