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Election Tuesday

For the first time in modern history each of the candidates for offices in Tabor City on election Tuesday are unopposed. Howard Harrison is the sole candidate for the mayor's post; the two commissioners' jobs open have only two names on the ballot, Otis Garrett and W. W. Woody.

Earlier Harold Ward and Edward (Sappy) Woodell filed for candidacy in the mayoral race but both have withdrawn. Ward, when reached for comment on his decision today said, "Among the reasons for dropping out is that I realized that such a job would take up more time than I can safely devote to it. And if I couldn't do the job well, I wouldn't have it."

The polls will open Tuesday at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

According to Registrar Frank Nesmith, no names on the town's registration book were challenged Saturday.

Scholarships To Top Drivers Of Bus Rodeo

Two more honors were heaped into Angela Powell's trophy case this week. The 18-year-old '61 Williams graduate was named a bus driving champion Friday afternoon and was counted 2nd runner-up in a six-county Dairy Process competition Tuesday night in Pembroke.

At the District 14 school rodeo Friday in which drivers from Columbus, Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover were represented, Angela was named the winner in the girl's division while Irvin Brown, Whiteville, won the boy's class. They will represent the district in the state competition slated for June 15-16 in Chapel Hill.

Both were awarded a two-year scholarship to Wilmington Junior College and a \$100 scholarship from the Governor's traffic safety council.

Winners of the state contest will receive \$500 scholarships.

Jaycees Sponsor Jr. Golf Tourney

A junior golf tournament will be played Thursday and Friday on the Carolina Country Club course, and will be divided into four flights—10-12 year-olds, 12-14, 14-16, and 16-18.

The tournament is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce with Joe Coleman serving as chairman.

According to Coleman preliminary clinic held yesterday.

The winners of the Tabor City tournament will probably be matched against the winners of the Loris Jaycee event.

Cartrette Case Transferred Tuesday To Superior Court

Judge W. A. Williams ordered William Gaston Cartrette and the case transferred to Superior court. The alleged victim, and recorder's court hearing on two persons put on the stand, teenage girl in his home May 21. Probable cause was found area while Cartrette lives in the Williams school section.

AN EDITORIAL . . .

Riegel Tax Bill

Representative Arthur Williamson has introduced a bill in the General Assembly that would increase the county taxes of Riegel Paper Company at Riegelwood by \$115,000 a year.

Now there is no doubt that the county could use this money. Any county or municipality is almost always in a position of needing additional tax revenue. But in this instance, we do not believe in trying to cook the goose that has laid the golden egg.

Riegel Paper Company is the only heavy industry we have in Columbus County. They pay excellent wages to many, many people and have indeed raised the standard of living and per capita income substantially for a large number of families.

The procurement of this industry was a great day for Eastern North Carolina. We need many, many other similar plants to help us pull ourselves up by the bootstraps to a position of respect in industrial payroll.

Now it may well be that Riegel Paper should pay more taxes than they are now paying. It is also very possible that they might willingly increase their valuation and thus their tax bill. This we don't know. But we are firm in our belief that this move should be made between Riegel and the Columbus County Commissioners in a friendly and amiable manner. We do not believe that bills in the General Assembly is the answer.

We want and need other industry. It just doesn't seem reasonable to us that we should deliberately antagonize the one heavy industry that we have.

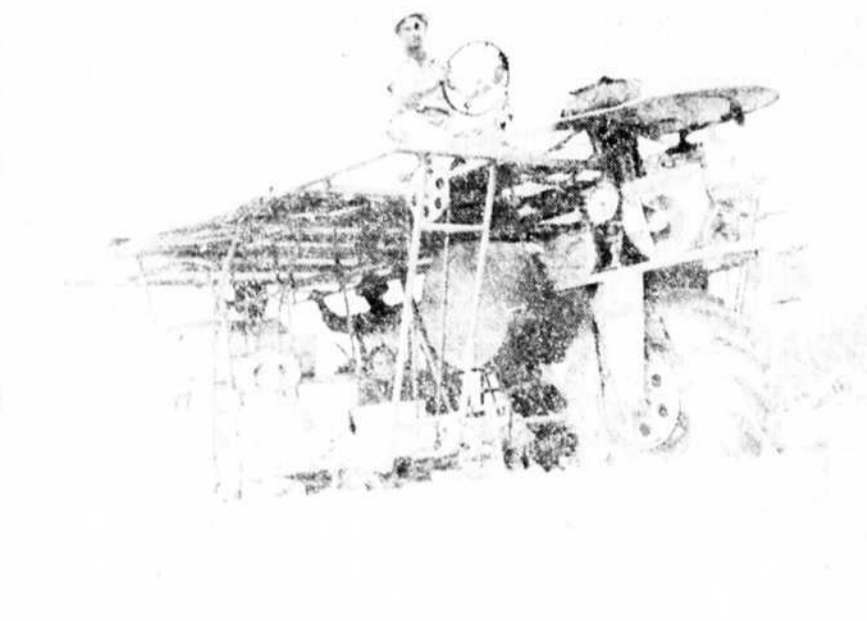
The girl testified that while visiting Cartrette's home he beat her and she escaped from him by jumping from a window. Later, she said, she entered the house and was then forced into a bedroom and raped by the defendant.

While cross-examined by J. B. Lee, Jr., attorney for the defendant, it was brought out that the girl had been on two dates on the eve of the alleged rape before meeting Grady Nealey who took her to the Cartrette home. During the evening she had been to a Lake Waccamaw "mount spot" where her first date left without her. She later got a ride to the "Sand Box," a Lumber river dance hall with a second companion. It was there, she acknowledged to the attorney, that she met Nealey who took her, the other girl and a second boy to the Cartrette home where he supposedly lived. They were joined by other people and at one time the girls were in the company of seven men.

Cross-examination of the second girl brought to light information that the victim did go into another room with Cartrette but that no outcries were heard. The witness related that she called to her girlfriend in the bedroom and asked "I'll be there in a minute" was the reply. When the girl made her appearance, she got a cup of coffee and took it to Cartrette.

(Cartrette previously told investigators that he was drunk and had no knowledge of any such incident.)

According to testimony the girls were taken near their home and left to make the rest of the distance on foot.



NEW TECHNIQUE — The M. C. Sarvis company is utilizing a new method of transplanting sweet potato plants. The machine which M. C. Sarvis is shown driving, sets two rows at a time, using four droppers, and two men following the machine to set hills sometimes missed by the planter. The planter can set 75,000 plants per day.



COX' CROP — Although most tobacco in the Tabor City area has buttoned out low, the crop grown by Don Cox on Route 1 averages six feet in height. He attributes the condition of this field to the use of smudge-pots in a nearby berry field which fabricated a fog barrier during the cold season.

Don Cox Defeats Tobacco Enemy

An occasional field of tall tobacco appears, even after more than a month of "winter" in summer.

This field of McNair H-2 belongs to Don Cox of Tabor City Rt. 3, and averages about six feet in height. Cox has cropped the lugs already.

Plants appear to average 16 to 18 leaves each late last week and appeared in excellent condition. Leaves were large, deeply and of good quality in the field.

The field was set March 16. It had a couple of weeks of warm weather before the cold April set in, but one of the factors affecting its growth, Cox believes, is smoke.

He built a smudge to break frost over his strawberry field once or twice earlier in the spring and he believes that the tobacco also benefitted from that shelter.

Recruiter Cancels Tabor Office Hours

The Air Force Recruiter, Sgt. Billy Floyd, has announced that his Tabor City itinerary has been discontinued for the month of June. It will be resumed the first of July, however.

During June he will be in Wilmington Post Office Monday through Thursday, and in Whiteville on Fridays.

OFFICE TO BE CLOSED

The Drivers License Examiner's office will not be open in Tabor City, Tuesday, June 13, due to City Election Day. M. A. Covington, Columbus County examiner, announced today. Offices will be open in Whiteville on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and in Chaabour, Friday on regular schedule. The same hours will be resumed here the following Tuesday, June 20, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The Vacation Bible School of the Tabor City Baptist Church will come to a close Friday with the commencement program getting underway at 10:30 a. m. Parents are invited to attend the exercise and picnic lunch at noon said school officials today. The school has been in session for two weeks with successful attendance and order of study, worship, and recreation announced Mrs. C. C. Leggett, assistant principal and secretary.

Sarvis Uses Labor-Saving Setter

The M. C. Sarvis Company has started something new in sweet potato planting—a giant tractor-like vehicle creeps through the fields transplanting the plants at a rate of 7,500 per hour.

To set the acreage that the machine puts out each day, Woodrow Sarvis estimates that 20 persons would be required to set the same amount with the old method.

Sarvis' mechanical planter employs a driver, four droppers, and two others who follow the machine in the event a hill is missed by the setter. It sets two rows at a time.

The owners say that the machine can easily set five acres per day. It is the only such one in the area.

The machine was fashioned from a Silent Flame tobacco harvester to which two Ellis drag-type setters were attached.

The Sarvis firm will complete setting 50 acres of potatoes next week, comprised of Centennial, Gold Rush and Nolalet varieties, all are of certified seed.

Others point out, blueberries provide a higher net return per acre than tobacco.

Second Harvest
Stevens took his first real harvest from his plants last spring. This year they are bearing heavily, despite some troubles during the past year.

Like scores of other blueberry producers Stevens now spends his mornings in the field supervising the picking crew. His wife and a few other people work in a make-shift packing shed grading and covering the pint cups and placing them in attractive 12-pint cartons. During the afternoon Stevens carries the berries to market at Burrow.

With more growers coming into production in the Loris,



NEW BERRY PRODUCER — Although he has been working with blueberries some five or six years, Ernest Stevens of Tabor City is only now taking his second full harvest from his fields. Blueberries are a slow and costly crop to develop.

Ernest Stevens' Blueberry Farm Yields Second Harvest

Stevens added the same is true of his grapes and peaches. While checking blueberries Stevens mentioned he had some Marcus peach trees that have already been harvested. This variety blossoms at the regular time. However, its peaches require only eight weeks from blossom to maturity, thus coming in long before the normal peach varieties of the area.

But for the next couple of weeks it will be blueberries, morning, noon and evening as he gets his expensive crop off to market. Between blueberry needs he will squeeze in some tobacco field work—this being one of the years when tobacco requires about double the normal amount of tending.

Stevens has the Murphy and Wileoff varieties. The Murphy will produce more. The Wileoff is more profitable because its berries ripen earlier in the season.

The vines, filled with the dark blue colored ripe berries and even more green berries, represent some five years of hard work on the part of Stevens and his family.

Like numerous other farmers, Stevens has found blueberries make an excellent supplementary crop to his tobacco, with the biggest part of the blueberry work coming between tobacco periods—normally, that is.

This year he has gone through his tobacco almost continually, topping it to force strong growth on suckers after the original tops started buttoning too low.

Insect Trouble
The blueberry farmer said he was worried for a time early in the spring that some insect was cleaning his plants out of buds. Some of the buds and it took some experts on the part of plant pathology to figure out the pest.

A little insecticide took care of the situation quickly and easily, once the insect was determined and the proper control chemical named.



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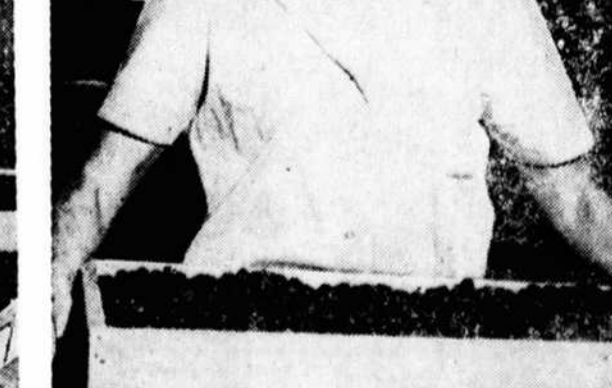
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MAID OF BLUE — Auburn-haired Margaret Callihan of Tabor City does have blue eyes to match the blue of the berries in the crate she is carrying into the packing shed on the Ernest Stevens farm near here.