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Director Chosen For New County Defense Program

The first step in the formation of a county-wide civil defense program has been taken with the appointment of Lathal Wayne of Lake Waccamaw as civil defense director.

L. P. Ward, chairman of the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, announced the new appointment.

Wayne is scheduled to begin organizational duties immediately, working with and under the direction of the Commissioners in setting up the program.

Chairman Ward said the new director will be charged with promoting civil defense through civic clubs, PTA's and similar groups in towns and communities in the county.

Salary for the director has been set at \$460 a month, which includes travel allowances. The federal government will pay half the salary and the remainder will be apportioned among county municipalities and the county itself on a tax valuation basis.

Ward said that efforts are now being made to secure office space for the director, and also to provide clerical help.

A secretary for the office will be paid \$215 a month, and will be under the state merit system.

The new director is chief of police at Lake Waccamaw, a former deputy sheriff, and is chairman of the county Democratic executive committee.

Getting the program underway will require a number of appointments involving volunteer workers, including heads of transportation, medical, communications and information facilities, among others.

In a civil defense program, printed data and personal services are made available to all county residents so that they will know what to do in case of a civil emergency.

Civil defense includes the handling of natural disasters as well as protection against enemy attack. All catastrophes in which the welfare and safety of large numbers of people are involved fall under the program.

The new program has been set up to make it a continuing proposition.

Santa Is Coming Saturday Morning

Santa Claus invites all the little children to visit him Saturday in the C. D. Garzell building on Fifth Street where he will make his headquarters.

He will be giving out approximately 1100 baskets of candy and fruit to children who visit him there to tell him their Christmas requests.

On Saturday, December 16, Santa will return to his headquarters with more goodies for the children. The week-end before Christmas, Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23, Santa will again be in town to visit shops and pass out candy to little children and good wishes to everyone.

The arrival of Santa will usher in the Christmas Shopping Season officially in Tabor City. Local merchants, through the Merchants Association, are making the arrival of Santa possible, and have been busy decorating their store windows

to add to the merriment of the Christmas Opening. Additional decorations have also been hung on Railroad and Fifth streets, and the town is set for the big day.

Santa was originally scheduled to come to town in a milk-crown buggy, but because the buggy breaks down, a wagon will be waiting. Whatever his vehicle, he will be loaded down with treats for the children, according to Ken Lovell, the Merchants Association's acting coordinator of the town's Christmas Opening.

Tobacco Price Support Vote To Be Tuesday

Columbus County tobacco farmers will go to the polls Tuesday to determine whether or not to price support tobacco on free-market tobacco will be continued.

If two-thirds of the voters approve quota restrictions, tobacco will continue to be supported at 90 per cent of parity for the next three years.

As in the past, any person, landlord, tenant, sharecropper, or any other person on the farm sharing in the production of tobacco is eligible to vote.

In addition to the vote on tobacco support, ballots will be cast either for or against assessments on peanuts, cotton and tobacco to be used for promoting the various industries.

Deadlocked Jury Brings Mistrial Against Brown

A deadlocked jury resulted in the declaration of a mistrial Friday in the manslaughter case against John Richard Brown of Richmond, Virginia, who survived a two-car wreck November 3 on the old Lumberton Road that killed two county residents.

The jury, deliberating the case since 3:15 p. m. Thursday, reported to Judge Raymond Mallard shortly after 4 p. m. Friday that it could not reach a decision.

Brown was returned to the county jail, and is still being held under \$4,000 bond. A new trial is expected to be scheduled for the January term of criminal court.

Killed in the wreck were Clarence Gordon Townsend, Whiteville businessman, and John West George, Whiteville, Rt. 1 farmer.

Gas Prices Take Dip

The competitive gas price battle among Tabor City's service station operators has reduced the cost of a gallon of regular gas by 19 cents at most of the local stations.

The gradual reduction in prices began early last week, when the cost of regular stood at 31.9 cents a gallon.

As of this morning, the lowest price is 21.9 cents. There is no immediate indication of any further reduction.



PART OF THE LOOT — A small portion of some \$5,000 in goods stolen by four teenage boys and a 23-year-old man in Horry county recently is examined by (left to right) County Policeman Willis Gause, Loris Police Chief Paul Ray Jones and County Police Sgt. George O. (Buddy) Fowler. Earlier two loads had been sent to County Police headquarters in Conway.

Teen-Age Crime Wave Is Halted

A teen-age crime wave in Horry County came to a screeching halt this week as County Police broke up two rings of boys, one of which stole goods valued at \$5,950 from business houses over the county.

One ring of five young boys on six visits had stolen tractor gas from four farmers in upper Horry. The boys, whose names were withheld because of their ages, were paroled to their parents.

Another ring of four teenagers and a 23-year-old man admitted thefts approximating \$5,000 in four break-ins and a raid on two farms.

County Police listed those arrested as Leamon Junior Fowler, 18, of Rt. 3, Nichols; Nevel Boone, 18, of Finkler; Robert Todd, 17, of Loris; MacArthur Bullard, 19, of Rt. 1, Loris; and James Buddy Rabon, 23, of Bayboro.

Horry County Police Sgt. George O. (Buddy) Fowler, County Policeman Willis Gause and Loris Police Chief Paul Ray Jones worked from Wednesday to Sunday almost without stop in solving:

1—The Nov. 10 break-in at Wright's Auto Supply, Loris;

2—The Nov. 16 and Nov. 21 break-ins at Pee Dee Farms, Inc., Galveston, Ferry;

3—The Nov. 17 theft of farm trailer tires from Bessell Hendford and Oby Coats of the Live Oak section;

4—The Nov. 23 break-in at the general store of Rudolph Ray at Bayboro.

In the final tracing down of stolen goods there were aided by Lt. C. L. McKinnon and James Anderson of SLED; French Collins, Herman Enzo and Prince Strickland, Horry County Policemen.

Officers said that Robert Todd and Leamon Floyd admitted breaking into Wright's Auto Supply in Loris the night of Nov. 10 by smashing a window and reaching in to turn the door knob. Here, officers said, the boys stole a couple of shotguns, two transistor radios, and a wrist watch.

They said Leamon Floyd, James Buddy Rabon and Robert Todd admitted breaking into the store of Pee Dee Farms, Inc., at Galveston, Ferry the night of Nov. 16 and stealing approximately \$1,500 worth of TV sets, radios, shotguns, clothing, hundreds of packs of razor blades, razors etc.

Leamon Floyd, Robert Todd and MacArthur Bullard, officers said, admitted going to the farms of Hendford and Condy in the Live Oak section the night of Nov. 17, and stealing wheels and tires from two farm trailers, one of which they pulled down a road beside the farm house to an isolated spot where they removed the wheels.

The officers said Robert Todd and MacArthur Bullard admitted they broke into the Pee Dee Farms store the night of Nov. 21 and stole a number of radios, four Manhattan shirts, four jackets, 18 pairs of white socks, eight pairs of shorts, an expensive flashlight, two pairs of gloves, a set of socket wrenches, a sweater, a dozen watches, a dozen pocket knives, an electric iron, 12 cans of cigarettes, a box of gun shells, two pairs of shoes and two TV sets.

And, the officers said, Leamon Floyd and Nevel Boone admitted breaking into Rudolph Ray's place at Bayboro on Nov. 23 and stealing 52 cartons of cigarettes, 11 cases of beer and about \$5 in change.

Most of the stolen goods has been recovered. Much of it, officers said, was recovered from Everett Hayes, well-known Green Sea farmer, who told officers he paid the boys \$230 for goods officers estimated was worth \$1,200.00. Some of the stolen goods wound up in Tennessee, where it was carried by a person whose identity has not yet been revealed.

Well Dispute Is Settled; Town Will Pay Total Bill

The long standing dispute between the Tabor City Board of Commissioners and a well-drilling contractor over responsibility for a malfunctioning town well ended Tuesday night when the Town Board voted unanimously to pay C. C. Hildebrand the total amount of a repair bill he presented to the Town following unsuccessful attempts to return the well in question to normal operation.

Up to last night's meeting of the Board, the commissioners had been in disagreement as to what course of action should be taken.

The disagreement had centered around Commissioner Willard Wright's assertion that prior to the time the repair work was begun, Hildebrand had assured the Town that he would fix the well, or else not make any charge for the work involved.

At several meetings with the Board, Hildebrand denied that he had made such an offer.

Legal action against Hildebrand had been considered by members of the Board, but there were no developments along that line.

Unanimously Approved
At the Tuesday night meeting, Commissioner W. W. Woody made the motion that the full amount be paid to the contractor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Phil Hughes, and carried unanimously, without discussion.

This action was in extreme contrast to previous discussions of the matter.

On two prior occasions, Hildebrand became impatient with the commissioners during discussions with them, and left the meeting visibly disturbed about their attitude.

Amount of Debt
The total debt for the repair work which was begun in March of this year amounted to \$1,592.22 for two sets of stainless steel sand screens. These

screens were put down into the well in an attempt to stop the flow of sand into the town water system.

The attitude of the Board in earlier meetings was to pay part of the bill, in the amount of \$758.72, for the initial set of screens used.

The second set of screens, billed to the Town for \$820.50, was put down at a later time, in a further effort to stop the flow of sand.

This proved to be successful, but at the same time it reduced the flow of water from approximately 500 gallons a minute, to approximately 150 gallons.

At the November meeting of the Board, the commissioners sought to arrive at a solution to the problem by asking Hildebrand for an estimate of what he would charge to drill a completely new well for the town, and also move the pump from the malfunctioning well to the new one.

Hildebrand, however, was not in a mood to bargain for additional work until the earlier work had been paid for.

There was no indication forthcoming from the commissioners that he could expect full payment for the earlier work, and he left the meeting.

Routine Decision
The relatively routine manner in which the matter was settled at the Tuesday night meeting would indicate that the commissioners came to the meeting with their minds made up as to how they would vote. Hildebrand was not present.

Commissioners Woody, Hughes and Odoz Garrell declined comment on the matter. Commissioner Wright could not be reached for comment.

Following the meeting, Mayor Howard Harelson said, "Personally I think the Town got cheated."

Harelson presides over Town Board meetings, but does not vote in Board decisions.

Other Action
A motion was made by Commissioner Willard Wright to accept the deed to a portion of sewage line purchased by the Town from Tabor Industrial Development Enterprises.

The line was put down in 1953 for use by Columbus Manufacturing Company on take Road. Since that time, 16 houses have cut into the line, and TIDE offered it for sale to the Town at the November meeting.

The cost of the line is \$3,100. The Board agreed to pay for it in equal installments over a three-year period. Purchase of the line also cancels an old debt of \$1,800 which TIDE had with the Town.

Police Receiver
On the recommendation of Mayor Harelson, the Board approved the purchase of a radio receiver for the Tabor City Police Department.

The cost was set at approximately \$100.

The receiver has already been installed, and is working fine, according to Chief Jesse Barker.

Its purpose is to have a direct connection with the Loris Police Department. That office has also installed a receiver which picks up broadcasts from Tabor City.

It was pointed out that the receiver will result in a savings to the Town, since it eliminates numerous long-distance phone calls.

GUIDEWAY P. T. A.
The Guideway Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday night, December 11, at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

A program of Christmas music will be presented by the school band and glee club. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

MERCHANT'S MEETING
W. Horace Carter, president of the Tabor City Merchants' Association has announced a meeting of particular importance on Friday morning at 10 a. m.

He urged all members of the association to be present. The meeting will be held at the Merchants' Association office.

Boy Scout Effort In Tabor City Goes Over The 100 Per Cent Mark

A report exceeding 100 per cent of the goal has been announced for the Tabor City fund raising drive on behalf of the Cape Fear Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Local drive chairman S. P. Smith said Monday that more than \$800 has been turned in by his fund drive captains. The exact amount was not reported.

The goal of \$800 was set for Tabor City on November 15, the date the drive began.

Smith expressed his appreciation for the help of his captains and workers in the campaign, and he also thanked the general public for its cooperation and support.

"We're all proud of our scout troop here," Smith said, "and with this kind of support we can be sure of keeping it going."

Smith made note of the progress of the troop, paying particular attention to the recent Court of Honor ceremony that was held in Tabor City during which two of the troop members were promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout.

A number of other promotions were also recorded.

Sammy Averitt and Phil Dellinger were the Life Scouts who rose to the rank of Eagle.

The Cub Scout program in Tabor City also came in for a word of praise from Smith, who indicated that the organization plays an important role in the preparation of boys for regular scouting.

Serving as co-chairman of the fund raising campaign was W. Horace Carter. Captains included G. Garland Fowler, S. F. Averitt, W. W. Woody, Don Hughes, Frank Boswell, Richard Gordon, James Brice, Clyde Stanley and Frank Nesmith.

Nesmith also acted as treasurer for the drive.

Smith said that anyone who was missed in the solicitation who wishes to make a contribution should contact Nesmith or any one of the captains.

Nakina Lists Honor Roll For High School

M. M. Jones, Principal of Nakina High School reports the following students earned a position on the Honor Roll for the first and second six-week period as indicated.

FIRST SIX WEEKS
Annette Duncan, Helen Hinson, Barbara Hardwick, Doris Lee, Betty Williams, Betty McCormick, Debra Register, Betty Reeves and Rachel Gore.

SECOND SIX WEEKS
Helen Hinson, Paul Ray Carroll, Barbara Hardwick, Doris Lee, Betty Williams, Debra Register, Audrey Jean Register, Doris Turner, Betty Reeves, Dottie Kay Arp and Norma Faye Whaley.

"We are convinced that the people of Horry County want to keep Coastal Carolina College and that they want to contribute to that end, but getting to see each and every one of those good people is a tremendous task and we need all the help we can get now," he said.

HOME DECORATION
The Tabor City Garden Club is again sponsoring the judging of outdoor home decorations this Christmas season. Out-of-town judges will select the most beautifully decorated homes the week before Christmas, and three prizes will be given by the garden club.