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Conway Cover Girl To Direct Pageant



Robin Williamson of Conway will direct the 1961 edition of the Miss Columbus County pageant, Tabor City Jaycees announced today.

The pageant, slated for Friday, April 12, will find the winner walking away with a \$750 education scholarship.

Miss Williamson is well known throughout the area, having won 28 beauty contests during a period of five years which is believed to be a "world's record." Among the titles won by her were the "National Tobacco Queen," "Miss Amvet USA" and "National Cover Girl."

She is a native of Conway attended Limestone College, and was a drama major at the Richmond (Va.) Professional Institute.

BURT MESSENGALE will bring his Greensboro orchestra to Williams Township School for the Junior-Senior dance, Friday, April 21, from 8:00 to 12:00. Members of the two classes will also be joined by dates and other invited guests to enjoy the "Outstanding Society Dance Music" orchestra.

New Manager At Ritz Theatre

Horace A. Ghesling is the new manager at the Ritz Theatre succeeding Bud English who resigned to accept the management of the Whiteville Bowling Center which opens soon.

Ghesling has been in the theatre business for a long period being associated with the Byon Amusement Company in Nashville, Tenn. and the Bailey Theatres in Atlanta, Ga.

He recently joined the Stewart Everette Enterprises, with offices in Charlotte, owners of the Ritz Theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. Ghesling have a son, Skippy, 15, and a daughter, Diane, who is employed in Atlanta. Mrs. Ghesling and Skippy plan to move here soon but Diane plans to remain in Atlanta.

Road Problems To Be Aired April 12

Residents of Columbus county will have an opportunity to present road requests, petitions and problems at a hearing in Fayetteville Wednesday, April 12.

This announcement was made by Division Engineer J. W. Spruill, who noted that city and county officials, along with the general public, are invited to attend the hearing if they have road requests which they feel should have attention.

The hearing will be held between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon at the State Highway Office.

Civil War Series Starts Next Week

One hundred years ago this week, Americans—both those of the United States and the newly formed Confederate States—had their eyes turned toward a five-sided fortress on a small island in the middle of the harbor at Charleston, S. C.

For there, within the walls of Fort Sumter, the "irrepressible conflict" between the Northern and Southern states over states' rights and slavery was coming to a crisis that soon would explode into Civil War. Although the people had no way of knowing it, the conflict was to erupt within a week.

Century of Study
The American Civil War, which followed from April 12, 1861 through April, 1865, has captured the imagination of Americans more than any other war. Those who enjoy reading of glory, battles and romance, as well as military strategists, historians and scholars, have studied the Civil

While in Richmond Miss Williamson acted in many of the city's productions include the lead role in "Bus Stop." Later she worked as a fashion model for Miller and Rhodes, and modeled for free lance photographers and for television. Her picture, too, has appeared on billboards all over the country, and appeared on the April cover of *Fort Times*.

Robin has worked as judge, director and coach with beauty contestants throughout the country.

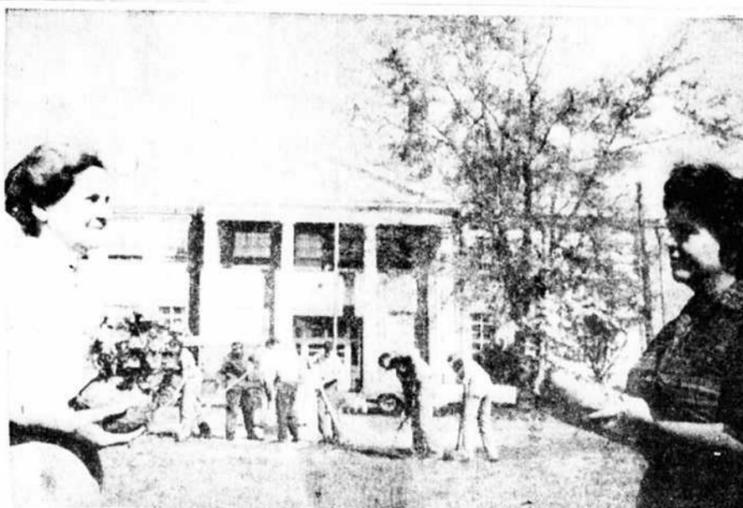
Added to the list of special guests and dignitaries scheduled to appear in the Miss Columbus County pageant is the name of Carol Hewitt, reigning Miss Brunswick County. To accompany her when she sings will be the popular Shalotte Sextet.

Contestants are currently being sought by members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Persons knowing of girls who possess talent and beauty are requested to contact Jimmy Garrell, Roger Mills, Richard Cox, Harold Ward, or to write to "Miss Columbus Pageant, Entries Committee, Tabor City."

MRS. EMIL CURRIE
Lt. and Mrs. Emil Currie of Pensacola, Fla. arrived during the weekend for a holiday visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tally Eddings. Mrs. Currie is now an observation patient in Community Hospital. Later this week and will remain at her home next week; however, Lt. Currie will return to the Naval Base late this week.

MRS. L. M. RUMSEY BACK AT PLANT
Mrs. L. M. Rumsey who was here during the construction and the organization of the Columbus Manufacturing Company, Inc. (Shirt Plant) has resumed her association with the company for an indefinite period.

During the leave here she has worked with a number of other plants in several official capacities and comes here from a vacation period with her family in California. Too, her home is in Los Angeles.



GARDEN CLUB GIFT to Tabor City High school Tuesday were 75 shrubs which were transplanted around the flag pole. With the addition of more shrubs and plants in the future, the garden club members, who made this their chief project of the year, Tabor City will have another permanent beauty spot all year long. Pictured with two of the azaleas planted by agriculture students are Mrs. W. A. Williams, club president, and Mrs. Clyde Stanley, project chairman. (Staff Photo)

Mrs. B. A. Garrell Heads SENCLand Food Committee

Mrs. B. A. Garrell, president of Tabor City Foods, Inc., of Tabor City, was elected president of the Food Processing Committee of the SENCLand Development Association agriculture division at a meeting in Calabash Tuesday night.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Garrell was Dr. F. B. Thomas, of N. C. State College, who will serve as secretary.

The committee will meet in March and the permanent officers were elected last night. Temporary officers had been serving since the original organizational meeting.

Tentative immediate objectives of the committee are to develop a complete package to present to prospective national concerns. This package is to include production information, financial arrangements, site information, power, transportation, fuel, labor and other data that would be of interest to processors.

The next meeting of the committee is set for May 9, in Burgaw, N. C.

From Crates To Peacock Throne

This is the second in a series of stories on the forthcoming production of the Tabor City Chorus, "The King and I."

Much of the splendor of the setting of "The King and I" is directly attributable to Don Hughes whose major concern hereafter has been the making of strawberry crates. Although it may seem a long jump from crates-making to the carving of the elaborate peacock throne which plays an integral part in "The King and I," Don has done this successfully. With miles of sawing and much hammering he has recreated the splendor of ancient Siam.

Of great help to him have been W. W. Woody and members of the Chorus — Tommy Spivey, Douglas Beck, Jimmy Burroughs, Ronnie Jones, Ricky Harrison, and C. B. Sellers. Their combined efforts have resulted in what the chorus believes to be its most elaborate stage setting to date.

The curtain will rise on this scene of the 1860's at 8:00 p. m. on April 20 and 21. Tickets for the production will be \$1.00 and reserved seats will be on sale one week prior to the performances.

Garden Club Beautifies School Lawn

The front lawn of the local high school may become one of the beauty spots of the town due to the efforts of Tabor City Garden Club.

This week 75 plants were given to the school by the club and were planted around the flag pole by agriculture students who were supervised by Fred Lay Jr. of the faculty.

"Christmas Cheer" azaleas were dispersed with dwarf yaponias, comprised the arrangement. At a later date a white variety of azaleas will also be added, as will bulbs.

"We hope that this combination will make the area a beauty-spot all year long," said the garden club's president, Mrs. W. A. Williams.

Later this week the agriculture students added metal stripping to the site, and the shrubs were mulched with pine straw.

According to Mrs. Williams, this was the club's chief project of the year.

Mrs. Clyde Stanley is project committee chairman.

Tabor Chorus Is Soliciting

A familiar figure in town these afternoons is C. B. Sellers, the representative for the Tabor City Chorus in its effort to secure sufficient backing for the production of "The King and I." In all its productions the chorus has been well supported by the community and is extremely grateful for this support, said Edwin Sikes, promoter.

"As to people do not understand a great deal of money is required for the production of shows of the caliber of "The King and I." To begin with there is the matter of rights; the money paid to the author of the show which is required by copyright law. For this particular show the Chorus is using the masterful work of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, two of Broadway's most talented and most expressive playwrights," he said.

In spite of this considerable cost and with the backing of the merchants and receipts at the door, the chorus has been able to make a profit which has been used for improving school facilities. For example, the Baldwin grand piano and two electric pianos have, for the most part, been paid for by the chorus. The chorus has also given the school its rather elaborate stage lighting system. Sikes continued.

The prime object of a production of this kind is not to make money but to familiarize the students with the best in past and present dramatic and musical arts. For these reasons, the chorus needs the financial support of the community. It appreciates past contributions and is dependent on future ones, he said in conclusion.

Delayed "Easter Egg Hunt" Set For Saturday Afternoon

Tabor City's Easter Egg Hunt is a week later.

The Big Easter promotion scheduled in Tabor City for last Friday afternoon had to be postponed because of a downpour of rain and exceedingly high winds that made it impossible to drop the 1000 yellow ping pong balls from skyscrapers.

Now held on parents all Friday morning and a hour hurriedly swept the area but Friday afternoon and the big giveaway sponsored by the Tabor City Merchants Association was called off.

But the 1000 free gifts are still going to be given away.

This time the association has set Saturday afternoon of this week at 2:00 and unless the weather again makes it impossible the 1000 "Golden Easter Eggs" will be dropped over Tabor City streets and those retrieving them will receive the prize that is marked on each of the ping pong balls.

Children and adults are eligible to retrieve the eggs and receive the prizes but children will have to be accompanied by parents or guardian when claiming the prizes.

"We regret very much that this event had to be postponed. We worked all week to get these ping pong balls labeled with appropriate gifts and were looking forward to dropping them in the crowd last Friday. However, the inclement weather made it impossible and we certainly hope the fine folks of the area will return this Saturday afternoon and get their lucky eggs," Ken Lovell, executive secretary of the association, said today.

U. S. PARLIAM
L. B. Pugh is an observation patient in McLeod's Infirmary, Johnston.

PUGH'S VISIT
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pugh and Mrs. J. E. Paul, of Winston-Salem were here for the Easter weekend with her mother, Mrs. Walter Leonard.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Butler of Kinston, Tenn. and Mrs. J. H. Miller of Winston-Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Armstrong of Fayetteville were visiting here and Mrs. E. P. Armstrong, Jr. and family during the Easter holidays.

Rev. J. H. Johnson In Revival Meeting

The Rev. James H. Johnson, pastor of the Tabor City Baptist Church, is in Clinton this week where he is the guest minister for a revival meeting at the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Rebekah Lynne, are visiting her parents in Charlottesville, Va. Joining them for the visit was Mr. Johnson's mother, Mrs. R. L. Johnson of Latta.

County Beta Meet

The Beta club's county council met in Whiteville March 29, with Tabor City represented by Mrs. Carl Brubaker, sponsor, and Gene Goldsmith.

Mary Fran Floyd, county Beta president, appointed Weston Kelly of Tabor City to serve on the committee of four 1961-62 officers. Plans have been made to attend the state Beta convention in Asheville, April 7-10, with Gene Goldsmith and James Prince representing Tabor City. They will be chaperoned by Mrs. Lee J. Green, and will accompany the Whiteville school boys.

According to the president, the spring Beta rally will be held on Thursday, April 25 in Chathamton.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS

Tabor City area college students were home for the weekend and many of them had guests. Among the guests was Ann Wadsworth, W. C. student, who visited Martha Brooks Bell over night.

TRUITT'S VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Truitt of Williamson were here for the weekend. They were home guests of Mrs. Louise K. Anderson.

Credit Bureau Gets Acceptance From National

The Credit Bureau of Tabor City, Inc. has been notified that it has been accepted and approved by the 25-member Central Board of American Mrs. Harry Phlips, manager of the local bureau, announced today.

"This is a big step forward for our credit bureau. It means that the national organization has inspected our work during our first year of operation and found that we have performed the duties of the bureau satisfactorily. The national organization thoroughly checks every application for membership before admitting them to its ranks. We are happy to now be a full member and this will greatly increase our ability to serve the local membership," she said.

No new credit bureau is eligible for the national membership until it has been in existence for one year of more.

Mrs. Phlips said that local copies of the credit bureau is not as great as it should be but that more and more firms are using the service and that the rate of credit information is constantly increasing and being kept up to date.

"We invite every member of the Tabor City Merchants Association to take advantage of the facilities and information that is available to them at minimum costs," Mrs. Phlips said today.

Woman's Club Meets With Mrs. Hardee

The Tabor City Woman's Club met with Mrs. Grover Hardee at her home for the general meeting in March.

Mrs. Hardee gave the program on "Love" as well as serving as hostess for the session. The topic was given with short story illustration and poems.

Mrs. J. C. Singletary presided, and recognized Mrs. R. R. Rogers, Jr., as a guest.

The club will meet with Mrs. J. A. Herlocker at her home on Thursday, April 13, at which time Mrs. Earl Cartrette will give the program.

Officers To Banish Pinball Machines

Owners of businesses in which pinball machines, shuffleboards, or similar games will bear the scrutiny of the county's law officers if the machines are not removed immediately. Sheriff Ben Duke disclosed today.

Several months ago the sheriff issued a plea for owners to dispose of this type machine. "For several months most of the machines were returned to the owners by the store owners," said Sheriff Duke, "but they are being brought back in greater numbers than before," he added.

Sheriff Duke, his deputies, and all Columbus county sheriffs met Tuesday in Whiteville to plan their operation of clearing out the mechanical games which are described by the law as "any gaming device with which a score is mechanically or electronically registered."

"We don't want to arrest any of the people who have the games," said the sheriff. "We realize that most of the people who have them don't realize that they are breaking the law. That is why we are issuing this warning through the newspapers before we confiscate machines."

The possession of shuffleboards and similar machines constitutes a felony, punishable upon conviction by a \$500 fine, or two years in prison, or both.

A. A. WRIGHT

A. A. Wright is home from the New Bern hospital.

Burglary Nets \$300 Loss To Woods 5 & 10

A Wood's store thieves broke into Woods 5 & 10 Tuesday morning for the day and took away approximately \$300, according to the Tabor City police department.

Mrs. H. V. Floss, manager of the store, discovered the break-in when she opened the store morning. No merchandise was found to be missing and the money was taken from a cash register and filing cabinet.

The culprit moved early to the abandoned street, established through a witness in town. He was seen from the street and then the store was broken.

All members of the police department are involved in the investigation. Chief James Barber said today.

Jack Branch To Vie For State Farming Honor

Jack Branch, Columbus County's outstanding Young Farmer, will be among the 60 men honored by the North Carolina Jaycees at a banquet in Laurinburg April 22.

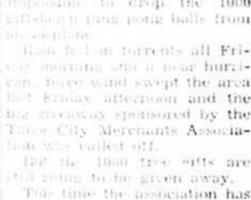
The Junior Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to foster better farming practices, name one man in the Tar Heel state to be known as "North Carolina's Outstanding Young Farmer" and Branch, an Evergreen resident, will be among the number competing for the coveted title.

Only one Columbus County man has won the state title, Ralph Jolly of Tabor City in 1957.

The 1961 winner will be presented by the Jaycees with a cash prize and a trophy to designate the honor.

The outstanding young farmers will arrive in Laurinburg early on the morning of April 22 where they will begin a tour of a dairy unit, study a turkey operation, see a processing plant, view a steer-feeding operation, a foliage dehydrating operation, a hog-cattle-poultry farm, a fertilizer manufacturing company and a feed-float mill.

NEWS AID — Mrs. Evelyn Leonard, society editor of the Tribune, is pictured receiving some social news and writing it as it is received. This may be done simultaneously with the aid of a Phonex instrument on which the telephone receiver is placed and which amplifies the speaker's voice so that it may be heard throughout Mrs. Leonard's office. Phonex instruments are sold by the Atlantic Publishing Company.



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