

SPA Hires Ports Director

Port Officials Review Case

D. Leon Williams, who has accepted the position as executive director of North Carolina state ports, has informed John M. Reeves, SPA chairman here, that the investigation of Georgia ports by the Georgia SPA does not involve Mr. Williams. The investigation, he claims, has arisen as the result of a dispute between Gov. Marvin Griffin and his opponents.

Chairman Reeves, since the investigation has been publicized in this state, says that final agreement with Mr. Williams, as to his being ports director here, will not be made until further inquiry is made into the Georgia allegations.

Georgia State Sen. Bobby Lee Cook heads the senate committee looking into operations of the Georgia State Ports Authority. Cook says the Georgia ports have been operated "in a very careless manner."

In a newspaper interview he is quoted as saying that the Atlanta offices of the Georgia authority have been used for several years as private offices of a steamship shipping company in which Governor Griffin is said to be interested.

Mr. Williams' offices are in Savannah, but Cook claimed the occupancy of the Atlanta office was with his knowledge.

Chairman Reeves issued the following statement Friday:

"The allegations brought against Mr. D. Leon Williams, director of the Georgia State Ports Authority, by Georgia State Senator Bobby Lee Cook came as a great shock to me and to the other members of the State Ports Authority.

"These allegations are in complete variance with the exhaustive report furnished the State Ports Authority by the management firm which screened prospects for this position.

"I am asking this firm to make an immediate investigation of these allegations, and also I am asking Mr. Williams for a full and complete explanation."

The job consulting firm which recommended Mr. Williams for the job is Handy Associates of New York City.

The firm has been paid \$600 of its \$3,500 fee for screening ports director applicants, says Ed Kirk, secretary to the SPA.

Mr. Williams said in Savannah Friday that the current investigation of the Georgia ports "has nothing to do with my leaving. I started negotiating for the new job prior to the ports investigation."

Robert E. Frankfield of Savannah, chairman of the Georgia Ports Authority, expressed surprise upon learning that Mr. Williams had accepted the North Carolina port. He said, "The change is a complete shock to me. We will accept the resignation with reluctance."

19½ Days Elapse Without Word From Mel West

At noon yesterday, 19½ days had elapsed without word from Morehead City adventurer Mel West. The Coast Guard is still keeping a lookout for West, who left Morehead City Jan. 29 on his second try to navigate the 580 miles of open ocean to Bermuda in an outboard motorboat.

A NEWS-TIMES reporter called at the West home at 3 p.m. yesterday. Mrs. West had just received a call from Coast Guard district headquarters but she was so upset by the call that she could not relate what she was told. She was in tears. It was assumed that the Coast Guard said they had found no trace of West.

West left Morehead City hoping to follow a weather front into Bermuda, thereby gaining advantage of relatively calm seas. The weather has changed, though, taking a decided turn for the worse. Waves up to 19 feet high have been reported in the area where he is believed to be.

There has been no official report concerning the Coast Guard's plans on the search.

Persons Invited To Take Vaccine

Persons who have not yet been inoculated with polio vaccine are urged to get the vaccine without delay.

The series of three shots should be started now to assure the largest measure of immunity by the time summer arrives.

Shots are available without cost at the county health department for persons up to 40 years of age. They may be gotten also at the doctor's office.

After the vaccine available now at the health department goes out of date, it is not known whether any more will be available.

Cold Paralyzes Inside Fishing

Offshore Trawlers Do Well When They Can Get Out, Official Says

The intense cold has paralyzed "inside fishing" (non-ocean) of all kinds. C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner said yesterday.

This winter has probably been the worst since 1917 when North River and many of the sounds froze over, Commissioner Holland said. Then a lot of fish were picked up, frozen.

The cold has played hob with the shad and herring season. Many of the fishermen have not been able to get their stakes out.

The trawlers working offshore make good catches when they can get out. Last week's hauls of croakers and sea mullets were good. The boats may get two work days a week, but not in succession, Commissioner Holland commented.

How will the cold affect the shrimp season? Commissioner Holland said that the shrimp might have had enough sense to burrow deeper in the mud to escape the cold.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director of the Institute of Fisheries Research, said that on the occasional cold winters prior to this, small frozen shrimp were sometimes washed up on the shore. None have been reported thus far this year, he said.

Mercury Drops To 14 Sunday

The temperature plunged to a low of 14 Sunday night, freezing rivers, water pipes and automobiles. Weather observer Stacey Davis says it was the coldest night he has recorded since he began checking the weather in 1947.

A low of 16, recorded last December, was the previous record for Mr. Davis, who still remembers the winter of 1917 when Bogue Sound froze over. The mercury registered seven degrees above zero during that cold snap. Mr. Davis says that he has seen a number of blue birds and robins in the past week and predicts that spring is right around the corner.

"We will have more cold weather in March and a little in April, but I don't think there will be much more like this," he says.

Maximum and minimum temperatures and wind direction for the weekend follow:

	Max.	Min.	Wind
Thursday	36	31	WNW
Friday	40	24	SW
Saturday	50	32	SW
Sunday	50	30	W
Monday	—	14	—

Petitions Sent Out

The All-Seashore Highway Association has mimeographed model petitions on requesting formation of a mosquito control district. The petitions have been mailed to counties and towns along the coast.



Junior Woman's Club members who are planning the Easter Seal campaign for the Society for Crippled Children and Adults are Mrs. Roy Hutchins Jr., Mrs. Roma Styron, Mrs. Dick Spears, Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Mrs. John Gainey, Mrs. Thomas Noe and Mrs. Jerry Norris.

Committee heads for the 1958 Easter Seal campaign met in the home of Mrs. John Gainey Wednesday morning for an organizational meeting.

Literature was distributed to committee heads and committees appointed. Working with Mrs. Roy Hutchins on coin containers will be Mrs. Pat Dick, Mrs. Rufus Butler, Mrs. Frank Cassiano, Mrs. Dorothy Freeman will work with Mrs. Richard Spears in prepara-

(Editor's Note: The following is the news story on the new state ports director as released by the SPA late Thursday, Feb. 13. After the announcement, it was revealed by a Raleigh newspaper that the new appointee, D. Leon Williams, is involved in a Georgia Senate investigation which alleges that the Georgia state ports program has not been properly handled under his directorship).

Raleigh, Feb. 13 — The director of the Georgia State port program, D. Leon Williams, 61, of Savannah, has been named as new executive director of the North Carolina State Ports Authority. The appointment of Mr. Williams was announced today by John M. Reeves of Pinehurst, chairman of the authority, and becomes effective March 15.

Governor Hodges has considered the recommendation of the authority, as required by law, and has approved the selection of Mr. Williams. "I am impressed with Mr. Williams' record and believe the North Carolina Ports Authority has employed a man with great experience in ports work," he said. "We are looking to him to provide the active supervision and direction which is needed to accelerate our State Ports program in the economic development of our state."

Mr. Williams has agreed to a two-year contract at an annual salary of \$18,000; with the state appropriations paying for \$12,000 of this total and the remainder coming from operating funds of the Ports Authority.

This compared with a \$12,000 salary paid from state appropriations and \$1,200 from operating funds to the past executive director, who was a retired Army colonel receiving federal retirement pay. It is understood, of approximately \$7,000, providing a total income of more than \$20,000 per year.

In its search for an experienced new ports director, the SPA found that salaries for qualified and experienced men in this skilled profession ran from \$15,000-\$30,000 or more at other comparable port operations.

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Beaufort Scouts Honored



Sammy Merrill, left, and Allen Autry were promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout at special services in the First Baptist Church, Beaufort, Sunday morning. The badges were presented by J. E. Crowe, Beaufort, chairman of the Carteret District Scout Committee.



Grover Munden Heads Town Student Exchange Project

Grover Munden was elected chairman of the Morehead City Student Exchange Project at a steering committee meeting Friday night at the civic center. Mr. Munden is president of the Rotary Club.

Morehead City's application for a foreign student to study in its high school next year was mailed Saturday to the American Field Service, which sponsors study of foreign high school students here, and abroad.

Mr. Munden says he expects to name committees soon to carry out the project. The student exchange program has been spearheaded by the Morehead City Woman's Club as a phase of the statewide activity, Operation World Friendship. Mrs. A. B. Roberts, Morehead City, is state chairman of Operation World Friendship.

Persons attending Friday night's meeting and the organization each represented were Mr. Munden, Rotary; Mrs. W. M. Brady, Junior Woman's Club; the Rev. J. F. Herbert, County Ministers Association and First Methodist Church. Mrs. John Lashley, First Baptist Church; Mrs. A. F. Chestnut, First Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Paul Branch, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; Mrs. Ray Brown, American Association of University Women.

Lenwood Lee, Morehead City School; Paul Bray, County Toastmasters; C. B. Wade, Emeritus Club; Dr. Robert Barnum, Jaycees; Rufus Butler, Morehead City Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Truman Kemp, Woman's Club; Mayor George Dill, town of Morehead City, and Mrs. Roberts.

Club Plans Easter Seal Sale



Photo by Bob Seymour

Serving on the accounting committee under Mrs. Jerry Norris is Mrs. John Gainey, Mrs. Pat Leary, and Mrs. Thomas Noe.

Miss Alida Willis, who is mailing chairman, will select her committee from non-club members. Publicity chairman is Mrs. Thomas L. Noe. Campaign treasurer is Mrs. D. G. Bell.

The Easter Seal Campaign, which begins next month, is being sponsored by the Morehead City Junior Woman's Club.

Candidates in May Primary Get Ready to Wage Battle

Coin Cart Gets Test



Police commissioner Ted Garner, right, takes a look at the new coin collector cart being used in Morehead City. Police Lt. Carl Blomberg unlocks a meter, takes out the coin box, and deposits the money in the box on the cart.

'Thank You for My Heart'

This is the month of the Heart Fund Drive.

Louis Johnson, Beaufort, is one of the children who has undergone a serious heart operation. It has made him a normal, healthy boy.

He tells about the operation, which he underwent last year, in the following article:

My name is Louis Johnson and I am 10 years old, am in the 6th grade at Queen Street School, Beaufort.

All my life I've had a bad heart. At school I couldn't march in the band or play ball. The whites of my eyes were always blood-shot and my skin and fingernails were always a sick purple.

The worst part of all, though, usually came at night when I couldn't get my breath and Daddy would have to rush me to the hospital so that I could be given oxygen.

My parents read about the operation and I looked at the pictures. They were afraid for me to have this surgery. I didn't believe it could be much worse than fighting to breathe.

They knew that if I didn't have this operation that I wouldn't live more than two years. They knew also that I could very easily lose my life if I had it. The decision was difficult for them to make.

The last time Daddy carried me to Morehead City Hospital in the night while I struggled to breathe, I said "Daddy, I don't want to die". I think that then he decided to give me my only chance to live.

We had an appointment with Dr. Haler, John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore on April 25, 1957.

On my last day at school April 23, 1957, everyone was swell. I received a lot of presents and everyone said they'd be praying for me while I was in the hospital.

A few days before we left my Mother and Daddy took me to my church where our pastor met us and prayed for me.

Do you know that before they operated on me they had to lower my temperature down to 86 degrees? They first put me to sleep, then I was placed on a mattress of finely crushed ice, and covered with a similar blanket, until my temperature reached 86 degrees.

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Tide Table

Tides at the Beaufort Bar		
HIGH		LOW
8:10 a.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 18	2:03 a.m.
8:34 p.m.		2:30 p.m.
	Wednesday, Feb. 19	
8:48 a.m.		2:44 a.m.
9:12 p.m.		3:08 p.m.
	Thursday, Feb. 20	
9:24 a.m.		3:22 a.m.
9:49 p.m.		3:42 p.m.
	Friday, Feb. 21	
10:00 a.m.		3:56 a.m.
10:25 p.m.		4:13 p.m.

Although the May 31 Democratic primary is more than three months away, candidates are already getting their forces lined up for a successful campaign.

Congressman Graham Barden, Democratic congressman from the third congressional district, which includes Carteret, has announced that he will run again. Robert D. Rouse Jr., solicitor for the fifth district, which includes Carteret, has announced his candidacy.

Mr. Rouse and Luther Hamilton Jr., Morehead City, vied for the solicitor's office in the 1954 primary. The contest went into a runoff which Mr. Rouse won.

Congressman Barden faced his most serious opposition in years in 1956 when Jimmy Simpkins of New Bern sought the Democratic nomination for Congressman, but the old pro, Congressman Barden, won with flying colors.

Candidates have until noon Saturday, April 19, to file for general assembly, county and township offices.

County Republicans got in the fight with both feet in 1954. Appearing on the November ballot were the names of Grayden Paul, for general assemblyman; R. K. Montague, clerk of superior court; G. W. Duncan Jr., sheriff; J. D. Daniels, register of deeds; Christine Carroll Garner, coroner; George J. Brooks, surveyor; A. L. Wilson for justice of the peace, Newport, and for county commissioner: Delmar Lewis, Waddell Pridden, Elmer D. Willis, Elmo Wade, and Guy L. McCata.

The only offices where Democratic incumbents had opposition in the 1954 May primary were sheriff, register of deeds, county commissioner and Morehead City township constable.

Pinning for sheriff were Hugh Salter, the late Ray Highsmith and G. T. Spivey; for register of deeds, Irvin W. Davis, Vivian A. Chadwick, and A. L. (Bull) Brinson.

For county commissioner: Moses Howard, Dr. K. P. B. Bonner, Walter Yeomans, Edward Potter, Gaston Smith, Alvah B. Taylor, Walter B. Chadwick, Vernon Guthrie, Julian Brown and Ronald E. Goodwin.

For Morehead township constable, George Smith and William Murphy Jenkins.

The Democrats without opposition in the primary were D. G. Bell, for general assembly; A. H. James, clerk of superior court; Lambert Morris, judge of county recorder's court; Wiley Taylor Jr., solicitor of county recorder's court. L. D. Springle, coroner; Phillip K. Ball, surveyor; A. R. Craig, justice of the peace, Newport township; R. E. Chaplain, Beaufort township constable, and William C. Dugee, Newport township constable.

The captains are Miss Lillian F. Giddens, Mrs. O. G. Sterlen, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Walter Lasker, Mrs. Percy Deyo, Mrs. Lottie Oglesby, W. C. Matthews, S. R. McLendon, Mrs. Clem Johnson and Miss Alida Willis.

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Bonner Home Razed



Photo by F. C. Salisbury

This home, until recently a part of the D. B. Willis estate, is being torn down to make way for a business building.

By F. C. SALISBURY

To make way for a new store building on Arendell Street in Morehead City, the former Bonner house at 10th and Arendell Streets is being razed.

This property was recently purchased by Henry H. White and the Ben R. Alford from the heirs of the late Mrs. Kate Parks. They will erect a one-story brick business building containing two store spaces. A similar building of this size and construction is being built on the adjoining lot, formerly owned by Mrs. Lela Chadwick.

The house being razed was built by the late Dr. K. P. B. Bonner in 1912, seven years after he came to Morehead City to practice. He had completed his medical training at the Medical College of Virginia, come to Morehead City in 1905, and established his office in a small building on 10th Street, on the site of the Goodwin house, which had been the office of Dr. McIntyre. Dr. McIntyre died shortly before Dr. Bonner came to the city.

After the completion of the new house, it was the family home up to the time of the death of Mrs. Bonner in 1922. This house was built high above the ground with basement space below, serving as the doctor's office. It attracted much interest during its erection, for it was one of the few houses in the city with a full height basement.

This corner property at the time of purchase by Dr. Bonner was vacant. The Dress Shop, now located at 8th and Arendell Streets, had its start in the basement of this house. Later a bookstore operated there for a short time.

'58 Beaufort Rural Fire Dues Are Payable Now

Now due are 1958 dues in the Beaufort Rural Fire Association. The dues are \$5 per member per year. They may be paid at Biggs Shoe Shop, Beaufort, or to Mrs. W. J. Ipeck, secretary of the association, Beaufort - Morehead Causeway. The dues were payable Jan. 1.

Corporation Formed to Build Municipal Hall

A non-profit corporation, organized for the purpose of erecting a municipal building at Atlantic Beach, has been formed.

The organization is the Atlantic Beach Improvement Corp. Money to buy land on which the building will be located, and for building the municipal hall, will be raised by selling stock.

The town will then rent space in the building. Rental funds will be used to reimburse stockholders. When the building and land are paid for, the corporation will be dissolved.

Those are the plans, according to Mayor A. B. Cooper, who is president of the corporation.

Letters went out Saturday to a hundred beach property owners, inviting them to invest in the corporation. It is suggested that the property owner buy two shares of stock at a hundred dollars per share.

The land selected for the municipal building site is on the Salter Path Road, east of Fleming's Motel. The property is available at \$2,500, according to Mayor Cooper.

It is anticipated that the town hall will contain a municipal office, a fire station and additional rental area.

Officers and directors of the corporation have already taken two shares each, Mayor Cooper says. They are W. L. Derrickson, vice-president; M. G. Coyle, secretary-treasurer; A. F. Fleming, R. A. Barefoot, Dr. Edward Bizzell and C. G. McFeters, directors.

Chairman Lists Heart Captains

Miss Vivian May, heart fund chairman for Morehead City, announced yesterday the names of the captains who will be in charge of collecting money on Heart Sunday, Feb. 23.

Each captain has been assigned a section of town and will select workers to go from door to door between 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

The captains are Miss Lillian F. Giddens, Mrs. O. G. Sterlen, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. Walter Lasker, Mrs. Percy Deyo, Mrs. Lottie Oglesby, W. C. Matthews, S. R. McLendon, Mrs. Clem Johnson and Miss Alida Willis.

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Fish Boats Must Get Licenses

Anyone using commercial fishing gear or marketing fish caught by handlines will be prosecuted after Saturday, Feb. 22, if they don't have a 1958 commercial fishing license.

This was the announcement made yesterday by C. G. Holland, commercial fisheries commissioner.

Commissioner Holland says it has been a bad winter and his office has been as easy on the fishermen as possible, but Feb. 22 is the absolute deadline for getting new license tags.

The deadline was supposed to have been Feb. 1, but the time was extended. Any boat which has been working since the first of the year must have its license by the end of this week, the commissioner emphasized. 1957 tags expired Dec. 31, 1957.

Sells Tags

The town of Atlantic Beach is selling automobile license tags to all persons who own property in town. The tags are \$1 each.