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NATIONAL BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION — A tea was held at the Elementary Library here last week in observance of National Book Week. Some 60 guests attended. Included on the guest list were local teachers, principals and librarians from throughout the county, county superintendent T. Ward Guy, supervisor B. D. Bunn, county school board chairman, Dr. Ross Williamson and local board chairman J. Oliver Prince. Shown from left, Mrs. Mona Powell, Tabor City librarian; T. Ward Guy, county superintendent; Carroll Powell, Tabor City librarian; Miss Betty Skipper, Williams Township School librarian; Mrs. O. V. Hicks, Tabor City teacher; Mrs. Louise Murray, Williams Township librarian. Seated is Miss Ruth Meares, county supervisor.

Methodists Will End Fund Drive November 23

Members of the Saint Paul Methodist Church will complete their educational fund drive on Sunday, November 23.

The Rev. Pierce Layfield, local pastor, said today that the final report on the attempt to raise $12,800 locally would be made November 23.

The local attempt to raise the $12,800 goal is part of a statewide fund raising drive to raise five million dollars which will be used to build two new colleges.

The Rev. Layfield said today that the two colleges would be open for all students and not necessarily confined to Methodists.

Tonight is "Family Night" at the St. Paul Methodist Church with each family bringing a covered dish.

Frank Nesmith, chairman of the local educational fund drive, said the committee would meet after the supper for brief progress reports.

Jaycees Name Project Heads

Five project chairmen were named last night at the regular meeting of the Tabor City Jaycees.

Howard Fowler, president, appointed the following committee chairmen: beauty pageant, Kenneth Ray; Outstanding Young Farmer, H. B. Todd; Distinguished Service Award, Harold Ward; Christmas Activities, Harold Hux; and turkey shoot, Dick Garrell.

Plans were announced for a ladies night event to take place at the Carolinas Country Club on November 28.

Also plans were discussed for a ladies night Christmas Party.

BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Rev. P. C. Gantt, pastor of the Tabor City Baptist Church, is attending the Baptist State Convention in Durham this week.

Attending Tuesday were Miss Mary Bow, Mrs. Richard Gordon, Mrs. Lonnie Willoughby and Mrs. Ralph W. Spivey.

Give me the hand that is honest and hearty, free as the breeze and unshackled by part. y

—James Montgomery

Community Development Awards Night Honors Progressive Groups

FISHERMEN'S DELIGHT — This pretty string of bass came out of Lake Tabor a few days ago. The largest weighed in around five and one-half pounds while several others ran above two pounds. The ardent fishermen in on the catch were Venoy Stephens, left and Hosea Gore. Lake Tabor is beginning to yield quite a number of large fish to accomplished fishermen.

Eight Columbus Communities will be honored in recognition when the second Columbus County Community Development Awards Night program is staged November 18 in Whiteville.

Communities who have organized and promoted community development are Bethel, Livinton Creek, North Whiteville, Sandy Plains, Smyrna, Western Prong, and White Marsh-Red Hill.

Marvin Worrell, president of the Columbus Development Association, will preside.

Guest speaker will be John Fox, president SENCland Community Development Committee.

The overall community awards will highlight the event. W. Horace Carter, president of SENCland, will make the presentations.

Other awards include inducement awards given by George Gold, secretary of the Whiteville Merchants Association; Tally Eddings, secretary of the Tabor City Merchants Association; and Carl Edmunds, secretary of the Chadbourn Merchants Association.

Attendance awards will be given by J. A. Glazener, program planning specialist from State College, who instigated the formation of community development in this area.

A recreation award will be presented by Carl Meares of Fair Bluff.

Others having part on the program include Mrs. Eugene Smith, welcome; Cameron M. Garris, response; Bobby Sessions, recognition of guests; Mrs. Earl Cartrette, recognition of sponsors; Mrs. Johnnie Powell, recognition of agricultural workers; and W. D. Dale who will introduce the main speaker.

Hosts for the Sponsors' Dinner will be Columbus County News of Chadbourn; First National Bank of Whiteville; News Reporter of Whiteville; Peoples Savings and Loan of Whiteville; Tabor City Tribune; Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company; and Whiteville Production Credit Association.

Howard Ford Will Conduct Baptist Revival

Rev. Howard J. Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elkin, N. C., will lead the week of evangelistic services at the Tabor City Baptist Chrch from November 16 through November 23, P. C. Gantt, local pastor, announced this week.

A native of Alexander County in North Carolina, Rev. Ford was ordained to the ministry in 1943. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married to the former Lucille Smith and they have three children, Linda, Johnny and Virginia.

Rev. Ford has been active in community and denominational work and is a Mason and Kiwanian, having served as president of the Elkin Diwanis Club. He has served a four year term on the Meredith College Board of Trustees, and is one of the members of the N. C. Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition to student pastorates during college and seminary days, Rev. Ford has been pastor in Sparta, Wilkesboro, and Elkin. He has been in his present pastorate for 12 years. During this period a new pastorium and church have been erected at a cost of over a half a million dollars.

Plan Chicken Noodle Supper Nov. 20

A chicken noodle supper will be sponsored at the local school on Thursday, November 20 with proceeds earmarked for payment of new basketball uniforms.

The supper will be sponsored by the Athletic Association.

Randall Burleson, principal, said tickets would be on sale at one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children.

All of the ingredients, plus pies, cakes and other desserts, will be homemade.

Last year a similar supper was served very successfully and drew the support of the community. Last year's receipts on the chicken noodle supper totalled $439.

"We cordially invite everyone to plan to eat with us on November 20. The public's cooperation and support in these endeavors is greatly appreciated and beneficial to the school program," said Burleson.

Serving time will be from 5 p. m. 'till 8 p. m.

Negro Faculty Holds Session

The Tabor City Negro High School Faculty had its first professional meeting for this school year. Theme: **Science.**

The first group composed of Mr. Jonathan House, chairman, Mrs. C. Pailin, and Mrs. J. P. Troy discussed the topic: **"Animals Around Us."** Mr. House gave the history of the classification of animals, Mrs. Pailin, the classification of the Amphibians and Reptiles, and Mr. Troy, the classification of Birds. A question and snswer period followed the discussion. The next meeting will be December 3.

By Reporter

Presbyterian Revival Sunday

Revival services at the Tabor City Presbyterian Church will begin on Sunday, according to an announcement by the minister, R. S. Ledbetter. The public is invited to these services.

The revival begins with the morning worship service Sunday at 11:00 a. m., and will continue with services each evening Sunday through Friday, at 7:30 p. m.

Guest ministers will be the Rev. Charles B. Hasty, minister at the West Raleigh Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, N. C. and the Rev. Charles W. Worth, minister at the First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, N. C.

The Rev. Mr. Hasty, a native of Roanoke-Rapids, N. C., was graduated from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He has just returned from a year's graduate study in **Scotland.**

"Everything for Good?" is the title of the Rev. Mr. Hasty's Sunday morning sermon. Other sermon themes are: "The Folly of the Cross," "The Sheep and the Goats," and "The Four Points of the Christian Compass."

The Rev. Mr. Worth will bring the messages at the Wednesday-Friday evening services.

Two newly-organized choirs will lead the music Sunday at the Tabor City Presbyterian Church.

The Youth Choir will sing a choral arrangement of Psalm 23 at the morning worship service. The Junior Choir will sing an anthem, " Saviour, Teach Me, Day by Day," at the 7:30 p. m. service.

Natural reseeding is the cheapest way to get a new crop of pines.

Constables Get Mt. Zion Still

Magistrate Constables Fowler, Gause and Enzor, a trio of law enforcement officer rapidly establishing themselves as still busters, destroyed a copper vat-type still and 600 gallons of mash near the Mt. Zion Church Tuesday morning. No whiskey was found and the still was not in operation.

TAKES OFFICE

Jack Hooks, magistrate-elect in the Floyds District, was commissioned as of November 1, succeeding K. L. Gerald who has resigned because of ill health. Hooks has previously served as magistrate in the district.

Civitans Host Zone Meeting

Tabor City Civitans will host their first zone meeting here Monday night at the Capitol Restaurant.

Ben L. Nesmith III, president of the local Civitan Club, said that Wesley Williams, Civitan district governor for North Carolina, would be guest speaker for the event that will attract around 50 Civitans from other communities.

Malcolm Andrews, lieutenant governor of the zone, will preside at the meeting.

Towns sending representatives include Whiteville, Lumberton, Wilmington, Fairmont, and Chadbourn.

County Library Experiences Ten Years Of Growth, Success

By W. HORACE CARTER

WHITEVILLE — Compared with many others, the Columbus County Library is in its infancy yet its phenominal growth and success during ten years of existence stacks up favorably with any in Eastern North Carolina.

Organized in 1946 with little more than determination and a realization of the need, the library now has its own building and this month begins operation of a new and ultra-modern $7000 bookmobile.

When the organizational meeting was held at the county court house in 1946, Lloyd Collier, Sr., was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees, a job he has held continuously since that time. In those early years of the library, Mr. Collier, while physically handicapped to some extent, could walk a little, and he was constantly working to improve and build the library. Today, he gets about only by wheel chair but his determination and enthusiasm for the library has never ceased.

Among the most successful businessmen in Columbus County, and while suffering from his handicap, Mr. Collier has consistently sacrificed time and effort to keep the library progressing. When early efforts to serve the rural areas pointed out the need for a bookmobile, Mr. Collier signed a personal note to finance the purchase of the vehicle. Up to that time, books had been carried to five outlying communities by automobile.

In the beginning, quarters for the library was in the National Guard Armory on the second floor. That space soon proved inadequate and the library moved down town into a small room originally planned for a jail, in the back of the new Whiteville City Hall.

That first bookmobile in 1947 soon began to be a welcomed sight throughout the county and book circulation began to grow.

Lloyd Collier, Sr., seated, looks over the books in the new Columbus County Library while Miss Edna Creech, librarian, looks on. Mr. Collier has served as chairman of the library board since it was founded more than ten years ago.

Other books were bought as rapidly as funds, always inadequate, could be secured, and in 1959 a new Chevrolet bookmobile was bought.

With cramped quarters and insufficient funds, the library still found a public hungry for good books, and in the ten years of operation to date, more than 70,000 books have been loaned every year. The library cost of circulating books is well below the average in other counties. This low cost, to great extent can be attributed to Miss Edna Creech.

Miss Creech is the county librarian and while the book movement has been great and the growth astounding, only devotion to the work could have kept her on the job. With compensation small, the hours long and responsibility and labor heavy, she has been constantly on the job. With no other full-time help she must maintain the library itself while carrying the bookmobile into all the remote corners of a large, farming county.

"Reading is increasing in spite of television and many diversions, and we are serving an ever-growing number of patrons. This growth in number of readers has continued despite hurricanes, droughts and the fear of economic disastor in an agricultural area beset with a falling income and decreased tobacco acreage," Miss Creech said.

"We are proud that in some way, and though it may be a small way, we have helped to lift the illiteracy in our county. Some folks have actually learned to read because of our library and bookmobile service," she said.

"Our book stock is our major assets, and we now have more than 18,000 volumes purchased at a cost of more than $2.50 each. Only through State and Federal assistance could we have ever built our book stock to this level," Miss Creech said.

"We purchase all types of books are read. Yet, an increase in the reading of better books has been noticeable during the past year. More people are doing more serious reading, more helpful reading perhaps," she said.

While the ten years of more growth, it was only last year that ultimate goals began to be realized. The Columbus County Board of Commissioners in sympathy with the Library Board's efforts to grow, allocated funds and built a $10,000 building that now houses the library. Last week an open house was attended by several hundred who got their first look at the library and the new bookmobile.

The bookmobile is a 1959 Ford with special built body that features a walk-in unit. It has specially built shelves, gas heater, lights, fans, desks and

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Trustees of the Columbus County Library were all on hand last Thursday night when open house was held, dedicating the new building and the new bookmobile. Pictured here are Mrs. Anna Bullock, Cerro Gordo; Mrs. Mary Faye Williamson, Whiteville; Mrs. Mary Kate Williamson, Tarnish; Miss Edna Creech, librarian, Whiteville; Miss Alice [illegible], Library Commission, Chadbourn; W. Horace Carter, Tabor City; and seated Lloyd Collier, Sr., chairman, Whiteville.

Will Let Contract For County Work

A bridge west and east of Waccamaw River on the road between Old Dock and Crusoe are among the State Highway Commission's plans.

Contracts for the work will be let November 19.

The Columbus County work is one of 25 projects in 24 counties across the State.

Wray Thompson On Cancer Board

Wray Thompson of Chadbourn was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees, North Carolina Institute, Inc. at the quarterly meeting held in Lumberton Sunday afternoon.

Dr. H. Max Schiebel of Durham was renamed president at the session.

The Institute, located in Lumberton, is a treatment hospital for indigent cancer patients.

J. S. Mann of Whiteville and Mrs. Evelyn Leonard of Tabor City are the two other Columbus County members of the Board of Trustees.

IN FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. Al Leacoy who are spending some time in St. Petersburg, Fla. were here for several days last week.

YAM MARKET

Volume down and price up, that's about the story on the Tabor City sweet potato market this year.

The market was scheduled to close last Saturday but slightly heavier volume boosted sales a bit and prompted the marketing Company to remain open this week.

Sales thus far have totalled 89,647 bushels, through last Saturday, and the average price for the season has been $2.97 through the same date. The average price per bushel last week was $3.22. This is the highest single week's average in a number of years but the overall volume is much lower than has been seen here in a decade.