

Three Nights Of Entertainment Feature Yam Festival

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night will feature three consecutive evenings of entertainment unparalleled in the 14 year history of The Carolinas Yam Festival in Tabor City.

Deviating from the pattern of the festival in the past, this year's big event will have no exhibit hall but instead there

will be top rate fun and frolic every night.

Starting the Carolinas Yam Festival rolling this year will be a big free gospel singing at Planters Warehouse on Wednesday night. Featured in this popular show will be the Blue Ridge Quartet, of Spartanburg, S. C., known everywhere as one of the finest

professional gospel singing groups in the country. These singers have performed in 30 states and attract huge audiences everywhere they go.

The Serenaders, prominent quartet of Lumberton that stars on television and radio in this area, will also be on hand. Also appearing will be the Twin States Trio and other

singing groups from the area. This program is being offered free of charge, sponsored by the Tabor City Merchants Association.

This is the first time a gospel singing of this nature has been put on in this area.

Thursday's big day begins with the parade at 3:30, and it promises to compare favorably with those of past years.

Immediately following the parade, the first performance of the Beers-Barnes circus will get underway. This will be followed at 8:00 Thursday night with the second circus performance.

At 9:30 Thursday night the annual Queen's pageant will begin and from the contestants will come the 1961 Carolinas

Yam Queen.

This Queen will be crowned during the Queen's Ball that begins at 9:30 Thursday night.

Music for this year's big ball was originally to have been directed by the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. However, failure of the booking agency to return the signed contract by Wednesday of this week has resulted in a cancellation of this con-

tract by the directors of the Merchants Association.

Instead of the Tommy Dorsey orchestra, the prominent Ed Turbeville orchestra, a nine piece band that was enjoyed at the recent Sun-Fun Festival at Myrtle Beach, will provide the music for the big queen's ball.

Several outstanding vocalists are featured with the

Turbeville orchestra that was organized in 1946 and has pleased more people in the Carolinas since that time than any other band.

Rounding out the three days of entertainment will be the popular rock and roll dance on Friday night. This event has been successful every year and promises to be even more so this season.

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School Spotlight Is Old Proposal Of Town Board

The proposed spotlight at the school crossing at the intersection of highway 701 and the Pireway road, mentioned frequently by observers as a location much in need of safety precautions, has long been under consideration by the Tabor City Town Board, Mayor Howard Harrelson disclosed this week.

Following the newspaper's suggestion of last week that study should be made of this situation to guard against accidents to the smaller children leaving school daily at 2:00, Mayor Harrelson searched through the minutes of past months and found where action had been taken on this problem.

While the spotlight still isn't erected, the board on March 8, 1960 on motion of Phil Hughes and seconded by Kenneth Ray voted to obtain spotlights from the State for this crossing, as well as the crossing at Fifth and Lewis Streets.

The next reference to the spotlight in the minutes is on August 17, 1961 when Willard Wright reported on his visit to Raleigh concerning the spotlights. It was noted then that these lights would cost between \$1200 and \$1400. The board approved the purchase of the lights.

Again on September 12, 1961, some two weeks ago, the board was advised by authorities in Raleigh that they could not supply a light for Lewis and Fifth street intersection and would advise later on the proposed light at the school crossing.

Mayor Harrelson pointed out that the town's finances are always involved in such a project as this but that the board has voted to erect this school light and has been working on the project for more than a year, as shown in the minutes.

Ben Duke Announces For Reelection

Ben Duke, incumbent sheriff of Columbus County, announced today that he would be a candidate for reelection in next May's Democratic primary.

"I am going to run on my record and hope that the good folks of Columbus will see fit to reelect me," Duke said in making the announcement.

Duke has been sheriff since the last election and was chief deputy under Hugh Nance for four years. A native of the Evergreen - Chadbourne area, Duke is a member of the Williams' Crossroads Baptist church.

He is married and the father of two daughters, Joan and Loraine.

Cernugel Named To School Board

The county Democratic executive committee named Dr. Albert Cernugel of Chadbourne to the county school board Friday night to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of Mac Brown.

Dr. Cernugel brings to the board two years of teaching experience and two years as principal. He is a 1947 graduate of Wake Forest College where he received his BS and in 1949 he received his masters in education from the same institution.

From Wake Forest he went into the teaching profession. He held his first post in Rocky Mount for a year. Then he accepted the position of principal of Fairmont schools, which he held for two years.

From Fairmont Dr. Cernugel taught in the Charleston, S. C. city system for a year. There he began his medical profession. He entered Charleston Medical college of South Carolina and completed the requirements for his medical doctor's degree in 1956 and following two years of internship he set up offices in Chadbourne.

He is married to the former Edna Smith of Fairmont and they have three children—Sammy 11, Al 8, and Kim 2.

In naming Dr. Cernugel the executive committee was in session only five minutes. Norman Peal of Chadbourne nominated Dr. Cernugel and Dr. Ross Williamson seconded the nomination.

Immediately, the nominations were closed and Dr. Cernugel received complete support of all the members. Twenty three of the 25-member body were present including four proxies. Proxies read at the session included: M. L. Ross, Harvey Coleman, Mack Canady and I. C. Gore, Jr.

The two absent members were M. K. Long and J. J. Powell.

No other business came up at the meeting.



GREEN SEA FFA OFFICERS—Newly elected officers of the Green Sea Chapter of the Future Farmers of America are shown above. Seated, left to right, Clyde Hoaks, Secretary; Carlis Causey, president; Ronald Williamson, vice-president and Wendell Neely, treasurer. Standing: Arnold Ward, reporter; Leo Ganis, sentinel; Lonnie Ward, Chaplain; and Jimmy Fowler, parliamentarian.

Yam Growers Vote In Favor Of Crop Fee

County sweet potato growers went to the polls Saturday and overwhelmingly approved a crop assessment fee to be used to promote the Yam Industry.

Growers voting in Tabor City registered an 82 per cent favorable vote, compared to the 83 per cent average throughout the county.

The Local vote was 45 for, and 10 against. In the county, 138 growers voted to pay the fee, with 26 opposed.

A two-thirds majority of those voting was necessary to have the program go into effect.

By approving the program, growers agreed to pay two cents per bushel on fresh market sweet potatoes, and two cents per hundred pounds on cannery stock.

The referendum was the first to be held by sweet potato growers for promotional purposes. It was requested by the North Carolina Sweet Potato Association.

The assessment will provide funds to be used for an extensive promotional and advertising program for the purpose of boosting the sale of North Carolina yams.

Growers who do not wish to support the program may apply for a refund.

Miss Precilla Granger spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Nell Granger of Tabor City, prior to leaving for Bethesda, Maryland where she has accepted a position at Surburban Hospital.

Mrs. Wendell Prince and son, Wendell Jr., of Florence, S.C. and Mrs. Rudy Ward of Conway also visited in the home.

Funeral Home Ambulance Service On Way Out

by Charles Young

Ambulance Service, traditionally the function of a funeral home, may soon be a thing of the past in Tabor City and Columbus County.

It is already on the way out in many cities and towns and counties in the state.

The reason for this passing custom is that funeral home directors have been losing money in the deal, and in such increasing amounts in successive years that they are becoming less and less inclined to continue the practice.

And although the service has been in effect for many years, there is no legal responsibility on the part of funeral homes to provide the service.

Further, there is no law in the state which covers responsibility for the service.

In towns across the state, where funeral homes have discontinued the service, the most common result is that municipal governments have taken over, and run ambulances as a tax supported function.

But they are not required by law to do so.

In a few places, private companies provide the service. But so far these business ventures have resulted in heavy financial losses in most cases.

A combination of factors has produced the widespread mood among funeral home owners to get out of the business.

The steadily rising costs of equipping and operating an ambulance is one major cause. Another—and perhaps the one which is most difficult to cope with—is the fact that only a very small percentage of people who use ambulance service are willing to pay for it.

Ralph Inman, owner of Inman Funeral Home in Tabor City, welcomes the opportunity to talk about the situation.

"We never refuse to answer a call for an ambulance. But if we were providing the service in a strictly businesslike manner, we couldn't afford to answer more than 10 per cent of them. That's about all we ever get paid for.

"We average making about 250 calls a year, and we're lucky if we get paid for 25 of them.

"It costs about \$7000 a year for me to run an ambulance. The best we can hope to do is get enough in collections to pay the gas bill.

"It takes anywhere from two to 12 hours to complete a call, from beginning to end. At the hospitals they won't take a patient off the cot until a room is ready for him. So the driver is stuck there. He has to wait around several hours doing nothing, when he could be back here.

"Most of our calls go to Whiteville, Loris and Conway. We charge \$5 for the trip to Loris, and \$10 to Whiteville or Conway. In Wilmington, a private operator charges a flat \$20 for calls in the city, even if it's just across the street. He charges fifty cents a mile for out-of-town calls.

"Our rates are pretty cheap. We couldn't come out on it even if we got paid for all calls.

"Then there's the additional expense involved in accident cases. You can't wash blood out of the sheets, so there goes two sheets and a pillow case \$1. In almost every case you have to throw the sheets out. That's \$9. Plus another \$1.50 for getting a blanket cleaned.

"Accident calls are the hardest ones to collect for. Usually some passerby puts in the call, and then we bill the patient and he refuses to pay. We can't bill the caller.

"Whoever tows in a wrecked car puts an attachment on it, and the bill has to be paid be-

Loris Lions Here Friday For Battle With Red Devils

One of the finest football games in many a moon awaits football fans in the Twin City area Friday night when the Loris Lions and the Tabor City Red Devils tangle at Tabor City at 8 p. m.

As usual, comparative scores mean nothing in this game, since both teams always play over their heads in this annual set-to, but for the record, Loris has a record of three wins and one loss while Tabor has a record of two wins and one loss.

Loris' most recent win was Friday night at Aynor over the Aynor Blue Jackets 12-6.

Friday night Tabor lost to an air-minded eleven from Bladenboro by a close 13-12.

So far this season the Tigers have demonstrated a strong ground attack, sparked by Tackles Sammy Williams and Jerry Soles, with Halfback Larry Fowler and Quarterback Roger Small as the principal ground gainers.

Loris has shown strength a-ground, with Marshal Carter and Douglas Cox as the prime movers, but has also displayed, particularly against Andrews, an effective air attack, with both Larry and Kenny Kapps taking turns at chinking.

Tabor City opened the season with an 18-0 win over a comparatively weak Whiteville, looked even better defeating Massey Hill 19-0 and looked equally good against Bladenboro, even though the Tigers lost. It appeared that the Tigers knew every play Bladenboro planned but just couldn't break up an unbeatable passing combination.

Loris opened the season with a 6-21 loss to Hartsville, 1960 runners-up to the Pee Dee champs. The Lions then defeated Wampee-Little River 14-7 and Andrews 18-2. Friday night they defeated Aynor 12-6.

Miss Grainger Is VFW Queen

Miss Marge Grainger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grainger of Tabor City, was named Miss VFW Queen at a meeting of the organization last Thursday night.

The 16 year old local beauty will enter the Carolina Yam Festival Queen contest next week and then will be a contestant in the VFW State competition in Wilmington in June.

Runner up in the VFW contest was Lenore Beck, 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Beck of Tabor City. She is a senior at the local high school as is Miss Grainger.

Second runner up honors went to Miss Carol O'Connor, of Tabor City. Miss O'Connor is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor. She is 15 years old and a sophomore at Tabor City high school.

H. B. Todd Promoted By Liberty Life

H. B. Todd, Liberty Life Insurance representative in Tabor City for the past five years, has been promoted to Associate Manager of the Eastern North Carolina District for the company.

The announcement came from the insurance company's home office at Greenville, S. C.

For the past two years, Mr. Todd has held the position of Assistant Manager of the Fayetteville Branch, which includes Tabor City.

Mr. Todd, a native of Tabor City, has been an outstanding representative of the company, and has won the highest award given by the company—membership in the President's Club—for each of his five years here.

Membership is restricted to those members of the organization who meet a high production requirement. This year, there were only eight men in the company's network of offices who received the award.

Mr. Todd attended Williams Township High School, graduating in 1942. Two years in the U. S. Navy followed, during which time he served with the Atlantic Fleet.

After his discharge from military service, he attended the National School of Commerce in Charlotte, where he studied Advanced Accounting and Business Administration.

In 1947 he took a position with Carolina Power and Light Company, Whiteville. He served as office manager of that company from 1948 to 1957, having responsibility for the Whiteville and Elizabethtown offices.

He took his first position with Liberty Life in February, 1957. In 1957 and 1958, he took two short courses in life insurance marketing at Purdue University.

Mr. Todd is married to the former Esther Ward of the Antioch Section. They have three children, two girls and a boy. They are Sonja, 15; Meredith, 13; and Terry, 7. The Todds live in Williams Township.

Mr. Todd is a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters, the Tabor City Civitan Club, the Tabor City Masonic Order, and the Williams Township Ruritan Club.

He is also a member of the Iron Hill Baptist Church, where he is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Garden Club Meets At Home Of Mrs. Page

The Tabor City Garden Club met September 18 at the home of Mrs. Billy Page, with Mrs. H. B. Buffkin, Jr. as hostess.

Mrs. Frank Boswell presided, in the absence of president Mrs. W. A. Williams. Mrs. Billy Page gave the devotional, after which the Lord's Prayer was recited, and the club collected read in unison.

Mrs. B. E. Hughes brought a beautiful arrangement of vegetables and fruit. She also gave a very interesting program on drying of weeds and flowers for dried arrangements. A dessert course was served by the hostess.

FARM AWARD

The Ralph Jolly Family, of route 3, Tabor City, will be honored Thursday with the Master Farm Family Award. The ceremony will be held at the Jolly home, three miles east of Tabor City. The Jolly family was recently chosen one of the master farm families in North Carolina for 1961.

Following the award ceremony, there will be a tour of the farm and home.

A number of celebrities from the county as well as Raleigh and other sections of the State will attend.

Judy Corbett At Salem College

Miss Judith Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Corbett, Sr., has been enrolled as a freshman at Salem College in Winston-Salem. This year is the 190th session of the women's college.

Miss Corbett was a marshal and a cheerleader in high school in Tabor City. She was a member of the chorus and served on the Monacle staff. She was president of the French Club and was a member of the Beta Club and the Monogram Club.

At Salem College, Miss Corbett is in the School of Music.

MAGAZINE SALE

Junior class students at the Tabor City High School have begun their annual magazine subscription sale. A percentage of the money from the subscriptions will be awarded the class, and will go toward payment for the Junior-Senior Banquet to be held in the Spring. The sale is scheduled for two weeks.

TICKET SALE

The Boy Scouts of Tabor City Troop 508 are selling advance tickets for the Beers-Barnes Circus which will put on two shows here October 5. The Scouts get 10 per cent of their sales. Adult tickets are \$1, children fifty cents.