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## Production Off 92 Percent But Hope Felt For Yam Mart

Low yields are the major problem of Columbus County sweet potato growers, but this problem can probably be overcome.

The call to redevelop this long time standby of the Tabor City area was sounded at a sweet potato meeting on production and marketing held here Tuesday night. The Young Farmers Club sponsored the session.

Farmers and businessmen attending the meeting, as well as two representatives of Tabor City Foods, Inc., and Corbett Canning Company.

Ken Lovell, Executive - secretary of the Merchants Association, pointed out that yam brought farmers of the area \$1,260,000 in 1953. The Tabor City Marketing Company handled 531,900 bushels that year.

In comparison, last year the volume dropped to 40,000 bushels and farmers received only

\$120,000. There is a definite need for the money brought by sweet potatoes in this area, Lovell said.

Charles Raper, County agent, declared, "We feel that we have the best sweet potato market in the country. We not only have the fresh market but we have two yam processors to take our No. 2s and jumbos."

Henry Covington, State Extension Agent, discussed modern production methods, emphasizing the need for planned chemical fertilizer programs.

E. K. Sanierison of Newton Grove described his state championship - yield of last year. He produced 134 bushels of No. 1 sweet potatoes on a measured acre.

Dr. M. W. Hoover of State College described new products for sweet potatoes, especially new sweet potato flakes. For production of sweet potato flakes a new factory is now being built at Windsor.



NEW RADIOS — The communications system of the Tabor City Police Department was strengthened yesterday with installation of new transmitters and receivers, giving the department three times the broadcasting area previously possible. Officer Harry Bruton (center) demonstrates the transceiver located in the police station, while Assistant Chief Ted Watts uses his mobile unit (right); Mrs. Marian Garrell is shown using a walkie-talkie located in the town hall.

## Town Joins County PD Radio Network

Tabor City police have had their radio broadcasting facilities trippled in range and effectiveness with the installation of a new system yesterday.

Several months ago the Federal Communications Commission outlawed the frequencies used by the sheriff's department and police departments throughout the county. To make the necessary changes over, several large electronics firms were invited to submit bids on the new equipment required.

To take advantage of the savings allowed by buying equipment along with the county Tabor City was required to make her purchase before the supplier's contract expired.

Of the new station, Mayor Howard Harrelson (who is also police commissioner) said "The new system is far superior to the old one. We had lost our communication ties with the sheriff and other police stations in the county, but now we have regained them, and much more coverage."

Local police are also able to monitor calls made by the Highway Patrol.

## Big Still Cut Near Log Cabin Tuesday Morn

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## Cartrette Captured Friday Near Home Trial Is Tuesday

Thomas Gaston Cartrette, alleged rapist of a 14-year-old girl, was captured Friday near his Williams Township home five days after fleeing from his arresting officer.

Members of the sheriff's department and Horace Shaw, County Bureau of Investigation, were summoned Friday to an area near the home of Cartrette's sister by Deputy Auty Godwin who had spotted his car parked nearby. The officers arrested Cartrette without resistance.

On Sunday, May 21, a warrant was sworn out charging Cartrette with ravishing a 14-year-old girl of Evergreen. The alleged rape supposedly occurred in the Cartrette home after he arrived early Sunday morning in her company as well as two teen-age boys and a second girl. The girl told officers that Cartrette forced her into a bedroom and raped her.

On Thursday, May 24 (one day before he was captured), Cartrette was interviewed by a county newspaperman. Questioned on his reasons for fleeing from Deputy Godwin when a warrant was being served on May 21, Cartrette gave the following as his reasons:

"I realized that rape is a capital crime, to me meaning electrocution. I knew that if I was jailed I would not be released on bond and I would not have a chance to find out just what I did that Saturday night and Sunday morning."

Cartrette claims that he was brought to his home by the two young couples after a drinking session at the Sand-Box, a Lumber River dance place. He said that he was so highly intoxicated that he remembers nothing of the action of which he is accused.

"Because I have served time in prison (but not for a capital crime), I knew that a jury would automatically find me guilty. So I had to have to find out what happened."

Cartrette said that he did not believe that he could have committed such a crime while in such an extreme drunken condition.

Cartrette gave this version of the Saturday night and Sunday under investigation.

He said that he and his wife and two children were preparing to leave for a movie when

a nephew, Grady Nealey, came to the home and suggested that the Cartrette go with him to the Sand-Box. Arrangements were made to take his children and Mrs. Cartrette to her parents.

Later, Cartrette said that he was left at the Tourist Grill in Chatham while Nealey went for his date. Nealey returned around 11 p. m. with two girls and Jerry Duncan, a Belmont resident. The five proceeded to the Sand-Box.

The accused man stated that he bought some whiskey later that night and got progressively worse. Early Sunday morning his party brought him home, along with four or five others who had been at the Sand-Box; they did not remain at the Cartrette home long, he believes.

On the same morning Deputy Godwin arrived at the Cartrette home with the warrant charging him with rape. While he was being allowed a change of clothing he escaped, he said.

Later the girl was taken to the Columbus County hospital by order of the sheriff's department where a doctor's examination revealed that had a subject of intercourse.

Sheriff Duke said today that trial will probably be held next Tuesday.

## Mrs. Cronkhite Dies Tuesday; Rites Set Today

Mrs. Irene Adams Cronkhite, wife of Phil Cronkhite, manager of the Horry County Farmers Market died unexpectedly Tuesday morning while undergoing major surgery.

Funeral services will be held from the Loris Methodist church today (Wednesday) at 2 p. m. to be announced later.

The family requested that flowers be omitted in favor of memorials made to the church of the choice of those who would normally choose to send flowers.

Graveside services will be held Allegan, Michigan.

Mrs. Cronkhite had taught in the Green Sea schools and was an active member of the Loris Methodist church. She was treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and had served as acting superintendent of the church's youth division and as a Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Cronkhite was born at Allegan, Mich., Sept. 5, 1911. She was a daughter of Mrs. Minnie Sprague Adams and the late Frank Adams.

Survivors include her mother and husband, five daughters: Mrs. Donald Myers, East Lansing, Mich.; Miss Martha Cronkhite, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Miss Lorah Cronkhite, East Lansing, Mich.; Miss Gail Cronkhite and Miss Susan Cronkhite, both of Loris; three brothers: Shalto Adams, Canton, O.; Clare Adams, and Leo Adams, both of Allegan, Mich.; and six sisters: Mrs. William Collick, Mrs. Martha Linsey, Mrs. Larry Cramer and Mrs. Art Tisher, all of Allegan, Mich.; Mrs. Bennie Crowfoot, Carlsbad, N. M.; and Mrs. Walter Cassidy, Long Beach, Calif.

## Deadline

Filing for one of the three town offices up for election June 13, will cease at noon Saturday, June 3.

Thus far only two men have filed for the vacancy to exist with the expiration of Howard Harrelson's term, Harold Ward and Harrelson.

W. W. Woody has re-bid for his seat on the Board of Commissioners. The only other candidate for a commissioner's job has been Edis D. Garrell who filed Tuesday in the town hall. Commissioners Woody and Kenneth Ray both expire.

The only other candidate for the mayor's office is Eldred (Sappy) Waddell was defeated by Harrelson two years ago.

## Liability Rate Hike Backed By Agents

The North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance has been requested to increase automobile liability insurance rates for passenger cars by 18.7 percent, according to Hector McNeill, president of the Columbus County Association of Insurance Agents.

Insurance companies are experiencing severe losses on automobile liability insurance in the Tar Heel state, according to McNeill. "The losses for the state during the first two years during which compulsory insurance was in effect totaled \$18,087,972.

He also pointed out that the number of automobile accidents in the state has increased at a much faster rate than the rise in number of automobiles on the roads.

If permission to raise the rates is granted, cost of a \$5,000/\$10,000 bodily injury and \$5,000 property damage liability protection policy would be increased as follows:

Class 1A—Individually owned car, without any male drivers under age 25, used for pleasure only, \$6 increase.

Class 1B—Individually owned car, without any male drivers under age 25, customarily used to go to work a distance of less than 10 road miles one way, \$7.00.

Class 1C—Individually owned car, without any male driver under age 25, used to go to work a distance of 10 or more road miles one way, \$9.00.

Class 2A—Individually owned car with one or more male drivers under age 25, none of those being the owner or principal operator; also a car owned and operated by a married male under age 25, \$12.00.

Class 2C—Car owned or principally operated by an unmarried male under age 25, \$19.00.

Class 3—Car owned by an individual and used for business; not driven by a male under age 25; also car owned by partnership or corporation, \$9.00.

Class 1AF—Farm car, without any male drivers under age 25, used for pleasure only, \$5.00.

Class 2AF—Farm car with one or more drivers under age 25, none of these being the owner or principal operator; also a farm car owned and operated by a married male under age 25, \$8.00.

Class 2CF—Farm car owned or principally operated by an unmarried male under age 25, \$14.00.

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## Angelia Powell Is '61 Dairy Princess

A pretty blue-eyed Bethel youngster was chosen from a roster of eleven contestants to serve as the county's 1961 Dairy Princess in the area competition slated for Tuesday, June 6 in Burgaw.

The county's preliminary, held in the county agriculture building, Whiteville, last Thursday, was sponsored by the Columbus County Dairy-men's Association and was directed by Mrs. Phillip Strode. Angelia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joannie Powell, Clarendon R. 1. She has received a number of awards during her senior year at Williams Township school, including the Jaycees' "My True Security" contest, and many distinctions for her home economy projects and 4-H work. Too, she was the subject of a recent Tribune feature which used her as the typical "average student" of Columbus County.

She plans to enter East Carolina University.

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## Unavoidable

A coroner's jury held Friday night that the death of Larry Keith Fowler, 14 year old boy struck down by a car as he rode on Hwy. 701, was an unavoidable accident.

The young boy was killed May 18 when he was struck down by a car driven by Roger Floyd on Hwy. 701.

The jury was told that Fowler and a chum were riding at the center of the highway going toward Tabor City. Floyd said he did not see either bike, neither of which had a light, until he was on top of them. One swerved to the right and the other to the left, he said.

## RUDOLPH FAIRCLOTH . . .

## Prominent Newsman Had Tabor City Start

"Faircloth, it looks as if I'll have to teach you how to play poker."

Rudolph Faircloth, a Tabor City native, looked around and agreed with the man addressing him—President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

These words were exchanged shortly before the President departed from the White House. Faircloth was at Warm Springs, Ga., on an assignment by Associated Press to cover each move made by the informed Mr. Roosevelt in his Little White House.

This picture contrasts sharply with the young Rudolph Faircloth of almost 30 years ago; the summer of 1921 found the Tabor City youth helping a Chapel Hill artist paint a mural in the local Baptist church. When the job was completed, Ruidi was invited to accompany the artist to the University campus. He accepted.

During the next few seasons he was a student during the school year, and artist's-helper during summers. Later he joined the staff of Woodfin Photographers, where he stayed for the next ten years.

"I learned everything I know from Mrs. Woodin, head of the firm," says Faircloth today.

He must have been an adept student; today he is rated as one of the nation's top photographers; he has photographed many historical events during his career, and is currently head of his department at Associated Press' Raleigh office.

From Coal Mine to Battlefield Pearl Harbor Day in 1941 found Faircloth with an important decision to make—should he take the job offered by a Los Angeles portrait firm;

or should he accept AP's bid to join them. He chose the latter and within a few weeks was on his way to one of his most important challenges—to report the situation of "Bloody Harlan, Kentucky."

Harlan was a coal mining town in which many men were killed as unions were organized in opposition to the wishes of the mine operators.

"When I got to Harlan I went straight to one of the mine's where miners were on strike. At the opening of the mine, seated on the railroad was a group of rough-looking workers, each with a knife, whittling," Faircloth reminisced.

Then he told them that he was a newspaper man and wanted to take some pictures.

"If any SOB takes my picture, I'll . . ." said one of the men as he stood up facing Faircloth, still sheathing the stick he was holding with a long knife, and accenting his threat with a big spit of tobacco juice!" said Faircloth. "For a few minutes I tried to figure the situation out. How could I get the pictures that I needed?"

His solution evolved. He squatted down in front of a group of the belligerent miners and asked for a chew of tobacco. "I had never had any tobacco in my mouth before, but I decided that it would be worth trying."

"Fellows," I said, "I'm new on this job, and if I don't get some pictures I'll lose my job." And every miner I had addressed before spat some tobacco juice. I spat some higher and louder than he had."

After recalling the conversation, Faircloth said, "I got the pictures. The men even suggested poses, and took me to another mine for more shots."

While on the same assignment he accompanied a law enforcement officer to one mine where the bodies of twelve miners were found. Again the miners and operators had fought to death over the unionizing of the Harlan mines.

One period of 1941 found him assigned to Fort Benning, Ga., where he was to work with Gen. "Blood and Guts" George Patton. The general asked Faircloth one day what would make a good picture to publicize his men and their work.

"Line up ten tanks," Faircloth told Gen. Patton.

The next morning the photographer found ten tanks, but 100 tanks ready for photographing, and planes swooping down low over them. The pictures were printed all over the country, marking one of Faircloth's greatest achievements.

In 1943 he was drafted and sent to the Pacific to join the First Information Service which was set up to report the news of the invasion of Okinawa. This agency was comprised of the most highly trained news men of the United States including Winthrop Rockefeller.



GIVEN FLAG — Members of the American Legion post at Sandy Plains were given a new 50-star flag by Erskin Young in behalf of the Woodmen of the World, camp 139. Post Commander Grover Faulk (left) accepted the flag for the post. Members shown with him (l-r) are Elbert Strickland, Harry Stevens, Elmore Gore, Lyman Fowler, Marvin Tyner, Hoyt Piver, Ralph Norris, Edward Rivenbark, and Wasland Norris. Young is at extreme right. Presentation of the flag followed a chicken-bog, at which wives of members were guests.



RUDOLPH FAIRCLOTH left Tabor City at the age of 16, and has become one of the country's top news-photographers. He is shown with two of his photos of which he is justly proud. At the left is a photo taken minutes after the war correspondent Ernie Pyle was killed by an Okinawa sniper; and at the right is a scene taken while Princess Elizabeth was on her Caribbean tour, and on which Faircloth was the only American photographer invited.