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PAUSE FOR A DAY... Melba Goldfinch, seventh grade student in the Tabor City Schools, was recently named Honorary Page in the North Carolina Senate by Senator John Jordan who presented her. She was visiting with the Rev. Paul Carruth former pastor of the Saint Paul Methodist Church who was invited to the Senate for the prayer by Chaplain E. C. Durham Melba, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Goldfinch, is shown displaying a certificate noting the honor to Mrs. Jean Stevens of the school faculty.

Pageant Postponed To May 5 Many Dignitaries Invited

Local girls are being offered an opportunity to win fame and fortune through education and proper guidance in building a successful career for themselves by participation in the Miss Columbus County Pageant which will take place in the Tabor City school auditorium on May 5. The date for the pageant was originally set for April 29.

A scholarship, amounting to several hundred dollars, will be awarded to the year's winner. All committees have been appointed and are now working on what they believe will be the most interesting pageant ever held in this part of the state. Miss Robin Williamson, from Conway, S. C., and a winner of numerous beauty contests throughout South Carolina, has been named to direct the pageant.

A long list of celebrities will be invited to attend the pageant either in an official capacity or as guests. Included will be Miss Ann Herring, 1961 Miss North Carolina; Miss Judith Kiptel, 1960 winner of the title, who made a tremendous hit with last year's Miss Columbus county audience.

Among the girls lined up for the new queen will be an exquisite dress from a local department store.

Sponsors of contestants are asked to contact either member of the entries committee—Harold Ward, Jimmy Garrell, Roger Mills or Richard Cox.

C. A. Lupo Dies At Age Of 69;

Cornie Andersen Lupo, 69-year-old Green Sea farmer, died at Loris Community Hospital Sunday after a year of declining health.

Funeral services will be held this Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. from the Green Sea Baptist church by the Rev. Norman Givens, pastor, under the direction of Gilbreath, pastor, Green Sea home.

The body will be at the Lupo home until the hour of the funeral.

Active pallbearers will be Charles Higgins, Jack Clements, Art Hoffman, Jr., Hoyt Carter, E. L. Floyd, Wilson Daniel Powell.

Honorary pallbearers include Ben Watson, Fulton Floyd, Ben Nesmith, B. C. Caines, John R. Floyd, Dr. J. D. Johnson, Jr., Dr. W. H. Johnson also Deacons and former Deacons of his church.

Mr. Lupo was born in Dillon County March 14, 1892, son of the late William Franklin and Minnie Smith Lupo. He was a member of Green Sea Baptist Church and was a deacon for a number of years. He was a member of the original board of Directors of Loris Community Hospital when it was founded.

Yam Contest Plans Are Taking Shape

A meeting of individuals who are promoting the big sweet potato yield contest in this area met here last Thursday and outlined plans for the contest, Jimmy Garrell, announced today.

Sponsored by the Tabor City Marketing Company, the contest will offer three prizes to the farmers of Columbus and Horry counties who produce the greatest income per acre of yams harvested this fall. The winners of the contest will be honored at a banquet, presented plaques and all expenses paid trips to some undetermined area.

Sales tickets will be required of the growers in the contest to determine the actual cash income off each acre. Yams will have to be sold to dealers or canners represented by the Tabor City Marketing Company.

All entries in the contest will have to be made in writing by July 15, 1961 and all income reports filed by December 1, 1961.

A three man team of judges will determine the winners. Garrell said that the goal of this contest is to encourage the highest possible yield and quality of the yams in this area to show to growers that good profits can be made from yams when they get good yields.

Last Thursday discussion revolved around good seed for this year's crop, split application of fertilizer, early thorough cultivation, proper rotation, use of clean soil and planting in light, mellow type soil.

BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

A Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held in the Tabor City Baptist Church Monday, Tuesday and Thursday night's of next week. Classes will begin at 7 p. m.

Thurs. Wrecks Number Two In Tabor Area

Cecil Wayne Norris, 6, was treated in Loris Community hospital Thursday after being struck by a 1955 Pontiac driven by Lucille Thomas Blue, 30, 2610, on the Emerson road four miles north of Tabor City, according to the investigating patrolman, L. H. Baker.

Baker's report suggested that the child ran from behind the back of a pickup truck into the path of the automobile. The child's condition was reported as satisfactory by a physician after multiple bruises.

A second accident in the area, and on the same day, happened at 9:15 a. m., and was investigated by the same trooper.

At the intersection of highway 701-A and old NC 904 near the South Carolina line, a 1957 Chevrolet driven by Junior Earl Norris, 21, Tabor City R2, collided with a 1956 Chevrolet driven by Joseph Wayne Todd, 16, also of Tabor City.

Three occupants of the Norris car were taken to the Loris hospital; Mrs. Norris, 19, suffered lacerations of the head; Sallie Thompkins, 74, Tabor City R1, lacerations of the face; and Cora Fowler, 63, Tabor City R3, bruises on the left leg.

Damage to the Norris car was approximated at \$250, and \$150 to the Todd car, said Baker.



DR. ROBERT L. SWEeley operates the only optical laboratory in this area and plans to open a second office in Whiteville. He is shown using one of the ultra-precise instruments with which his laboratory is equipped.

Big Easter Egg Hunt Set For Next Week



HIRAM FOWLER
Hiram Fowler is back with Inman Funeral Home after graduating from the Kentucky School of Embalming in Louisville. He served apprentice ship at Inman's for two years before going to Louisville. Fowler was graduated from the Green Sea High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fowler. He is married to the former Marie Porter and they have a daughter, Diana. They reside on West Fifth Street.



ELDRED DUDNEY
Eldred Dudney joined the Inman staff while Fowler was attending school. He was associated with Cox-Collins Funeral Home in Mullins, S. C. for some time but came here after working as an automobile salesman in Marion, S. C. for a brief period. He is a native of Columbus County and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Dudney who reside in Fair Bluff. Dudney is married to the former Sarah Sanders of Marion and they have three children, Shannon, Pamela and Kem. They reside on Jones Street.

The big adult "Golden Easter Egg Hunt" in Tabor City scheduled for Friday, March 24, at 2:00 p. m. is taking shape and one of the most novel spring promotions in many years is on its way.

Already the Merchants Association has procured 100 ping pong balls and each of these balls is now being prepared with a gift certificate attached to it. March 31, all of these balls will be dropped from a low-flying airplane on to the streets of Tabor City and those persons in town for the promotion simply must receive one or more of these "Golden Eggs" in order to claim a reward of one of the many prizes participating in the promotion.

John Lovell, executive secretary of the association, has been busy for the past several days soliciting a list of prizes and the various items wanted to be given during the big event. More than 700 prizes had already been obligated early this week and Lovell expects no difficulty in raising the full 10,000 prizes.

When the "Golden Easter Eggs" are dropped, any and all will be eligible to try their best at getting some of the ping pong balls and thus the free gifts. However, those procured by children will not be returned in the stores unless the youngsters are accompanied by their parents.

Lovell pointed out that this is an "adult" Easter egg hunt, and while children are invited to come to town and help round up the free gift "eggs," they will have to have their parents with them when they redeem their catches for prizes.

Heavy Docket Cleared Monday

Charges numbering 58 were disposed of Monday in the mayor's court, clearing one of the heaviest dockets in the town's history. This figure represented the appearance of 50 defendants with several answering to multiple charges.

The docket was dominated by public drunkenness cases—22 in fact; other charges were for profane language, 5; speeding, 5; checks, 3; possession of non-tax paid whiskey, 5; disorderly conduct, 9; assault, 2; and one person was tried for each of the following offenses: carrying a concealed weapon, no operator's license; failed to yield right-of-way; failed to stop for stop-sign; assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill; and assault with a deadly weapon.

Mayor Howard Harrelson presided over the court.

Special Attention For Gifted Students Not Entirely Fair?

BY WRAY THOMPSON

An ambitious program for improving the public schools through the appropriation of \$106,000,000 in the next biennium will be introduced to the 1961 Legislature, and includes the enactment of a law establishing a statewide program for gifted children; cost of the latter program is placed at \$444,000 for 1961-62 and \$504,000 for 1962-63.

Could this money not be better used to develop programs for average students, some local educators are asking.

As the money to pay for the proposed bill will be paid for by the general public, in all fairness, should not the children of the common taxpayer share equally in educational improvements.

"The world evolves around average people," one teacher thinks. "There are very few superior people in the world; most people are average, and these people are the ones for which the world is geared," he added.

THE AVERAGE STUDENT may seldom make her school's honor roll, but principals believe that other assets are more important in the making of a good, successful citizen. Angella Powell, a Williams Township student, was chosen by her principal as a typical "average" student who could better benefit from State-given funds than those who will be aided if proposed "Gifted Children" legislation is passed this year. She is pictured (far right) with the bus drivers' club of which she is president.



student was asked of several Columbus County principals. From the number submitted by Clayton Lewis, Williams Township school, the qualifications of a good student were studied, and reasons for her chances for success over those of the above-average were evident.

An example of an "average" student whose record was chosen for survey is Angella Powell, a senior about whom her principal commented, "I had rather depend on her to do a task well than many youngsters for whom the 'talented children' legislation will be created.

"She is the type who works very hard and gets along well with her fellow students," Lewis believes. He also thinks that children with above-average aptitudes are resented by others who are not so fortunate.

Dr. Sweeley Plans Whiteville Office

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When quarters are secured in Whiteville, Dr. Sweeley plans to maintain office hours in Tabor City each morning and keep appointments in his new office in the afternoons.