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One of our good friends, Carter Willis, is tremendously proud of the dog given her eight years ago by Dr. George Bullock, a local veterinarian. She named the nondescript canine Sheba--the same handle assigned to two dogs she had owned earlier.

All three of the pets, as the name implies, have been lady dogs, just like the four-legged star of "Come Back, Little Sheba." There was another star in the movie too, Shirley Booth, who won the Academy Award for her magnificent performance. It was her first screen role, after notable success on Broadway.

Since then, Shirley has achieved even wider fame as television's beloved Hazel, but she'll never forget a little fuzzy dog that helped her to earn an Oscar in Hollywood.

Shirley couldn't possibly feel any more affection for the original Sheba than Carter Willis feels for her present pet. Living a dog's life at the Willis home isn't half bad. Sheba has her own special bed, and is treated like a queen.

To be completely honest, Sheba doesn't know many tricks. What's the point in learning a lot of tricks when you get everything your heart desires, including ice cream cones? Let's face it, Sheba has been spoiled by an admiring owner who is convinced her pooch can do no wrong.

Tricks or no tricks, the dog is smart. She demonstrated her sagacity on one occasion while chasing a cat. A speeding automobile came out of nowhere as Sheba charged across the street, and she didn't appear to have a chance to escape it.

Believe it or not, the Willis canine put on brakes with all four feet and skidded to a stop in the nick of time. She remained delightfully alive to continue her periodic pursuing of cats, and to bring immeasurable joy to Carter. Here's hoping the supply of cats will never be exhausted, and that Sheba will be around for many more years to bring loads of happiness to her adoring proprietor.

Last Saturday, when hundreds of Tar Heels journeyed to our town to attend a public hearing held by the Outer Banks Seashore Commission, we felt quite proud of our Craven County Courthouse. Its courtroom, clean and attractive, is far better than most of the county courtrooms you'll find in the Old North State.

Since TV and newspaper cameras were clicking all over the place, we were thankful for the fact that we had nothing to be ashamed of when it came to the scene that was being recorded on film. The thought occurred to us that too few of our Craven county citizens appreciate what we have in this respect.

Although the County Courthouse is old and historical, there is nothing obsolete about the facilities provided inside. The intercommunication system



GOOD SPORTS—New Bern High school teachers (men and women) went all out last Friday night to help make the Student-Faculty basketball games a laugh riot and a financial success. Proceeds gave a big boost to the school paper — *The Bear Cub*. Billy Pierce, Jr., an excellent teenage photographer, caught Math Teacher

Patsy Finch (with bubble gum clearly visible) howling insults at the referee at top right. English Teacher Sarah Green (faculty water boy) gleefully leads an impromptu parade, top left. Below, Physical Ed Teacher Frances Grady is carried from the court while a sideline benefactor reaches for the oxygen tank.



has helped tremendously, not to mention an excellent photostat department in the Register of Deeds office.

In the office of the Clerk of the Court--down in the basement-- you'll find a veritable treasure house of ancient docu-

ments, adequately filed and indexed. It is one of the most valuable collections in North Carolina and America, and noted historians have said as much.

Take a tour of the County Courthouse, from top to bottom. Then you'll understand why

we are so enthusiastic about its thorough renovation a few years ago. You'll agree that in this instance the public's money was well spent.

Nobody down at the Courthouse asked for this praise

from *The Mirror*, but we're glad to commend its occupants for appreciating the improved surroundings and taking good care of them. As a newspaperman, we're sold on the courtesy, cooperation and efficiency of the County employees we deal with.