

MR. AND MRS. LEON DUNCAN ...Amelia Graves

ADMISSION IS FREE

'Old Baldy' Reopens To Public

in North Carolina, marked its 176th birthday in April with the reopening of its 108 newly renovated steps to

The 110-foot historic landmark is located on Bald Head Island, accessible by a 20-minute passenger ferry from Southport. Old Baldy, with its distinctive octagonal shape and offcentered lanthorn, is a short walk from the ferry landing.

The lighthouse is open daily from sunrise to sunset. From the top, there is a 10-mile panoramic view of the area. Admission is free; cost of the ferry ride is \$15 per person, round-

Old Baldy was built in 1817 as a beacon for vessels crossing the Cape Fear Bar and navigating the river channel. In 1861, after the start of the Civil War, it was closed. Later it operated as an interim light and served as a radio beacon during World War II.

The lighthouse was decommissioned in 1935 and replaced by the Cape Fear Lighthouse, located closer to the hazardous Frying Pan Shoals, and later by the automated Oak Island Lighthouse.

In 1985, a committee formed the Old Baldy Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring and preserving the structure. In 1990, Old Baldy underwent

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"Old Baldy," the oldest lighthouse an extensive exterior renovation, and, in 1991, a fundraising campaign was launched for the interior restoration.

The "Steps to the Top" program raised funds by making the 108 steps, five landings and lanthorn available for "adoption." For a \$1,000 donation, contributors could adopt a step; for \$2,500 a landing; and for \$5,000 the lanthorn copper structure housing the lighting mech-

According to Donna Ray, president of the Old Baldy Foundation, the names of all contributors will be placed on a bronze plaque permanently located at the base of Old

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Graves, Duncan Vows Spoken

Amelia Graves and Leon Duncan were united in marriage March 27 in Dillon, S.C.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gurley Graves of Cerro Gordo. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Duncan of

Attendants included the parents of the bride and groom; Shane Graves, brother of the bride, and his fiance Julie Walters; Shannon Watts, sister of the groom, and her husband, Larry Watts.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of West Brunswick High School. He is

employed by Jedco Construction. The bride is a senior at Columbus

Winnabow VFD To Serve BBQ

The Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue dinners on Saturday, May 1, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Plates will include pork barbecue,

potato salad, coleslaw and hush puppies. Cost will be \$3 or \$4.50 for a

The department is on Governor's Road off U.S. 17 in Winnabow.

Color Is Spectacular

With more than 130 colorful azaleas in their yard, John and Alice Ewart of 500 Fairway Drive, Sugar Sands, have been selected as co-winners of the first "Yard Of The Month" contest at Sea Trail Plantation, Sunset Beach. The contest was judged by the beautification committee of the Sea Trail Plantation Property Owners Association.

North Carolina July 4th Pageant Accepting Entries pplications are now being accepted for the N.C. ber Pam Tyner. The Tiny Miss contest is for girls ages 4

Applications are now being accepted for the N.C. Tiny and Little Miss Fourth of July Pageant, which will be held June 19.

The pageant is an official event of the 1993 N.C. Fourth of July Festival.

Entries are limited to 10 girls in each division, with only a few spaces still available, said committee memand 5, and Little Miss for girls ages 6 through 8.

Winners in both divisions receive a savings bond and numerous gifts donated by local merchants.

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