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4-H Development Fund Is Designed To Train Youths

"STRENGTHEN AMERICA Character Counts"

The Boy Scouts of America are to be commended for their 51st anniversary slogan. The impact and meaning of these four words are typical of Scouting and should inspire the rest of us.

We as a nation are strong. We are free. We have the dynamism of a still-growing democracy. That growth will continue only through constantly increasing strength. And nothing will strengthen us so much as high character levels of our citizenry.

For fifty-one years the Boy Scouts of America has been dedicated to the building of character and training in citizenship of American boyhood. The millions of present and former Scouts attest to the strength of the program that has helped produce so many outstanding American leaders and citizens.

Each boy, as a Boy Scout, pledges himself to be "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." In our future, more than ever, we are going to need a strong citizenry to meet the increasing challenges, problems, and opportunities.

We are proud of the 4,498 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers of our Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and the 1,578 fine leaders who work with them. Here character is being built.

We can help. Let us strengthen our local Boy Scout program.

State, county, and local business leaders, educators, agricultural officials, and others have hailed the work of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, Inc., as a means of extending the benefits of 4-H Club training to an increased number of North Carolina's young people.

In a progress report released today, Horace Carter, chairman of the Columbus County 4-H Development Fund, said 80 of North Carolina's 100 counties already have organized campaign committees aimed at supporting the State-wide movement and in reaching full county financial goals.

He stated that an initial State goal of \$1,000,000 has been set, and Columbus County's portion of that goal is \$7,325.

Funds totaling over \$56,000 have already been received at the headquarters of the 4-H Development Fund, Inc., at N. C. State College in Raleigh. Reports of the receipt of additional funds are being made almost daily.

The 4-H Clubs—which today number over 1,961 local organizations and have more than 106,999 members in North Carolina—are operated under the supervision and direction of the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State College.

The 4-H Development Fund, which maintains its headquarters at State College, has a board of directors composed of 4-H alumni and other agricultural, business, civic, and religious leaders throughout the state. Robert N. Wood of Raleigh is president.

Principal objectives of the Fund will be to expand 4-H camping facilities to the end that such facilities will be available to all 4-H boys and girls in North Carolina, increase a scholarship program, support a state-wide system of recognition and awards for club members, support the international farm youth exchange program, and meet other needs of the 4-H Club program in the state. Establishment of the 4-H Development Fund, President Wood said, is "one of the most significant developments in the history of the state."

Officers of the Development Program, in addition to President Wood, are Mrs. Charles Graham of Route 1, Linwood, vice-president; L. L. Ray of State College, secretary; and J. G. Van, also of State College, treasurer. Mr. C. Lucy Tate of Whiteville and W. Horace Carter of Tabor City are members of the Board of Directors.

In commenting on the Development Fund, L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader of the State College Agricultural Extension Service, said: "Investments in the 4-H Development Fund will help to broaden the size, scope, and influence of 4-H in providing and new and greater opportunities and experiences to sharpen the vision and challenge the imagination of an ever-increasing number of boys and girls as they grow into individuals better trained economically, physically, mentally, and spiritually to serve as good citizens in the home, the state, and the world community."

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R. H. (RED) BOND



BISHOP PAUL GARBER

Methodist Rallies Slated Feb. 21, 22

The annual Layman's Rally of the Wilmington District of the Methodist Church will hold meetings in Wilmington and Lumberton on February 21 and 22, respectively, with a noted speaker from Tennessee featured on both occasions, A. E. Goldfinch, district lay leader of Tabor City, announced today.

The February 21 meeting in Wilmington will be held at 6:15 P. M. at the 5th Avenue Methodist Church. The February 22 meeting in Lumberton will be held at 6:15 P. M. at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church.

Bishop Paul N. Garber will appear on the program both nights.

Principal speaker at these rallies will be R. H. (Red) Bond, of Dyersburg, Tenn., conference lay leader of the Methodist Church. Mr. Bond has a wide reputation as a dynamic religious speaker. He is a member of the General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church.

The speaker is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company, is a veteran of the Marine Corps, the father of two children and was raised on a farm.

"We want to urge all the Methodists in this district to attend one of these lay rallies and hear this fine speaker," Mr. Goldfinch said today.

Milkman Put On Probation By Judge

Clarence W. Langston, 31, a Coble Milk company salesman of Myrtle Beach, was sentenced from three to five years last week at a Superior Court session on false pretenses growing out of approximately \$7,500 shortage in milk bills from the Piggly Wiggly super market in Tabor City.

In lieu of the prison sentence he was placed on a five-year probation term with conditions that he pay to the Piggly Wiggly \$50 a month until the \$7,500 is cleared up and also pay Bryant Baker \$60.70 before March 15.

Investigation in the case was handled by Horace Shaw, head of the county bureau of investigation, and his findings indicate Langston raised tickets when delivering milk to the Tabor City firm.

Suspicion was aroused while Langston was on vacation and the milk bill ran only \$56 a week when it had ordinarily been \$107. The ticket raising took place during the period Jan. 1, 1958 until Oct. 22, 1960.

Shaw said that the tickets indicated he had taken on the average \$50 a week ranging over the 146 week period.

Langston entered a plea of guilty to the false pretenses charges. He explained that he would either raise the tickets after an employee had signed it or would make another ticket for a higher price than the actual cost of the milk and then sign the ticket to indicate a greater amount of milk had been delivered than actually was received.

Teams Lose To Bladenboro

Both teams of Tabor City suffered a loss Friday night. The Bladenboro Bulldogs defeated the Red Devils 73 to 45 while the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Devilettes 38 to 29.

The Bulldogs were paced by James Parrish with 23 points. He was pushed closely by Ronnie Cox who had 22 points for the visitors.

For the Devils, Leon Fonvielle dumped in 12 points while Roger Small looped 10.

The Lady Bulldogs were paced by Gracie Storms with 15 points. The Devilettes were paced by Carrie Jean Wray with 11 points. Rachel Cox, Eula Arnett, and Shelia Granger each had 6 points for the Devilettes.

Both of Bladenboro's team grabbed an early lead and held it. The victory of the Lady Bulldogs clinched them the number one spot in the W.A.A.

County Police Hit Bootleggers Hard; Crack Four Stills

Horry County Police hit hard at bootleggers during the past several days, with four stills being destroyed.

Brunswick County Days Set For Thursday, Friday & Sat.

Scouts And Cubs To Be Honored Thursday, Mon.

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, their parents and leaders are urged to attend a covered dish supper at the Tabor City school cafeteria Thursday night of this week at 6:30 P. M.

The dinner meeting is being held in conjunction with National Boy Scout week and the same occasion last year was attended by some 130 boys and parents.

Monday night of next week, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be guests of the Tabor City Rotary Club at 6:30 at the school cafeteria. This is also being held as a part of Boy Scout Week. The Rotary Club sponsors the Cubs in Tabor City.

A speaker will be secured for the Monday night meeting but the Thursday program will be short and made up of remarks by local Scout leaders and skits by members of the youth organizations.

Wrestling Card At Williams

"Black Bolo" and Mrs. "Black Bolo" will headline the all star wrestling card scheduled at Williams Township School February 13, at 7:30.

Their opponents for the match are "Georgia Strong Boy" and "Violet Ray" world's women's champion, who has defeated all leading lady grapplers in America today.

"Georgia Strong Boy" succeeded in defeating world's strongest man Paul Anderson, in a great match. Previously Anderson had been undefeated by such great grapplers as western champion "Dick the Bruiser" and eastern champion, "Killer Kowalski" also defeated the 701 pound "Haystack Calhoun."

There will be two single matches before the championship tag team match, which is for two out of three falls.

Guidance Programs Introduced At WMS

Rev. Ed Armstrong, minister of the Methodist churches in the Waccamaw Charge, introduced a series of four guidance programs by meeting with the seniors of Williams Township School Thursday afternoon in the Home Economics Department with Mrs. Rotha Thompson and Mr. Charles Bullock acting as co-ordinators.

In speaking with the seniors, Rev. Armstrong brought out the concepts of man — materialistic, rationalistic, biological, and psychological, and concluded that man was all of these concepts, but the only true concept of man is that he is a child of God.

On Thursday the seniors will be addressed by C. W. Todd of the Mollie Community.

Goat Bought By Ruritans

Any Ruritans absent — and there weren't many — from the February dinner meeting of the Williams Township group, held last Thursday evening at the Starlight Drive — in Whiteville, will be pleased to learn that the nineteen members present unanimously approved an inspired plan to purchase a goat.

After each meeting, names of any members absent without an acceptable excuse will be placed in a hat. Then one name will be drawn from the hat, the lucky fellow whose name is drawn will awaken next morning to find said goat tied to, at, or near, his doorstep, the delighted recipient will have the joyful privilege of keeping the animal until the morning following the next monthly meeting when, after having himself attended the meeting the preceding evening, he will reluctantly transport the goat to the home of another fortunate absentee and leave it tied to, at, or near, his doorstep.

The very prospect is thrilling, isn't it? It is hoped that this incentive to stay at home when the club meets will not prove to be overpowering.

President C. W. Todd secured the approval of the members to hold each regular meeting during the current year at a different restaurant in the area.

It's a gala promotion in Tabor City and many of the Brunswick citizens are expected to come to town this week-end for the three big days.

Merchants Urged To Make Report Of Collections

Mrs. Hilda Phipps, secretary of the Credit Bureau of Tabor City, Inc., today urged all merchants using the collection department of the bureau to inform her immediately when delinquent accounts are paid to the merchant.

A number of old accounts have been collected by the merchants after having been turned over to the credit bureau. Some of these were not reported by the merchant and the bureau continued its efforts to collect the bills even after they had been paid.

"This is an embarrassing position for us and we want to urge every merchant who collects one of these accounts in his store to call us immediately," Mrs. Phipps said.

Hunting Season Ends At Sundown

The hunting season for rabbits, coon, possums, wild turkeys and grouse comes to a close at sundown on Feb. 15.

The reminder was made today to members of the Columbus County Wildlife Club members, as well as to the general public, by the club's president, Ted Watts.

He also said that migratory game bird seasons and those of deer, bear, and wild boar closed in January.

Remaining for hunters after February are such nongame species as crows and groundhogs, with fox hunting permitted in some counties having local fox laws.

Tabor City Native Dies In Concord

George J. Stephens, 65, Tabor City native, died Saturday in the Cabarrus County Hospital following a long illness. He was the brother of W. P. Stephens of Tabor City and the son of the late P. Jasper and Calley D. Stephens.

He was a veteran of World War I with overseas service in France.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p. m. in the chapel of Lady's Funeral Home in Concord where he had made his home. The Rev. H. W. Greene officiated with burial in the Oakwood Cemetery. Full military honors were accorded.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lois Brown Stephens; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Greene of Columbia, S. C.; a son, Lindy Stephens of Charlotte; two brothers, W. P. Stephens of Tabor City, R. L. Stephens of Whiteville; two sisters, Mrs. Lilla Watts and Mrs. Lottie Ward, both of Whiteville and three grandchildren.

Note To Parents

Names of children who are expected to begin school next year are wanted by Principal Barleson.

Although no date has yet been set for a pre-school clinic, the staff needs to know the names of the prospective students so that arrangements for the clinic can be made.

The principal stated today that children must have had polio shots, and have reached the age of six by October 1961.

Honors To Three Wednesday Night

Tabor City's young man, who has made the greatest contribution to the town during the past year will be honored next Wednesday evening at the annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet, to be hosted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates for the honor are still being sought, according to the project chairman, Roger Mills.

Also to be recognized will be the county's outstanding young farmer.

Too, the Key award will be given to the Jaycee who, according to the opinions of members, has contributed the most to the growth of the club during 1960.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be William R. Henderson, a member of the Department of Conservation and Development. Henderson is a past state president of the North Carolina Jaycees.

The public is invited to the banquet, to be held in the school lunchroom. Admission will cost \$1.50 per person.

Nominations for the Outstanding Young Man award will remain open through Saturday, Feb. 11, the chairman notes. A nomination may be made by contacting Mills at Harrelson's Pharmacy.

BETHEL REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gore, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hinson and Mrs. Johnnie Powell represented the Bethel Community Development Club Monday night when the County Council had a planning meeting in the Agriculture Kitchen in Whiteville. Their next meeting will be held March 3.

Waccamaw Rank Rises

According to the American Banker, daily banking newspaper, the Waccamaw Bank advanced 52 places in its relative rank among the leading banks in the United States during 1960. C. L. Tate, President of the local bank, received a telegram yesterday from the paper congratulating the Waccamaw Bank on its impressive growth last year.

During 1960, total resources of the Waccamaw Bank, which operates fifteen banking offices in eleven Southeastern North Carolina communities, increased more than 10% to nearly thirty-six million dollars as of December 31st. On commenting on this increase, Mr. Tate stated that the Waccamaw Bank has not merged with any bank since 1937, and that its growth is an indication of progress in the areas the bank serves as well as a tribute to the service rendered by the staff of the bank.

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STEPHENS HOSPITALIZED

D. A. Stephens was a patient in James Walker Memorial Hospital from Monday through Wednesday where he underwent surgery for the removal of a tumor.

Sweet Potato Market Doomed Unless Drastic Reforms Made In Growing

Doomed is the Columbus County sweet potato marketing future if radical changes in growing and packaging are not practiced. This was the opinion of 39 growers, shippers and agriculture leaders who visited the New York market last week and also surveyed the Virginia potato prospects.

Under the direction of Henry M. Covington, extension horticultural specialist, the group, comprised of members of the "300 Bushel Sweet Potato Club," included Jimmy Garrell, Tabor City; Bill Bailey and Herman Blake, Chadbourne;

Lennon Gore, Tabor City R3; and Wray Thompson, Tabor City.

The caravan left Clinton on Jan. 28 and returned Jan. 31. The tour included a tour of New York City's Washington Street Produce Market, Wholesale Fruit Auction, a Virginia experiment station and packers throughout Virginia.

A highlight of the trip was a banquet held in Accomac, Va., where the North Carolinians were hosted by eastern shore sweet potato growers, county agents and marketing specialists.

During the meeting the visitors were informed that the Virginia growers are able to yield up to 700 bushels of potatoes per acre and yet use very little fertilizer.

The touring group was also informed of Virginia's program on promoting the sweet potato market by means of advertising and packaging changes.

Virginia growers made known their intentions of growing the new Nureget variety which North Carolinians have thought would enable them to yield more bushels-per-acre. With Virginia's already higher yield

per acre, the Carolina group made known their fears that they would be "left behind" in the marketing competition.

The average North Carolina sweet potato farm produces less than 300 bushels per acre, however, the "300 Bushel Sweet Potato Club" was organized several years ago to encourage better cultivation practices to get higher yields, and to encourage the use of better seed stocks.

The Nureget variety, which was produced experimentally last season, promises to yield

at a high rate with high resistance to diseases.

Said Covington of the Carolina potato future, "Unless farmers stop trying to raise potatoes in the old fashioned, antiquated, method, they will not be able to compete with Virginia and Louisiana on the markets." He added, "By producing higher yields-per-acre, they will be able to cut their costs per bushel and get higher profits."

Tabor City Covington reported "In the 13 years that I've watched that area's market, it has been obvious

that it has become a second-rate market."

"Tabor City's market is in a dying need of leadership," Covington says he believes. "And your farmers are growing potatoes the same way they did 20 years ago."

North Carolina's average has been decreasing in recent years, whereas Virginia's acreage has been rising. Louisiana now grows more acres than either of these states.

Price-wise, North Carolina potatoes are bringing an average of 75 cents per bushel higher than Virginia's and

Louisiana potatoes yield 75 cents to a dollar higher than Carolina's.

The tour, which was made on a chartered bus, was sponsored by the North Carolina Yam Association of which Howard Corbett, Corbett Brothers, Wilmington, is president.

Special guests on the trip was the 1960 winner of the "300 Bushel" competition, an annual contest promoted to help the grower's through this year's season.

This year's winner, E. K. Sanderson of Four Oaks, pro-

duced 434 bushels per acre, according to the state horticulturist. Mr. Sanderson conducted the project in cooperation with a son, Joe Sanderson.

Of the Columbus County delegates on the tour, Garrell is an officer of Tabor City Foods, Inc.; Bailey and Blake are on the staff of W. E. Bailey & Son, Chadbourne shippers; Gore was the county "300 Bushel" winner this year and Thompson, Tabor City Tribune managing editor, was official newsmen for the group.