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HIGHEST HONORS given by the Tabor City Junior Chamber of Commerce each year are those received by Frank Nesmith (left), Jack Branch (center), and Clifford Gore (right) Wednesday night at the Jaycees' annual Distinguished Services Awards banquet. These men were named "Outstanding Young Man of the Year", "Outstanding Young Farmer", and "Outstanding Jaycee" respectively. Branch, who is pictured with his family, is an Evergreen R1 farmer.

Frank Nesmith Named Tabor City's Outstanding Young Man Of Year

Frank M. Nesmith, 34-year-old insurance agent, was named the Tabor City Young Man of the Year Wednesday night at the annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet held by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Henderson of Raleigh with the State Department of conservation and development and past president of the North Carolina Jaycees, was featured speaker and presented the award to Nesmith.

The honor was based on the recipient's contributions to the civic and church organizations of the town.

Equally honored were Clifford Gore who received the Jaycees Key award for service to his club, and Jack Branch, named "Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year."

Nesmith, after graduating from Tabor City schools, attended the Citadel for two years before entering the Army in 1944, serving in the Philippines and Japan. Discharged in 1946, he returned to the Citadel from which he received a B. S. degree in business administration in 1949.

Before he entered the insurance business, Nesmith spent several years with Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, of which his father, Ben L. Nesmith, is executive vice-president. His employment with the bank, however, was interrupted for an 11-month period when he returned to the Army during the Korean conflict.

In 1953 he joined his brother, Ben L. Nesmith III, as a partner in Nesmith Insurance Agency, Tabor City.

Church Leader
"Frank Nesmith is one of our most active members of St. Paul Methodist Church," says his pastor, Rev. P. H. Layfield. He is a certified lay speaker, chairman of the official (or immediate ruling) board, and president of the young adult Sunday School class.

Too, as chairman of the church's Higher Education drive several years ago, Tabor City Methodists went above their quota.

Civic Life
"You've got the wrong man," Nesmith told those attending the awards banquet Wednesday night when he was named Tabor City Young Man of the Year. But the nomination committee had already reviewed — and were impressed with — his tireless efforts with projects conducted as a member of the Rotary club, Columbus County Insurance Agents Association. He is currently president of both organizations, and also a member of the Masonic lodge.

Nesmith is married to the former Carolyn Floyd of Fairmont. They have a son, Frank McGougan Nesmith Jr., 8; and a daughter, Lynn, almost 5 years old.

Outstanding Jaycee
That Clifford Gore, although a Jaycee for only one year, was indeed most deserving to receive the Key award, members of the banquet agreed heartily.

Given for distinguished service to his club, the key represented his work on many projects, including the Miss Col-

umbus County pageant, a needy children's party, and radio broadcasts to raise funds for Boys' Home and indigent youth.

Gore is presently finalizing plans for the 1961 Teenage Rodeo which has as a purpose the encouragement of better automobile driving habits through an annual competition.

He is also the organization's secretary.

This outstanding Jaycee is married to the former Hilda R. Wright; their daughter Mona is three years old.

Outstanding Farmer
Jack Branch, Evergreen farmer, was named as Columbus County's outstanding young farmer.

This was the fifth consecutive year the Tabor City Jaycees have honored outstanding young farmers in the county. Past winners include: 1957, Ralph Jolly, Tabor City; 1958, Irvin Enzor, Fair Bluff; 1959, 1960, Brooks, Whiteville and 1960, Graham Harrison, Whiteville. Jolly went on to win the North Carolina outstanding young farmer award in 1957. Branch will compete on the State level and the State honor will be awarded in Laurinburg.

Branch is a graduate of Evergreen high school and he attended Mars Hill college for a year before returning to farm in a partnership with his father. He is active as a member of the Lennon's Cross Roads Baptist church and the Young Farmers club of that area.

He was chosen from six other men competing for the coveted award.

Lynwood Mills, chairman of the Young Farmer of the Year committee, presented Branch his award.

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Unemployment Office To Open In Tabor Each Thurs. Morning Beginning Mar. 2

All persons in the Tabor City area who are drawing unemployment insurance from the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina can sign up weekly for these payments in Tabor City rather than in Whiteville beginning with Thursday, March 2.

In the past, the only point in Columbus County that the unemployed could make application for these insurance payments was in Whiteville. The heavy load of claimants from Tabor City has not only worked a hardship on the staff in Whiteville on Wednesday but has been of considerable inconvenience to Tabor City area citizens who were applying for the weekly benefits.

Taken up as a project by the Tabor City Merchants Association, the procuring of the spot point in Tabor City moved rapidly. The employment commission expressed the desire to locate in Tabor City following the request by the association.

Yesterday, Mrs. Sadie H. Jones, supervising interviewer, visited Tabor City and advised Exec-Sec. Ken Lovell and President W. Horace Carter that they would open the office on March 2, if suitable quarters for the interviews would be provided by the Merchants Association.

Mrs. Jones was advised that the present offices of the Merchants Association would be available, and she expressed the belief that these would be perfectly acceptable.

C. D. Brothers, manager of the Lumberton office, was advised by Henry I. Shepherd,

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area supervisor, that it was advisable to set up the temporary spot point in Tabor City where approximately 200 claims a week originate. These claimants in the past have had to make the trip to Whiteville and in many cases this was a hardship costing the individual several dollars transportation which he had to pay from his small unemployment check.

While Tabor City has been designated a temporary spot point, Mr. Shepherd said in his letter that the office would be maintained here "as long as it is needed." Mrs. Jones pointed out that if the number of claimants stayed at anywhere near the present high level they would continue the point here indefinitely.

The office will be open for those applying for unemployment benefits every Thursday morning from 9:30 until 12:00. Three persons from the Employment Security Commission will be on hand during these hours each Thursday and will handle both old and new insurance claims.

"While these folks may overcrowd our office during this three and half hour period each Thursday morning, we feel that this is a good thing for Tabor City. It will save approximately 200 people many miles of travel and inconvenience. Folks in the Nakina and Clarendon areas will find the mileage considerably less than in the past as well as those who are on Tabor City routes," Carter said.

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Booze Raids Net Arrests

Illegal whiskey operations took top priority on the Columbus County work list during the week with two stills taken and one grocery store raided for the unlawful merchandise.

On Thursday Deputies J. D. Fowler and John Coleman arrested Purdell Ward, about 25, and his mother, Mrs. Het Ward, at their home in Lees township, charging them with possession of materials for the manufacture of illegal booze.

A 150-gallon "sub" type still was found in an outbuilding on their farm and the worm and couplings were discovered in Ward's automobile which was parked in front of the home. The officers went to the scene of the investigation with a search warrant in hand.

On the following day Deputy Al Eason destroyed a 100 gallon distillery in Bolton township's Buckhead section.

Three of Sheriff Ben Duke's deputies made a surprise call on Mrs. Maggie Todd and James A. Long Saturday night at their grocery store, located on highway 701, 2 miles north of Whiteville. On the premises of Todd's Groceries Officers J. D. Fowler, T. C. Butler and Charles Smith confiscated 14 pints of bonded whiskey.

Mrs. Todd, who was arrested for a similar offense several weeks ago, and Long were both charged with possession of tax-paid whiskey for the purpose of sale.

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Miss Gayle Kelly Meredith Grad

Gayle Kelly, of Tabor City, was graduated at the Meredith College commencement, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts.

Miss Kelly, history major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Kelly of 206 Orange Street, and Gayle is a 1957 graduate of the Tabor City High School.

At Meredith, she was a very active student. She was a member of the International Relations Club and the Student League of Women Voters. She was also a member of the Barber Science Club and the American Guild of Organists.

County Police Cut Three Stills Friday

Horry County Police hit a hard lick at the bootlegging industry in Upper Horry Friday.

County Policemen Buddy Fowler, Willis Gause, Clinch Permenter, J. W. Stevens and Harvey Housand cut three stills.

A 200-gallon cooker at Longs; a 300-gallon job in the Jam and a 100-gallon outfit in the same general section.

About 2,000 gallons of mash were destroyed at the still near Longs, 4,000 gallons at one of the Jam stills and 600 gallons at the other.

Heart Fund Drive Is Set For Sunday

Throughout Columbus County and the United States volunteers will visit their neighbors Sunday, February 26, to sell for Heart Fund contributions and to distribute health-saving information. Volunteers will leave at each home a pamphlet telling how to protect children from rheumatic heart disease, and providing latest information about heart attack, high blood pressure and strokes. In addition to distributing this important information on new advances in the fight against heart diseases, the heart fund volunteer gives each citizen an opportunity to play a personal role in the crusade against the nation's number one health enemy.

THE HEART DAYS FOR BUSINESS DRIVE

The Heart Days For Business Drive, conducted by leaders of Tabor City business community begins today and continues through next week. Volunteers will canvas business and professional offices and stores in the down town area for contributions to the 1961 Heart Fund.

Medical research supported by contributions to the Heart (Continued On Page 4)

Driver Dies On Chadbourn Curve

Curtis Dobson James, 49, was killed instantly this (Wednesday) morning when his 1955 Plymouth failed to round a curve on US 74, about two miles west of Chadbourn.

Coroner J. B. Long, Jr., who was called to the scene of the wreck by Patrolman G. T. Lane, said today that it appears that James may have gone to sleep at the wheel for there is no evidence that brakes were applied before the vehicle crossed the left side of the road, hit a small pine and rolled over in front of a home in the Birdgeac community.

The deceased, whose address was listed on personal papers as 826 East 7th street, Lumberton, was found by the officers pinned underneath the car, having died of head and chest injuries.

A program of the N. C. Little Symphony concert held in Whiteville last night suggested that James may have attended and was enroute home when the wreck occurred.



SUE KELLEY



IDA GRAY GASQUE



WEE RENE STEVENS



MIRIAM HUGHES



MARGIE GRAINGER

Miss Tabor Contest Has 8 Entered, More Wanted

The search continues in Tabor City for "good-looking" to appear in the Civitan Club's beauty pageant slated for Friday night, March 10.

Already entered in the annual Miss Tabor City competition are eight youngsters, according to the show coordinators, Mrs. Billy Page and Mrs. Berney Stevens.

They are listed according to the order of their entry in the contest:

Sue Kelley, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kelley, is a junior in Tabor City High School.

Margie Grainger, 17, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grainger, is also a junior.

Ida Gray Gasque of Rt. 3, Whiteville, is a senior at Williams Township school, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gasque.

Another Williams Township entrant is Miriam Hughes, a senior, the daughter of Mrs. Rubb Hughes, Rt. 1, Clarendon.

Wee Renee Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Stevens, is the second Tabor City senior class member to be entered in the line-up.

Later registering were Judy Grainger, Geraldine Eddings, and Lora Lee Gricie.

The Miss Tabor City pageant, once an annual affair, has been discontinued for several years due to date-conflicts with the

miss Columbus County pageant, but according to Civitan President Winston Gore, "This year's contest should be better than ever."

Meanwhile, the names of more girls are wanted by the sponsors. On the subject Mrs. Page said today, "If anyone knows of other young ladies who are between 16-21 years old who should be in the pageant, please let us know their names."

The pageant will be staged in the school auditorium, and additional entertainment is planned to round out an evening of fun.

Mrs. Richard Ross, formerly Sheila Jean Hux of this city, was selected Valentine Queen of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority at the annual Valentine Ball held at the Elk's Home in Elberton Ga.

She was crowned by M. Felix Comoli, sorority sponsor. Mrs. George A. Ward was elected as first runner-up a Mrs. Kenneth Winn, was second.

Mrs. Ross, daughter of Mr. Ben H. Hux and the late Mr. Hux, is medical technician at the Elberton - Elbert County Hospital.

Consolidation Plan

Fair Bluff men and women—as represented at a recent meeting of the Parent-Teachers association—have gone on record as being dissatisfied with "the quality of the county's present day education."

The discussion, at which this sentiment was expressed, was voiced following a panel discussion on the current move to consolidate the Fair Bluff, Evergreen and Chadbourn high schools into a single, centrally located unit.

A large number of "interested persons" joined the PTA in their meeting Monday night,

Feb. 13, where the subject was re-discussed.

Among the comments of those not favoring consolidation were the thought that the proposed reorganization would promote a loss of the "togetherness" feeling now existing, and that close relationships between teachers and students would be less possible.

Some feel that parents would find it difficult to attend meetings involving their children if the school site was changed from its present location; others stated that they would not

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