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## Early Blooming Indicates That Spring Is Here

Various Nurseries And Gardens Come Word That Peak Season For Blooming Will Be Three Weeks Early

## VISITORS DISCOVER WEALTH OF COLOR

Suggestion Is Made That Best Pretty Day Will Be A Good Time To Visit Favorite Beauty Spot

Despite the cool weather the week azaleas and camellias are continuing to bloom and the outlook is for peak of flowering to arrive three weeks earlier than usual in this area. Lovers of flowers are given the suggestion that they visit various gardens and nurseries very first pretty day on which they can get away for such visits. Franklin Park in Southport still has many beautiful camellias for the peak of blooming has passed. Many azaleas are also coming forth. Many Southport nurseries have had beautiful displays of camellias and still have them for other early flowers. Without exception such home owners are anxious to have the visitors in their flowers.

Near the lower end of the ship basin on the River Road the beautiful Clarendon Plantation and its gardens are giving promise of being very attractive visitors during the next few days. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Jones, owners, are very proud of their beautiful place. Their grounds have been opened communally for the first time this year.

It has been their custom in past years. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have invited principals, teachers and high school seniors visit their plantation during the blooming season for the January cherry trees. This invitation was Saturday afternoon of this week at 2:30 o'clock. About midway between Clarendon and Orton the Pleasant Plantation, owned by F. B. Jones of New York, is beginning blossom out with the thousands of azalea bushes that border beautiful tree-lined roads. The place is welcome to the use of the driveways, with the promise that flowers and shrubs will be not injured.

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## Brief News Flashes

**P. A. MEETING**  
The Southport Parent-Teachers Association will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. A musical program will be presented.

**CHURCH MEETING**  
The Allied Church League will have a meeting at Beulah Baptist Church, near Hickman's Cross, Monday night, March 7th. The meeting is for all denominations and everybody is invited.

**SPRING CEREMONY**  
Nancy Weeks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Weeks, one of the 60 students of N. C. Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, receiving caps in a candlelight ceremony at Ardmore Baptist Church March 1st at 8 o'clock.

**F. F. BENEFIT**  
The Youth Fellowship of Zion Baptist Church will give a benefit program and supper in the school rooms of the church on Saturday evening March 5th from 6 o'clock until 8:30 o'clock. Those appearing on program will be Henri Emurian, Funderburg, Helen Dobson, Betty Knox and Charles... Proceeds will go toward the purchase of the pulpit chairs. The church is cordially invited.

## Monarch



**BOSS**—Not only is the gentleman shown above head man of the Brahman herd at the Reigel Ranch at Makatoka, but he is ready and able to give any and all intruders of his domain a hard way to go.—(Wilmington News Cut.)

## Brunswick Timberland Found Good For Cattle

**Forest Fire Lanes Used As Grazing Area For Cattle As Land Is Placed In Dual Purpose Use**

### BRAHMAS FOUND TO SUIT NEEDS

**These Rugged Cattle Fully Capable Of Taking Care Of Selves Under All Conditions**

**BY W. B. KEZIAH**  
Several years ago a young district forestry official succeeded to the position of woods boss for the Reigel Paper Company. This was J. B. Lattay. A year or two of wrestling with the problem of plowing the fire resulted in Mr. Lattay getting ideas that the lanes could be put to practical uses, in addition to serving for fire prevention.

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## County Council USDA Planned

**Agricultural Workers Of County Hope To Correlate Programs To Prevent Duplication Of Information**

Agricultural workers of the county including County Agent A. S. Knowles, County Soil Conservationist C. D. Potter, Vocational Agricultural teachers of the several schools and AAA officials met Thursday in the office of the county agent.

The object was to work out recommendations of practices relative to various farm crops with the idea that all workers will be talking the same language and making the same recommendations with regard to the various crops including pastures.

While the group was to gether it was decided to organize a County Council of the United States Department of Agriculture, this council to work to coordinate the county program with that of the Federal government. This organization will meet the first Friday of each month starting in April. At this April meeting it is expected to have a number of additional workers present and the complete list of officials will then be named.

## Rev. H. M. Baker Named Chairman County Chapter

**Southport Minister Will Succeed Mrs. E. J. Prevatt As Head Of Brunswick County Chapter For Infantile Paralysis**

### WORK OF DIRECTOR GIVEN HIGH PRAISE

**The Rev. L. D. Hayman Served As Director Of March Of Dimes And Record Collection Indicated**

Phillip Randolph, State Representative of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, was principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Brunswick County Chapter at Bolivia on Monday night.

Representative citizens from all areas in the county were invited to attend the meeting which was for the purpose of broadening the membership on the executive committee to include residents of the various communities.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. J. Prevatt, county chairman. A report was heard from the treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Harper, and the campaign director of the March-of-Dimes, Rev. L. D. Hayman, who reported that the unofficial figure for collections in the current drive stands at \$2,918.21.

In his remarks Mr. Randolph praised very highly the campaign director and his workers throughout the county. He spoke of the great need for funds in the state and commended Brunswick county for doing such splendid work in going beyond the quota.

After several suggestions by Mr. Randolph as to the proper procedure for electing the executive committee and the officers an election was held with the following results: Rev. Herbert Baker, Southport, chairman; H. Foster Mintz, Bolivia, vice-chairman; L. J. Hardee, Southport, secretary; Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr., Southport, treasurer. Other members of the executive committee include Mrs. R. L. Sullivan, Wina-bow; W. C. Stephens, Ash; Harry Mintz, Supply; Mrs. Mack Jones, Leland; Joe Ramseur, Wina-bow; Mrs. M. H. Rourk, Shallotte; and A. C. Caviness, Southport.

## No Blue Mold In Brunswick Yet

**County Agent Reports That Best Plan Is To Treat The Beds In Effort To Ward Off Plan Disease**

Blue mold made its appearance in the tobacco beds of Georgia growers several weeks ago, but thus far no reports have been made of the disease appearing in Brunswick.

"Nevertheless," said County Agent A. S. Knowles, this week, "now is the time when our tobacco growers should take preventative steps to guard against the disease. The chances are pretty strong that blue mold may strike the beds of our growers. Prevention is better than cure. In fact," he added, "there is almost no cure. The disease, once it appears, can destroy millions of plants in a single night."

Mr. Knowles went on to say that the recognized treatment, not cure, against the disease was ferimate. This may be either

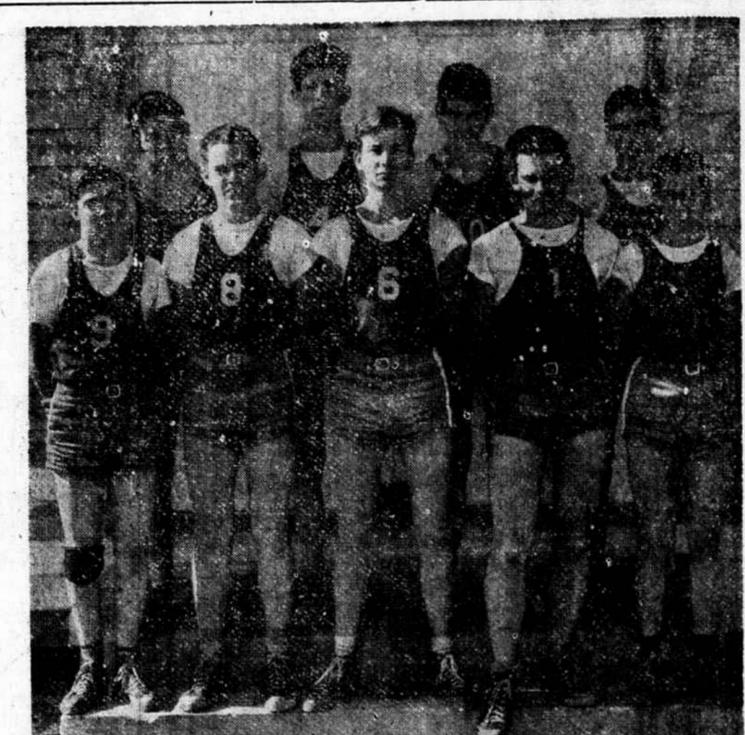


W. B. KEZIAH

High school students in this area who are studying biology should go to Joe Verzeal about it when the subject happens to be fish. Mr. Verzeal, owner of the Eastbrook Nursery, one mile north of Leland on the Phoenix hard surfaced road, is tops in the matter of fish, their breeding, food and care. He has several thousand small tropical fish of various sorts and also collects snails of various sorts. In short the Brunswick county man probably has the most valuable collection of fish owned by a private individual anywhere in a dozen states.

We are not certain at the moment which of the high schools will get the basket ball tournament next year, but one thing that is certain is that this year should see either the rebuilding of the present Southport high school gymnasium or the construction of a new one. And it should be of such a size as to allow for double or more the spectator space now available. Southport had good teams this year and has the muckies for still better teams next season. The attendance has been pretty good this year but not half what it would have been if there had not been constant fear in the mind that the two balconies were unsafe. Something should be done in the matter of a larger gymnasium soon, to have it ready by next fall. Adding to the 55-pound black Continue on page 8.

## Enter Tournament



**READY**—Leland boys already have entered the Annual Star-News-Y.M.C.A. Tournament in Wilmington, and the second place team of the recent Brunswick county tournament will bear watching in the Wilmington event. Squad members, left to right, are, top: Wooten, Phelps, Locky, Scott; bottom: White, Brew, Coker, Peterson and Clark.—(Cut Courtesy Wilmington News.)

## Formal Opening Shallotte Hut Friday Night

**Finishing Touches Being Made To Structure This Week And Open House Will Be Observed Friday**

### BUILDING CREDIT TO THE COMMUNITY

**Value Far Beyond Cash Expenditure Goes Into The Building In Form Of Donations Of Material-Labor**

With the finishing touches put to it Monday and Tuesday of this week, the attractive new home of the Shallotte Post American Legion will be formally opened Friday night.

Members of the American Legion and friends from throughout the county are invited to be present at this open house session. There will be free entertainment and refreshments, according to Post Commander Mitchell McCoy of the Shallotte Post.

With more than six thousand dollars in actual money having been spent on the building, the construction really represents something like \$11,000 or \$12,000, so much having been donated in both material and labor by men of the post. Saturday about 30 of them were busy with trucks and tools clearing up the grounds and the refuse left in the building by the carpenters and masons. Several of these men expressed appreciation of the fact that when building funds ran short one of their members a veteran of World War I, came forward and loaned all of the needed funds to

## Our ROVING Reporter

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## Mild Building Boom In Progress Locally

**Two New Houses Just Completed, Two Others Under Construction And Two Others Ready To Start**

### ACTIVITY ALSO SPREADS TO BEACH

**Three Houses Under Construction At Long Beach With Two Others Ready To Get Underway Immediately**

Two new homes have just been completed, two more are under construction and two others are ready for work to get started immediately as Southport enjoys a current boom in the building business. In addition, two other old residences are being completely renovated.

Felton Garner of the Bolivia Lumber Company and Davis Herring, Southport attorney, have just completed two nice residences that were constructed with the idea of sales to home-seekers who are frequently in search of residences here. It is understood that one of these new homes may be sold this week to out-of-state people. Believing that it will be helping to the town Garner and Herring plan to construct other homes as fast as they have a demand for them.

Their builder is Clyde Benton of Waccamaw township. He has been engaged in home construction for 15 years. Finishing the second of the two homes for Garner and Herring this week, Mr. Benton has started construction work on a nice home for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fodale. This home is located in the beautiful grove of oaks on the bluff overlooking the yacht basin.

Otto Hart is also building a very attractive home on the old railroad station property which he owns near the river. Mr. Hart recently stated to a newsmen that he also has a model tourist court in mind with some twelve units.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rap... (Continued on page four)

## Outstanding Film Comes To County

**"Seeds Of Destiny," Movie Showing Problems Faced By Children Of Europe, Will Be Shown At All Schools**

"Seeds Of Destiny," a documentary moving picture showing problems which hover over the children of the war-torn countries of Europe, will be shown next week at each of the five consolidated high schools of the county, according to the Rev. H. M. Baker, pastor of Southport Baptist church, who is responsible for obtaining this release. Although it has never been

## County Agent Is Satisfied With Farm Situation

**County Agent A. S. Knowles Reports That Growers Of Brunswick Are Well Advanced In Operations At This Season**

### NEW MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT USED

**Farmers Are Resorting More And More To Use Of Tractors; Crops Are Looking Very Good Over County**

Checking up with county agent A. S. Knowles Monday, it appears that this agricultural worker is pretty well satisfied with existing conditions among the Brunswick county farms. This is said with the reservation that better farming practices by no means being discouraged.

Although there has been generally fine and fair weather, last week was about the first time that farmers could get their tractors in the field for a full week's work. Most of the heavier lands have been too wet. Mr. Knowles said that the past year has seen heavy purchases of farm tractors. Nearly every farmer either has a tractor of his own or a machine is available from one of his neighbors when needed. Short as the time was for plowing last week a tremendous amount of land was put in pretty good condition for the crops that are soon to be planted.

The farmers are making plans to put in the full tobacco allotment this year, he says, and if blue mold does not invade the plant beds they should easily be able to carry out these plans. The present crop of tobacco plants is about the largest ever in the hands of the growers at this season of the year, and the plants are looking good.

There is also a likelihood of more sweet potatoes being planted and the farmers are undoubtedly aiming at better corn production practices. This matter of growing more corn to the acre is something that both the land and climate of Brunswick county are helpful to the efforts of the growers.

Mr. Knowles stated that of the large number of permanent pasture planted last fall, quite a

## Contest Planned On Soil Topic

**N. C. Bankers Association Cooperating With Agricultural Workers In Sponsoring High School Speaking Contest**

North Carolina Bankers' Association is cooperating with agricultural workers in sponsoring a state-wide speaking contest for high school students on the subject, "Proper Land Use and Treatment-Its Effects Upon the Economy of North Carolina."

There will be \$25.00 in county prizes donated by Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. of Southport for the county contest which will be held during the week of March 14th.

The district or group-contest for Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Pender and Robeson Counties will be held at Elizabethtown, March 18. (Continued on page 4)

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

| High Tide          | Low Tide   |
|--------------------|------------|
| Thursday March 3,  |            |
| 10:01 A. M.        | 3:57 A. M. |
| 10:18 P. M.        | 4:14 P. M. |
| Friday March 4,    |            |
| 10:32 A. M.        | 4:35 A. M. |
| 10:54 P. M.        | 4:47 P. M. |
| Saturday March 5,  |            |
| 11:06 A. M.        | 5:16 A. M. |
| 11:42 P. M.        | 5:25 P. M. |
| Sunday March 6,    |            |
| 11:49 A. M.        | 6:02 A. M. |
| 0:00 P. M.         | 6:10 P. M. |
| Monday March 7,    |            |
| 0:29 A. M.         | 6:59 A. M. |
| 12:42 P. M.        | 7:06 P. M. |
| Tuesday March 8,   |            |
| 1:30 A. M.         | 8:04 A. M. |
| 1:48 P. M.         | 8:14 P. M. |
| Wednesday March 9, |            |
| 2:36 A. M.         | 9:14 A. M. |
| 3:02 P. M.         | 9:25 P. M. |