

### Ramp Included For New Dock

**New Facility Will Make Visits Of People With Boats More Practical On Southport Waterfront**

The new city dock now under construction at the former site of the Lewis Hardee fishhouse, with Bob Bryson as contractor, will offer something that the town has been needing for a long time. The trestle out to the dock is parallel on one side to a loading ramp. Upstate people bringing their boats here for fishing trips

will be able to back their cars with trailers out on the ramp and launch or load their boats there. The ramp will extend down to low water and boats may be launched easily under any low or high tide stage.

Boats of all sizes may also tie up at the dock without charge. The dock will not be used commercially in any way. It will have an open shelter where people may take refuge during rain, or sit when they are fishing and become tired. It should be finished to the point of being available to the public late in May.

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### Anticipate Visit Of Jerry Ball

**Popular Entertainer Will Be Accompanied By His Old Friend And Partner, Archie Thornhill**

Principal Guy Angell and other Shallotte folks are looking for a big entertainment at the school auditorium on the night of April 29, the annual appearance there of Ezzo Jerry Ball and Archie Thornhill of Charlotte. This time these entertainers expect to be accompanied by E. F. McLaughlin of New York, manager of the public relations department of the Standard Oil Company.

The three will put on the famous musical quiz originated by Jerry and a lot of new gags. Angell has also arranged a number of features by local talent. All funds derived from the event will go to the Shallotte school. The Ezzo entertainers even pay their own expenses and contribute several valuable door prizes.

Among other things that will be given as prizes this year is a beautiful loving cup that will go to the winner of the talent show. Jerry, Archie and the Ezzo Company have already purchased this cup and it and the numerous other prizes offered will be on display before and during the show.

### Leland Lady Dies After Long Illness

Following a long illness Mrs. Minnie R. Cook, lifetime resident of the Leland community, died Monday morning in the McCain hospital.

Mrs. Cook was 36 years old. She was the daughter of the late George D. and Minnie Strickland Robbins of Leland. Surviving her is her husband.

### Weather Is Good For Tobacco Now

**A good general rain Thursday following several days of warm weather has brought on top conditions for the transplanting of tobacco. More light rain and continued mildness Monday made conditions still better.**

The Thursday rain also aided in bringing out a lot of azaleas and other flowers. The azaleas are not so numerous, but the blooms are even more beautiful than at those times when they are in their greatest profusion. It is expected that their blooming will continue through this week end. Other flowers are also putting on a great show of color.

### Menhaden Boats Ready For Work

**Boats Being Made Ready To Begin Season About May 1; One New Vessel Added To Fleet This Year**

The Southport menhaden fishery is preparing to get under way the first of May, with about a dozen of the boats ready to take to the seas at that time. The boats that are not yet ready will be able to begin operations soon after the first.

The Brunswick Navigation Company will have another big expansion this year. Purchased several weeks ago, she has been being modeled at New Bern.

The Southport Fisheries has boats and factory about ready to start and will start at the same time as the Brunswick Navigation Company. All of the products of both factories are for naval craft. They can range a much further than the types formerly used and can bring in catches of around half a million fish to the boat.

### Petroleum Men Show Interest

**Indications Point To Interest In Prospects For Fueling Vessels In This Vicinity**

High officials of one of the major oil companies were here this week, conferring with Colonel William A. McAleer. It is understood that they were interested in fuel oil here for ships. This is a matter that has been creating considerable interest for a long time.

Five of the big oil companies have made contracts here during the past year. It has been reported that they have fairly definite information on how much oil the cargo ships will need. However, according to a civilian contract in Southport, there seems to be a possibility that the Navy will enter into the local picture. With that being the case, the oil companies have been standing by waiting to learn something definite in the way of possible total needs.

### Postpones Visit To Sunny Point

In correspondence with Edwin Pate, Chairman of the State Ports Authority, relative to the Authority's visiting Southport and SPAALT, W. B. Keziah was advised Monday of this week that the next meeting of the authority will be held in either Raleigh or Morehead City. This will make it too far away for the members to come here at that time.

This Morehead City or Raleigh meeting is scheduled for April 23.

Chairman Pate stated that if the Authority found itself unable to come to Southport and SPAALT in a body, he will certainly arrange a visit here for himself and Colonel Richard S. Marr, the executive director of the Authority sometime early in the summer.

### Shallotte Point Resident Passes

Jesse M. Williams, 65-year old resident of Shallotte township, residing near Village Point, died in Duke Hospital at Durham last Tuesday night. He had been in ill health for some time.

With the Rev. J. T. Fisher officiating funeral services were held in the Village Point Methodist Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial took place in the Gurganus Cemetery.

Among the survivors are the widow, Mrs. Nonie Mechem Williams; three sons, Dorsey, Magnus and Jesse Williams, Jr.; three brothers, Stephen, Henry and Albert Williams; three sisters, Mrs. W. R. Register, Mrs. P. D. Todd and Mrs. Clarence Milligan, all of the Village Point and Shallotte communities.

### Picture Recalls Time On Steamer

**Clyde Newton Says He Is Only Surviving Engineer Of Old Steamer Wilmington**

The picture of the reconverted steamer Wilmington that appeared in this paper last week reawakened memories for Clyde Newton of Southport.

The steamer plied the waters between Southport and Wilmington for many years and during that time she brought thousands of people from all sections of the state to Southport and the open

According to Clyde, the Wilmington had six chief engineers during the many years that she operated on the river under Captain John Harper. He is the only one now living. The other five have long since passed away. These chief engineers were Jim Pearce, Walter Furlong, Sim Gun- nelson, Clyde Newton, all of Southport; Pearce Gray of Baltimore and Frank Knight of Norfolk. Chief Gray died aboard the Wilmington at a point between Fort Caswell and Southport.

The others, with the exception of Newton, have died at various times. The Steamer Wilmington she was universally known, was ing is preparing to get under built for and operated by Cap- way the first of May, with about a Harper of Southport. Captain all of the boats ready to take to Hoyle Pearce of Southport also the seas at that time. The boat served as Captain. Captain Pearce that are not yet ready will be was the father of Mrs. E. H. able to begin operations soon after Cramer of Southport.

### Family On Visit To Sunny Point

Mr. and Mrs. Taft Newton, their daughters Geraldine and Madeline, and Jo. Ann Whitsett, all of Whitsett, spent the week end here. Mr. and Mrs. Newton owned a home at Long Beach before the storm and they are considering rebuilding.

Sunday the party went for a tour of Sunny Point and were amazed at the indications of tremendous size that the installation will be. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newton were of the opinion that Southport is in for an enormous economic awakening.

Mr. Newton is a hosiery manufacturer at Whitsett.

### East Carolina Graduates Work

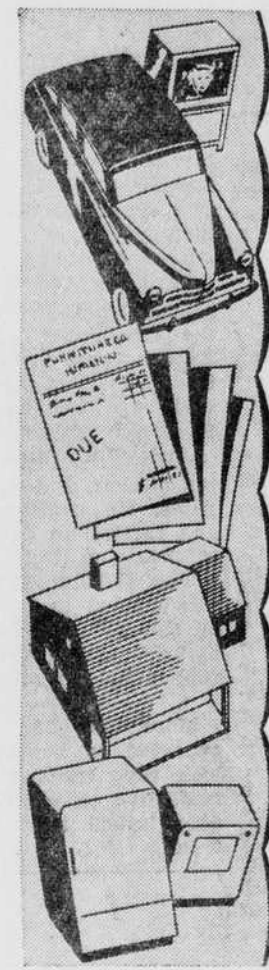
**Mrs. Iris Rabon Smith and Miss Sue Williamson were among the winter quarter graduates at East Carolina College on February 26.**

Both will return to the college in May to graduate formally with the class and receive their B. S. degrees. Both were on the college honor roll.

Mrs. Smith has already accepted a position with the Brunswick County Welfare Department and

is now working. Miss Williamson has accepted a teacher position with the school at Bladenboro for the rest of the school year.

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## CITY ELECTION

**Tuesday May 3, 1955**

**FILING DATES APRIL 1--APRIL 16**

Qualified citizens have until noon on Saturday, May 16, 1955, to file as candidates for the office of Mayor and for the offices of Member of the Board of Aldermen. Two men will be elected from each of the three precincts. A candidate for the Board of Aldermen must be a resident of the ward which he seeks to represent. A candidate for Mayor may reside anywhere within the city limits.

### REGISTRATION PERIOD

The Registration Books are now open and it will be possible to register at any time between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. each day until April 16, 1955, by appearing at the home of the registrar in the ward in which you are qualified to vote. Registration books are open on Saturdays during the registration period until 9 p. m., including the closing date for registration, April 16, 1955.

Challenge Day will be Saturday, April 23, 1955.

The following are serving as Registrars:

**1st Ward Mrs. Riley Willis**

**2nd Ward Miss Annie M. Newton**

**3rd Ward Mrs. Velma Ward**

Any person who has been a resident of North Carolina for a period of one year and a resident of Southport for a period of 30 days, and who is otherwise qualified to vote, may register.

Persons who have moved from the ward in which they are registered to another ward are urged to see the registrar in their old ward and arrange to have their name transferred to the books of the ward in which they now reside.

**THE QUESTION OF INSTALLING THE CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE VOTED ON AT THIS ELECTION.**

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