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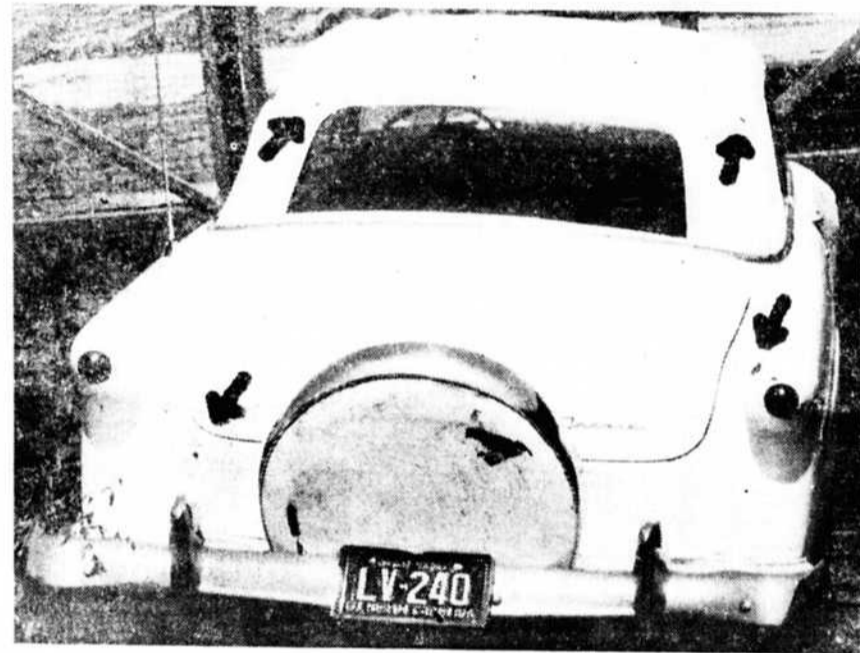
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## Investigation Underway By Officers In Death Of Young Man Near Border



DEATH CAR—The 1954 Ford with souped-up engine in which Charlie J. Fipps of Tabor City was killed Sunday morning, only to die after being shot during the pursuit, is shown above. Arrows at upper left, lower left and lower right point to bullet holes. Arrow at upper right points to a bullet hole but to what turned out to be a clip on the convertible's top. (Photo by Twin City Studios, Loris and Tabor City).

Charlie James Fipps, 20-year-old Tabor City airman, died at 5:10 a. m. Sunday at Conway Hospital after being shot during a more than 100-mile-per-hour chase in which he was shot when Tabor County Police were unable to stop him.

Sgt. George O. (Buddy) Fowler and County Policeman Willie Gause are at liberty under \$2,000 bond pending the outcome of an inquest. Coroner L. J. Blanton has indicated will be held next week. There is no formal charge against the officers, but they have been suspended from the force pending the outcome of an investigation.

The inquest will be held when an investigation by SLED officers, requested by County Police Chief H. B. Harrelson, is complete. Sheriff Tom Cannon was called in by Harrelson to aid SLED and County Police in the investigation.

A latest report Tuesday afternoon, the investigation ordered by County Police Chief H. B. Harrelson is still underway by State Law Enforcement officers and Sheriff Tom Cannon.

Coroner Blanton gave this resume of events:

County Policeman Olin Blanton, whose resignation was to be effective Monday, began to chase Fipps seven miles north of Conway on Hwy. 701. Quickly outdistanced, he radioed through County Police Headquarters to Fowler and Gause to stop Fipps.

Fowler and Gause set up a road block at the point where

Hwy. 701 veers to the right at its intersection with Railroad Ave. Fipps slowed but as Fowler attempted to wave him to the side of the highway with a flashlight, swerved suddenly and drove around the road block, nearly hitting Fowler.

The officers gave chase down Railroad Ave., Main St. and back on Hwy. 701 toward Tabor City. Near Howard, unable to catch Fipps, who ignored the flashing red light and police siren, Fowler fired at the fleeing car with a carbine. One of the shots hit Fipps in

the head and his car wrecked. Fipps, an airman at Pope AFB, Fayetteville, had been visiting his mother and stepfather in Tabor City for the week-end. He was a son of the late Harry Fipps and Mrs. Leola Mercer Spivey.

Funeral services were held Monday at 4 p. m. from St. James Methodist church in Tabor City by the Rev. P. H. Layfield, pastor.

Interment, with full military honors at the graveside, was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

The airman is survived by his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spivey of Tabor City; two sisters, Mrs. A. W. Harrelson, Jr. of Tabor City, and Mrs. Wendell Verden of Crescent Beach; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fipps of Chadbourn; and by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Leola Mercer, Rt. 1, Chadbourn.

**RIGHT MOTIVES**  
Right motives give pinions to thought and strength and freedom to speech and action.

—Mary Baker Eddy  
However brilliant an action, it should not be esteemed great unless the result of a great and good motive.

—La Rochefoucauld

## Grainger Begins Term

One of the principals in the long crusade waged by this newspaper several years ago against bootlegging and evasion came to justice April 4, when John Dudley (Dud) Grainger began serving a two-year sentence in the Federal penitentiary at Tallahassee, Fla.

Previously placed on probation in Federal Court in Wilmington for an offense emanating from the delivery and receipt of a large quantity of low-alcohol whiskey that netted him a \$3,000 fine and forfeiture of three automobiles, Grainger was indicted again in 1959 for selling white whiskey to informants of the Alcoholic and Tobacco Tax agents.

While being found guilty at that time on six counts of violating the liquor laws, Grainger had managed to stay out of prison by appealing to the Fourth District Court of Appeals. That appeal followed his conviction in April 1959. He has been free since that time pending the appeal decision.

The appellate court dismissed the appeal and the case went back to Florence where he was arrested April 4, and carried to the federal penitentiary to begin serving the 24-month term.

He moved for a shorter term after the appeal failed and was sentenced to two years instead of the three years originally given at the lower court trial.

Primary charge in the six counts against Grainger was that of trying to corrupt a witness by bribing him to change his story. In the words of the indictment for which he was found guilty it read, "About November 26, 1959, John D. Grainger, with corrupt intent, did unlawfully, knowingly and corruptly endeavor to influence one H. O. Allen who the defendant then and there well knew was a witness in a certain criminal case then pending against him and another in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina, entitled 'The United States of America vs. John Dudley Grainger and William Andrews Orvil, criminal No. 22371.'"

Whereas said defendant and William Andrews Orvil were charged in four counts in an indictment with violating Sec. 5691-5698 and 5632 (liquor laws) of the Internal Revenue Department and which said violation contained in said indictment now constitute and are identical with counts designated as first, second, third and fourth of this indictment. That is to say that at said time and place, the defendant did unlawfully, knowingly, wilfully and corruptly endeavor to influence the said H. O. Allen to refuse to tell the whole truth regarding his knowledge of the liquor offenses charged in the indictment.

In addition thereto and contrary to telling the truth, said defendant unlawfully and corruptly endeavored to persuade said H. O. Allen, whom he knew intended to appear in court on behalf of the United States as a witness against him in connection with the pending charges, to appear when said case was called for trial and to falsely testify and thereby commit willful and corrupt perjury.

In another count against Grainger the court charged that he wilfully and corruptly gave the sum of \$200 to H. O. Allen whom the defendant knew was a witness against him.

It is motive alone that gives character to the actions of men.

—Bruyere

## Howard Harrelson Re-bids For Office



HOWARD HARRELSON First To File

## Berry Dance Tomorrow Nite In Chadbourn

Woody Herman and his Herd will furnish the music tomorrow (Thursday) night for Chadbourn's annual Strawberry Festival dance, scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. in Myers were from North and South Carolina are to be trying for the "Miss Strawberry Festival" crown, including Miss Tabor City, Sam Spivey.

George Pollock, president of the Merchant's association, is overall chairman of the festival. Mrs. Vera Brewer is chairman of the queen's committee and Hershey Hips is chairman of the princess contestant committee.

Entering floats in the parade will be 23 organizations. Also bands from both Carolinas will perform and try for the prize money which is given each year to the three most outstanding bands.

The festival will begin with luncheon at 12:30 for Strawberry festival guests and dignitaries. The parade will begin at 2 p. m. and judging of queens will get underway at the six o'clock dinner.

The queen will be crowned at 8 o'clock at Myers Warehouse.

Dignitaries attending the festival include L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, North Carolina commissioner of Agriculture, and County Representative Arthur W. Williamson.

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## Banquet Set For Athletes

Four outstanding athletes will be recognized Monday night at a banquet held by the Tabor City High school awards night banquet. Stars and letters will also be presented to players.

Members of the Rotary, Civitan and Jaycee organizations and their wives have been invited to join members of the team and their friends for the banquet, scheduled to begin in the school cafeteria at seven o'clock.

The four main awards are: H. G. Dameron award to the most valuable football player; Civitan award to the most valuable basketball player on the boys' team.

Jack Strickland award to the most outstanding girl basketball player.

Coaches of the respective teams — Burney Stevens and John Small — will present the coveted trophies.

The Arthur Prince award, usually bestowed to the most outstanding baseball player, will not be given this year as the sport was deleted from the athletic schedule this year.

Student speakers will be featured on the program, according to Principal Randall Burleson. Jackie Small, president of the Monogram club, will preside. Speakers will include Douglas Soles, Rachel Cox, Judy Grainger, Wayne Stevens and Harold Hughes.

They will discuss the various phases of the school's athletic program.

Other patrons of the schools who are not members of the civic clubs to attend, are also invited, according to Principal Burleson. He asks that they call his office to arrange for reservation at \$1.50 each.

**ATTENDS MARKET**  
High Point, Willard Wright, Wright's Furn & Gas Co., Tabor City, is attending the

Southern Furniture Market. Focal point for the Southern Furniture Market is the Southern Furniture-Exposition Building in High Point. The Market covers over an area that stretches 100 miles along roads known as the "Furniture Highway." The area houses the greatest concentration of furniture production in the world. Buyers attend from coast to coast.

**ATTENDS SHOW**  
Lewis Sikes of the Tabor Hardware and Furniture Company attended the Furniture Show in High Point last week.



MARY LOUISE TOWNE  
Whiteville



JUDITH NIX  
Tabor City



JAMISIE WILLIAMSON  
Evergreen



JAYE MOORE SOLES  
Tabor City



LINDA JOAN BEST  
Whiteville

studied voice for two years, and dancing for the same number; and other music lessons of seven Miss Soles, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Soles, Jr., has completed her freshman year at East Carolina College where she was a finalist in a beauty contest. She is sponsored by Marie's Beauty Shop.

Jamsie Williamson will be sponsored by the Evergreen Home Demonstration club. She is a senior in the Bladenboro schools, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson. A piano rendition will comprise her talent presentation.

Mary Louise Towne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Towne, Whiteville, will dance as she has in many other contests throughout the area. She was the recent winner of the Miss Columbus Theatre contest in Whiteville.

Unusual as it may seem, Mary Louise Filiand describes her talent to be displayed on the Tabor City stage as "Concerning dancing and fashion designing." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gilliland of Hillsboro and sponsored by the Lake Waccamaw Lions club.

Ricki Jean Norris, a Tabor City entry, will also utilize fashion designing in her act. Miss Norris is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Norris. After graduation from high school this year she plans to pursue a career in hair styling.

Dianne Mercer of Chadbourn will be another singer on the talent program. A former Miss Chadbourn High, she plans to enroll at Franklin School of Technology next year. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Mercer. She is sponsored by the Charm Beauty Shop in Chadbourn.

Linda Joan Best, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Best, Whiteville, also promises to dance, a talent she has been developing for seven years. She is sponsored by Whiteville's Civitan club.

## 10 Candidates Vie For County Crown

A tough time is promised the judges of the 1961 Miss Columbus County pageant, scheduled to begin at eight o'clock, May 12. One of the most varied programs of talent to be rendered by the beauties in the five-year history of the pageant is expected.

The number of beauties slated to compete now stands at ten: Jean Kimball Fuller of Whiteville withdrew from the contest this week because of another commitment.

Robin Williamson of Conway will direct this year's edition, and included on the list of entertainers are Judy Hill (Miss Myrtle Beach) who will do a specialty act, and Carol Hewitt (Miss Brunswick County) with the Shallotte Sextet. Gail Miller (Miss Lake View) will be a special guest, according to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the event.

Judges will include Gloria

Penney (Miss International Tobacco Queen), of Mullins; and Jacob Jennings, a former Representative of Lee county.

The \$750,000 educational scholarship to go to the winner of the crown has added incentive to the pageant.

Riegelwood will be represented in the lineup by Barbara Moses, 18, of Acme Delco. She will demonstrate her ability with a baton. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moses.

Judith Laverne Nix, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nix of Tabor City, will be singing while she attempts to win the talent-phase of the contest. Having studied voice for four years, piano for eight, she has appeared in numerous musicals, including the lead role in "The King and I" recently. She

is sponsored by Tabor Hardware and Furniture Company. Jaye Moore Soles, Tabor City, will also sing. She has

## HOW THEY SOLVE

## The Trouble With Truants

BY—WRAY THOMPSON

During the past six weeks six youngsters of Tabor City have been sent to training schools, four of them within the month of April; the reason—failing to go to school.

North Carolina law demands that children attend school. But in Recorder's court last month, adult-members of three different families asked the judge to believe that they were unable to force their children to comply with the law.

According to the law of this state, any parent or guardian violating these laws shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is liable to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00. Failing to pay said fine can require imprisonment in the county jail of not less than 30 days.

Imprisonment, however, is rare in Columbus county when parents are judged guilty of failing to send their children to school; they usually are granted a suspended sentence and told to comply with the law, as was the case of the three families cited above when they made previous appearances in the court.

The four boys involved were summoned before juvenile court. Ultimately they were sent away where they will remain until they are 16 years of age, or longer if the authorities deem necessary.

**Attendance Worker**  
The county employs an attendance worker to investigate truancy. Mrs. Floy Parker of Chadbourn, Mrs. Parker, known also as a "visiting teacher," was a classroom teacher taking up her new duties 10 years ago.

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They are now in a training school.

Another case involved the son of a woman who at times had been a patient in a mental hospital. Probably out of embarrassment, the boy would not go to school with any regularity. When he was brought before Juvenile Judge Lee Greer the second time, he was given the choice of training school. Today, two years later, the boy is an excellent student, having left his mother's home and joined the household of his grandparents in another area where few people are aware of his mother's illness.

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