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MR. AND MRS. PETE WRIGHT of Tabor City R1 were pleased to show their grandson Timmy Everett, pictured between them, a sampling of their 1961 tobacco crop during his recent visit with them. Timmy has just completed a movie assignment in Hollywood and flew to his grandparents' home enroute to a New York assignment. Shown with them is another of the Wrights' grandsons, Jimmy Burroughs. Timmy will soon be seen on the local screen in "Music Man" which he also appeared in on Broadway.

Bad Check Artist Guilty Of Passing Five In Tabor

A 34-year-old Negro man pleaded guilty in Mayor's Court here Monday night to writing and passing five worthless checks in Tabor City between January and July of this year.

The man, who gave his identity as Harry Emanuel Jones of (Earlier story on Page 1, Section 4)

Rt. 4, Nichols, S. C., was transferred this morning (Wednesday) to the Columbus County jail at Whiteville to await trial at the September term of Superior Court.

The man was picked up Saturday afternoon by Horry County police and jailed at Loris, S. C., on suspicion of writing and passing a bad check at a department store in Tabor City.

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Jones was turned over to Tabor City Police Chief Jesse Barker on Monday, after he, Jones, admitted to officers at Loris that he had written and passed the check in question.

After he was brought to Tabor City, and before his case was heard, Jones volunteered

information which accounted for a total of five bad checks which were passed in Tabor City since January of this year.

At the hearing he pleaded guilty to writing and passing the following five checks:

Dated Jan. 28, 1961, payable to Robert Fleming, \$25, with the signature of Ossie Harrelson, passed at the Tabor City Shoe Shop.

Dated March 18, 1961, payable to Charlie Conyers, \$25, with the signature of Jimmy Rodgers, passed at Thrift Way Super Market.

Dated April 29, 1961, payable to Charlie Robinson, \$25, with the signature of Jimmy Rodgers, passed at E. W. Fonville & Sons.

Dated June 28, 1961, payable to Jimmy Blanding, \$25, with the signature Austin Jackson, passed at Strickland Produce Co.

Dated July 1, 1961, payable to Willy Ausbury, \$50, with the signature of Worley Floyd, passed at Tabor City Department Store.

The lead which enabled police to locate Jones was furnished by Joe Evans, manager of the Tabor City Dept. Store.

When the check which Evans took was returned, he went out to look for the man who called himself Willy Ausbury. He was unable to find anyone who knew of the man. A few days later, a woman who Evans recognized as being one who worked for Felton A. Floyd, of near Mt. Olive, S. C., cashed a check in his store drawn on the same bank as the forgery—Davis National Bank, Mullins, S. C.

Evans contacted Floyd and learned that he had a man working there who had previously served a prison sentence for forgery.

Evans went to Floyd's farm, and on the pretext of selling sewing machines, talked with Jones. He later made the identification.

Jones was taken to Loris where he was questioned about the check. Officers there said he denied the charge at first, but then on Monday morning admitted that he had written and passed it.

Chief Jesse Barker said that Jones voluntarily signed a waiver for extradition to North Carolina, and he was brought

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PAYING RESPECTS to the late Leamon Sing Friday were follow law officers representing all police agencies of the county including (left to right) Assistant Chief Ted Watts, Chief Jesse Barker, Tabor City police department; Patrolman F. D. McLean, Cpl. Pate, Patrolman Mike Byrd, N. C. Highway Patrol; and Deputy Sheriff John Coleman, Columbus County Sheriff's Department.



THOMAS LEAMON SING

Services Are Held For Policeman Sing

"We sure will miss him," said Police Chief Jesse Barker Friday, referring to the death of Officer Leamon Sing. "In my years on the town force I've never heard anyone speak a detrimental word about him," the chief added.

Sparrow Speaks To Rotarians

Rod Sparrow, editor of the Loris Sentinel, Loris, S. C., spoke to the Tabor City Rotary Club Monday night on the subject of "Togetherness" or "Unity in the Community."

Sparrow pointed out that he considered the community an economic one that includes upper Horry county and lower Columbus county in one huge community with similar interests and desires. He also lauded the greater spirit of cooperation that has prevailed between Loris and Tabor City in recent years.

S. P. Smith was in charge of the program and Sparrow was his guest.

President Ben Nesmith announced that the district governor would attend next Monday night's meeting.

Red Devils Open Season Sept. 1; Whiteville Here

The 1961 Tabor City Red Devils will open a nine-game schedule here September 1, when they play Whiteville's Wolfpack at Civitan Field.

The complete schedule this year, as released by Head Coach Berney Stevens, is as follows:

Sept. 1—Whiteville; Sept. 8—open; Sept. 15—Massey Hill; Sept. 22—at Bladenboro; Sept. 29—Loris, S. C.; Oct. 6—at Shallotte; Oct. 13—at Chadburn; Oct. 20—Stedman; Oct. 27—at Lumberton; Nov. 3—at Elizabethtown.

Four games will be played at home, and five on the road. The only conference game to be played here is the opener against Whiteville.

The other three home games will pit the local eleven against Massey Hill, Stedman and Loris, S. C.

The opponents for 1961 will be the same as those played last year, with the exception of the New Hanover "B" squad which has been dropped from the Devil's card.

Coach Stevens has announced that football practice will begin for the Red Devils on August 15. He expects about 40 boys to turn out for the daily practice sessions; which (Continued on Page 3)

Yam Referendum Set For Sept. 23

All Columbus County farmers who grow sweet potatoes for commercial sale will be eligible to vote in the sweet potato referendum Sept. 23 according to Charles D. Raper, County Agricultural Agent. The referendum, the first ever held by sweet potato growers, has been requested by the North Carolina Sweet Potato Association, Inc. and authorized by the State Board of Agriculture. At stake will be a grower assessment to be used in promoting North Carolina sweet potatoes. The proposed assessment will be two cents per bushel for fresh market sweet potatoes and two cents per 100 pounds for cannery stock.

Two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum must be in favor of the assessment in order for it to carry. Raper said polling places in Columbus County would be at Harrelson's Feed and Seed Store, Tabor City; Billy Prince Station, Sandy Plains; G. T. Gore's Store, Guideway; Taylor's Self-Service Center, Williams School; Williamson's Store, Cherry Grove; J. W. Mooney & Co., Chadburn; and J. C. Lennon's Store, Whiteville.

money is needed desperately to encourage people throughout the eastern seaboard to eat more North Carolina sweet potatoes. "Consumption of sweet potatoes has been going down in recent years," Jimmy Garrell of Tabor Foods, Inc. said. "Our acreage has been dropping, and is the lowest this year that it has ever been according to information that I have been able to gather."

If the referendum carries, the assessment will be deducted when a farmer sells his sweet potatoes. At regular intervals buyers will send their collections to the Commissioner of Agriculture. The money in turn will be sent to the Sweet Potato Growers Association to be used as the organization thinks best.

Any grower who does not wish to support the program, (if it carries), can apply for a refund.

Sweet potatoes have been a major income producing crop in Columbus County in the past, and there is no reason why it cannot continue to be one of the major money producing crops from here on out. With one of the best sweet potato markets in the entire eastern seaboard, along with processing facilities, Raper believes that sweet potatoes is one of the future crops that will keep Columbus County great.



E. T. Richardson Funeral Today



MARGARET JO McCORMICK