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Inquest In Fipps' Death Friday Night

An inquest into the death of Charlie Fipps, 20-year-old Tabor City Airman, shot while fleeing from Horry County police officers early the morning of April 30, will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the courthouse in Conway, according to Coroner Littlejohn Blanton.

Fipps died in Conway hospital. He had been shot in the head. An autopsy was performed but the results have not been made public.

At liberty under \$2,000 bond each and suspended from the Horry County Police force are Sgt. Buddy Fowler and Policeman Willis Gause. No charge has been lodged against them. Fighting officers said that Gause was driving the police car from which Fowler shot at Fipps' speeding car during a more-than-100-miles-an-hour chase on Hwy. 701 north of Loris.

The chase actually began seven miles north of Conway when Policeman Olin D. Blanton attempted to catch Fipps' speeding car. Failing, he radioed through County Police Headquarters for Fowler and Gause to set up a road block. They set one up just south of Loris but Fipps swerved around it and raced away. It was in the subsequent chase between Loris and Tabor City that Fipps was shot, being struck by one of three or four bullets fired at his car.

Community Give That Hospital May Grow Better

The new addition to Loris Community Hospital, to be opened formally Sunday at 2:30 p. m. with appropriate ceremonies is a monument to community solidarity as evidenced by all the people who worked and gave that it might be constructed.

Some three score individuals, firms and groups contributed funds to make the new facility possible.

The giving began with a \$10,000 contribution from members of the hospital's medical staff.

Those furnishing rooms included the Woodmen of the World Camp 1075; The South Carolina Public Service Authority; Farmers Bank, Loris; Cash Store, Essie Derham, Prime Chevrolet Co., The Loris Sentinel and Tabor City Tribune; Watkins Lumber Co.; Loris Drug Store, Carolina Department Store, James E. Cooney, architect; L. P. Gas Corporation, Blackburn and Todd Insurance Agency, the W. F. Cox Co., of Loris and Tabor City; Gateway Pharmacy, the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. of Tabor City; Inman Funeral Home of Tabor City; the Horry Telephone Cooperative; Wolpert's Department Store; Ruy's Clothing Store of Tabor City; The Horton Brothers, S. F. of Loris, and R. G. of Conway.

Other contributors included S. Preston Douglas of Lumberton; G. V. Singletary and Sons of Chadbourne; Southern Hospital Records of Charlotte; C. B. Dolge Co., Sealtest Foods, Cheraw Brick Works, Mrs. Louise Eidson, Carolina Fertilizer Co., Mrs. T. E. Duke, Loris Radio and Appliance, Horne's Insurance Agency, Inc., R. R. Rogers, Peoples Hardware, M. M. Rogers, Loris Equipment Co., Western Auto Associate Store, J. M. Soles, Jr., Harrleston Pharmacy, W. H. Shelley, C. C. Soles and Sons, Harriet L. Sikes, V. J. Thriftway, Suggs and Gardee's Red and White Food Store, Waccamaw Lumber Co., G. Garland Fowler Agency, Grainger Block Co., Troy McPherson, Dilmor Oil Co., Latta, Henry's Trading Post, Powers Florist, The Coffee Shop, A. D. Strickland, Leder-Potter Department Store, Green Sea Baptist church, and Mrs. Ora S. Gause.

FAYETTEVILLE VISITOR
Mrs. Mildred Reeves visited in Fayetteville Sunday.

Violence Sends Two To Hospital From State Line

Violence broke out again on State Line Saturday night and two men were taken to Loris Community Hospital for treatment.

Fentress Foley, 28, of Thomsville, was taken to the hospital for treatment of pistol wounds, suffering from one bullet in one leg and two in the other leg.

SLED Agent James Anderson, said his investigation showed that Elwanda Ward, wife of E. B. Ward, shot Foley but that the latter refused to press charges. The shooting occurred about 8:30 p. m.

About 11 p. m., Anderson said, Elbert Stroud, 29, of Rt. 1, Fair Bluff, was severely cut and was taken to the hospital where, Anderson said, he named Keith Fowler as his assailant. Anderson said Stroud was carrying a pistol. Stroud was released from the hospital after treatment.

Anderson said both the shooting and the cutting occurred at Elts Place, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Waddell left Sunday for Florida. Mrs. Waddell is Ab Ward's daughter. Coroner Littlejohn Blanton said Jiggs Waddell promised to return in time for an inquest into the death of Charlie Fipps, of Tabor City, shot while fleeing from pursuing Horry County Police early the morning of April 30. The inquest has been set for 7:30 p. m. Friday at the courthouse in Conway.

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2 Bootleggers Sent To Prison For Two Years

Two more Horry County bootleggers began serving prison terms at the Federal penitentiary at Tallahassee, Fla., this week.

A. U. S. District Court judge in Florence Monday ordered that Tim Strickland and Dayton Strickland serve two years each, revoking a five year probation under which they had been at liberty.

Several weeks ago state and county police officers arrested the pair after finding a 10,000 pound load of sugar being discharged near their home.

They were tried in Horry county on charges of possessing supplies for the illicit manufacture of liquor but were freed when A. B. Small claimed the still near which the sugar was found.

Later Small was released from the Horry County chain gang when an uncle paid his fine. ATTD agents presented in court a statement from Small.

John Dudley (Dud) Grainger, another widely known Horry bootlegger, began serving a two year sentence at Tallahassee on April 4.

Rupert Prince Funeral Today

Rupert Prince, 32 farmer of Route 1, Tabor City, died unexpectedly at his home Monday.

Funeral services will be held today (Wednesday) at 3 p. m. in the Inman Funeral Home with the Rev. Zeddie Ward officiating. Burial will be in the Forest Lawn Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ella Stroud Prince of Route 1, Tabor City; five brothers, Carl, Ralph, Leon, all of Tabor City; Gleon of Cerro Gordo and Oscar of Baltimore, Md.; four sisters, Mrs. Ora Strickland and Miss Stella Prince of Tabor City; Mrs. Gladys Strickland of Fair Bluff, and Mrs. Vera Heath of Wilmington.



8. Judith Laverne Nix



1. Linda Joan Best



3. Ricki Jean Norris



6. Jamsie Williamson



4. Mary Louise Gilliland



5. Jaye Moore Soles



9. Barbara Moses



2. Diana Mercer

Beauty Pageant Set For Friday Nite



7. Mary Etta Louise Towne

Miss Columbus County number-5 will leave the Tabor City school stage \$750.00 richer after Friday night's pageant, sponsored by the Tabor City Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Nine girls are bidding for the title, representing virtually every main area of the county. They are Linda Joan Best and Mary Etta Louise Towne, both of Whiteville; Diana Mercer, Chadbourne; Rickie Jean Norris, Tabor City; Mary Louise Gilliland, Hallsboro; Jaye Moore Soles, Tabor City; Barbara Moses, Acme; Jamsie Williamson, Evergreen; and Judith Laverne Nix, Tabor City.

The pageant will be directed by Robin Williamson, a Conway native who has had extensive experience as an actress, model, and cover girl; her

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Honor 5 At Athletic Banquet

W. W. Woody Eyes 5th Term On Town Board

Tabor City's political pace quickened this week with the filing of a second candidate for one of the three public offices up for election June 13. Tuesday found W. W. Woody filing with Town Clerk Marion Gerrel with intentions of trying to keep his seat on the Town Commission. Mayor Howard Harrelson and Commissioner Kenneth Ray's terms also expire this year.

Harrelson filed as a mayoral candidate a week ago, and to date remains unopposed. At least one other candidate is expected to enter the race, Harold Ward. However, although Ward says that he wants to run, he has not yet filed. Ward is 31, employed by the post office, and refers to himself as politically "non-partisan."

Horace Cox, 35, another Civil Service employee, has stated publicly that he will make a bid for one of the commissioners' posts, but has not filed.

Registration books will be open each Saturday through May 27, according to Registrar Frank Nesmith. Challenge day has been set for June 3.

Chip Cox Is Winner Again

Chip Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Cox, was judged the Columbus County spelling champion for the second consecutive year in Whiteville Thursday morning.

The Bee Contest was held in the Columbus County Board of Education building with entries from six schools participating.

Chip, an eighth grade student in the Tabor City School, was first place winner and will receive his second two year scholarship to Wilmington Junior College, Wilmington.

Plans are now in the making to change Wilmington to a four year college. If plans are enforced within the next six years Chip can use both scholarships.

"Besides spelling I really like reading and science," said Chip. He also likes stamp collecting, baseball, football, and basketball.

When asked what he wanted to major in as a college student he said "I haven't thought much about it but I want to be an airplane pilot someday."

Chip will compete in the district spelling "Bee" on May 12 at 7:30 p. m. in Brogden Hall, Wilmington.

Runner-up in the county contest was Roy Lane, sixth grader from Acme Delco School.

Other entries were Janet Dalton, Fair Bluff; Cheryl Floyd, Cerro Gordo; Cynthia Stanley, Williams Township; and Jeanette Yow, Hallsboro.

Franchisee was Mrs. Rachel Woodard, supervisor of education for the Whiteville Schools system.

Judges were Miss Ruth Mearns, Mrs. Horry Edwards and Mrs. Jim Walsh.



SPELLIN' CHIP COX



LEON EDW. FONVIELLE



SAMMY WILLIAMS



ROGER SMALL



JUDY GRAINGER

Leon Edward Fonvielle was named Tabor City's most valuable football player at the annual athletic banquet held Monday evening in the school cafeteria, and was presented the H. G. Dameron Award by its donor.

The Rotary Award, given to the most improved football player, was presented to Sammy Williams by Richard Gordon.

Judy Grainger was selected as the most outstanding player on her basketball team and was granted the Jack Strickland Award by Sam Jackson.

The Civitan Award, given for the most valuable basketball player on the boys team, went to Roger Small, with presentation made by William Shelley.

Fonvielle has been a member of the varsity football team for three years and described by Coach Berney Stevens as "the fastest man on the squad."

"He is also a good academic student," said Stevens. Leon arrived at the banquet just as the awards were to be given, having been on a restricted schedule for several months while ill.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. Fonvielle, and a member of the junior class. Other athletic endeavors include 2 years as the catcher on the baseball team and track.

Williams, a freshman, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams. According to his coach he was a defensive tackle during his freshman year, but this season played both offensive and defensive positions. Too, he was a first baseman on the baseball team last year.

"He wasn't on our basketball team this year," remarked Stevens, "but he would have been mighty good material." He added, "We are expecting two more years of good playing from Sammy."

Small is also a sophomore, and a member of the variety team for two years; a quarterback, and an agile passer.

"We were very pleased with his record this year," said his coach, "for he made more points than either of his other team-mates."

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Small.

Judy Grainger, the only girl to receive an athletic trophy Tuesday night, is a senior and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kiefer Grainger.

Couch John Small said Tuesday, "She's a fine guard, and we certainly hate to loose her. Along with the athletes receiving recognition for their



Local Youngster Is Indicted For Murder

A thirteen-year-old Tabor City student will appear before Lee J. Greer, judge of Columbus County's juvenile court, on charges of murdering his stepfather on Nov. 6, 1960.

A grand jury returned a true bill against the youngster Tuesday for the murder of Arton Lee Cox, 29. Earlier a recorder's jury had exonerated young Lee after hearing his mother testify that Cox arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hardee near Tabor City, and tried to force her to return to their own home. Mrs. Cox's statement that the son fired the fatal rifle shot into

her husband as he was abusing her was verified by a sister, Mrs. Theima Hardie.

Prior to the coroner's inquest of Nov. 13, Mrs. Cox's father had claimed firing the rifle, according to Sheriff Ben Duke who conducted the investigation of the truck-driver's death.

The grand jurors, in session in Whiteville this week, delivered their decision after lengthy consideration of new facts. After the bill of indictment was read before Judge William Y. Bickett, a motion to quash it was made by Attorney D. Frank McGowan, Jr., representing the youngster.

Judge Bickett allowed the motion and the case was remanded to juvenile court for proper disposition with a hearing probably to be set within the next ten days.

John Kanipe, Jr. In Fraternity

John Kanipe, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kanipe, Sr. of Fair Bluff was tapped into Blue Key Honor Fraternity at N. C. State College recently. John is one of "15" new members selected for this honor. He is a junior in Agricultural education.

The Fraternity was founded in October 1924 to perpetuate the belief of God to preserve the principals of good citizenship and to promote the best interest of the students.

The members selected are considered to be the outstanding members of their class. Selection for this membership is the highest honor a Junior can receive at the College.

The Fraternity recognizes outstanding qualities in character, scholarship, and service, placing equal emphasis upon leadership in student activities. Membership is composed of graduate and under graduate students of all departments of American College and universities.

Each year Blue Key co-sponsors the homecoming celebrations at State. Annually the fraternity presents the Citizenship award to the senior who has distinguished himself as "the foremost citizen of his class."

In addition Blue Key cooperates with other campus organizations to perpetuate a more meaningful campus life.

Hail Storm Strikes Area

Green Sea, seven miles south of Tabor City, was baraged with hail stones Tuesday night leaving many fields blanketed with ice and the small tobacco plants beat flat to the earth.

An electrical storm which prevailed simultaneously, occurred around 10:30, worst damage was done in a half-mile strip where the John Clemmons farm is located. Hail fell in great quantities in an area covering approximately a mile, including the communities of Carolina, Green Sea and Zion. Reports of broken windows in homes, as well as in automobiles, were received.

An unofficial estimate made by an insurance adjuster placed the damages in one tobacco field at fifty-percent. Had the tobacco been mature, he said total loss would have been possible.

Although the torrential rains had subsided by daylight Wednesday, some of the hail was still lying in the area.

Autry Barnhill, weather reporter for WLSC, said that he had seen many of the hail stones one-half inch in diameter. Residents in the Clemmons farm area said, though, that some of the stones were the size of an egg, and many the size of a golf ball.

work by way of letters and stars, Alice Wynne Kelly was acknowledged as the season's outstanding cheerleader. Both coaches agreed that she "is always attentive at practices and games, well-liked by her classmates, and shows an abundance of school spirit."

Alice is the daughter of Mrs. Wister O. Jackson, Jr.

KANNAPOLIS VISITORS
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin West and daughter, Ann, of Kannapolis visited in the home of her brother Lloyd Higgs, Mrs. Higgs and family during the weekend.

NOT SOUPED UP!
The automobile in which Charlie Fipps was shot while being chased by Horry County Rural police was "not souped up" according to his mother. "The motor was a regular Mercury motor in a Ford car," she said.