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## Tabor City Foods Announces Big Expansion Program Here



In keeping with the steady progress in Tabor City, Tabor Foods, Inc., the new cannery here, has announced an expansion project in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 neighborhood.

The big expansion will considerably lengthen the work season for the cannery by adding at least two products to the line preserved by the canners last season. Jimmy Garrell, general manager of the operation, said that Tabor City Foods will can snap beans and Irish potatoes this year in addition to peaches and yams.

In order to handle these two other products, considerable new machinery is required and the canners are now busy installing the bean and potato machines. Garrell expects to be through with the installation and ready to begin canning beans about the middle of May.

He said that Irish potatoes would follow close behind the beans and that peaches and yams would take up immediately following those products. The four-product combination is expected eventually to keep the operation going six to eight months out of the year.

Garrell said that beans for this first season would probably have to be bought in other areas in order to procure sufficient volume for the cannery but that in the future it was hoped a good portion of the beans could be produced in this area.

In addition to the bean and potato machinery that is being added, Tabor City Foods is constructing, in cooperation with the town officials, a series of settling tanks at the plant that is designed to settle out most of the solids in the plant waste products and relieve the strain on municipal sewage system that was encountered last fall.

The new products will call for beginning the canning operation several weeks earlier than during the initial season of 1960 and thus provide employment for 100 or more persons for a much longer period than last year.

**Fair Bluff Church Holding Meeting**  
FAIR BLUFF — A revival meeting is in progress at the Fair Bluff Baptist Church with Dr. S. A. Newman and instructor at the Southeastern Seminary as guest speaker.

**Mrs. Wade's Funeral Held On Thursday**  
Mrs. Betty Frazier Wade, 76, died in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Tuesday night March 21, after undergoing surgery for a broken hip. She had been in declining health for a long period and suffered a stroke shortly before her death.

**HONOR ROLL**  
The Honor Roll for the Nakina High School, fourth grading period, has been announced by M. M. Jones, principal.

**Guideway Clinic**  
Parents of children who are to enter school next year in Guideway's first grade are asked to take their youngsters to the school on Wednesday, April 5, at 9:00 a. m. for the annual pre-school clinic.

**PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES**  
A series of meetings are underway this week at the Tabor City Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Henry L. Reaves, pastor, delivering the messages.

## Golden Easter Egg Hunt Here Friday



FORMER QUEENS — Previous winners of the annual Miss Columbus County pageant have been invited to attend the 1961 event on May 12. They are (l-r) Shelvea Jean Fipps (Page), Dixie Cox, Adeline Brady (Turner), and Jean Thompson.

Friday afternoon at 2:00 is the day and time for the first big adult Easter Egg Hunt in Tabor City and 1000 persons can find an egg worth from 10 cents to \$10.00 if they are agile enough and lucky enough.

The eggs in this big hunt are ping pong balls and every one of the 1000 will have a value written on it. It will state just what store it must be carried to in order to claim the prize. Only members of the merchants association are participating.

The 1000 ping pong balls will be dropped from a low flying plane in several different districts at 2:00 next Friday, and those persons lucky enough to retrieve one of the Golden Easter Eggs will have won himself a prize.

All persons getting one or more of the ping pong balls must redeem them for the prize it specifies on Friday afternoon before the stores close.

Stores that are members of the Tabor City Merchants Association have been asked to remain open until 8:00 P. M. Friday in order to give everyone a chance to claim his free gift and to provide additional shopping convenience for customers.

Merchants are requested to take up all ping pong balls as they are redeemed for the free gifts. The association will then collect the balls and perhaps use them for a similar event next Easter.

Merchants are also advised to take special note of the fact that all the ping pong balls are marked with the words, "J. C. Higgins." Only the Higgins balls have been used in the promotion and any attempt by anyone to counterfeit an "Easter egg" in the contest would be found out immediately if some ball other than the Higgins ball was presented.

Other identifications are also known by merchants that will reduce the possibility of any cheating in the contest.

Should high winds be in evidence on Friday afternoon or any other weather condition that would make it impractical to drop the ping pong balls from an airplane, then other means of scattering them on Tabor City streets would be used. But barring storm conditions the balls will be poured from the plane at 2:00 Friday.

**SAFETY AWARDS** were received Monday night by eleven members of the Merita bread truck route in Columbus county. Top award was earned by Earl Edmund, Chadbourn, shown receiving a \$50 savings bond from H. O. Perry, sales manager of Wilmington. Shown looking on (center) is Bryan Lancaster, Tabor City, who received one of the two \$25 bonds given. To his right is Finkley Herring, route supervisor.

## Easter Sunrise Services Sunday

The annual Community, Wide Easter Sunrise Services will be held on the Tabor City School grounds Sunday at 6:00 in front of the high school building.

The Rev. James H. Johnson, pastor of the Tabor City Baptist Church, will deliver the message.

The Rev. P. H. Layfield, Jr., pastor of the Saint Paul Methodist Church is to give the responsive reading and the Rev. Henry L. Reaves, pastor of the Tabor City Presbyterian Church will lead the prayer.

On the program for the Invocation and Benediction is the Rev. J. P. Jones, pastor of the Emanuel Holiness Church.

Mrs. W. W. Woody and Mrs. J. Furman Fowler are in charge of the music with the High School Chorus and church choirs participating.

Immediately following the services a fellowship hour will be held at the Tabor City Baptist Church at which time coffee and doughnuts will be served.

In the event of rain services will be held in the school auditorium.

**Ashley Ward, 63 Dies On Friday**  
Ashley Ward, 63, retired farmer of the Nakina section died in the Lorris Community Hospital Friday.

## Wildlife Club Fish Tourney

A fishing tournament has been started by members of the Columbus County Wildlife Club with a trophy to be presented to the winners of four classes.

Species to be weighed for entry in the contest are Bass, Red Breast, Goggleeye, and Blue Breem. Weighing will be officially conducted at the Bus Station and weights recorded on a master-chart there.

Members may register for the tournament until April 25. According to the club's president, Ted Watts, the fee for registration is one-dollar. The tournament will conclude at the end of the fishing season.

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**W. A. Thompson Dies At Age 64**

Funeral services for W. Avery Thompson, 64, Lake Waccamaw resident, were held Monday at McKenzie Chapel, Whiteville at 4 p. m.

Mr. Thompson, a former member of the State Ports Authority, died late Saturday night at James Walker Memorial Hospital.

Thompson was appointed to the original Ports Authority by the late Gov. Kerr Scott and served two terms on the Authority. He was vice chairman and secretary.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1929 and returned in 1933.

A former Lake Waccamaw mayor, Thompson was in the lumber business but retired several years ago and had been farming.

A graduate of Trinity College he was a member of the Hallsboro School Board, a lay leader in the Wilmington Methodist District and had preached at Wilmington's Grace Methodist Church on several occasions. He was a former president of Lake Waccamaw Lions Club, a past district governor of Lions International, active in affairs of Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church and on the board of directors of Good Shepherd Home.

Mr. Thompson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James E. Thompson, Hallsboro, served with the Army in World War I with the rank of lieutenant and was a charter member of the Whiteville American Legion Post.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Gladys Soles, of the home; three sons, Dr. William W. Thompson, Fort Walton, Fla.; James A. Thompson, Buckner, Ala. and Harold Britt Thompson, Atlanta, Ga.; four daughters, Mrs. Howard Herring, Pensacola, Fla.; Nancy Jane, Gladys Ann and Betty Jo, all of the home; two brothers, Robert L. and James E. both of Hallsboro; four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Brinkley, Lake Waccamaw; Mrs. Ruby Wessell, Hallsboro; Mrs. John M. Babits, Chadbourn, and Mrs. James Wilson, Raleigh, and 13 grandchildren.

Interment was in Lake Waccamaw Cemetery. The Rev. W. Paul Boon, Rev. Neil

## \$750 Scholarship Going To 1961 Miss Columbus County

### Williamson Names Education Board

Two bills to rename members of the county and Whiteville school boards, submitted by Rep. Arthur Williamson to State Senate March 15 and passed last Friday, have now been turned over to the House Education committee for further study, it is understood.

Rep. Williamson proposed the names of H. G. Dameron, Tabor City; F. M. Brown, Chadbourn; Charles R. Council, Lake Waccamaw; Walter Hobbs, Deleo; Ervin Richardson, Nakina; Carl Stephens, Clarendon; and Lucien P. Stevens, Evergreen, to comprise the Columbus County Board of Education.

While the senate passed the county school board bill as submitted by the Columbus representative, the bill relating to the Whiteville board was amended to provide that vacancies be filled by the six precinct Democratic executive committeemen in that area embraced by the school area, and with any tie to be broken by the chairman of the Columbus County board of education.

Williamson's bill recommended that the following be named to the Whiteville unit board: Bill Floyd, Bill Gilliam, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Edward Mottling, H. J. Watts, Clyde R. Williams and Robert Wooten.

Of his bills Rep. Williamson has commented, "It is time when the spotlight and the searching gaze of the public is going to be focused on our schools, and we need the most dedicated type of civic-minded people to administer their affairs and set their policies."

Of the Whiteville board he said "I hope this Whiteville board will unite the people of Whiteville and will make the Whiteville school one of the best in the state."

According to Williamson, in the Senate last week an argument came up over a bill proposed to set up a commission to study the methods of election of county boards of education. The Columbus County representative has earlier stated that he has no objection to such a commission.

The two bills, if ratified, would fill vacancies on the Boards now held by the following:  
County—A. Paul Rogers, Tabor City, chairman; Willard Small, Fair Bluff; E. M. Griffin, Evergreen; Dr. Robert Yates, Chadbourn; James B. Latta, Bolton; Marshall White, Deleo; and Richardson.  
Whiteville — H. H. Collins, chairman; J. Herman Leder; James Collier; Mrs. H. E. Blanchard; C. L. Nance; Alton Edwards and A. Dial Gray.

### MRS. RUDOLPH TODD

Mrs. Rudolph Todd is progressing nicely in the James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, where she underwent surgery Monday.

### Officer Beat By Fugitive In Cego Township

William Ellis, Cego Gordo Township constable, was treated in the Columbus County Memorial Hospital for wounds received when assaulted early Sunday morning by a Negro and Indian on a rural road between Powell's and Williamson's crossroads.

The 34-year old officer sustained a fractured skull and crushed ribs when beaten by William Conrad, Negro, with a stick after Conrad was stopped on the road after forcing another car to run off the road.

According to a spokesman of the Sheriff's department, the assault occurred when the constable stepped to the Conrad car in which Billy Boy Locklear, Indian, was a passenger. Both were reported to have been drunk.

Deputy Spurgeon Nobles arrested Conrad, who was an employee of the city of Wilmington, but Locklear had already fled.

Further investigation by the deputy proved that Conrad was wanted for skipping a \$200 bond placed on him for another assault several weeks ago, and was also wanted by New Hanover and Robeson county law officers for previous offenses.

While awaiting trial Tuesday, Conrad was lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bond.

From convictions of the two Columbus county incidents, Conrad drew a 30-month road term.

The Indian is believed to be a resident of the Bird Cage section near Chadbourn, Deputy Nobles said.

### Stores Open Until 8:00 P. M. Friday Night

In an effort to give everyone in the area a chance to do his Easter shopping, the directors of the Tabor City Merchants Association has asked all its members to keep the doors of their stores open Friday night until 8:00.

The big Easter Egg Hunt promotion is scheduled for 2:00 P. M. Friday afternoon and following this event, merchants expect considerable shopping by those in attendance for the Easter holiday. Most local stores close about 5:30 on Friday normally but to allow customers additional time for Easter shopping, the merchants association has asked its members to remain open until 8:00 this Friday.

Local stores have stacked their shelves with Easter merchandise and one of the best selection seen here in many years is available to customers.

### Allied Youth Club Chartered

An Allied Youth chapter was chartered Tuesday in Tabor City High school by the Lorris chapter.

The organization, started locally in November, has as its purpose the dissemination of factual information about alcoholic beverages, but does not approach alcohol from a moralistic standpoint.

With 16 members, the Tabor City chapter of Allied Youth have as their officers Brenda Dutton, president; Sandra Cox, vice-president; Sue Norris, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Marcus Turner is the faculty advisor.

The sister-chapter in Lorris is sponsored by Mr. James Clarey, science instructor.

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