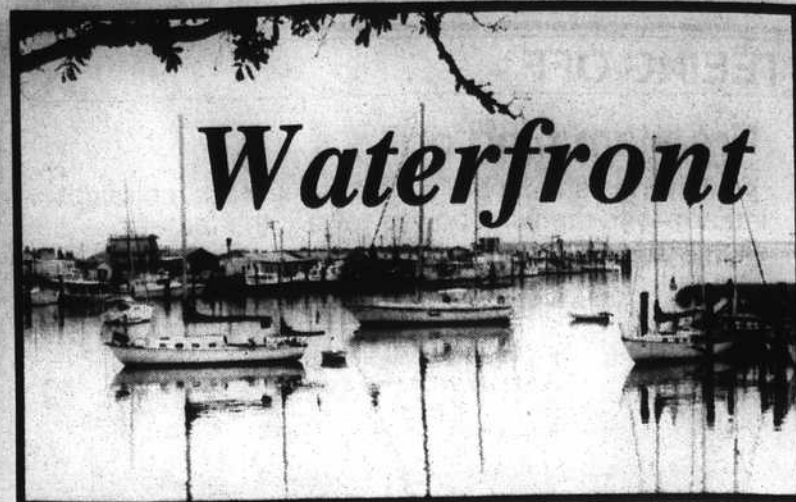




## THE WAY IT WAS

This photo of the Southport Gardening Club of Southport, England, was taken in 1960 as members taped a message to their counterpart in Southport, North Carolina. Mrs. Mae Bamber, a former mayor of the English city and active proponent of friendly, cultural exchange be-

tween these two cities separated from each other by the Atlantic Ocean, is seated just to the right of the central flower arrangement. Mrs. Bamber visited our Southport on several occasions and earned from our citizens the title "England's Ambassador of Good Will".



## Waterfront

Four boaters who launched a canoe off Bald Head Island's south beach Saturday afternoon were flirting with death and only quick action by an observer ashore who telephoned 911, and quick response by Oak Island Coast Guard personnel who were alerted by 911, averted disaster.

The canoe came from the island, where many such craft are used in the creeks, but a canoe is not intended for ocean use and certainly not designed for four passengers. Out of its element and over its capacity, the craft became nothing more than a treacherous conveyance. When it overturned the passengers luckily had life jackets to support them, but luck runs thin in water over nose deep.

Would-be canoers, as well as prospective riders of beach mats and other swimming aids, must be aware of the danger when the wind is blowing away from shore and the sea is deceptively calm. Several years ago another canoe set out from Bald Head's south beach under those conditions and was never seen again.

Captain Harry D. Sell, one of the skippers on the Southport-Fort Fisher ferry run, reported Tuesday morning that a bald eagle had settled in overnight on ADM property north of Price's Creek. An avid wildlife photographer, Sell said the creature was perhaps 500 feet away from the ferry dock, not in good photographing range, but he was keeping his eye peeled.

Last season a couple of eagles, one mature and white-headed, the other an all-over juvenile brown, were seen at the Price's Creek landing. These birds have also been observed on the beach in Southport as well as on Battery Island in years past. The salient feature of eagles is size. If you spot a dark-coated bird in estuarine setting that seems much larger than any you've seen before, good bet it's an eagle.

A propitious time to see the Price's Creek eagle might be June 26, when the ferry *Governor Daniel Russell* is to be put into service there. Dedication of the new craft will be held at 9:30 a.m. that day and the attention of all except captain Sell and the photographer for this newspaper will be riveted on transportation secretary Tommy Harrelson and other state and local dignitaries.

In case of rain the dedication will be held in the Southport Community Building.

That same Friday the Southport Maritime Museum will hold a preview showing and on Saturday the 27th will have a grand opening of its facility in the 100 block of North Howe Street.

We visited the museum briefly on Monday and found the displays both astonishing and delightful, informative and exciting. The museum progenitors have done a wonderful job of getting the institution off the ground and it will be a major attraction for our Fourth of July visitors, and further into the future than we can imagine.

Bald Head Island starts its three-day offshore fishing tournament Thursday with awards presented for the top billfish, as well as dolphin, tuna and wahoo, on Saturday evening. Southport Marina will sponsor a billfish tournament July 23-25.

## Coach keeps weekend diary

# North's Ballard fifth in meet

Editor's note: Bob Grimes, North Brunswick High School track coach, accompanied Scorpion high jumper Maduka Ballard to a national track meet last weekend in California. Ballard finished fifth with a jump of 6'10". Grimes kept a diary of the trip.

Wednesday, June 10 -- 2 p.m. -- Maduka, my wife Judy and I board a USAir flight for the first leg of our trip. We are to fly to Charlotte and change planes there for a non-stop flight to San Francisco. In San Francisco we will take a commuter flight to our final destination, Sacramento.

3:30 p.m. -- We finally arrive in Charlotte after having to circle the airport for about 30 minutes. Judy and Maduka walk from gate A to our departure gate C. I ride in an electric golf cart due to a recent operation. We only have 20 minutes to make our connection. We are due to depart at 3:50 but don't get off the ground until about 4:15.

5:00 p.m. Pacific time -- We are now passing over Denver, Colo., according to the pilot. "The Invisible Man", starring Chevy Chase, is the in-flight movie. It is a terrible movie.

6:10 p.m. -- We are beginning our descent into the San Francisco airport. A beautiful sight! Maduka is really enjoying himself. This is his first time in an airplane and he seems to love it.

7:00 p.m. -- We leave San Francisco for Sacramento. We are in a small Beechcraft commuter plane and as we take off we circle San Francisco Bay, Oakland, the Golden Gate Bridge, etc. What a sight!

8:15 p.m. -- We arrive in Sacramento. We are met at the airport by David Moravcek, a representative of the Golden West Invitational Track Meet. He is in charge of all the high jumpers so he takes Maduka under his wing. All the athletes will be staying in dorms on the campus of California State University. My wife and I have a room at the local Motel 6. We leave Maduka in the hands of David at about 10 p.m. It is now 1:00 a.m. North Carolina time so we are ready for some sleep.

Thursday, June 11 -- 8:30 a.m. -- Maduka and the rest of the athletes (except for the decathletes) get into four buses for a trip to San Francisco. They get to ride a trolley car, take a ferry ride across San Francisco Bay and tour the city. Maduka tells us later that it is a great trip. My wife and I go to the track. The meet itself is being held at American River College. Cal State used to host it but their track facility is in disarray because the Sacramento Surge of the World Football League uses the field. American River College has an excellent track. We have an opportunity to watch the girls compete in the heptathlon and the boys in the decathlon. They will be competing over the next two days. We watch a girl from Arizona run the 100 hurdles in 14.2 and the 200 in 25.1. These are tremendous times for anyone. For her, though, they are just two of seven events that she will compete in.

In the afternoon Judy and I tour San Francisco. We see the capitol building (where Ronald Reagan spent so much time). Sacramento is a beautiful city. The streets are lined with huge palm trees and camellias. We also visit Old Sacramento and learn a little of the history of the city. It started as a pony express stop and then grew with the coming of the railroads. In the evening we go to the dorm to see how Maduka is doing. He tells about his trip to San Francisco. He has met some of his fellow high jumpers -- a young man by the name of Hood from Augusta, Ga., is there. Hood has the number-one jump in the country this year (7'3"). Maduka has jumped 7'2".

We visit with some of the other coaches and parents that are there. There are truly people from all over the United States here. I spent the evening talking to coaches from Connecticut, Arizona, Texas and New York. It is a great experience!

Friday, June 12 -- 10:00 a.m. -- We visit with Maduka for a while, then leave him at the dorm and travel to the track again. I want to watch some more of the decathletes. Maduka and the rest of the high jumpers are scheduled to go to the track today to practice. The decathlon is won by a young man from Florida who has never competed in one before. He was invited to the meet as a long jumper with a best of 25 feet. He decided to compete in the decathlon and won the whole thing. The girl that I saw win the hurdles and 200 yesterday is in first place in the heptathlon.

In the afternoon Maduka works out for a little while, then the athletes go to the Arden Mall. This is a huge mall. You could spend days there. Judy and I take



Coach Bob Grimes watches as his star high jumper Maduka Ballard easily clears the bar. The two traveled to California last week where Ballard competed in the Golden West Invitational Track Meet. This week, the pair is off to the Keebler international meet near Chicago.

in the Sacramento Zoo.

5:00 p.m. -- There is a coaches meeting at the college. We meet Jack Tremain, the originator of the Golden West Invitational Track Meet. We also meet the president of the Pacific Coast division of The Athletic Congress (the governing body of the Olympics), TAC, for the first time in its history, is going to help sponsor a track meet. They feel so strongly about the Golden West meet that they want to ensure that it continues. Without a major sponsor this is difficult.

6:30 p.m. -- All athletes, coaches and parents are treated to a banquet. All the athletes are introduced -- 190 young men and women, each being among the best in his or her event. We are introduced to all the special guests. It is an impressive evening. Maduka and I sit with a pole vaulter from Arizona, the girls heptathlon winner, a miler from California and their coaches and parents. After the banquet the athletes are encouraged to get to bed early. Tomorrow is the big day -- the reason for being there.

Saturday, June 13 -- 1:00 p.m. -- We go to the track. Maduka is scheduled to jump at 3:30 p.m. He will be brought to the track with the rest of the athletes by bus. The meet starts with the hurdles, 100-meter dash, pole vault and javelin. In the pole vault is a young man from High Point, Shannon Pope. I was quite familiar with him because he had competed in the state championship meet in Chapel Hill. He wound up finishing fourth in the meet. He vaulted 16 feet; the vault was won with 16'6".

3:30 -- The high jumpers are introduced. It is a great moment to see one of our athletes from North Brunswick in-

roduced as one of the elite. We cheered as loud as we could. The starting height is 6'4". This has me worried because Maduka has never started at this height. It doesn't seem to bother him though. He is the first jumper and he cleared it with ease. The bar is moved to 6'6" and Maduka clears that on his first jump. The same with 6'8" and 6'10". I'm ecstatic -- this is the best Maduka has jumped since his historic 7'2" and I can see his confidence building. There are now six jumpers left out of the original nine. The bar is set at 7'0". Maduka misses badly on the first jump, brushes it off on his second and tips it with his heel on his last try. He is out of the competition with a fifth place finish. We are very proud of him. The meet is in essence the national championship and he finishes as the fifth best high jumper in the country. Maduka will see these same jumpers next Saturday in Chicago, Ill., at the Keebler International Track Meet. I'm sure that his great finish today will give him the confidence to compete for a medal in Chicago.

We stay at the meet and see some of the best performances by high school athletes in the world this year. The number-one women's long jumper sets a

meet record with a 20'10" jump and a triple jump record of 40'3". On the men's side, a national best is run in the mile, 4:05; the 100, 10.2; the long jump, 26 feet. I have personally never seen so many outstanding athletes in one place.

At the close of the meet we take Maduka out for pizza at Mountain Mike's Pizza Place. At about 8 p.m. we drop Maduka off at the dorm and remind him that we will pick him up at 7:00 a.m. for the trip to the airport. Our plane leaves at 9 a.m.

Sunday, June 14 -- 9:00 a.m. -- We depart for Los Angeles, where we will change planes for a non-stop flight to Charlotte. The flight back is uneventful except we encounter turbulents for most of the way. Several people get sick but at least the movie was a little better. Something with Jack Lemmon and Rocky's wife (I can't think of her name).

10:45 p.m. -- Wilmington time and we arrive home. What a wonderful experience for everyone. We are extremely proud of Maduka, not only for his outstanding performance but also for the outstanding way he represented his school and community. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word.



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