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Merchants Meet Set For Thursday

The second quarterly meeting for all members of the Tabor City Merchants Association will be held Thursday night at 7:30 at the Sand Plains Community Club building. Every member of the association is urged to attend this meeting.

In an effort to further explain and encourage the use of the Tabor City Credit Bureau, Mrs. Mabel Biggs, owner and operator of the Credit Bureau of Lumberton, N. C., will be present to discuss this topic. Mrs. Biggs has operated a credit bureau for several years and is well versed on all phases of credit bureau operations.

The meeting will be an "eating meeting" and the food will be prepared by the ladies of the Sandy Plain community.

Any business pertinent to the operation of the merchants association during 1961 will be open for discussion and a brief resume of the activities will be presented.

"Previous meetings of the members of the association have not been well attended. We are hopeful that every merchant will make a sincere effort to attend this gathering. The directors have been active during the few months they have been in office and every effort is being put forth to make the association one of the best in the country. We hope that these efforts are paying dividends and that the membership will turn out for this meeting." W. Horace Carter, president, said today.

REVIVAL SERVICES
Revival services will be held at the Saint Paul Methodist Church the week of March 20-21 announced the Rev. P. H. Layfield, Jr., pastor. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 with the Rev. W. R. Stevens, pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Wilmington, as guest minister.



Rev. W. Earl Shotwell, pastor of the Quaker Baptist Church of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., will be the visiting evangelist at a series of revival services that begin at the Carolina Baptist Church Sunday evening, March 12, at 7:30. Services will continue each night at the same time throughout the week.

Insurance Asso. Holds Meeting

The Columbus County Insurance Association met Tuesday night at Coleman's at Calabash. Recognized guests were Dan Taylor and Pete Sizemore of Estman and Co., J. B. Gibson of Textile Insurance Co., also Charles W. Lewis of the State Insurance Dept.

Rudy Faircloth, former Tabor City resident, now Associated Press photographer, gave a summary of Governor Terry Sanford's Traffic Safety plan and also showed a group of photographs he had taken which covered many interesting points all over the world.



NEXT-TO-BEST — Tabor City's Devillettes walked off with the WAA basketball tournament's runner-up award Friday night, having been defeated in the tournament by Bladenboro's Lady Bulldogs. Shown placing the coveted trophy in the school's showcase are (l-r) Co-captains Judy Graggler, Eula Mae Arnette with Coach John Small. (Third co-captain, Carrie Jean Wray, was out of town when the trophy was placed in the case.)

Annual Pageant Set April 28

Miss Columbus County will be chosen on Friday evening, April 28, says Tabor City's Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the annual event. Serving on the entries committee are Jimmy Garrell, overall chairman of the pageant; Roger Mills, Richard Cox and Harold Ward. Ward will also serve as publicity chairman. A search has already started to find a group of representative Columbus County beauties to participate in the pageant. Ward said today "Anyone who knows a person, beautiful and talented young lady is requested to suggest her to the committee as a possible contestant in the pageant." To be eligible for the Miss Columbus County pageant a contestant must be between the ages of 16 and 28 on Sept. 1. For, she must be a high school graduate by Sept. 1, and must never have been married. She must possess talent, either trained or potential, which may include playing a musical instrument, dramatics, dress-designing, singing or any of the other fine arts. If she wishes to pursue a professional career (such as nursing) she may present a 3-minute talk on her reasons for selecting such a career or on her training to date, and her aims in that profession. Ward also noted that it is the aim of the Tabor City Jaycees to produce the 1961 Miss North Carolina. "With the help from all citizens of Columbus in obtaining the most talented and best-looking girls, we could very well come up with a winner this year," he said.

Marketing Company Plans Big Yam Income Contest

Who Will Be Miss Tabor?

Names of judges for the Miss Tabor City pageant, to be staged Friday night, are being kept a deep, dark secret by members of the Civitan Club, sponsors of the contest. Reasons for the names being withheld were not explained today, but the club's president, Winston Gore, said that he believes that this will eliminate any chance of judges being influenced in their choices beforehand. The judges will be from another county, Gore stated. Sixteen girls have been entered in the contest. They include Geraldine Eddings, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Eddings, Tabor City. She is a senior in Tabor City High. Patsy Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Avan Watts, is 17 and a sophomore at Green Sea. Linda Wright, another Tabor City senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Wright. Sheryl Sue Cox, daughter of Mrs. K. V. Cox, is a member of the local junior class. Kitty Jo Buffkin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buffkin. Joan Wright, a junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Wright. Pam Spivey, another junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spivey. Frances Grainger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Grainger, and too is a junior. Entered earlier in the contest were Lora Lee Grier, Ida Gray Gasque, Margie Grainger, Sue Kelly, Miriam Hughes.



THE REV. O. S. LONG, pastor of the Cherry Grove Baptist Church beginning Sunday morning, March 12, at the regular morning worship hour. Services will be held throughout the week at 7:30 p. m. and everyone is invited to attend.

With the time for bedding sweet potatoes at hand, the Tabor City Marketing Company is making tentative plans for sponsoring a big "Make More Money Growing Sweet Potatoes" contest for producers in Columbus, Brunswick and Horry counties, it was announced today. In an effort to encourage farmers of the area to strive for greater production per acre and thus greater gross revenue per acre of yams, the marketing company will present a number of prizes this season to those with the best records. Awards will be made on the basis of "highest average gross receipts per acre. These receipts will have to be substantiated by sales tickets from the local dealers. Acreage of those entries in the contest will be thoroughly checked by independent judges. All producers entering the contest will have to make official written entry into the program no later than July 1. Entry blanks and details of the contest will be provided by the marketing company. There will be three top awards in the contest that will probably consist of trips and plaques. Growers must sell the majority of their crop in Tabor City or to a member of the marketing company. Jimmy Garrell, general manager of Tabor City Foods, Inc., in announcing the contest, said "growers must think in terms of gross receipts per acre and these receipts cannot be high unless a good yield is made." "If producers will concentrate on this yam growing business and produce noteworthy yields per acre, it will greatly benefit the entire community as well as those of us in the yam business," Garrell said. "We hope that every merchant will get behind the contest and help us to create interest in the awards and in the yam industry as a whole. We have been in the yam business for a long time and folks have become indifferent to it. In other areas where it is a new thing, growers are enthusiastic about the profits from yams and they are really going all out to make the sweet potato a big thing. We need to renew our efforts and get back in the big time production of yams," Garrell said. He pointed out that Columbus yam acreage has dropped from 7000 to 4000 acres and that the State average per acre yield is 163 bushels as compared with a local average of only 95 bushels. He also noted that while Tabor City sold 534,516 bushels of yams in 1953, the 1960 volume was only about 40,000 bushels. "We need to promote an awakening among our good farmers with a fresh new approach to the yam problem. We have lost a lot of our markets in recent years and we must encourage our yam industry or lose it," Garrell said.



Revival services will begin at the Old Zion Wesleyan Methodist Church March 9 continuing through March 19. Services will begin at 7:30. Morning services will be held at 10:30 beginning March 13 continuing through the 15th. The Rev. W. J. Brown, of Asheboro, N. C. will be the Evangelist. The Rev. Mr. Phaup is a General Evangelist in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. Hal F. Brown is pastor.

Officers Named By Auxiliary Here

Officers have been elected by the Auxiliary to the Carlton M. Foyette Post, 6064, to serve the ensuing year. Mrs. Mae S. Young will serve as president, Mrs. Mildred Whitlaughy, Senior Vice Mrs. Mildred Grainger, Junior Vice Mrs. Ewanna Carrette, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Kitty Wright, Conductress. The Color Bearers are Mrs. Mildred Grainger, Mrs. Tochna Smith, Mrs. Mildred Prince and Mrs. Hilda Wright. Mrs. Margaret Gore was named as Captain; Mrs. Doris Gore, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Vera Foyell, Guard; Mrs. Lydia Garrell, Flag Bearer; Mrs. Leona Martin, Banner Bearer. Trustees include Mrs. Ruby Wright, Mrs. Neil Grainger, and Mrs. Hilda Wright. Mrs. Mildred Prince is membership chairman.

Frank McGougan, Jr. Addresses Seniors

Frank McGougan Jr., delivered the fifth in a series of five lectures to the seniors of Williams Township School Friday afternoon, March 3. The Tabor City attorney selected as his topic "The Ten Commandments," and presented them from a lawyer's point of view.

Ruritan Club Holds Regular Dinner Meet

The Williams Township Ruritan Club met at Wright's Restaurant in Loris on Thursday evening, March 2. Twenty-one members were present. After providing a recorded dinner music, Gene West entertained with a humorous reciting. Gene West and Burdine Norris were approved for membership in the club. Philip McPherson will play host to the govt until the next meeting.

Class Party

The ten years girls Sunday School Class of the Tabor City Baptist Church were at Crescent Beach Wednesday afternoon and evening for a skating party and picnic. Mrs. Harry Bruton is teacher and nine were in attendance.



MISS JOAN WRIGHT

Omega Chapter DKG Holds Reception

The Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Honorary Sorority for teachers gave a reception at the home of Mrs. W. W. Woody on Thursday, February 23, honoring F. A. A. members and their sponsors. Miss Elsie Elkins, president, presided, Mrs. Sudie Martin gave an inspirational devotion entitled "Building For Eternity." Miss Grace Rosalind Hotch, student from Alaska, addressed the group and answered questions on Alaskan Education and Customs. Following the program, such, sandwiches, nuts and nints were served to twenty our members, F. T. A. guests and their sponsors from a table appointed with carnations and their spring flowers and tapers.

Revival Services Set At Hinson's

The Rev. Mr. Vincent G. Wall, pastor of the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Greensboro, will be the evangelist in revival services in the Hinson's Cross Roads Baptist Church, Fair Bluff, N. C., beginning Sunday Night, March 12 and continuing through Sunday Morning, March 19. The services will begin each evening at 7:30. The Rev. Mr. Ellis L. Marks, pastor, and the entire congregation extends to everyone a cordial invitation to attend the services.

Williams PTA

The Williams Township School P. T. A. will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the School's auditorium. This will be Father-Son night and reserved seats will sit together. Lee Greer of Whiteville will be guest speaker for the evening.

Newsmen Meet With Highway Patrol Tuesday

Highway patrolmen, Troop B, established a "first" in their program to promote safety with a meeting of newsmen of their 13-county area Tuesday night in Fayetteville. With virtually every newspaper and radio station represented, North Carolina Highway Patrol officers had a chance to talk over their problems of combatting the rising rate of traffic accidents and associated preventive measures, including news coverage. Columbus County newsmen included Wray Thompson of the TRIBUNE; James High, NEWS REPORTER; Jack Babits, COLUMBUS COUNTY NEWS; and Mary Stewart of WENC. Accompanying them was Col. G. L. Pate of the Patrol office in Whiteville. This marked the first such news-media meeting organized to acquaint writers with officers of the patrol organization. Hosts of the meeting, which was highlighted by an oyster feast, were Capt. Tom Brown and Lt. John Laves. The group gathered at the Arthur T. Moore Lodge which is owned by the N. C. Highway Patrol.

Clarendon Native's Hobby Is Painting

Lena Hunt, age 8, studied the scene before her—the calm containing the young soldier just returned to his parents' home, the flag which had slipped partly from the bier to the floor where a small dog lay watching. The little Clarendon girl was deeply moved with the view, even though it was only a magazine picture. Hastily she grabbed her pencil and a sheet of paper to duplicate the scene. When it was finished she was amazed! It had been a rather successful effort! Lena Hunt Harter today, years later, remembers that first pursuit in painting. One of her last activities—any larger undertakings—was a mural which covers three walls of her brother J. R. Hunt's living room in Clarendon. "I believe that a poet, artist or composer, each enjoys the beauty of nature more than other people," Mrs. Harter commented several days ago after finishing the painting in Mr. and Mrs. Hunt's home. Those who have seen the landscape agree that she certainly expresses an appreciation of the outdoors in her work. As a child, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hunt, she studied the shapes of trees, their colors, the blended hues of a simple sunset, moonlit panoramas, cloud formations; all have been interpreted in her paintings. How does a country girl "go-to-town" with her artist's education? Mrs. Harter was asked. "I studied art under a private teacher for two years," she replied. "This gave me more inspiration. I passed through the phases of oils, pastels, china and fabric-painting." Too, Mrs. Harter added to her knowledge of painting through a Chicago correspondence course and by buying books on the subject. She quickly admits, though, that "My greatest teacher has been my brush and canvas," adding



Mrs. J. R. Hunt of Clarendon admires a scene painted by Mrs. Paul Harter.

"I think that all artists develop a technique of their own. I am never satisfied with my work, so I try hard to be more perfect with each painting." Mrs. Harter's first exhibit of paintings was shown in Orlando, Fla., where she resided until recently. "It was a great too, she painted murals for night clubs and had customers from all over the United States as well as one from Germany. Her paintings—including scenes of Greenfield Lake, Wilmington—have been exhibited in the North Carolina State museum, and she gained more local recognition while being interviewed several weeks ago on a local television station. Mrs. Harter, whose husband Paul is a teletype technician, has one son who is a Co-

lumbus county resident, Ray White of New Hope, as well as a daughter, Mrs. Skip Adams of Harrisburgh, Pa., and a second son, Dr. Bill White of Florida.



Mrs. Harter at work