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## Gospel Singing Opens Yam Festival; Queen's Ball Thurs.

Gospel singing, two big dances, a circus and parade are in store for those attending the 14th Annual Carolinas Yam festival that opens tonight in Tabor City.

Elwood Dorman, chairman, and Ken Lovell, executive secretary of the Tabor City Merchants Association, announced today that everything showed promise of another successful event.

Opening this townwide pro-

motion that has drawn throngs of people from a wide area in the past will be the free Gospel singing at Planters Warehouse tonight, starting at 8:00. This marks the first time a Gospel sing of this nature has been offered to the public in Tabor City or this area and one of the few times such an event has been offered free of charge anywhere.

The famed Blue Ridge Quartet of Spartanburg, S. C.,

who have appeared in 30 different States as popular Gospel singers, will highlight tonight's program. Also appearing will be The Serenaders, popular Gospel quartet of Lumberton, and the Twin States Trio, a local singing group known throughout this section.

Seats have been erected at the warehouse to accommodate about 1000 persons for tonight's singing. Standing room

will be available for that many more and some folks have stated that they intend to bring their own chairs.

No stopping time for the singing has been set and these professional singing groups will sing until the audience is ready to call it a night.

Second phase of this year's festival will be the big parade Thursday afternoon at 3:30. Lovell said today that there were indications that this

would be the finest parade ever staged in Tabor City. At least six bands are expected to be on hand, along with numerous floats already stored here and ready to go Thursday.

Immediately following the parade, the first performance of the Beers-Barnes circus will get underway. Another circus performance is slated for Thursday night at 8:00.

Candidates for 1961 Carolinas Yam Queen will be feted

at a dinner at 5:30 Thursday afternoon at Ruby & Gear's restaurant along with members of the visiting press and other celebrities.

At 7:30 Thursday the Beauty Pageant will begin at Planters Warehouse and the new Yam Queen will be chosen.

The winner of this pageant will be crowned during the Queen's Ball that gets underway at 9:00 with the Ed Tur-

ville Orchestra entertaining. The Turbeville Orchestra has played before more dance crowds in the Carolinas than any other musical group known today and has long been popular at the Myrtle Beach Sun-Fun Festival.

Always a highlight of the festival, the Queen's Ball is again expected to attract a crowd and provide a wholesome evening of entertainment.

The Friday night rock'n roll will bring to a close the festivities. This dance will be held at the Planters Warehouse and has been exceedingly popular in the past.

Booths in the exhibit hall have been discontinued for the festival this year and planners of the event have endeavored to make it a three night stand of entertainment that will be attractive to young and old, town and country.



MASTER FARM FAMILY — The Ralph Jolly family, of the New Life Community, receives the bronze engraved plaque, marking the first time in 20 years that Columbus County has had a Master Farm Family. (Staff Photo)

### Master Farm Family Award Presented To Ralph Jollys Of New Life Community

More than 100 friends, neighbors and agricultural representatives from the county and state were on hand last Thursday when the Ralph Jolly family of New Life Community were awarded the Master Farm Family plaque.

The special presentation ceremony, conducted by County Agricultural Agent Charles D. Raper, was the culmination of many years of hard work by the Jolly family.

Characterized as a family of "cooperation and determination," the Jollys became the first Columbus County family in 20 years to receive the award.

The hour-long program on the neatly cropped lawn of the Jolly home, preceded a conducted tour of the farm and the house which the Jollys bought in 1946.

Featured speaker on the program was Dr. George Hyatt, Assistant Director of the N. C. State College Extension Service, who explained the objectives of having special awards to outstanding farm families.

Highlights of the history of the Jolly family were given by County Agent Raper and County Home Economics Agent Elaine N. Blake.

Harry Stevens, a neighbor of the Jollys, paid tribute to his former friends.

The presentation of the plaque was made by William C. LaRue, associate editor of The Progressive Farmer, a co-sponsor of the award. The North Carolina Extension Service also sponsors the program.

The plaque reads: "Master Farm Family Award, Honoring Distinguished Southern Farm Families, Presented To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Jolly and Family, By The Progressive Farmer And The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, For Notable Accomplishments in Farming, Home-making and Citizenship, 1961."

The Jolly farm, which encompasses 113 acres, is marked by its almost mathematical neatness. It is hard to find a place on it that doesn't seem remodeled to fit its purpose.

Tobacco is the main income producing crop of the farm. The Jollys have 15 acres of it, although some is rented.

Sweet potatoes are second in income production. Mr. Jolly

usually has from eight to 10 acres, but this year has only four.

There are also several test plots which contain research varieties of the root crop.

When the farm was purchased by the Jollys in 1946, it had fallen into a serious state of disrepair. Since that time, the land area has been completely reworked and increased in size from 67 to 113 acres.

The farm had belonged to Mrs. Jolly's father, Egbert D. Mills.

The compact seven - room house that is the Jolly home has undergone extensive remodeling. Rooms have been made larger, a bathroom has been put in, closets have been expanded, cabinets have been put in the kitchen, and the entire interior of the dwelling has been refinished.

All the renovation, together with the clearing, landscaping and seeding of the yard, took place in 1949 and 1950.

The Jolly family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Jolly, their two sons, William, 17, and Thomas, 11, and Mrs. Jolly's mother.



Mt. Olive Baptist Church Revival Set

The Mount Olive Baptist Church, of Route 4, Nichols is planning a Revival October 8 through the 15th. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Woodrow A. Harris, former pastor of Mt. Olive and present pastor of the Duncane Baptist Church of Greenville, S. C.

The Rev. Harris, who was born in Texas, has served pastorates in Shelby, N. C.; the Rutledge Avenue Church of Charleston; and formerly Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He is a talented, trained vocalist and will bring special music.

The Rev. Raymond A. McKinney, pastor of Mt. Olive Church extends a cordial welcome to all who will attend.

Morning services begin at 10:30 a. m. Monday through Friday; evening services begin at 7:30 p. m. Sunday through Sunday.

Cottage prayer meetings are being held October 1-8 in preparation of the coming revival.

**EASTERN STAR**  
Tabor City Chapter 240  
Order of the Eastern Star is sponsoring a bake and rummage sale, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, in the old Ray's Barber Shop back of Harrison's Pharmacy.

### 15 Contestants Vie For Queen's Title

English Classes Hear Guy Owen Talk Of Writing

by C. B. SELLERS, JR.

Guy Owen, author of "Season of Fear," talked to the Tabor City High School junior and senior English classes Tuesday morning.

In the informal discussion, Mr. Owen talked of fiction writing in general and the various aspects of the creation of a novel.

Guy (as many people call him) regards his writing as a hobby, but is serious about it and is constantly searching for new material.

"There exists a contract between a writer and his reader," he said, "The author agrees to give his best and the reader promises to bring a maturity and a sensitivity to what the writer is trying to project."

"If you don't read books, you are one person in one world. By reading, you become many people in many interesting places."

Mr. Owen was born in 1925 at Clarkton. After attending school there, he was drafted into the army. He spent two and one half years in France and Germany as an infantry private.

After the war he entered the University of North Carolina. He continued his study of English until 1955, when he received his P. H. D.

He has taught at U. N. C., Davidson College, Elon College, and is now an associate professor at Stetson University, Deland, Florida.

At Stetson he directs the creative writing workshop.

He is married and has two sons.

Mr. Owen's first book was a collection of poems titled "Cape Fear County." He founded a semi-annual poetry magazine, "Impetus."

In 1960 he was awarded a Bread Loaf Writers Conference scholarship for his poetry and for "Season of Fear," his first novel.

While on a year's leave from "Flim-Flam Man," the title of his second novel.

The settings will be in Bladen and Columbus Counties.

His aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Hufham of Tabor City, arranged for his series of talks to the Pioneer Book Club and to the students.

Mr. Owen left Tuesday to return to his Deland home.

### S. P. Smith Is Chairman Of Local BSA Drive

The Council Finance Campaign of the Cape Fear Area Council, B. S. A. is ready for their kick-off on October 10th to raise \$25,000 in independent campaign under the overall direction of Walter Sheffield of Wilmington.

S. P. Smith is chairman of the local campaign.

G. P. Henderson of Maxton, General Chairman reports every community with an organization complete and ready to kick-off on the 10th. Stronger Community support has been organized under the district chairman Jim Watson of Red Springs, Charles Gardner of Lumberton, Brooks Shuping of Whiteville, Tom Crittenden of Whiteville.

The Special Gifts part of the campaign with a goal of \$7,500.00 started under Council Chairman, L. R. Bowers of Whiteville.

The Leadership Gifts with J. A. Mauldsby of Whiteville has reported \$5,850.00 toward their goal of \$8,000.00. This larger gifts campaign started on August 22nd. Every effort is being made to secure 100 "Century Club" Members this year.

The total campaign goal is \$51,777.00 which will be the operating budget for the Eight Southeastern North Carolina Counties. This budget will provide an adequate staff for the coming year.

The Cape Fear Scouters will also be assisting the United Funds of Scotland, Hoke, Rowland, and New Hanover Counties.

### Tabor City Man Joins Raleigh Police Force

Haynes K. Martin, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Martin of Tabor City has joined the Raleigh police department.

Martin has been assigned to the traffic division. He is a graduate of Tabor City High School.

The Martins live at 5839 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh. Mrs. Martin is the former Winetta Fipps of Tabor City. They have two children, Millian Ann and Riekey Dale.

Martin was employed by the R. W. Moore Grading Co. prior to accepting the police job.



THE COACH GETS A RIDE — Tired but jubilant Red Devils hoist Coach Berney Stevens aloft and carry him off the field following the Friday night win over Loris. (Staff Photo)

### Red Devils Shatter Loris 21-0; Travel To Charlotte Friday For Conference Contest

Tabor City's Red Devils, bolstered by the impressive victory over arch-rival Loris last week, travel to Charlotte Friday in quest of their fourth win of the season.

The local eleven has now posted a record of three wins against one defeat. The lone losing effort came at the hands of a tough Bladenboro team, 13-1. That one point margin is the difference between an undefeated season for the Red Devils.

Shallotte, which is 0-2 in the conference play this year, will feature primarily a running game from both a T-formation and a single-wing formation in the contest there Friday.

In last week's game against Loris, the Devils mounted what was probably their best offensive effort of the season.

Halfback Larry Fowler and Leon Fonvielle led the attack, with fullback Ronald Foley and halfback Bobby Soles contributing necessary chunks of yardage along the way.

Quarterback Roger Small, turning in another stellar performance in guiding the team, also completed his first pass of the season, which went for a touchdown.

Scoring honors went to Leon Fonvielle, Jerry Soles and Sammy Williams.

Fonvielle scored two touchdowns, Soles one, and Williams a safety to provide the 21-0 margin.

Tabor's first score came in the second period, with Jerry Soles going over from short yardage after a sustained march upfield. Soles was converted from his regular position at tackle to the fullback spot for the play.

The point after attempt was not good.

The half ended with the score 6-0.

The second score was accounted for early in the third period when a Loris pass from the Tabor 38-yard line was intercepted by Leon Fonvielle who raced 62 yards for the touchdown.

A run for the extra point was stopped short.

Later in the same period, Tabor and Chipper Watts intercepted another Loris pass and sped 17 yards down the sidelines before being knocked out of bounds.

Fonvielle, Fowler and Small then picked up the yardage that brought the ball to the Loris 15, setting up the scoring play.

Small threw to Fonvielle who took the perfect strike on the four and went into the end zone untouched.

Larry Fowler added the extra point on a plunge through the line.

In the fourth period, following a Tabor fumble close to the Loris goal, Leon Kenny Kappas was caught in the end zone by a fast charging Sammy Williams who downed him for the two-pointer, making the score 21-0.

Another record turnout filled the stands and lined the sidelines for the game played at Tabor City.

The Red Devils have not been scored on thus far this year on their home field. The two touchdowns scored against them came during the game at Bladenboro.

Those same Bladenboro Bulldogs handed Tabor's Friday night opponent—Shallotte — its second defeat in conference play, 13-7, earlier in the season.

Game time is at 8 p. m.

### Horry Electric Co-Op Membership Meet, Electric Fair Nears

A red letter day is fast inching up on the calendars of people from throughout this area.

South Carolina's largest touring show — the Electric Fair is coming to Conway for a big free admission two-day stand Thursday and Friday loaded with some of the nation's top professional performers.

The Fair, sponsored by the Horry Electric Cooperative, will be staged in the connection with the organization's Annual Membership Business Meeting at Conway.

In addition to the Electric Fair, a beauty contest will be held to select a new Miss Horry Electric Co-Op to step into the shoes of pretty Mearlyn Dunn of Conway.

Beauty contestants are young ladies who live in homes served by the Horry Electric Co-Op. Contestants are: Miss Hazel Elliott, Route 3, Loris; Miss Patsy Lundy, Perry Court Myrtle Beach; Miss Phyllis James, Coker College, Hartsville; Miss Joyce Ann Jordan, Route 3, Conway; Miss Annette Hughes, Route 4, Loris; Miss Sheryl Sue Cox, Route 1, Tabor City, N. C.; Miss Patsy Hodges, Route 1, Aynor; Miss Vernelle Gause, Route 4, Loris; Miss Patsy Hardee, Route 3, Loris; Miss Joyce Brown, Winthrop College; Rock Hill; Miss Sara Jean Floyd, Green Sea; Miss Melva Dean Rabon, Route 1, Aynor; Miss Estelene Gibson, Galivants; Perry; Miss Maretha Thompson, Route 3, Conway; Miss Peggy Johnson, Route 3, Conway; Miss Patsy Watts, Tabor City, N. C.; and Miss Shari Willard, Route 1, Loris.

All contestants will receive a lovely gift.

First place winner will receive \$25.00 plus an all expense paid trip to the State Contest for herself and chaperone. Second place winner \$15.00 and third place \$10.00.

The Annual Meeting of Co-Op Members begins with registration on Friday afternoon at 2 p. m. For those who register at this meeting a score of electrical appliances will be given away to lucky winners — including an electric range, steam-dry irons, toasters, radios, fry pans, heating pads, power saws and many others.

There will be a revamped and improved program of entertainment for the thousands expected.