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School Registration Tuesday No Assistant For Mr. Guy Yet

Schools of Columbus County will finally open Tuesday after a week's postponement from the original August 22 date, according to Superintendent T. Ward Guy.

Concern over the change of the opening to August 29 has been limited, Mr. Guy noted. "Next year I will recommend that the opening be set for early September," he said, "with an encouragement to Board of Education members that they will not change the date after it is set."

Registration will begin at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning and students will be released at 12:30.

Bus drivers are to report to the schools on Monday at 8:00 a. m.

Tabor City's principal, Randall Burleson, has requested all students attend the opening session for registration so that the school will be eligible for an additional teacher, possible only after a good attendance report for the first ten days of the school year.

Wednesday, August 30, will find students of the county school unit beginning their school day at 8:30 and ending at 3:05.

No Assistant Yet

Superintendent Guy reported Tuesday that the assistant superintendent allotted Columbus County has yet to be elected although 12 applications have been received by his office.

Last year the Legislature passed a measure which allows school units with 8,500 or more students to hire an assistant for the superintendent. "Don't anyone fill the post unless he is highly qualified," Charles P. Carroll, superintendent of public education told Tar Heel principals.

Columbus County qualified for the assistant superintendent, having had 11,500-12,000 students enrolled during the 1960-61 school year.

The dozen applications are to be considered by the Board of Education during a meeting slated for Wednesday, April 30.

AN EDITORIAL . . .

Opening Of School

There's a screw loose somewhere among the powers that be who set the opening of Columbus County schools each fall. For the last two years a well-publicized date for school opening is known by all and at the last minute, some one decides that it's too early and a postponement is announced.

Those who perpetrate this change may have good intentions and reason, but obviously there's been poor organization and little or no foresight or such postponements would not be necessary.

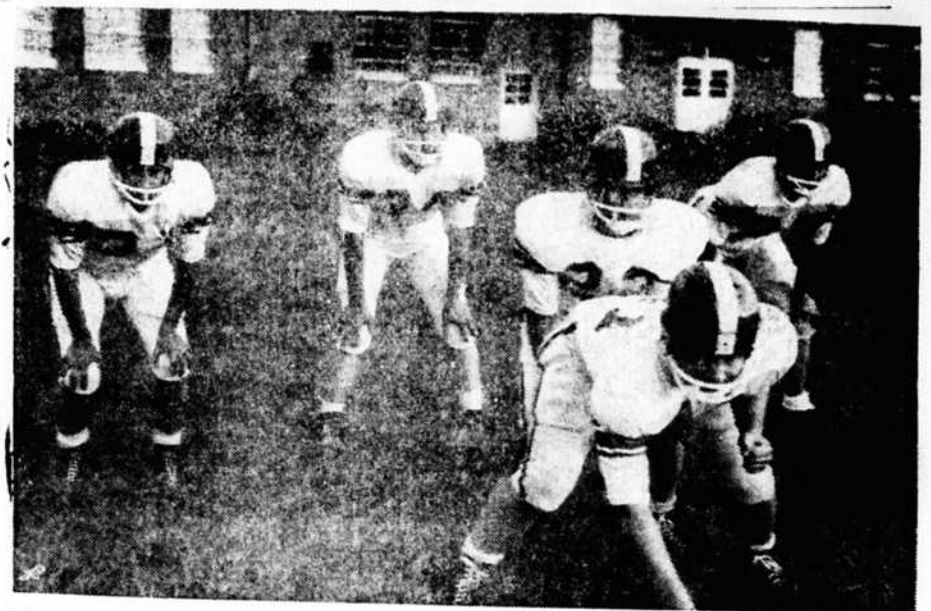
The question is not whether the schools should open on August 22 or August 29 or even September 5 — it's a matter of setting an opening date well in advance and then keeping that date regardless.

There are undoubtedly some farmers who really need the help of their children for another week. These same farmers will need those same children even worse next spring when planting time comes around. The time has finally arrived in North Carolina when the education of the child is more important than his servitude in the tobacco and cotton fields.

This waiting until four days before school opening and then postponing school, works a considerable hardship on many people. Take for instance those teachers who live in other sections of the State who move here each fall to teach. Some have already rented facilities here, closed up homes, left mail forwarding addresses, had electricity cut off, and many other details attended to that now must be undone for a week.

Also, consider printed teacher manuals, booklets, schedules, etc., based on an August 22, opening. The delay throws the entire plan out of kilter.

We, therefore, want to pass out this suggestion: when the opening of school is set for next fall by those in charge, set that date after much study and consideration. And once it is set, leave it alone regardless of political pressure or clamoring from any source. It's the only way to avoid confusion.



IT'S FOOTBALL! These are the boys of the Tabor City team who were coached by Coach Berny Stevens. He has indicated will most likely be running in first string positions when the season opens here with Whiteville September 1. Wearing new uniforms, with the latest thing in protective gear underneath, the five are: (l to r) Eulby Soars, RB; Ronald Foley, FB; Roger Small, QB; Sammy Williams, C; and Larry Fowler, LHB. (Staff Photo).

Tabor Breaks Belt Record With \$70.17 Avg. Monday

Car Wrecked Child Saved

Greater love hath no man than his child!

A 1953 Plymouth operated by Julius Neal Hawes, 51, of Nakina R1, overturned Wednesday when he clipped a two-year-old daughter who was falling from the back of his side-hill.

The incident occurred 12 miles east of Whiteville on NC 905 at 11:05 a. m., Patrolman F. D. McLean reported.

Hawes said that as the baby started to fall he caught her and the car ran off the road and flipped over. He was traveling 40 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Neither father nor daughter were injured, but the car was damaged on the top side to the extent of \$150.

Mayor's Court

Cases heard in Mayor's Court Monday night found 16 persons guilty of being under the influence of alcohol, two persons guilty of disorderly conduct, and one person guilty of contempt of court.

One charge of assault resulted in a finding of no probable cause.

Two other charges of assault were dismissed when prosecuting witnesses failed to appear.

"We smashed all records in the Border Belt history!" was the way Ken Lovell described Tabor City's best averages for Monday.

Lovell, sales supervisor, ascertained that Tabor City smokers brought to town 450,494 pounds of tobacco which brought them \$316,079-78.

And an average of \$70.17 per hundred pounds.

Lovell said that one warehouse obtained an average of \$72.19 for the day. "The buyers went 'hog-wild' over tips and fine leaf," he said, "many baskets of tips sold for an average of \$74.00."

North Carolina Border Belt markets set an all-time record for an average of \$67.67, and Monday's sale also brought in the heaviest poundage.

T.H.S. Council Holds Meeting

The student council of the Tabor City High School held a meeting at the local high school Monday night, August 20, for the planning of activities for the new school year and to set up some of the important committees.

This year the committees will include not only student council members but outstanding members of the student body.

Several committees were appointed. The Committee on sports with Bennie Prince as chairman will welcome the visiting teams, show them around the gym, welcome the athletes, and generally make themselves useful at sporting events. Members are Alan Soles, Bill Carter, and Ben Inman and the other members of the committee.

One of the most important committees is the one on Parking. Ronald Foley and Gene Smith will be in charge of getting a permanent parking place for those who drive to school.

The committee on Assembly programs will have Roger Spivey as chairman, Peggy Spivey, Judy Huffaker, Richard Cox, and Richard Wright will serve with him.

Peggy Spivey and Richard Wright are on the Committee of Hospitality.

On Tuesday, August 29, registration day, the student council members are asked to be on the lookout for new students, to welcome them, and show them around.

The student council wants a boost school spirit and asks everyone to support the teams, to take pride in themselves and the school, and to make this a good year.

Roger Tatum is president of the student body and Peggy Spivey is the secretary-treasurer. The vice-president will be elected by the student body this fall.

"Of the past five weeks, Tabor City's average has been tops in the belt," the supervisor said. Daily sales were quoted as follows:

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 263,274 pounds, bringing \$168,869.54, for an average of \$64.14; Thursday, 361,644 pounds, \$236,095.27, \$65.28; Friday, 299,150 pounds, \$194,010.05, \$64.85; Monday, 450,494 pounds, \$316,079.78, \$70.17; Tuesday, 401,264 pounds, \$271,536.55, \$67.63.

"This morning (Wednesday) an entire row sold for not less than \$72.00," Lovell reported, "with some piles reaching \$74.00. This leads me to believe that we're going to have another record-breaking average today."

Lovell has set 9 million pounds as the year's goal. "I've heard some people say that tobacco was lighter this year than it was in 1960," he said, "but on the other hand we've seen that the prices are higher and the poundage is about the same."

Drivers Asked To Burn Lights For Safety

A "Turn On Your Light, For Safety" project, sponsored by the Tabor City Jaycees will go into effect at 6 p. m. Friday, September 1, and run through 8 a. m., Tuesday, September 5.

Co-chairmen of the project, Clifford Gore and Charles Cox, urge all motorists to burn their vehicle lights continuously during this period while driving in Tabor City or Columbus County.

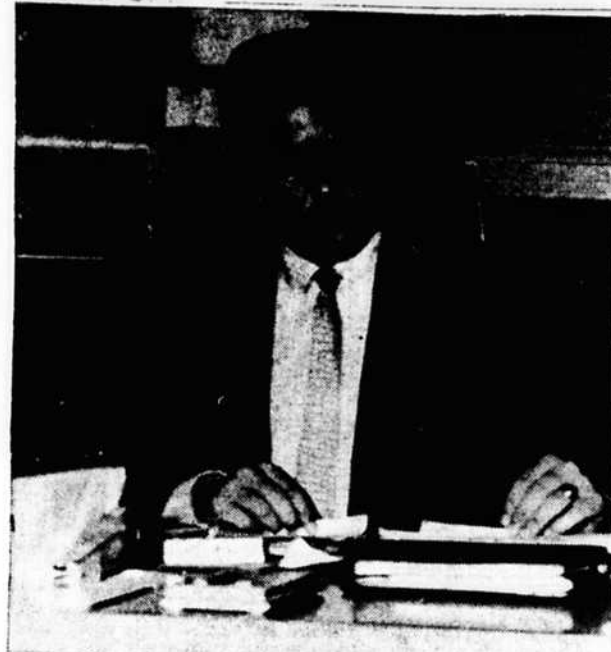
Gore and Cox said that everyone who will comply with this request would indicate to the other motorists using our street and highway system that he is not only conscious of the traffic safety problem, but has pledged to do his part in reducing motor vehicle accidents.

In other Jaycee activity, the board of directors met Tuesday night and decided to take on the task of repairing the broken bleacher seats at the High School field.

Harold Ward is heading the committee to complete the work. He said there are about one-third of the seats which are in need of repair.

It has been announced that the Community Birthday Calendar project will begin September 1. Co-chairmen of this committee are Harold Cox and Harold Ward.

The money received from the sale of the calendars will go to the Boy's Home at Lake Waccamaw and toward providing Christmas for underprivileged children in the local area.



EDWARD WALL, Probation Officer

Officers Applaud Probation System

There are currently 81 persons in Columbus County who have avoided prison sentences by accepting terms of probation.

Edward Wall, probation officer for the county, revealed recently that number exceeds the number of cases handled last year for the same period by two.

Law officers and the judiciary have applauded the effects of Wall's efforts since his arrival in Columbus county.

"Before Ed came here, probation work was a hit-or-miss situation," says Sheriff Ben Duke. "The probation officers had so many cases to carry and such large territories that they could not thoroughly follow through on a case."

Wall has recently been relieved of previously assigned responsibilities in Brunswick county and is now solely responsible for probationers in Columbus.

In 1959 the North Carolina Legislature appropriated funds to allow the addition of 59 probation officers in the state. Wall was one of the 30 employed in 1959; 20 others were engaged in 1960.

"We still do not have enough probation officers," Superior Court Judge Raymond B. Mallard believes.

"It is astounding to realize that 15,000 men were sent to prison last year," Judge Mallard said. "If we had more probation officers many of these men would remain at home and could be given proper supervision which would be as purposeful as imprisonment."

Judge Mallard also noted that one penologist reported recently that it costs the state \$14,000 to apprehend, try, and imprison a man for ten years. "The probation system of correctional supervision is far less costly," Judge Mallard stated.

"The new probation set-up in the county has proven to be a good device," remarked Lee J. Greer, Clerk of Court and Juvenile Judge. "But one should not be led to believe that the road role of a person on probation is an easy one."

Wall disclosed that there are nine main rules of general probation, but that the presiding judge may alter the rules according to the case he has heard.

Probationers must avoid vicious and injurious habits; must avoid persons or places of disreputable character.

They must permit the probation officer to visit their homes and must work faithfully at suitable employment. Furthermore, they must remain within a specific area, with no change in residence without the written permission of the probation officer.

Too, the probationer must pay all fines, court costs and restitutions required by the court, and support their dependents.

Finally, they must violate no penal law of any state or the Federal government, and be on general good behavior.



MISS BETSY CAPPS



TOMMY GLOVER

Schools Lose 4-H Clubs To Communities

For the first time in 25 years 4-H clubs of Columbus County will be entirely removed from the schools.

Assistant County Agent Tommy Glover announced today that the clubs will be moved into communities where members live where a better total program can be effected.

Responsibility for guiding the 4-H club work in the county will be shared with Glover by a new assistant Home Agent, Miss Betty Capps. Miss Capps, 21, will begin her work in September.

She attended Atlantic Christian and Campbell Colleges, and recently graduated from Womens College of the University of North Carolina.

Glover said Tuesday that eleven new 4-H clubs are expected to organize. There are presently 14 community 4-H clubs in the county.

Last year 1800 students were members of the organization. Said Glover, "We anticipate a decrease in membership, but expect higher quality work from our members."

Leaders for the community (Continued On Page 3)

One Town Well Is Lost, Another Malfunctions--- Special Meeting Of Board

The Town Board of Commissioners met in special session Thursday night to consider a possible solution to the problem of a town water shortage due to impairments to two of the four town wells.

The special meeting, called by Mayor Howard Harrelson, was prompted by the loss of one well and the serious malfunctioning of another.

The well which was lost had been producing about 400 gallons of water a minute, but had to be shut down around the first of August when it began pumping sand and small rock into the main supply.

The other, a well designed to produce 500 gallons a minute, has been pumping only about 150 gallons for the past few months.

The two remaining wells—one pumping 800 gallons and the other pumping about 100 gallons—are providing the bulk of the town's water.

C. C. Hildebrand, contractor from Wake Forest who drilled the 500-gallon well in 1956 and who has done the repair work, met with the Board.

Repairs to the well, which were begun in March and which have continued off and on since, have not brought the well up to operating capacity.

The original repair work was done on the pump. At that time, the well was producing 500 gallons a minute. Subsequently, the well began pumping sand into the pipes, and additional repairs were made, by sinking a section of screen into the well to stop the flow of sand.

This action resulted in a re-

duction of water from the well, from 500 down to 150 gallons.

The Board and the contractor disagreed as to who was responsible and liable for the present condition of the well.

Hildebrand contended that he had fulfilled his obligation by stopping the sand from entering the water supply.

He expressed his opinion that with the size screens now in the well, water from it could not be made to exceed 150 to 180 gallons.

Following a review of the situation, Commissioner Willard Wright proposed that Hildebrand drill a new well for the town, and not charge the town for the cost of labor involved.

Hildebrand refused the proposal. The issue was then tabled and no further action was taken, pending additional conferences at a later date.

In other action, Commissioner Wright informed the Board that there is a good chance that the town will be able to get a spotlight for the school intersection at Whiteville and Emerson Roads prior to the opening of school.

Efforts are being made to

CHEER LEADERS

A try out for two positions in the Cheer Leaders organization of the Tabor City High School will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the high school building announced Mrs. Berny Stevens today. All girls interested in the Cheer Leaders program are invited to attend.

secure money to pay for the light through the State.

Tabor City has a surplus of "Code Money"—money set aside by the State for town use—and it is felt that necessary funds for the light can be obtained from this source.



VOLUNTEER LABOR and contributions from merchants and friends of the Fair Bluff Fire Department will make the construction of a new fire house possible, with completion expected by the end of the year. The new chief, Carwell Hughes (inset), said that his men are very grateful for the backing given the squad by the citizenry for this project, as well as for the acquisition of a rescue and emergency truck. Fair Bluff aldermen have also ordered a new fire truck.