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Varied Talent To Be Displayed In May 12th Pageant

Two "thrushes" and three "hoofers" will be seen in the Miss Columbus County pageant March 12, as well as a clothes-designing model, a pianist, an actress, and one contestant who has yet to decide which she will make the best showing in.

Talent, extremely important in the beauty pageant this year, will not be lacking with the nine contestants who have already agreed to grace the Tabor City school stage that night.

The two songstresses will be Dianne Mercer, 18, Chadbourn; and Jaye Moore Soles, 18, Tabor City. Miss Mercer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy Mercer, and a Chadbourn senior. She aspires to be a doctor or laboratory technician.

The three dancers to appear in the talent-parade are Linda Joan Best, 18; Mary Louise Towne, 18; and Mary Louise Gilliland, 18. Miss Best, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Best, Whiteville, is a senior and plans to attend Woman's College next year.

Mary Towne also hopes to attend W. C. next year, or East Carolina. She graduates this year at Whiteville and is sponsored by the Town's merchant's association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Towne.

Miss Gilliland, the third singer scheduled, wants to attend East Carolina too after she leaves Hillsboro high. She is the daughter of Mr. M. M. Gilliland, sponsored by Lake Waccamaw's Lions club.

Jamsie Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson, Evergreen, is the only keyboard artist scheduled for this year's pageant thus far. Jamsie is in Bladenboro's graduating class.

Interesting — yet unique — will be the appearance of Ricki Jean Norris as a "quick-change" artist when she models garments from her wardrobe which she designed herself. She is a Tabor senior, daughter of Mrs. Ruby Norris. Ricki hopes to take hair styling as her career.

Jean Fuller's talent will be demonstrated with a dramatic reading. Jean, a Whiteville 12th grader, is planning to enter Campbell College in the fall. Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Fuller are her parents.

Clara Mae Prince has not yet decided which talent she will utilize in this phase of the contest. She too is a Tabor graduate, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Car Prince.

Tabor City Jaycees, sponsor of the event, are still looking for more contestants. According to Jimmy Garrett, chairman, deadline for entering is next Saturday morning, April 29.

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Miss Soles is a Tabor graduate, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Soles Jr.; she is sponsored by Marie's Beauty Shop, Tabor City.

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JAMSIE WILLIAMSON



MARY LOUISE GILLIAND



DIANNE MERCER



RICKI JEAN NORRIS

Kindergarten Sets Program

Graduation exercises will be held Friday at 7 p. m. in the Chapel of the Saint Paul Methodist Church for Kelly's Kiddie Kindergarten class announced Mrs. Nell Buffkin, director.

W. Horace Carter will be the guest speaker.

Members of the graduating class include David Cook, Jimmy Mercer, Sandy Rogers, Kay Spivey, Sally Sweeley, Russell Grainger, Mark Hucks, Glenn Cartrette, Nelson Lee, Johnny Sarvis, Anne Shelley, Kathy Grainger, Brian Harrelson, Fred Jernigan, Jr. and Lenox Jernigan.

Raleigh Tigers In Whiteville

The Raleigh Tigers will meet the Kansas City Monarchs in Whiteville at Legion Memorial Field, Friday May 1, at 8 p. m.

Alumni of the Tigers include Charlie Neil and West Covington of the Milwaukee Braves who played with the Tigers in 1949.

The Tigers have high prospects for this year and the Monday game is expected to be a thriller according to officials.

All High School students are urged to attend the game and baseball players will be admitted at half price.

Food For Needy Soon Available

The first shipment of surplus food to be distributed in Columbus County to the needy arrived in Whiteville this week, according to Eldred Buffkin, director of the program, but organization of his office is yet incomplete. Securing adequate facilities to house the program offices has been a main problem, Buffkin said.

Buffkin was appointed by the county commissioners to head the program which was made possible by the government's accumulation of a backlog of surplus foods which President John Kennedy has made available for distribution to needy persons.

At a meeting earlier this year, the commissioners voted to participate in the program which is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. The county is responsible for hiring and paying the administrative personnel, and for transportation of the foods to local warehouses.

The county's department of welfare, headed by Mrs. Alice Wright, is responsible for certifying those persons seeking the foods. Mrs. Wright stated earlier this week that she hopes that an added case-worker will be assigned to her department to assist with the surplus foods program.

Those seeking the surplus foods must make application to the welfare department. Persons eligible include those who are receiving public assistance and general assistance, as well as others not on the assistance rolls now who the welfare department deem eligible; these include unemployed, parttime employed and other persons in need of food-assistance.

"However, the final determination of need will be the responsibility of the county superintendent of welfare," Buffkin noted.

Items to be distributed are corn meal, flour, rice, milk, lard, dry eggs, butter, peanut butter, pork and gravy, and rolled oats.



ELDRED BUFFKIN Program Director

Final Victor Announced For "My True Security" Contest

Angelia Powell, Williams Township senior, was announced winner of the Jaycees annual "My True Security" theme-writing contest after a final reading Tuesday afternoon in the studios of WTAB where the reading was recorded for broadcast this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Competing against her was Carrie Jean Wray, winner of the Tabor City phase of the contest. Miss Powell won, however, by a margin of only one point.

The "My True Security" contest is promoted by the Junior Chamber of Commerce to foster deeper thought on true value, as well as constructive writing.

Miss Powell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Powell, Clarendon R. 1, and Miss Wray's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wray, Tabor City R. 3.

The winner will be presented a plaque denoting the honor. Williams Township school will also retain a trophy received last year representing the largest number of students participating in the project.

Judges for the finals were Mrs. Harold Rogers, Loris; Miss Martha Harrelson, Whiteville High school teacher; and Ed Wall, probation officer assigned to Columbus county. R. C. Soles, Jr. was Jaycee chairman of the project.

Miss Powell stated in her theme that she believes that true security is based only on the spiritual and mental phases of life. "True security is found only in God," she wrote.

"After one has found security in God he will learn to know himself better. Then, when he has learned to know himself he will find that he possesses self-reliance and personal integrity-attributes which are necessary for one to find any real security."

Miss Wray stated, "To me security is not what you have but what you are." Later in her theme she stated, "To me a man's security is only as definite as his character is strong. Through our lifetime we must work to build strong characters by which to mold strong beliefs."

"Of course, God is the only true security in the end," she affirmed, but we cannot obtain this final security by merely saying we believe. After stating such it is up to us to live a life that will keep us worthy of final security."

Cook was a general agent for First National Life Insurance Co., with offices in Whiteville. He had lived in Chadbourn for about 15 years, though a native of Lake View, S. C.

He was a member of Chadbourn Baptist Church from which services were held Friday at 3 p. m., the Rev. Leo Hawkins and the Rev. Jimmy Johnson officiating. Burial was in Columbus Memorial Park in Whiteville.

A. A. Wright's Funeral Today

Arthur Augustus Wright, 87, retired saw mill superintendent, died at his home here Tuesday morning.

A native of Pembroke, Maine, he was a son of the late David Wright and Mary Smith Wright. He was a member of the Tabor City Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, (Wednesday) at 3 p. m. in the Inman Funeral Home with his pastor, the Rev. James H. Johnson, officiating, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Pugh. Burial will be in the Myrtle Green Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Charles Leggette, Venoy Stephens, Monroe Lee, Woodrow Sarvis, Garland Fowler and Reece Burroughs.

Honorary pallbearers include Jennings Strickland, Robert Fowler, G. L. Dorman, Dr. Hubert Todd, M. D. Thompson, Ben Nesmith, Dr. C. F. Simpson and J. A. Hufham Jr.

He is survived by his wife; the former Bertha Mae Crawford; one daughter, Mrs. Jason Harrelson of Barnwell, S. C.; seven sons, Howard and Freeman of Detroit, Mich., Phillip of Baltimore, Md., Olin of New Bern, Kenneth of Atlanta, Ga., Granville of New York City and Pembroke of Petersburg, Va.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Body Of Drowned Man Discovered At Fair Bluff

The body of English Darwin Cook, 37, Chadbourn - Whiteville insurance man, who drowned in Lumber River, at Fair Bluff nearly nine days earlier, was found early Thursday.

Capt. Elmo Hammond of the newly-organized Fair Bluff Rescue Squad, discovered the body floating in about 2 1/2 feet of water at about 7 a. m. while patrolling the area alone. The body was located at a spot half a mile downstream from where a light motorboat bearing Cook and a companion, Walter Haynes of Fair Bluff, overturned April 11. Haynes managed to swim ashore.

The two had been on a fishing trip on the river, swollen to overflowing by continuous rains.

The drowning set off one of the most extensive searches and rescue efforts ever known in North Carolina and the greatest ever held in this part of the state.

Rescue groups from Chadbourn, Lake Waccamaw and Lumberton, in North Carolina, and Marion, Mullins, Loris and Horry County, South Carolina as well as the Twin City (Loris and Tabor City) CAP Squadron joined with Fair Bluff's new group in the effort. Members of the Columbus County sheriff's department, Civil Air Patrol and State Highway Department joined in the search, which employed several scores of workers. Divers from Hartsville, S. C., Camp Lejeune and Wilmington also tried to locate the body.

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Cook was a member of Chadbourn Masonic Lodge No. 607 and was a veteran of World War II. Masonic rites were held at the funeral.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Marie Mercer Cook; a son, Ed Cook; three daughters, Rita Jo, Debbie and Jackie Cook, of Whiteville; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eston Cook, Mullins, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Grover, Mullins.

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MARBLE MARKER from which the author copies important dates, identifies the grave of J.J.P.F.M.D.V.V. Conner, a Porter Swamp native who served the Confederacy as a soldier at Fort Fisher. Conner had the stone created before his death and placed in the Powell Cemetery, Fair Bluff, but it was moved to the Porter Swamp site after he died. Members of his family never did have the date of his death inscribed on the stone. (Note the tattered and sun - bleached Confederate flag.)

ANGELIA POWELL