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Fowler, Gause Exonerated; Returned To Police Force



FAREWELL — Dr. Floyd Johnson, organizer of the Columbus County Health Department 21 years ago, passes the center's key on to his successor, Dr. J. R. Black. Dr. Johnson was honored at a testimonial banquet Wednesday night during which many of his accomplishments were recalled.

Dr Floyd Johnson Honored With Testimonial Banquet

In honor of the man who founded the Columbus County Health Department, its building will henceforth be known as the Floyd Johnson Memorial Health Center.

The re-naming was made publicly Wednesday evening at a testimonial dinner in honor of the retiring health official who organized the health department in 1921.

Dr. Johnson was greeted by an ovation from county leaders, a state official, friends and employees at the banquet held in Hotel Whiteville, the best wishes of Governor Terry Sanford were also conveyed through Dr. J. W. R. Norton, state health director.

Leamon P. Ward, chairman of the board of commissioners, representing the board, read the order requiring the center's re-naming and added, "It is further ordered that a brass plaque with the name be placed thereon" the building.

Dr. Johnson, a Johnson county native, came to Columbus in 1921 to begin a health department. Prior he had practiced medicine in Benson and Cerro Gordo.

He began with meager facilities (one room in the court house), limited medicine, and many problems.

Through his leadership and backed by the county's belief in him the department has expanded into a mammoth building located west of Whiteville, containing modern equipment and operated by ten employees.

"Dr. Johnson has done a good job," said Dr. Norton during the testimonial session. "And the contributions which he has made to medical progress have been felt in an area larger than this state."

In behalf of the county's medical society Dr. A. C. Floyd thanked the honored man, as well as the health department, for the help given the society.

Miss Mary Floyd, Dr. Johnson's assistant for 25 years, said that the department's staff was recognizing his resignation with mixed emotion, and that each deeply regretted his departure.

John McNeil representing the Board of Health, presented Dr. Johnson with a silver platter which was fittingly described with the dates of his service.

Dr. Johnson traced the highlights of his career, but said "I can't accept all of the credit which you have given to me."

The only way we can judge our records is by the good that we may have done, and the friends we have made," he said.

He stated that when he felt that he was not physically able to continue as head of the department he went to the commissioners and told them that he would offer his resignation when they found a suitable replacement. The board was slow

Ralph Meares Joins Fowler Barber Staff

Fowler's Barber Shop has added Ralph Meares, a master barber, to its staff. Meares is a native of the Horry County Crossroads area, the son of Roland Meares, deceased.

He is a graduate of the Institute of Barbering, Durham, and served his apprenticeship in Fayetteville where Mrs. Meares was a teacher in the public schools.

Mrs. Meares is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayes of Cherry Grove.

They will reside in Hickman Apartments on Hickman road.

Elected Tuesday

Harold Harrison was voted back into the mayor's office Tuesday while W. W. Woody and Otha Garrick also succeeded in their bids for commissions. For the three offices neither had rivals.

Of the approximately 1,000 qualified to vote in the Tabor City election, only 221 did so, according to Frank Nesmith, registrar.

"As neither candidate had any opposition, there was very little excitement about the election," Nesmith said, "and considering this fact, there was a pretty good turnout."

Harrison received 212 votes, Woody 141 and Garrick 82.

Continuing to serve on the board for two more years will be Willard Wright and Phil Hughes.

Write-in votes were cast for Herose Cox (1), and Harold Ward (1) for mayor; Dock Fowler Jr. (7), B. Frank Young (1), Jack Cox (1), and Louise Cox (1), for commissioner.

Harrison will begin serving his third term as mayor, and Woody his fifth as commissioner.

What's In A Name?

No more Cruise Island? According to a resolution introduced in the legislature and passed by the General Assembly last week, the name of the island known as Cruise Island will henceforth be called River View Community.

Williamson explained his reason for submitting the resolution.

"Not long ago a wife served me a story about the Cruise Island and when not a lot of people might assist, they people seemed to think that it held them up as a backward group and they resented it."

"I have a wish that of statistics showing just how up to date the people are, how patriotic they've been, in the two World Wars and Korean conflict, various other items of proof that they're living right up to the minute with the rest of the nation."

"Three of a Kind"

Jacksons Attend Ag Teachers Meet

Some 22 years of teaching is represented in the persons of Sam L. Jackson Jr., his son, and his nephew, Walter O. Jackson who attended the annual conference of the North Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, which was held in Tabor City, N. C., last week.

Sam Jackson is a teacher in the Tabor City schools while Walter O. Jackson is a teacher in the Hobbston schools in Surfer county. Wister Jackson, son of the Williams Township staff. All three are vocational agriculture teachers.

TEACHING JACKSONS

A new day in vocational agriculture was the theme of the 4-day session sponsored by the North Carolina Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, and of which Fred Lay, Jr., Tabor City, is the president.

Workshops on supervised farming, adult education and other education were included on the agenda as was a panel discussion on what the future for agriculture teachers is in the state.

Among the 500 persons attending the conference were: Fred Lay, Jr., Tabor City, president of the association; Walter O. Jackson, Hobbston, N. C., vice president; and Sam L. Jackson Jr., Tabor City, N. C., secretary.

The Jackson family story began in Anderson county, South Carolina on a farm where six Jackson brothers were reared. Four of the brothers majored in agricultural education at Clemson College and two of them have stayed with voca-

By—ROD SPARROW and W. HORACE CARTER

Sgt. George O. (Buddy) Fowler and Policeman Willie Gause, both of the Horry County Police Department, were exonerated of blame last week in the fatal shooting of Charles Fipps, 20-year-old Tabor City, N. C.

They returned to work Tuesday.

Fipps was fatally shot during a high speed chase early in the morning of April 30. The chase began seven miles north of Conway and came to a crashing halt midway between Loris and Tabor City when his car left the highway after he was shot, catapulted 100 feet in the air and came to rest between the highway and railroad.

Testimony at a coroner's inquest was to the effect that Fipps was fired upon with 30 caliber cartridge after he crashed a roadblock at Loris and later, racing 120 miles per hour toward Tabor City, failed to heed a siren and flashing red light.

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Floyd, 18, was operating an automobile on highway 701 in South Carolina south of Tabor City May 23 when Larry Keith Fowler was struck down from his bicycle and killed.

A coroner's jury later found that the accident was unavoidable.

Young Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Floyd, Loris, told investigators that he did not see the Fowler youth nor another bicyclist, Joseph Daniel Scott, until he was right at them and

as they had no lights on their bicycles, he had not observed them earlier. The accident occurred in the early part of the night. He also reported that the boys were riding down the middle of the highway and when he was right up on them, one went toward the left and one toward the right.

Scott told officers that both bicycles had reflectors on them and that he was riding on the shoulder of the road with Larry behind him. He said that he heard a crash and saw his companion's body hurling through the air.

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In General Sessions court last week the grand jury returned no true bill against Fowler and Gause. District Solicitor Richard Dusenbury sent the bill back to the grand jury asking that a true bill be returned.

The grand jury then returned a bill charging the officers with involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide. A jury was then sworn and Solicitor Dusenbury read the charges in the case. Because this action was taken after the swearing of the jury, it means that this is the Justice Builder Baker upheld

the grand jury and the solicitor in their actions. In an address that moved the courtroom, he pointed out that an officer of the law has a very difficult job to perform and only to criticize the official to protect the innocent people.

He said that often an officer in the performance of his duty, has only a split second in which to make a decision on what is right and what is wrong. It is in this consideration that the right of other persons on the highway, including family, that he has a duty to effectively an act of and being every means possible to effectuate that arrest.

Quite often an officer, in chasing an automobile or in otherwise discharging his duty, has been killed in the line of duty, quite often the pursued has been killed, too often an innocent person on the highway or a bystander has been killed, Judge Baker said.

In the case of a misdemeanor, he said, an officer does not have the right to take a human life or, through negligence, to take a human life, yet he must be held liable if within reason, acting within that split second.

The judge said that in his opinion there was no negligence involved in this case.

Every time an officer goes on duty, he pointed out, the officer is jeopardizing his life—and all of this is to protect the public.

A car running at high speed is more dangerous to the public than a loaded gun, he said, constituting a dangerous instrumentality and added that the driver of such a car is endangering human life and should be stopped. It is the officer's duty to stop the speeding vehicle before it injures a bystander or other innocent member of the public, he said.

W. Joe Davis was foreman of the jury sworn to hear the case. Other members were F. G. Hughes, Eugene W. Evans, Oscar P. McNeill, Claude Smith, R. L. Dunn, H. M. Grant, W. P. Jamerson, Mack L. Montgomery, Keith Housley, Ralph L. Bellamy and Elbert C. Gandy.

Thursday the Horry County Police Commission restored Fowler and Gause to the County Police Force.

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Riegel Bill Is Defeated

A bill by which the valuation of Riegel Paper Corporation's valuation would have been hiked to \$10,000,000 was killed Tuesday in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Number Two.

The bill was submitted by Rep. Arthur Williamson and earlier passed by the House of Representatives.

If the bill had been passed by the current legislature, Riegel would have had no right to appeal, and according to Rep. Williamson "Riegel would only be subject to the future wishes of the legislature."

3 Percent Food Tax Begins Next Month

By a vote of 86-33 the largest budget in the history of North Carolina became law Tuesday to satisfy Gov. Terry Sanford's request for money "adequate to do the job for quality education."

The okayed legislation would raise \$83.5 million.

A food tax of three percent will begin July 1.

Newspapers are to be taxed at the rate of three percent on retail sales.

Motor vehicles and airplanes are to be taxed at a rate of one percent with a \$120 limit for the first year of the biennium and at one and a half percent with the same maximum thereafter.

But fees, seats, fertilizers, insecticides and ice are exempt from the three percent sales tax. And a system for refunding tax paid by charitable institutions and political subdivisions was set up.

Crutches, artificial limbs and other such items are left exempt.

Rike School Is Announced

A program aimed at making bicycle riding safer for Tabor City's young cyclists will be inaugurated soon. The program will be conducted under the direction of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the police department and Maurice Covington, license examiner.

In announcing the program, Bryant Baker, chairman of the Junior Chamber, said, "The steady rise in motor traffic on our streets and highways is making the use of bicycles increasingly hazardous."

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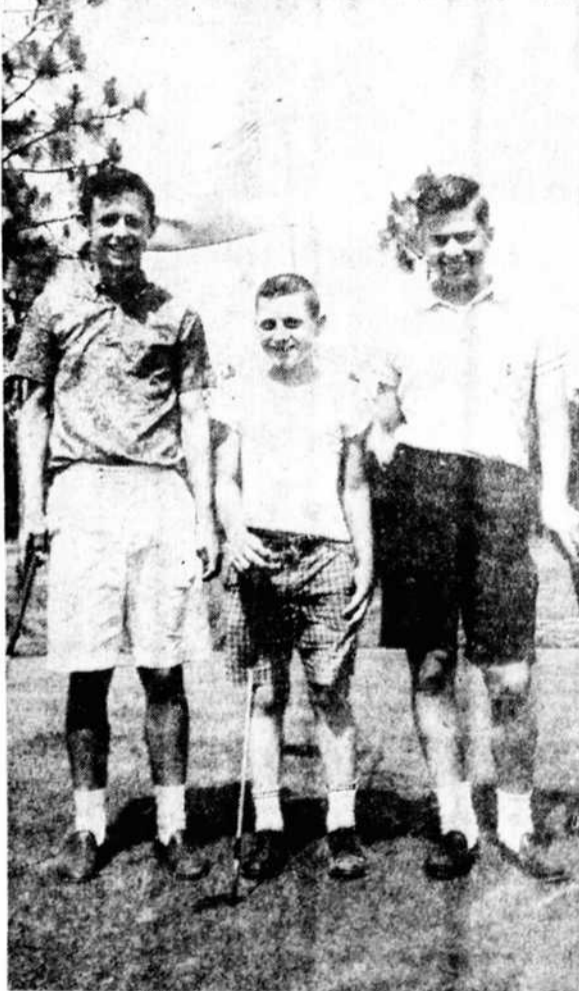
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GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS — Mike Dorman, Russell Wright and Richard Dameron won the Jaycees first Junior Golf Tournament Friday, according to chairman Joe Coleman. Twenty-one youngsters participated in the tourney which will be an annual event. Richard won the 14-16-year-old class; Mike the 12-14 class; and Russell the 10-12 class.



TEACHING JACKSONS — Three Jacksons, all vocational agriculture teachers in different schools met at Carolina Beach during the annual conference of North Carolina "ag" teachers. They are (l-r) Sam L. Jackson Sr., Tabor City, E. J. Sam Jr., Hobbston; and his brother, W. O. Jackson Jr., of Williams Township school. Fred Lay Jr., Tabor City, presided at the four-day conference.