

Carter's Column

By—W. Horace Carter



OYSTERS: We have been enjoying some mighty fine roasted oysters at Thomas's at Calabash again this season. The new place opened up last year and impressed us from the start with the service and the quality of the oysters. They seem to be doing well this season with the same fine food and service.

YAMS: There is some interest in taking a section of South Carolina into the North Carolina Yam Association. In that the same type of yam growers are involved in the S. C. Pee Dee area as those here, we think it would be a fine move. It would broaden the scope of the association and would make any project of better seed, higher yields, increased quality affect a greater number of people.

As we have said before, this next year is one of decision in the Carolina yam business. Yields must go up along with acreage. We must start using better seed. Generally, we must start working harder at growing more and better yams if the industry is to prosper. The fact that prices were good this year may help to some degree in getting the volume up next year. But that alone will not solve the problems. Greater yields per acre is the real difference in yams being a fine economic asset or just a so-so industry.

SENCLAND: The second annual meeting of the Community Development, phase of the South Eastern N. C. Development Association was held in Wilmington last Friday night. Our own Sandy Plains community again won first place in Columbus county for overall progress during the year. This netted them a check for \$100. But even of greater importance was the fact that in the entire seven county area, Sandy Plains ranked second. This runner up position gave them a fine trophy for their new community building. All of Columbus can be proud of Sandy Plains.

The Bethel community was much in the running this year too with a second place award in the increased farm income bracket. Second place in seven counties with 52 communities competing is a noteworthy feat anytime.

And then there was the White Marsh-Red Hill community in Columbus that took a first place in the seven counties with a \$100 check for doing the best job in home beautification.

All told, three communities from Columbus won prizes. There were only 13 awards for the entire seven counties. Six of those counties had ten awards to split among them. Columbus had three for herself. But so did Duplin county.

Next year we want to see some Columbus community take the first prize for doing the most outstanding overall development. Second place was fine but we need a first next year in this overall judging.

RECIPES: Local Presbyterians have compiled a recipe booklet with a huge number of fine looking recipes by women of Tabor City. We don't know just how much the booklet is going to sell for but it was a fine project that required a great deal of effort and seems worthy of enthusiastic reception. It sure has the ways and means of preparing many a tasty dish.

TOBACCO: With the official word that our fine-cured tobacco average next year will be about the same as this year, smiles have been more in evidence on the faces of businessmen and farmers. And speaking of tobacco, reports from up in the mountains where a number of fine Tabor City folks are associated with the burley leaf sales, say that prices are sky high for that dark looking stuff that would never make the auction market as fine cured leaf. Some sales of burley are averaging as much as \$66 for a whole market.

REPEAT: We have said this previously in this column but it is worth repeating. Let's keep our Christmas shopping at home this year. What helps your local merchants helps you and whenever possible, every dollar spent should be spent as close to home as practical. Most gift items can be found in Tabor City and without the added expense of driving a hundred miles or more. The local prices should be competitive and we believe that everybody gains when local folks shop locally.

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FACE UP TO THE FACTS

Columbus County citizens are well known for their ability to "face up to the facts" and do something about their problems.

Next week, December 13 through December 20, will be "Columbus County Band Week" and this will be an appeal to citizens to contribute to the band uniform fund drive.

Several times this year the band received invitations to attend collegiate football homecoming games. This is regarded throughout the state as an honor but for Columbus County Bandmaster Bob Hodges it was a problem. While he wanted the youngsters to enjoy one of the highlights that comes with playing in a band recognized by outsiders he declined the invitations.

"I was ashamed for the band to appear in such shabby uniforms," said Hodges in offering a reason for declining the invitations.

We must agree with the dedicated bandmaster. Columbus County's prestige would not have been enhanced by the appearance of the band along with well clothed bands from other schools such as Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro or other cities.

In that the band represents Columbus County it falls the civic responsibility of every person to recognize the need for funds with which to purchase the uniforms.

Columbus County band members deserve the same privileges enjoyed by other band members throughout the state. There is no reason why they should be placed in a position where they should be seeking help.

Virginia Dyson In Fall Dance

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Miss Virginia Dyson of Loris will appear in the traditional dance at the annual fall dance weekend which will be held at Converse College on December 11-12.

The "Fabulous Dorseys" under the direction of Lee Castle will provide the music for the formal dance on Thursday night at the Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium. During the evening the traditional figure will be presented by the officers of the cowboy shirt and a cowboy hat

than turning them down.

A band creates an impression. Let's hope the impression will always be a good one where Columbus County's band is concerned.

Be generous when you are called on to contribute next week to the band uniform fund.

HIS DREAM CAME TRUE

Boys Home is a dream come true. The dream belonged to A. D. Peacock. He sacrificed personally in order to give wayward boys a chance to make something of themselves.

Peacock will return to his funeral business on December 31 but his heart and spare time will always be devoted to the progress of Boys Home.

Many times the project looked as if doomed to failure but the strong faith contained by Peacock helped to hurdle the obstacles and move a step further toward reality.

There were times when Boys Home would have been gladly accepted by communities in other parts of the state. But Peacock was devoted to the cause and to his home county of Columbus. Probably his struggle would have been alleviated had the Home been located elsewhere but nothing would budge the man dedicated to the cause.

Someday Boys Home will be a glowing success in a world filled with turmoil and neglected youngsters.

If it saves but one boy it will have been worth the effort exerted by Peacock and others who worked so diligently to make it a success.

"A boy saved is a man made" is the home's slogan. It tells very simply the story of Boys Home located on beautiful Lake Waccamaw.

Some of the sponsors of the dance, together with four students from each class who have been chosen for this honor.

Friday night's dance will be held in the College gymnasium with music by the Gladiolus, a rock and roll group.

Miss Dyson, a junior, is the daughter of Mrs. W. H. Dyson.

Dear Santa, I am a good little girl and I've been looking forward to Christmas. Please bring me an automatic 4-speed record player and maybe you can bring me a dream. Please bring all the little girls and boys some presents. Especially Billy, and my girlfriends everywhere. I will leave you something to eat and drink.

Sincerely,
"Faye"

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus, I have been a good girl and I am 8 year's old will you please bring me a doll with clothes, a nurse set.

We will have some cake and candy on the table. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Thank you
Judy Fowler
Route 1, Box 265
Tabor City, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Jackie Fowler and I am 5 years old. I want you to bring me a Tool Set and a Fire truck.

Jackie Fowler
Route 1, Box 166
Tabor City, N. C.

Dear Santa, I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I want a cowgirl suit and a bicycle and a pair of cowgirl boots. I love you Santa.

Love,
Linda Sarvis

P. S. Santa don't get for to bring my pop something and don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like to have a Revelon doll and some clothes for her, too.

Love,
Brenda Joyce Young

Dear Santa Claus, Will you please bring me an electric train. I want a streamline model and not an old timey model.

I love you, Santa Claus.
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PLAIN TALK



HE UNDERSTOOD

You have to be in the newspaper business to appreciate the trials and tribulations of those who peck a typewriter and sell advertising for their livelihood. Fenton Miller, the young Presbyterian pastor at Pawley's Island who drowned just recently, served as editor of the Loris Sentinel for a stretch back when I first moved to Tabor City. Our most frequent visits came on press day for the Sentinel when Fenton came to the shop with last minute copy for ads as well as news items.

He never complained nor evidenced any signs of bitterness. Yet, in his brief life he experienced a few moments that would have made many persons quite bitter. If ever he had bitterness in his heart of past events he concealed it with his thoughtfulness, understanding and gentleness.

His contribution to Loris in the realm of civic activities was great. His eagerness to go for others could easily be reflected through his participation in civic work.

It's difficult for me to sit here and write about Fenton's tremendously fine traits. The reason it is difficult is that I never took time to pay him these compliments while he was alive. That's when they would have had real meaning to someone.

WAY TO THE HEART

The man was listing some of the qualities he sought when thinking about people as friends. Then he summed it up as best anyone could — "My friends are those people who like my child."

A DREAM COME TRUE — Almost!

A. D. Peacock will return to the funeral business the last day of this year. He has been the motivating personality in the conception and birth of Boys Home of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw.

Peacock had far more faith in his project than one can imagine. His personal triumphs have been few regarding Boys Home but even in the face of bitter opposition he stood his ground to make Boys Home a reality.

"From the start I never had any doubt that it was God's will and that it would be done," said Peacock about Boys Home.

And the life that was breathed into Boys Home was no more than a faith stronger than the obstacles that stood in the way of getting it founded and moving in the direction of progress.

While Peacock will devote full time to his funeral business he will continue to help promote Boys Home. Had Peacock been a man of little faith there would be no Boys Home.

THE WAY OF LIFE

I had a friend from a family of only average finances. They scrimped, borrowed and did without to afford the boy's education. Today he is a high salaried official in the company he joined after graduation from college. But he doesn't associate with his parents anymore — they are not in his same social, financial or educational class! And they all live in the same city.

FROM OUT OF THE BLUE

He was a preacher. His living code was simple — do what you know is right. Out of a clear blue sky one day he walked up and said, "Al, we love you and your family."

How far would you walk for a friend like that?

THE KIDS WILL LOVE IT

Parents should take advantage of the offer made by Prince Motor Company. Go by and select the letter you would like for your child to receive from Santa Claus and he will get it before Christmas mailed direct from Santa Claus, Indiana.

What finer treat could a youngster receive with his heart so set on being good for the old gent in the white beard and shopworn red suit?

HERE COMES ANOTHER BAPTIST

Longtime friends of ours in Asheboro have a rather precocious daughter who announced one evening that she was no longer admitting belonging to the Episcopal Church.

Her parents, naturally upset, asked for reasons. "Well, when the teacher asks each year what church I belong to I always says 'Episcopal' but none of the kids know what it is so from now on I'm going to tell 'em I'm a Baptist," she replied.

I asked my Cindy why she acted so ugly to the lady who did her best to ignore her.

"She ugly to me — she pinch me — I bite her," said Cindy in true form.

Ever notice how the folks who do the talking seldom do the pulling — out of their pocketbooks!

Someone said that it was the people who stayed in debt that made the wheels of progress turn. If this is true then I deserve a medal.

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