



Receives Congratulations

OFFICER—LaDane Williamson, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Odell Williamson of Shallotte, was elected secretary of the North Carolina Beta Clubs at the annual convention held last weekend in Asheville. She is shown here being congratulated by A. W. Taylor, superintendent of Brunswick county schools, who was in charge of this year's convention. (Staff photo by Allen)

LaDane Williamson

Secretary Of Beta Club

A Shallotte girl was unanimously elected secretary of the North Carolina Beta Clubs at the 27th annual state convention in Asheville last week and became the first Brunswick county student to hold a state office in the scholastic society.

Miss LaDane Williamson, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Odell Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach and a junior at Shallotte High School, was elected secretary of the state Betas. She was the only candidate nominated for this high state office.

The convention, which was held in Asheville Friday and Saturday, was attended by more than 60 Beta club members from Bolivia, Leland, Shallotte, Southport, and Waccamaw high schools. All the county Betas worked hard to elect Miss Williamson to the secretary post.

Superintendent A. W. Taylor, who is chairman of the executive committee of the State Beta Council, was in charge of the convention. He directed the program.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

EASTER CANTATA

The Adult Choir of the Southport Baptist Church will present an Easter Cantata entitled "Redemption's Song" on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

PANEL MEMBER

Superintendent A. W. Taylor took part in a panel discussion with senior education students on teacher, pupil, principal relationship for beginning teachers at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, Tuesday.

PUBLIC HEARING

A proposed zoning ordinance for the Tranquil Harbour section of Long Beach will be discussed at a public hearing at Long Beach Saturday. The hearing will be held at 2 p. m. at the Town Hall and a tentative zoning map for the Tranquil Harbour section will be presented. The board of commissioners will meet after the public hearing.

CURRICULUM FAIR

A Curriculum Fair will be the highlight of the final PTA meeting of the school year to be held at the school on Thursday, April 22. Each class will have on exhibit examples of the work done during the year. The Science Department exhibits will be set up according to the standards outlined by the State Science Fair. It is important that the parents be present for this meeting.



Spelling Bee Winner

WINNER—Delane Holmes, seventh grade student at Shallotte, was winner of the afternoon spelling bee held Tuesday in Brunswick county. She is shown, left, with her advisor, Mrs. Betty Hewett, sixth grade teacher at Shallotte. (Staff photo by Allen)

Spelling Champs Selected Tuesday

Girls from Shallotte and Lincoln took top honors in the Brunswick County Spelling Bee Monday and advanced to the regional event in Wilmington.

Delane Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Homes of Shallotte and a seventh grader at the Shallotte High School, and Phillis Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Williams of Leland and an eighth grade student at Lincoln High School, won first place in the two county contests.

They will represent Brunswick county at the Star-News Newspaper sponsored regional spelling-off at Brogden Hall in Wilmington on May 1. The winner of the regional event will advance to the National finals in Washington, D. C., in June.

Delane Holmes, 12, outlasted nine other contestants in the afternoon Bee to take first place honors. The winning words were "jaunty" and "fertile."

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Jorgensen Out As Postmaster

Neils Jorgensen, who resigned several weeks ago as postmaster at Southport, served his last day in office on Friday and has been succeeded by Mrs. Marjorie Livingston as acting postmaster.

This is not her first experience in this role, for in 1951 she became acting-postmaster when J. B. Russ, the postmaster, was called to active duty in the U. S. Navy. She held that position until his return in November, 1953.

It is expected that she will serve as acting postmaster until an examination can be called and the appointment of a permanent postmaster can be made upon the basis of that test. No announcement has been made to these plans.

Compromise In Beach Voting Bill Is Passed

After much delay, the General Assembly passed into law this (Wednesday) afternoon, a bill granting home rule to Long Beach by allowing only residents to run for office and vote.

The law passed the House several days ago but was delayed in the Senate. After a public hearing was held last Wednesday, a new bill was introduced that preserved voting privileges for non-residents but limited office holding to legal residents. The bill provided for the appointment of all town board members by the executive order of the governor. Town voting would be advisory only.

But Attorney A. H. Gahey, Jr., of Southport, who represents the citizens group at Long Beach seeking home rule, said the bill was unacceptable and they were ready to go to court about it. Senator Carl Meares of Fair Bluff recalled the Senate-passed bill and obtained a majority vote on the original agreement which permit only legal residents to vote and hold office.

The original bill passed the House under the leadership of Representative Odell Williamson several days ago. The passage of the original bill halts a civil suit in Brunswick County Superior Court which was filed by citizens of Long Beach seeking to oust non-resident office holders.

Two out of town freeholders, Mayor E. F. Middleton of Charleston, S. C., and E. M. Underwood of Sanford, will continue in office until the expiration of their terms two years from now.

Billed as compromise between the complaining residents and non-residents this final version of the charter was worked out at a town board meeting some two weeks ago.

A group of upstate freeholders protested the move and the Senate scheduled a public hearing and later worked out the ill-fated amendment.

The Brunswick County resort (Continued On Page Four)

Schedule For Easter Monday

All Brunswick County employees will have a holiday Easter Monday. Meetings of the County Commissioners and the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday and Recorder's court will not be in session during the week. Brunswick county schools closed today (Wednesday) for the holidays and will re-open Tuesday morning.

Southport city employees will enjoy a holiday Easter Monday, but the Police and Fire departments will be on call.

The Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company at Southport and Shallotte and the Security Savings and Loan Association Southport and Shallotte will observe the Easter Monday holiday.

Post offices will remain open and other postal employees will be working as usual Monday, since Easter is not classified as a National holiday.

The Town Hall at Long Beach will be closed Easter Monday, reports Town Manager Donald Archer. No garbage will be collected but the police and fire department personnel will be on call. The Planning Board will meet on Tuesday instead of Monday.

Time And Tide

It was April 13, 1960, and Robert P. Robinson, Jr., 32, a native of Supply, was presented the Army's second highest award for civilians for saving a man from drowning in the Baltimore harbor in Maryland.

The shad season was extended from April 25 until May 10 by state officials. Enough Republicans had filed for office to insure a primary. Dykes Hewett of Shallotte won fourth place in the 198-lb class at the North and South Carolina weight lifting championship in Greensboro Saturday.

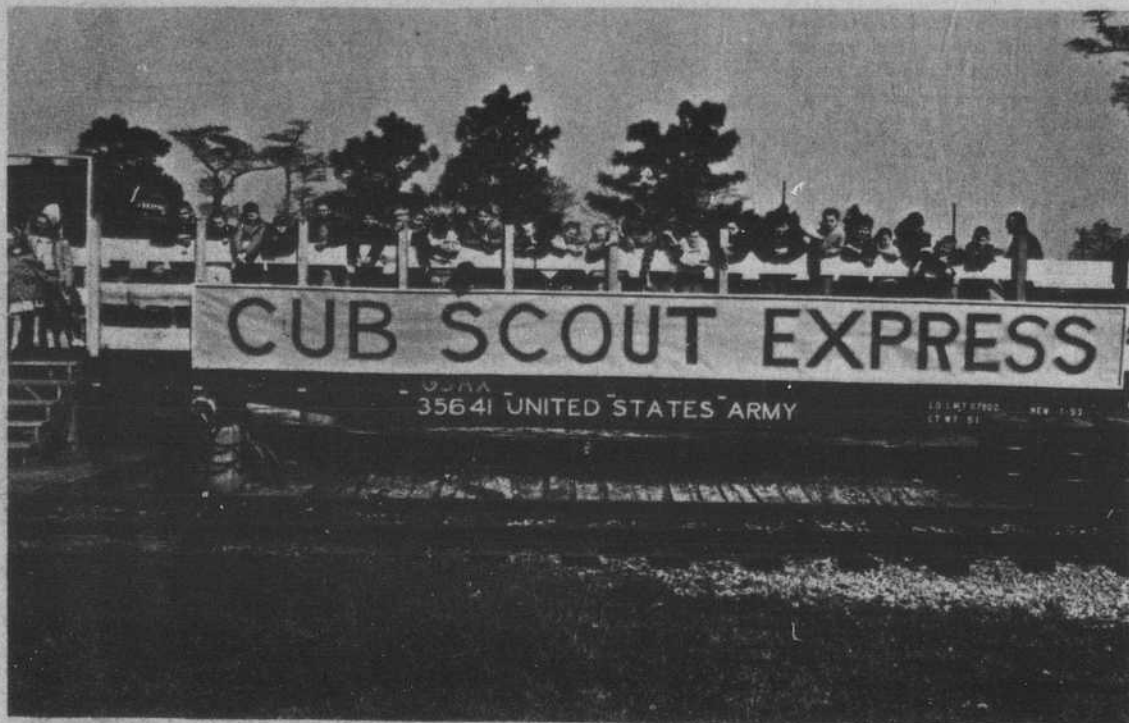
It was April 13, 1955, and the 1955 sports fishing season at Southport was off to a flying start with several boats having good catches. Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle visited Sunny Point during the week end.

Sheriff Elbert H. Gray said the department raided and destroyed 26 whiskey stills, 140 gallons of liquor and 21,700 gallons of mash during the first four months of the year. State Senator Ray Walton was a member of the finance committee to work out details for the revenue bill for state agencies.

It was April 12, 1950, and seafood producer Dallas Piggott returned from Key West and said the Southport shrimpers in Florida should return home by May. The State Highway Commission made application to build a bridge across Walden Creek on Highway 130 near Southport.

Chris Danielson of South Carolina, the first man who ever en-

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Cub Scouts Ride On Train

RIDE—Photo shows Southport Cub Scouts aboard the Cub Scout Express (a modified railroad flat car) in readiness for a train Saturday along the Terminal's access railroad to Leland and return, a distance of about 34 miles. Sunny Point personnel who participated in this event were Leslie Bellows, William Horne, Cecil Knowles, Orville Kulan, Clarence Royal, and Joseph Walton.

Williamson Is Supporter Of Minimum Wage

By ODELL WILLIAMSON

The two pieces of legislation that passed the General Assembly this past week that created the most interest was North Carolina State name change bill and the one dollar minimum wage bill. Although a lot of people might consider the controversy about the name of the North Carolina State University to be of very little importance, there were a lot of people, including myself, who thought that the alumni should have the identity of the name as it has always been. Now that North Carolina State University in Raleigh is the new name for that school maybe this issue is settled.

The one dollar minimum wage bill has passed the House, and I predict it will have passed the Senate prior to the time you have read this column. It was pointed out, however, that there was a lot of marginal employees that work for retail establishments that will not be able to make for the businesses the amount of money that the employer would have to pay to the employees. Therefore, it could cause some employees to lose their jobs. The general feeling among the lawmakers, including myself, was that with the cost of living being as much as it is today that certainly employee should be paid at least one dollar an hour. However, there are several groups, including the farmer, that are exempt under this bill.

On Wednesday afternoon the state employees of North Carolina put on what they called the world's largest fish fry. It was held at the North Carolina State Fairground Arena. Understand that more than 12,000 people, including the members of the General Assembly, attended. There was a public hearing held on the bill that amends the charter of Long Beach before the Senate committee this past week. I had from my county Davis Herring, attorney for the town of Long Beach, Donald Archer, town manager of Long Beach, H. A. Templeton, and (Continued On Page Four)

Southport Women In State Office



MRS. JAMES M. HARPER, JR.



MRS. FRED SMITH

Southport Boy Scouts Winners

The Court of Honor for Scouts of the Coastal District, Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held on Monday, at 7:30 p. m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. Dr. D. R. Whittemore, Chairman of the Court of Honor, presided over the program of recognitions.

The Troop Attendance Plaque was presented to Troop 233 of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport with George Parker as scoutmaster.

The Troop Advancement Plaque was presented to Troop 238 of Trinity Methodist Church Southport with George Parker as scoutmaster.

This is the first time since the court has been awarding dual plaques that one troop has taken both honors. Troop 238 was also asked by Dr. Whittemore to conduct the opening and closing Ceremonies for the May Court of Honor to be held May 10 at the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington.

The awards for the month were made by members of the Cape Fear Lions Club, Clyde Leonard, of the Advancement Committee, served as secretary for the court.

The opening and closing ceremonies were conducted by Troop 234, of the Trinity Methodist Church. Al Simeone is Scoutmaster.

The award of Second Class was presented to the following Scouts: Kirt Woodcock, Dennis Smith, John Gorman, Timmy Bland and Richard Layman, of (Continued On Page Four)

Aldermen Back Move To Save West St. Trees

A decision to re-surface West Street without the loss of a single tree highlighted the monthly meeting of the Southport Board of Aldermen at the City Hall Thursday night.

The board unanimously voted to ask the State Highway Commission to resurface West street to the New Southport Small Boat harbor without cutting trees. The action was taken on a motion by Johnny Vereen which was seconded by Dr. Norman Hornstein.

The board sent a letter to the Brunswick Board of County Commissioners asking for a larger contribution for the county Public Library. The county gives \$200 monthly to the library while the aldermen contribute \$300. In addition, the city gives the library many other services.

The board unanimously went on record opposing General Assembly Bill 255 which prevents towns from having complete jurisdiction over electric suppliers within the corporate limits of the town.

City Manager C. D. Picketrell reported on the plans for the sewage treatment plant. He said the plans have been approved by the engineers and construction will start soon.

The board authorized City Manager Picketrell and Auditor W. L. Aldridge to purchase a small tractor with grass cutting equipment. The action was taken on a motion by Fred Vereen, seconded by Fred Spencer and unanimously passed.

The board discussed rezoning the Writley Willis property on the waterfront from business to industrial but took no action.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor Pro-Tem Harold Aldridge in the absence of Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr. All aldermen were present with the exception of J. A. Gilbert.

Bus Accident Driver Freed

A Waccamaw High School student was acquitted of a charge of failing to stop for a stop sign, resulting in an accident between a school bus and an automobile Thursday afternoon near Ash.

James C. Stanley of Ash was acquitted by Judge Clinton Bellamy in Brunswick County Recorder's court in Southport Monday after testimony was given by both sides.

Patrolman Seth Thomas, who investigated the accident, did not testify because the bus and automobile had been moved when he arrived at the scene.

Mrs. Evelyn Walker of Whiteville, driver of the automobile, testified that the school bus pulled out of a rural dirt road and into the path of her vehicle on highway 130. In order to avoid an accident, she turned right into a mail box, she continued. "It was either the school bus or the mail box."

Mrs. Polly White and Mrs. Jerry Walker, both passengers in the automobile, told about the same story that Mrs. Walker did.

Stanley, who served as his own attorney, and four witnesses said the bus came to a complete stop before edging toward the road. They said the front wheels of the school bus were not on the road when Mrs. Walker drove into the mail box.

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday

Sunrise services in Southport, which will attempt to symbolize the first resurrection, will be conducted at the Southport Methodist Church Sunday morning at 6 o'clock.

The sunrise service will be under the direction of Rev. Robert Childs of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Charles Lancaster of Trinity Methodist Church and Rev. E. C. Chambles of the Southport Baptist Church. Rev. Childs will preach the sermon.

"The sunrise service will be a dramatization of the first Resurrection morning when the followers of the Christ went to the tomb and discovered it empty," Rev. Childs said. "The congregation will gather outside the church for the first part of the service, symbolizing the approach to the tomb. They will move into the church sanctuary, symbolizing the followers going into the tomb to see for themselves that the tomb is empty and that the Lord is risen."

The portion of the service outside the church will be brief and the larger part of the service being inside the church, Rev. Childs added. The public is invited to attend the services.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

| HIGH | LOW |
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| TIDE TABLE | |
| Thursday, April 15, | |
| 7:24 A. M. | 1:27 A. M. |
| 7:54 P. M. | 1:42 P. M. |
| Friday, April 16, | |
| 8:07 A. M. | 2:12 A. M. |
| 8:36 P. M. | 2:23 P. M. |
| Saturday, April 17, | |
| 8:49 A. M. | 2:56 A. M. |
| 9:17 P. M. | 3:03 P. M. |
| Sunday, April 18, | |
| 9:29 A. M. | 3:39 A. M. |
| 9:56 P. M. | 3:42 P. M. |
| Monday, April 19, | |
| 10:08 A. M. | 4:21 A. M. |
| 10:37 P. M. | 4:21 P. M. |
| Tuesday, April 20, | |
| 9:49 A. M. | 5:05 A. M. |
| 11:20 P. M. | 5:02 P. M. |
| Wednesday, April 21, | |
| 11:33 A. M. | 5:51 A. M. |
| | 5:47 P. M. |