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## Miss Columbus County Pageant Will Be Held In Tabor City June 11th



A pretty young girl with talent and poise will be crowned "Miss Columbus County of 1959" when the Jaycees stage their annual beauty pageant here on Thursday, June 11, at the Tabor City High School auditorium.

The winner, to be selected from among six contestants, will represent Columbus County in the "Miss North Carolina" pageant to be held at Durham in July.

Jimmy Garrell, chairman of the program, said today that advance tickets were on sale throughout the county. Reserve seat tickets are on sale for \$1.25 and general admission tickets are one dollar.

The beauty pageant is divided into three sections. The contestants will appear in formal wear, swim suits and compete in a talent division. It is patterned after the Miss America pageant.

Contestants include Mildred Prince, 19, of Tabor City, sponsored by the Tabor City Dirt Dobbers Garden Club; Polly Ann Jenette of Lake Waccamaw, sponsored by the Lake Waccamaw Lions Club; Adaline Brady of Fair Bluff, sponsored by the Fair Bluff Rotary Club; Betty Muriel Cox of Tabor City, sponsored by the Tabor City Civitan Club; Brenda Eddings of Tabor City, sponsored by the Tabor City Rotary Club; and Betty Bunch of Chadbourne, sponsored by the Chadbourne Civitan Club.

Judges will include Jay Mills and Jack Cross of Elizabethtown, Houston Brinson and Dr. R. L. Summerlin of Dublin, and Al Sharpe of Lumberton.

Master of ceremonies will be Ben McDonald of WECT-TV in Wilmington.

Among the celebrate guests will be Alice Ann Horne of Tabor City who will wear the "Miss Greenville" honors in the Miss North Carolina pageant.



WILLIAM R. CROSS  
**Name Cross To Cashier's Post At Local Bank**

William R. Cross, 33, assumed duties this morning as cashier of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company in Tabor City.

Announcement of Cross' selection, to fill the vacancy created when James A. Hufham was promoted to cashier of the Chadbourne division of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, was made today by Ben L. Nesmith, vice-president of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co.

The new cashier is a native of Kinston and was formerly associated with the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Kinston as assistant cashier. He has been in the banking profession since 1946.

A graduate of Granger High School, he attended N. C. State College and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

In Kinston, he was a member of the Lions Club and had a perfect attendance record for six and one-half years. He served as secretary - treasurer of that group. Also, he is a charter member of the Kinston Moose Lodge.

He is married to the former Dorothy Kellum of Kinston. They have a 10-month-old daughter, Teresa Ann. They belong to the Methodist Church.

"We are happy to have Mr. Cross join our staff and know that he will be an asset to the bank and do the community," said Nesmith in making the announcement of Cross' selection.

## Miss Gayle Long Named Chief Band Majorette

Miss Gayle Long was named Chief Majorette of the Columbus County Band Saturday when Majorettes from the different county high school bands met in competition to vie for the honor. She succeeds Polly Jenrette, this year's graduate, who has been one of the top Chief Majorettes in the State, winning many State honors.

Gayle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Long of Clarendon.

The post of Assistant Chief went to Barbara Moser of Aeneas Deleo High School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton C. Moser of Reigel Wood. Assistants to the chiefs are Linda Buffkin of Tabor City High School and Margaret Bethea of Fair Bluff High School.

Gayle is well qualified for leadership of the County Corps fourteen members, as she has been head Majorette of the Williams Head Majorette Corps this past year, has been a student of Ballet and Tap dancing for 14 years and is vice president of the Bethel Four H Club. She is enrolled to study at East Carolina College this summer with Janis Wadsworth "Majorette of America."

## Green Sea Paving Project Is Approved

Taxpayers can sit back and relax—the Green Sea Road from the railroad crossing to the State Line will be paved and curbed at no cost to the taxpayers.

Mayor Howard Harrelson said today that the contract had been let by the State Highway Commission for the widening of the Green Sea Road, paving and curbing. Work is expected to begin within a few weeks. The contract price was \$50,404.

Plans now call for the project to be completed prior to the opening of the tobacco market.

Town officials were elated over the aspect concerning the cost to the Town. Ordinarily according to Mayor Harrelson the town shares in the cost of such projects.

"The commission commented that in previous years the Town had been very cooperative and that if possible this project expense would be borne by the State," said Howard Harrelson. "And when they let the contract it was let with the understanding that the town would incur no expense on the project."

Another unusual feature for this area is that the widening paving, and curbing will extend all the way to the State Line limits.

A representative of the Highway Commission was here Monday for a special meeting of the Town Board. An agreement was signed with the State permitting the work to be done.

**MRS. ALICE S. WRIGHT**  
Mrs. Alice S. Wright, superintendent of Columbus County Public Welfare, returned to her office Monday after a leave of absence to undergo minor surgery at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

**TABORETTE'S TO MARCH**  
The popular TABORETTE'S Majorette unit of the Columbus County Band, will march as a separate unit in the annual parade of the Sun Fun Festival at Myrtle Beach Friday. Linda Buffkin heads the local Majorette corps.

## John Dorman Takes Over Civitan Helm

John Dorman was installed as president of the Civitan Club Monday night at Harry's Anchorage in Lake Waccamaw.

Installation was conducted by Malcolm Andrews, Lt. Governor of District 7, of Fairmont.

Other officers included Winston Gore, vice-president; Leon Fonvielle, secretary; and Ed Wright, treasurer.

Retiring president is Ben L. Nesmith III.

## Ronald Wray Commencement Marshal At PJC

Ronald Wray was one of the eight Marshals at Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton for the Commencement Exercises held Sunday and Monday.

Marshals are chosen by their scholastic average and the Tabor City High School graduate was one of the eight in his class attending the merits. He will be a senior at PJC next year.

Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wray of Route 3, Tabor City.

Attending the commencement program with Ronald was his cousin, Wray King, who this year was graduated at the Tabor City High School.

## Ed Norris Buys Weiner-Berger

The Weiner-Berger is now operating under the ownership of Ed Norris, Tabor City native, who several days ago purchased the business from Elbert Shelley.

For a number of years Mr. Norris was associated with the General Sales Company. He is married to the former Genola Woodard and they are Baptists.

"I have working with me Worth Soles and Bobby Soles who are a part of the Weiner-Berger and we are continuing the same efficient service with good food," said Mr. Norris today.

Mr. Norris further added "we invite all our friends and Weiner-Berger patrons to visit us often."

## Two Board Members, Mayor Will Be Elected Here Tuesday

### TABOR CITY ELECTION JUNE 9

#### Candidates For Office Will Be Grilled On "Get Out Vote" Forum

Tabor City Jaycees are putting final touches on a "Get Out The Vote" promotion aimed at the Tabor City Town Election to be held Tuesday, June 9.

Joe Coleman, chairman of the program, said today that plans were being completed for a radio forum over WTAB to be held Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Coleman said all candidates would be invited to attend the forum.

"We aren't interested in who gets elected but we are concerned that the people exercise their privilege to vote in the election. It is our objective to stage the radio forum in order that the people might become better acquainted with the candidates and their views," said Coleman.

Four candidates are seeking the two vacancies on the Town Board of Commissioners and two candidates are seeking the mayor's post.

Candidates for commissioner posts are Frank Young, Dr. Eugene Cook, Willard Wright and Phil Hughes. The two latter men are candidates for re-election.

Seeking to oust incumbent Mayor Howard Harrelson is Elbert Sappy Waddell. It marks the first time Waddell has been a candidate for town office.

Some of the questions to be asked the candidates include: (1) Why do you desire to serve as a town official? (2) What improvements in the town will you attempt to make if elected? (3) What is the state of a town commissioner? (4) What is the duty of the mayor? (5) How do you see the office of Mayor as beneficial to the town? (6) Do you desire to serve as a town commissioner in charge of any particular area? (7) Is a library an improvement that the Town Board might consider? (8) What do you think the Town could do to enhance our chances of securing additional industry? (9) How do you feel about asking the General Assembly to permit the town to provide funds for a recreation program?

#### Candidates For Office Will Be Grilled On "Get Out Vote" Forum

(10) How do you feel about two garbage pickups weekly? (11) How much time do you have available for the office you are seeking? (12) Do you believe the town officials are ever justified in conducting town business in executive session? (13) What sources provide the income for the town? Which departments are self-supporting and which need funds for general funds to operate?

The committee planning the "get out the vote" program had not decided at press time the method of selecting questions for the individual candidates.

"We hope this radio forum will create interest in the local election and provide an incentive for people to reevaluate the wonderful privilege of voting that is given to them," said Coleman.

Citizens will go to the polls here Tuesday to elect two town commissioners and a Mayor.

Four persons are seeking the two vacant seats on the Town Board and two persons have filed for the office of Mayor.

Incumbent Mayor Howard Harrelson, completing his first term, will be opposed by Elbert Sappy Waddell.

Two commissioners in the role of incumbents seeking re-election are Willard Wright and Phil Hughes. Others seeking the seats are Frank Young and Dr. Gene Cook.

Registered voters, according to Registrar Frank Nesmith, total 1,079. Of this number there were 84 voters challenged Saturday on the official challenge day. A hearing will be held Friday at 9 a. m. in the Town Hall on those challenged.

In general the pre-election atmosphere has been quiet but with a "get out the vote" radio forum coming up over WTAB on Monday at 5 p. m. interest is expected to rise. The forum, sponsored by the Jaycees, will consist of all candidates seeking office.

Two commissioners, W. W. Woody and Kenneth Ray, are sitting this election out. They were top men in the election of 1957 and won the four-year seats.

Predictions as to the number of voters who will turn out for the election have been virtually nil this political season. In the 1957 election over 600 voters went to the polls. Most likely this is close to the number one can expect next Tuesday.

#### ATTENDING GRADUATION

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Cox and Mrs. J. L. Winstead left early today for Atlanta, Ga. to attend the graduating exercises at Emory University. Mrs. Winstead's son, Jimmy is to receive a degree in dental surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Westmoreland are joining them and their daughter, Mrs. Jimm Winstead, for the program.

#### BOBBY SWEELY

Bobby Sweeley, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Sweeley, underwent a tonsilectomy at the Columbus County Hospital, Whiteville, Thursday. He is convalescing nicely at home.



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## Representative Williamson Explains Election Of School Board Members

Representative Edward Williamson of Columbus County outlined today house Bill No. 1124 relative to the County Board of Education and House Bill No. 1125 relative to the Whiteville Board of Education.

The bills would establish a popular vote nomination of the Boards of Education for both the County and City of Whiteville with staggered terms of membership. Each bill proposes a zone from which a member would be selected to assure geographical representation and the zones are established on the basis of geography and school population.

"I feel that the nominations of school boards would accomplish many advantages to the County among which are (1) vest in the people of Columbus County the authority over the County School system by direct representation through their elected officials, (2) eliminate the patronage of political power which has been employed by the use of our School Board appointments, (3) prevent a crippling of our School System because of the individual motives and most strongly make the members of our Boards of Education directly responsible to the people whom they are representing," said Williamson.

"As a general rule a system will work well where public servants are answerable to the people rather than to one person of faction, thus opposition to this elective method would indicate a feeling that the people are not capable of electing their own public officials. The appointment system has assumed a popular appeal in our own State only to one person or power. This is a dangerous thing and oft-times produces bad results insofar as the general public is concerned. The safest method is to leave the power with the people. My bills propose to do just that," commented Williamson.

Representative Williamson and Senator Arthur Williamson have been at odds throughout this session of the General Assembly over the appointment of the County School Board and the Whiteville Board of Education. Unable to agree on appointments it now becomes apparent that the selection will not be made until after the General Assembly adjourns. Then the selection will be left to the State Board of Education and it is presumed they will act on the recommendation of the County Democratic Executive committee.

A petition signed by 21 of the 25 executive committee members has already been obtained by Senator Arthur Williamson requesting that the present County Board of Education be reappointed without changes.

The bill introduced recently by Rep. Williamson would make the Boards of Education elective.

Pertaining to the County Board of Education the House Bill calls for election of each member with nominations coming from eight zones, as follows: Deleo School District, Hallebor School district, Nakina, Old Dock and Guideway School district, Tabor City school district, Williams Township school district, Fair Bluff and Cerro Gord school district, Chadbourne school district, and Evergreen school district.

In the primary election of 1961 according to the Bill, the four candidates for membership on the Columbus County Board of Education receiving the highest number of votes would be nominated for four-year terms. The remaining four candidates nominated for said county board would be nominated for two year terms. In the primary election (Continued On Page 12)



**BLUEBERRY SEASON** — Ernest Stevens of the Guideway Section is one of the Columbus County farmers who took seriously the business of crop diversification. And it is paying off for him. He's now busy gathering beautiful blueberries and shipping them to market. He started the blueberry venture about three years ago and now has a total of eight acres planted in the delicious berries.

## Mrs. Eufus Payne Funeral Thurs.

Mrs. Eufus Watson Payne, 63, Route 3, Whiteville, died Tuesday May 26, at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Free Welcome Holiness Church, near Whiteville. Burial was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Tabor City.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Payne; one son, Robert L. Payne of Milwaukee; three daughters, Mrs. Gilbert Venable, Clarendon, Mrs. Roy Sellers, Route 3, Whiteville and Mrs. Jimmy Lanier, Clarendon; two brothers, Riley Watson, A. F. Ararat; three sisters, Mrs. A. F. Watson, Mrs. Mandy Johnson and Mrs. Emma Cummings, all of Ararat.

## Six Columbus Students Receive Degrees From Wake Forest College

Six Columbus County students, three from Whiteville, one from Chadbourne, one from Tabor City and one from Fair Bluff, were graduated from Wake Forest College June 1. They were among 430 who received degrees.

They are David L. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Foster of 502 N. Madison St., Whiteville; Cecil P. Merritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Merritt of Route 1, Whiteville; Charles S. Rooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Rooks of Whiteville; Paul F. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson of Chadbourne; Mrs. Mary Alice Williamson Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Williamson of Fair Bluff; and William B. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Rogers of Tabor City.

Foster majored in history and received a bachelor of science degree. He was a member of the Ministerial Conference.

Merritt majored in history and received a bachelor of arts degree. He was a member of the School of Law.