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Douglass Community News

DHS History Recalled By PTA President

Mrs. Bessie Johnson WICC

"It seems that it was only yesterday that I was a student here," remarked Mrs. Bessie Johnson to members of the Douglas school's Parent-Teachers Association recently.

"The progress has been wonderful," those gathered for the Founder's Day observance were told. "We now have one of the most fabulous plants I have ever been in," said Mrs. Johnson.

After recognizing W. A. Ware, principal; the president, Mrs. V. S. Singletary; members and guests; the speaker recalled the history of the school's PTA and the beginning of the school in 1916.

"In 1916 there was no school here for Negro children. Nine of our energetic parents got together and decided that these children should have an education," she recalled, continuing, "After investigation it was found that in order to have a state-paid teacher, we would need at least 30 students. This we didn't have."

Local parents decided to pay for the first teacher themselves. This action came about after the encouragement of Rev. G. E. Green (the first Negro to live in Tabor City and also the first to own an automobile here), as well as Singletary Gerald and Joe Gerald who move to Conway, S. C. so bring the first teacher to the town, Mrs. Johnson said.

The state took over support of the school a year later. "We have come a long way during these 44 years," she stated. "I believe I am correct in saying that we have the youngest Negro school in the country. That was — 44 years ago — an school building, no lights, and no water for the children."

Early teachers included Mrs. Carrie Footrum Goel-Bolt, Pelo[illegible], Mr. [illegible] Lee, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Jenie Swan, Mrs. Maggie Godfrey of Tabor City, Mrs. Maxwell and Miss Helen Williams of Durham, according to the speaker.

"In 1933, Professor Bullock came to us and it was under him the P. T. A was organized.

Our first officers were: Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, Philadelphia, Pa., president; Mrs. Sarah L. Graham, (deceased) secretary and Rev. G. E. Greene (deceased), treasurer. There were 43 members with the joining fee 10c. $4.30 was raised. Various committees were appointed. The P. T. A. aim was—"Better School." The P. T. A. since that time has never gone down, although not well - attended sometimes. There are a few of the outstanding people left. If I had the opportunity to say who are our founders, I would name Mrs. Callie White, Mrs. Sarah Greene, Mrs. Helen Gause, Mrs. Gassie Chestnut, Mrs. Rena Wiggins, and Mr. Ozzie Langston now of Conway, South Carolina," she said.

"May I say to you, if you are not a member of our local P. T. A. join at our next meeting," she continued.

"All great men may not be organizers but all great men belong to an organization. All things that are done together are done well. Was it not God who said, Let us make man . . . . and He did."

"And Jesus being pleased with organization asked the disciples to bring him the little [illegible] that his mother [illegible] him of two or 3 fishes and five loaves of bread. With this he fed a multitude and had plenty left."

Said Mrs. Johnson? On this our 28th birthday, keep this thought with you—If you think you are too small to do a big job, try doing a small job big."

LADIES HOBBY CLUB

The Ladies H[illegible] Club met Thursday night, March 30, with Mrs. Windell Stanley at her home.

The meeting opened with singing, prayer, and the reading of the 23rd Psalm by the president, Miss Rebecca Chestnut in charge.

After the business session some of the ladies did needle work. The discussion for the afternoon was still centered around crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: St. Mark 16:6.

In conclusion the hostess served a sweet course of homemade cake, ice cream and cocoa colas to Miss Rebecca Chestnut, Mrs. David Gore, Mrs. Harry Lee Chestnut, Mrs. Willary Gerald, Mrs. L. D. Melvin, Mrs. Leroy Chestnut and Mrs. Henry Stephens.

Big Give-Away Starts At Local Piggly-Wiggly

Claude Boyd, manager of the Tabor City Piggly Wiggly store, announced that his firm is cooperating with 30 other Piggly Wiggly stores in this area in the most gigantic promotional campaign ever conducted.

According to Boyd, more than $10,000 in free prizes will be given away by the chain of stores, including a lucky winner who will make a down payment on a lot, free expenses and vacation [illegible] to New York plus $100 cash for each of the winners in all prizes of $25, $50, $100 Jubilee gas coupons worth, in dollars and cents, a much said here. All of these prizes will be given following a drawing over WCSL television on May 6.

Additional weekly prizes to be drawn from on the television show each week during the contest period (April 13-May 4) will be given Wednesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. will be five cash prizes of $100 each, one gift of $100.0 Greenback stamps, [illegible] of 12.00 stamps and a 27" boys and girls bicycle.

The store in Tabor City Saturday night for the following prizes—

NATIONAL CONTEST WINNER—When Collin Hucks (above), Tabor City Tribune Linotype operator, received a notice by mail stating "You are a winner of the Mercury-Homer Price-Nama contest," he thought perhaps he had won one of the big prizes—a Mercury car. Following instructions on the notification, he hastily went to see the Mercury dealer in Conway where he presented the notice which had on it a serial number which compared to a list of prizes sent by the dealer. Unfortunately, no car was won by Hucks; instead, a camera and lifetime supply of film, incidentally, Collin has no idea as to how his name was ever entered in the national contest.

First prize: Ladies coordinated sportswear wardrobe.

Second prize: Kodak "Starmite" camera outfit.

Third prize: Table model radio.

Fourth and 5th prizes: Flashlights with batteries.

Boyd has stated that at the end of each Saturday, all registration slips will be mailed to the Charleston warehouse where they will be placed in hampers for the big drawing.

"Persons do not have to buy anything to register," said Boyd. "Both children and adults may register, and there will be a container for both age groups."

Sarvis Host At Convention Breakfast

[illegible] Cooking Home Supplies [illegible] Raleigh, entertained [illegible] at the National Association of Produce Market Managers at a breakfast [illegible] Holiday Inn, Myrtle [illegible] Tuesday morning.

[illegible] annual session [illegible]

Mr. Sarvis also had as his guests at the breakfast, Mr. D. A. Garrett of the Tabor City Press, Inc., Mrs. Sarvis and his daughters, Frances, Kate and Libby Sue.

In keeping with Tabor City as a pioneer in other ventures, and Tom Capital Mrs. Sarvis [illegible] that the contest's Kodak [illegible] which certainly pertains [illegible] and pressure. For [illegible] of "Lucky Tabor" [illegible] were placed [illegible] courtesy of the Carroll [illegible] Tabor City Press [illegible] 117 attendance [illegible]

Birthday Calendar

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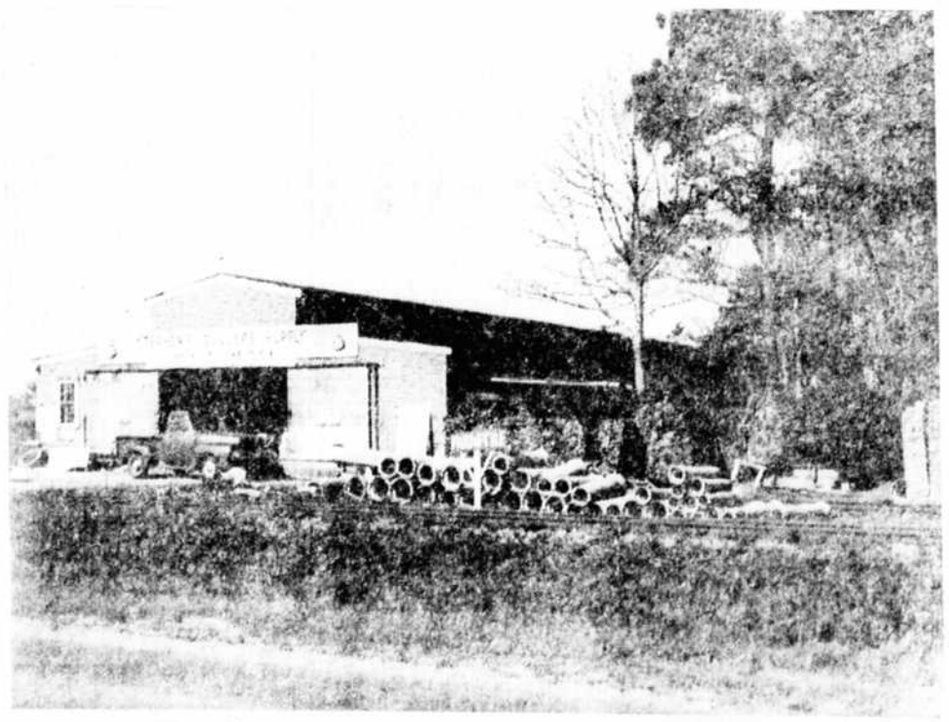

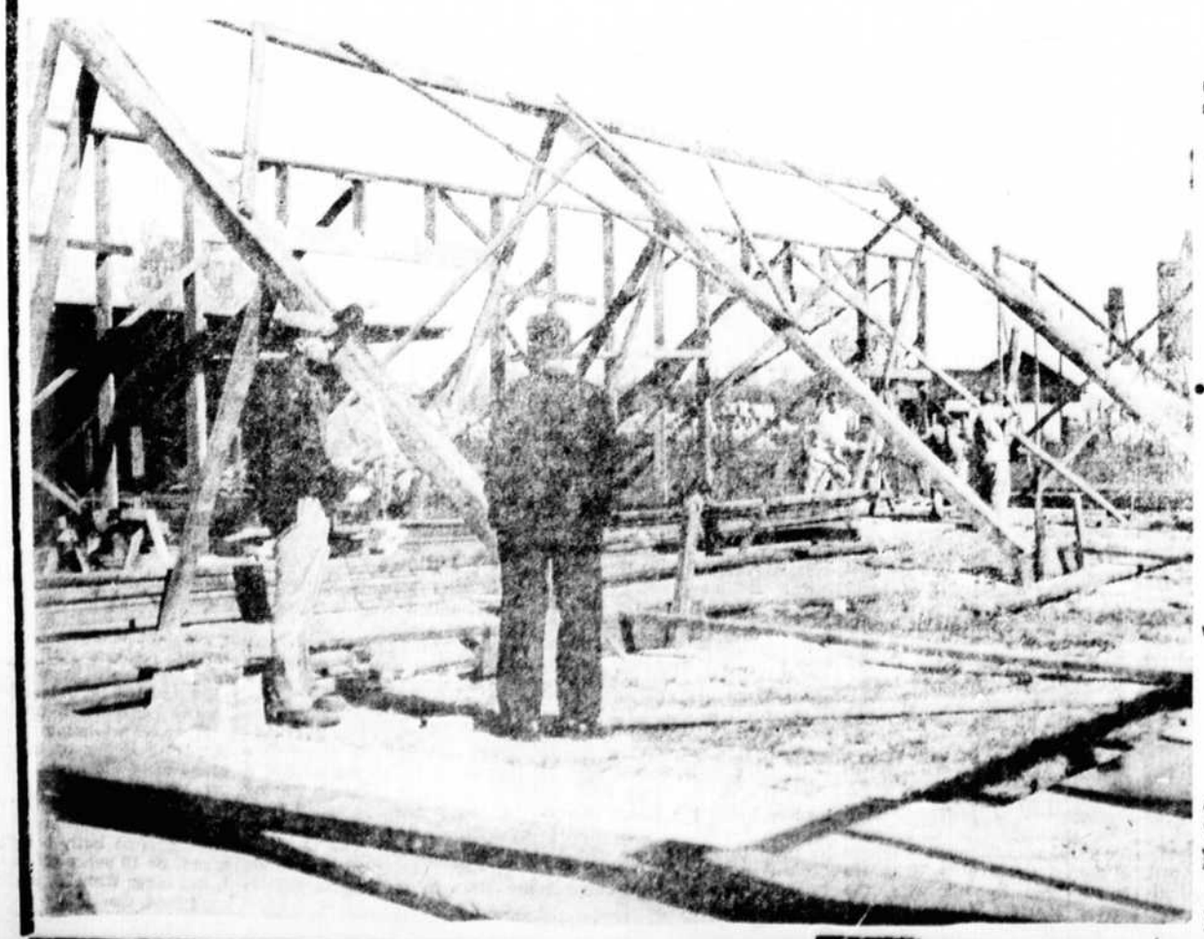

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