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Appreciation Night Banquet Set For Local Football Team

The Tabor City Rotary and Civitan Clubs will jointly sponsor an appreciation night banquet at the school cafeteria Monday night, November 20, honoring the Red Devil football team and coaches who have closed out the most successful season in many years.

The six wins and three losses record of the Tabor City grid-ers earned for them the Columbus County title and runner-up honors in the Waccamaw conference.

S. P. Smith, overall chairman of the event, said today that an outstanding sportsman speaker would be sought for the banquet program.

He said Rotarians, Civitans and members of the football team would attend the meeting and that any other interested local sports boosters are invited but would have to secure tickets at Dameron Drug Store by Wednesday, November 15. Tickets will be \$1.50 each.

W. A. (Al) Williams will serve as master of ceremonies at the banquet.

Willard Wright will be program chairman and will introduce the speaker of the evening. Wright is in charge of securing the speaker and efforts are being made to get Bones McKinney, basketball coach at Wake Forest College, if McKinney cannot come, a speaker of equal popularity will be sought.

Randall Burtleson is chairman of the arrangement committee and Ed Herring and Edwin Wright chairmen of the decoration committee.

Ag Teachers See Local Cannery

The monthly meeting of vocational agriculture teachers from Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties was held Monday afternoon in the agriculture building at Tabor City High School.

A highlight of the afternoon session was a conducted tour through Tabor City Foods, Inc., with cannery representatives Ralph Norris, Jimmy Garrell and Tally Eddings providing instruction and explanation in cannery procedure.

Tabor City agriculture teachers Fred Lay and Sam Jackson acted as hosts for the event.

The cannery tour was designed to acquaint the visiting teachers with the latest in canning practices, in addition to furnishing them with information about the current most desirable varieties of sweet potatoes for cannery purposes.

N. B. Chesnut, vocational agriculture district supervisor for southeastern North Carolina spoke to the group about new teaching methods and materials in the production of sweet potatoes.

Brought under discussion was the comparative desirability of various types of potatoes to be used in canning.

It was pointed out that at the present time, the "nugget" variety is the most popular, although there are a great number of "kandees" being brought in also.

There were 24 teachers in attendance.

Two Die, Two Hurt In Friday Wreck; Manslaughter Is Charged

1961 County highway deaths number 12 and 13 were recorded Friday when a two-car crash took the lives of a prominent Whiteville and Columbus County businessman and a Whiteville, Route 1 Negro.

The accident, which occurred shortly after noon about five and a half miles northwest of Whiteville, resulted in the death of Clarence Gordon Townsend, 43, operator of Whiteville Trading Company, and John West George, 48.

Patrolman F. D. McLean said that two others involved in the wreck were hospitalized for treatment of injuries.

They are John Richard Brown, 48, 908 South Lumbrady Street, Richmond, Va., and Mildred Banks, 25, 1201 N. 19th St., also Richmond.

The injured two were in the auto with George, a 1953 Pontiac. Townsend was alone in a 1960 Volkswagen.

Trooper McLean said that Townsend was killed instantly as a result of a chest injury apparently received when he struck the steering wheel at the time of the crash.

Coroner J. B. Long said that George died of head and multiple injuries.

One of the injured, Brown, suffered a neck injury and is said to be in satisfactory condition. The other, Mildred Banks, is reported to be in condition, with a broken arm and internal injuries.

McLean said investigation showed that the Pontiac was moving east on rural paved road 1002, better known as the old Lumberton Road, and was meeting the Volkswagen heading west.

He said the driver of the Pontiac lost control, apparently went off on the right shoulder of the road, cut back onto the road and went into a skid. The Pontiac slid sideways into the front end of the smaller auto.

Townsend was still inside his car after the wreck. The three passengers in the Pontiac were thrown out.

Coroner Long has indicated that an inquest into the two deaths will be held as soon as the injured pair are out of the hospital.

Trooper McLean said that Brown will be charged with manslaughter, although Brown contends that the dead man, George, was driving the Pontiac.

Waccamaw River Closed To Fishing

The Waccamaw River and its tributaries from Red Bluff bridge to the North Carolina state line is closed to fishing because of low water.

James W. Webb, director of the Division of Game, S. C. Wildlife Resources Department, said the waters have been closed to fishing until Nov. 22.

Grainger New Operator Of Tabor Hardware



ENGENE GRAINGER

Tabor Hardware and Furniture Company, founded over 50 years ago by the late J. L. Lewis, has changed management, it was announced Monday.

Eugene Grainger, well-known local businessman, is the new manager and owns half interest in the company. The remaining 50% is owned by the estate of the late Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Grainger replaces Lewis Sikes, grandson of the late Mr. Lewis, who has been manager of the firm since Mr. Lewis' death in 1958.

Mr. Grainger will be assisted by his wife, who will be bookkeeper for the company. Mr. and Mrs. Grainger both are natives of this area and have been in business here since 1947.

The Graingers owned and operated Grainger's Grocery in West Tabor for ten years. From 1954-61 Mr. Grainger was affiliated with Grainger Motor Company, and during that time, Mrs. Grainger managed Baker's Super Market for ten months in the absence of Bryant Baker.

"We invite former customers of Tabor Hardware and Company to continue their patronage and pledge them the excellent merchandise and service they have found in the past," said Mr. Grainger. "We also invite new customers to visit both our hardware and furniture departments."

BOND VOTE

Voting in the South Williams Township on the \$61.6 million bond issue resulted in defeat of all 10 categories in question.

Registrar Ben Nesmith III reported that a total of 304 voters cast their ballots. All categories on the ballot went down to defeat at approximately four to one.

The vote on \$7,396,000 for State Mental Institutions was the most favorable, with 63 in favor and 230 against.

The least successful category was \$2,858,000 for Capitol Area Building Improvements, with 40 in favor and 256 against.

Slightly more than 2000 voters are registered in South Williams Township.

Fishing and fish fries are very popular with many families in our community lately.

North Whiteville Is Biggest Winner In Community Development Awards

Awards night was held Thursday for the Columbus Community Development Program, with the North Whiteville club walking off with the largest share of the prizes.

Judging in the county on Wednesday and Thursday resulted in a \$200 award to North Whiteville as the community making most progress during the year. The club also picked up an additional \$160 in other awards.

White Marsh-Red Hill placed second in the progress category and received \$100. Western Prong was third for \$50.

A \$25 award was given to all other organized communities participating in the program. Additional cash awards given as inducement prizes for

organized community activities were presented on the basis of first, second and third places in each of 10 categories.

In order of presentation, the winners were:

—Community contributing most to increased farm income through improved practices and new sources of income, including ACP participation: First, Smyrna, \$50; Second, Western Prong, \$25; Third, North Whiteville, \$15.

—Community having highest percent of families producing and conserving one-half or more of total food needed: First, Smyrna, \$25; Second, Lebanon, \$15; Third, Sandy Plain, \$10.

—Community contributing most to home improvements: First, North Whiteville, \$25; Second, White Marsh, \$15; Third, Lebanon, \$10.

—Community sponsoring a 4-H Club which contributes most to community program:

First, North Whiteville, \$25; Second, White Marsh, \$15; Third, Western Prong, \$10.

All of the cash awards and inducement prizes go to the organized community clubs for community improvement.

Named to represent the county in the competition for SENLland awards are North Whiteville in the home beautification category, White Marsh-Red Hill in the youth work category, and Smyrna in the increased farm income category.

The district competition, which will be held November 14, is among six counties: Columbus, Bladen, Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender.

The awards program was held at the Hallsboro School, Pat Wooten, president of the Columbus County Development Association, presided.

Graham was shot at 12:30 a. m. and was pronounced dead at Loris Community Hospital at 1:32 a. m. after the car in which relatives were taking him to the hospital broke down in front of Dan's Radio and TV Repair and had to be pushed as quickly as possible by town police to the hospital.

The coroner said Graham died from a .38 calibre pistol wound of the left chest.

The coroner said an inquest will be held at a date to be set later.

Funeral services for Graham were held at 3 p. m. Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arn Graham of Rt. 1, Loris. The Rev. Anson Smith and the Rev. Dayton Fowler officiated. Burial was in Graham Cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to his parents, are the widow Mrs. Geraldine Grainger Graham; two sons, Rocky Graham and Robbie Lee Graham; five brothers, Oliver Graham, Elbert Graham, Earl Graham and Herbert Graham, all of Rt. 1, Loris; and Curtis Graham of Dunn, N. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Letha Dawsey and Mrs. Jeanette Fowler, both of Loris, and Mrs. Bobbie Dunn of Conway.

Funeral services were held Saturday for Mrs. Etta Carol Lee, 78, who died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rucy Hewitt, in Tabor City. Mrs. Lee was the widow of the late General Walter Lee.

The Rev. P. H. Layfield officiated at the services held Saturday morning at 11 A. M., and the Rev. Joe Stanley conducted services at the Bethesda Cemetery at Aberdeen at 3:00 P. M.

Mrs. Lee is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Rucy Hewitt of Tabor City, and Mrs. Dorothy Troutman of Pinebluff; five sons, Hector Lee, Tabor City, and Carl Lee, Octavious Lee, John Lee, Purvis Lee and Kirby Lee, all of Burlington; two sisters, Mrs. C. S. Stanton of Red Springs and Mrs. Kattie Gibson of Rockingham; two brothers, B. G. and Calvin Farmer, of Hamlet; and 25 grandchildren.

Mrs. Doretha Cox, Mrs. Willie Anderson, Mrs. Casper Ganus and Mrs. Carrie Jacobs visited Kelly Jacobs at Loris recently.

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Farmer Confesses To Extortion Try

Eleven agonizing months of sheer terror have ended for the family of a Loris businessman with the confession of a respected farmer that it was he who demanded \$10,000.00 to let the family live.

Rufus Boyd of the Daisy section of upper Horry was taken into custody last Friday, admitted Sunday night that he attempted extortion by phone threats of death by dynamite, and Tuesday was taken to the State Mental Hospital in Columbia for observation after relatives opined that he was insane.

Objects of the anonymous telephoned threats that came irregularly for almost a year were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bailey and their son, Singleton, who live on the east end of Main St. Bailey owns and operates Loris Drug Store. Target of the phone calls was Mrs. Bailey who during the eleven months of taut nerves moved progressively from states of panic to terror, to reasoning fear and finally to something more than mild apprehension.

Loris Police Chief Paul Ray Jones, who headed investigation efforts of town, county and state police (SLED), said that Boyd signed a statement Sunday night admitting that it was he who attempted to extort \$10,000.00 from the drug-gist and his family.

The threatening phone calls began Dec. 2, 1960 when Mrs. Bailey, at home, received a call from a man who refused to identify himself but demanded \$10,000.00, threatening to dynamite her home if it were not paid.

The caller reminded Mrs. Bailey of the dynamiting in 1947 that demolished the Willoughby home near Finklea, west of Loris, dismembering a girl fatally and seriously injuring her father. That dynamiting was one Horry folks will not soon forget because of the horror involved.

Since the first call, Chief Jones said, there have been 18 to 22 more, some made from Myrtle Beach, Red Hill just outside Conway, from Conway, Marion, Tabor City, N. C., and through the Loris exchange of the Horry Telephone Co-Op.

During one call in January the man demanded that \$10,000.00 in bills be placed in a file drawer in front of the Daisy school at 4 p. m. Friday.

At noon that Friday police began to drift into that area inconspicuously. They kept watch over the dummy package of money all afternoon and (Continued On Page 3)

Dispute Still Unsettled Between Town Board And Well Contractor

The latest development in the long standing dispute between a well-drilling contractor and the Tabor City Board of Commissioners regarding responsibility for a malfunctioning town well failed to bring about any progress toward a solution last night.

In the regular monthly Board meeting, the commissioners met with C. C. Hildebrand, contractor from Wake Forest who has done extensive work for the town, in an effort to reach a solution to the problem.

Hildebrand refused to accept these terms, and the issue was tabled, to be acted upon at a later date.

At last night's meeting, the Board requested that Hildebrand furnish an estimate of what he would be willing to drill a new well for, in addition to some other work which the Board is contemplating.

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Principal Making Study Of Student Dropouts At Williams; Meeting Friday

By—W. Horace Carter

Why do teenagers with an opportunity to get a free high school education drop out of school? That's the question that Clayton Lewis, principal of Williams Township, is trying to determine with an exhaustive study he is now making in completing requirements for his advanced principal's certificate beyond his master's degree.

In an effort to point out to parents the drop out problem as it exists in this area, Mr. Lewis has called a meeting for Williams Township School Friday night. In addition to a discussion of the problem, a film will be shown to those parents and community leaders attending and an effort will be made to organize a Lay Professional Committee working with the local Ruritan Club educational committee to meet with potential drop outs and encourage them to remain in school.

From Mr. Lewis' accurate study, there is the encouraging fact that the drop out percentage is decreasing at that school. The 1957 year showed a drop-out percentage there of 70 percent and 69 percent in 1958.

Last Year's Figures

Looking over last year's figures at Williams shows that the largest number of drop outs occur from the ninth to the tenth grades and from the eleventh to the twelfth grades. With 84 students enrolled last year in the ninth grade, there were only 45 in the tenth. And with 43 enrolled in the eleventh grade, there were only 28 in the graduating twelfth grade. Williams had a total enrollment last year of 771.

Mr. Lewis has made a minute study of each Williams graduating class for the past five years. The figures coming from that study are revealing to say the least. Here are some of the things they show:

Last year's graduating class entered the first grade in 1949 with 104 enrolled. The average attendance of that class was 92 with an average of 11 being out of class every day. By the time that class reached the ninth grade, there were only 75 of them left and when they graduated last year that number had been reduced to 39.

Take the 1959-60 class statistics. That group entered school in 1948 with 113 in the first grade. When it reached the ninth, there were 81 and only 42 graduated.

The 1959 graduating class had 40 donning caps and gowns. But there were 68 of them in the ninth grade and 102 when they entered the first in 1947.

The 1958 graduating class had an even worse record. Of the 119 in the first grade in 1946, only 58 remained when they reached the ninth and only 36 graduated.

The year before that in 1957 there were 40 graduates from a first grade enrollment in 1945 of 130. There were 59 of them when they reached grade nine.

Another thing that Mr. Lewis is studying is the reasons why students drop out of school. Among those things listed are:

1—Lack of proper encouragement at home, 2—Lack of interest in education and failure to realize the importance of an education, 3—Some become discouraged because they fail to pass their school work, 4—Some get married, and 5—Some feel the desire to earn money.

Also of some importance in the study is the fact that a number of pupils leave school daily to go home and work. Mr. Lewis' records show that 32 Williams Township students left school last Friday, November 3, to go home to work.

Why Do They Drop Out?

POWER SERVICE INTERRUPTION

Power services will be interrupted Sunday morning, November 12, 1961, from 5:30 to 7:30 A. M. from Whiteville to Tabor City. All customers on Highway 701 from Whiteville to Tabor City will be without power including Brunswick, New Hope, Williams Township, Clarendon, and Tabor City.

H. M. Leaman, Local Manager, stated this interruption of service is necessary for the safety of the men working. We are making improvements so that we can render better service in the future.

POSTMASTER RICHARD GORDON

Postmaster Richard Gordon has announced that the post office will be closed Saturday, November 11, and that there will be no rural or town delivery on that date.