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MR. AND MRS. TABOR HIGH — With the arrival of the Tabor City High school annuals, students learned the identity of the couple of seniors named to this year's honorary titles of "Mr. and Miss Tabor City High." They are Annette Mills and Scott Lowrimer who also received the distinction of being voted the school's "most popular" students.



GLENN SMITH  
1st Honor Graduate

GWEN WRIGHT  
2nd Honor Graduate

## Honor Students, Commencement

Glenn Smith received the honor this week of being recognized as Tabor City's top honor graduate of the year, having attained the highest scholastic average of any member of the graduating class. Gwendolyn Wright maintained the second-high in her class' scholastic ratings, making her, too, an honor student.

Both will be officially honored during the school's commencement exercises, slated to begin Sunday, May 21, with the baccalaureate sermon. The final day of commencement will be Tuesday, the graduation ceremonies. Both programs will begin at 9:00 p. m.

### NEW YORK VISITORS

Mrs. Mary E. McLean, Mrs. Martha Dunbar, Solomas Chestnut and William Hall of New York City spent the Mother's Day weekend with their mother and sister, Mrs. Gustie Chestnut and Mrs. Augustus Steward also Mrs. Edna Price.

### JOINT CIVIC MEETING

The Tabor City Civitan Club and Rotary Club met jointly at the Cherry Grove Community Development building Monday night. Randall Burleson was in charge of the program and he presented four high school students who spoke briefly on the student government at the local high school.

### POOL TO OPEN

The swimming pool at the Carolinas Country Club will be open each Saturday and Sunday afternoon, beginning with this week, if the weather permits, officials of the club announced today. The pool will be opened regularly beginning June 1.

## Ward, Waddell, Harrelson Signed For Mayor's Race

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Drs. Proctor and Della established the cause of death. Lieut. Cate testified that the bullet taken from Fipps brain had been fired from the .30 calibre carbine which Fowler and Bause had with them. Policeman Blanton told of starting the chase north of Conway, testifying that when Fipps sped away from him so rapidly he thought "it was a stolen car or had a load of whisky or something." Gasque told of finding a bullet in a tail light and said the 1954 Ford convertible was powered with a Mercury Engine with a four barrel carburetor. SLED Agent King testified that skid marks showed Fipps had swerved through the road block at Loris on two wheels and that after Fipps was shot his car rolled a long distance between the highway and railroad, hit a slight rise and sailed through the air 100 feet before coming down on all four wheels and rolling even further—a total distance of "800 long steps" from the point where the car left the highway.

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There were multiple fractures along the whole left side of the head. The patient's pupils were dilated and fixed—"another indication of deep unconsciousness." The patient was "in deep shock." No blood pressure could be recorded. A vein was opened and a pint of plasma substitute and two pints of blood were administered. It was impossible to move the patient to the X-ray room because "we were unable to get him out of shock."

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## Ed Cartrette Dies Suddenly

William Ed Cartrette, 55, farmer and brick mason of Route 1, Clarendon, died at his home Sunday at 8:45 p. m.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. in the Clarendon Free Will Baptist Church of which he was a member by the Rev. Rayford Harper and the Rev. Jesse Hilburn. Burial was in the Clarendon Cemetery. A native of Columbus County he was a son of the late Alva Cartrette and Viola Crabb Cartrette.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Cartrette; three sons, Seimon of Charlotte, Earl of Wilmington, Jerry of Clarendon; four daughters, Mrs. Lucille Perritt of Clarendon, Mrs. Hazel Hinson, of Tabor City, Mrs. Annie Ruth Sealy, of Newport News, Va., Mrs. Magaleen Todd of Bladenboro; 16 grandchildren; one brother, John S. Cartrette of Clarendon; four sisters, Mrs. Gussie Turner of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Lula Belle Crabb of Charlotte, Mrs. Sarah Sellers of Route 1, Chadbourn and Mrs. Daisy Richardson of Chadbourn.

## Rev. Reeves To Attend Meeting

Rev. R. L. Reeves, pastor of Tabor City Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Reeves will attend a meeting of the Synod of North Carolina at Raleigh June 13-15. The meeting is the centennial of the Southern Presbyterian Church which was organized in Atlanta, Ga., in 1861.

## Watts Elected To U.N.C. Post

Mitchell Wayne Watts, son of Mrs. Emma Watts, Tabor City, was recently elected secretary of the University of North Carolina dance committee.

## Chip Cox Wins Second In Regional Bee

Chip Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Cox, was second place winner in the regional spelling bee held at Brogden Hall, Wilmington, Friday night. He is a seventh grader in the Tabor City Schools and is twelve years old.

## Strawberries Bring \$5.26 Per Crate

Horry and Columbus county farmers are doing well on strawberries sold on the Loris-Tabor City Strawberry Market this year.

## Harold Ward

Three men have filed for the candidacy of Tabor City mayor's office, according to Mrs. Marion Garrell, town clerk. The mayor, as well as two commissions will be up for election on June 14.

Although Harold Ward made known intentions of filing several weeks ago, he did not sign the dotted-line and pay the \$16.00 registration fee until Thursday. Two days later Elnor (Sappy) Waddell filed, bringing the number of candidates up to three. Howard Harrelson, whose term of mayor expires with the coming election, was first to bid for the office.

Two commissions to become vacant are those of Kenneth Ray and W. W. Woody. The only person to file for a commission thus far is Mr. Woody.

## Mrs. Eleanor Spivey Passes At Home

Mrs. Eleanor Dare Spivey, 76, died suddenly Thursday at her home, Route 1, Tabor City.

## Cousins To Complete

Three Tabor City youths are to graduate from Pembroke State College May 29, according to President Dr. Walter J. Gale. Commencement will begin at 2:30, with the Dr. Moore and the PSC faculty for the program.

## Chapel Hill Visitors

Miss Jane Smith, student at UNC, visited her mother, Mrs. A. M. Smith during the weekend. With her was Hank Patterson also a student at the University.

## Mrs. Daimas Stanley

Mrs. Daimas Stanley is home, 108 Jones St., after being a patient in Columbus County Hospital.



LINDA BEST IS MISS COLUMBUS COUNTY

## Whiteville Girl Is Miss Columbus

Enrollment in Woman's College is now a sure thing for Linda Best! The earnings of her victory in Friday night's Miss Columbus County pageant were a \$750 educational scholarship and the chance to compete in the Miss North Carolina pageant later this year.

Miss Best, who gave the scholarship as the reason for entering the contest, is a Whiteville High school senior. She added another victory to her record Friday evening—her fellow contestants named her their "Miss Congeniality" too. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Best.

## Rep. Williamson Helps Defeat Re-district Bill

It is to the combined efforts of Representative Arthur Williamson and Sen. Dunn Frink of Brunswick, a bill which would cut the senatorial representation of Columbus county was killed today.

## Sunbeam Focus Week Planned

Sunbeam Focus Week will be observed at the Tabor City Baptist Church next week with a birthday party being held on Monday in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 3 p. m. All Sunbeams and their mother's are invited to attend.

## Mrs. Bruton's Pupils To Present Recital

Wednesday evening, May 24th, at 8 p. m., the piano students of the Tabor City Schools, private class of Mrs. Martha B. Bruton will appear in the annual Spring Recital in the school auditorium.