



FLOWERS IN BLOOM.—The flowers in Southeastern North Carolina have started to bloom. The famed azaleas are expected to reach a peak Easter week end. Shown here is a garden at Orton Plantation near Wilmington. The flowers will continue in full bloom well into April. Gail Thomas of Wrightsville Beach models a Colonial dress by Beulah Meier.

Azaleas Expected To Bloom Freely For Easter Weekend

A magnificent display of Azaleas throughout coastal Southeastern North Carolina is expected Easter weekend.

"Already the flowers are beginning to bloom and by next week-end they should reach a peak," said Alex Bogie, manager of Orton Plantation.

Bogie, a veteran of more than 25 years of flower growing, anticipates one of the best displays of Azaleas ever. "The conditions are just right for an excellent show of azaleas," he said.

At Greenfield Lake in Wilmington, azalea buds are already beginning to burst open along the five miles of lake shore drive.

"At Orton, site of one of the most colorful flower displays in the nation, the blooming of the azaleas will climax an exciting show of spring flowers.

"Once the azaleas reach full bloom, we will have a peak display for three weeks or more," Bogie said.

He pointed out that in the past, some of the azaleas have bloomed before others. "But this year it looks as if the azaleas are all going to pop out about the same time," he said. "For this reason I expect one of the finest displays in 25 years."

During the past week the pansies and daffodils have been a riot of color. The white flowering peach is in full bloom, and the pink peach is beginning to bloom.

The sweet smell of yellow jasmine has turned Orton Plantation

into a virtual garden of perfume. "The jasmine is always popular with visitors because of its perfume-like smell," Bogie said.

Throughout Southeastern North Carolina there is still a colorful display of camellias. They began blooming about two weeks ago.

"This time last winter we still had snow on the ground," Bogie recalled. "But this winter has been nothing like the one we had last year. This has been a very good winter for the flowers because the coldest weather came at a time when everything was dormant."

He explained that there had been just enough cool weather this spring to prevent premature blooming of some of the flowers.

"I can't recall a time when conditions were more favorable for an excellent display of azaleas than this coming weekend," he concluded.

REISCHAUER ENVOY TO JAPAN

Edwin C. Reischauer, a Harvard professor who in the past has criticized United States policy in Asia, is President Kennedy's choice for Ambassador to Japan.

Reischauer, 50, born and reared in Tokyo, speaks Japanese and has a Japanese wife. Kennedy nominated him to succeed Douglas MacArthur 2nd in the Tokyo post.

Washington News

Washington, D. C. — The old story, concerning the three military services, is the new story in Washington. The services are rowing over their prospective roles in the military development of outer space.

Inter-service feuds have been a tradition in the United States for too many decades. One recalls the great battle between the Navy and Air Force, a decade ago, over the value of aircraft carriers.

Now it seems that both the Army and Navy fear the rising and growing responsibilities of the Air Force, in outer space work. The two older services may have reason to be disturbed. A recent Defense Department decision, bypassing the Joint Chiefs of Staff, turned over most of the outer space field to the Air Force.

Defense Secretary Bob McNamara and Deputy Roswell Gilpatrick are trying to eliminate some of the confusion and jealousy among the services, and have apparently decided the Air Force must be the primary service charged with the military development of outer space.

This has caused strong repercussions, which are so familiar in the Pentagon, and the issue may reach the President, for a final decision, before the battle is over.

President John F. Kennedy is nearing a showdown with Congress. The month of April will bring the first of several grim battles — showdown battles between conservative coalitions in each house and Democratic liberals and part-time liberals.

Already Senator Harry Byrd, of Virginia, has declared war on the White House, in a sense, and the conservative coalition in the House feels it has the voting strength to have its on way. The months of April and May, then, might be critical ones for the President's legislative program.

There are several indications that in East Europe the communists are facing serious problems. In East Germany the communist government has just announced that the entire aircraft industry of East Germany will be scrapped. Working and capacity will be devoted to improving the economy and producing consumer goods, it was said.

And—officials admitted — East Germany has not overtaken West Germany in consumer goods production, which communist propaganda has so long claimed would be accomplished by 1961.

In Poland a showdown fight with the Roman Catholic Church is underway. Following the state's decision to end religious instruction in the school, last year, relations

have steadily deteriorated. The top Catholic Cardinal in Poland recently called communist leaders "caesars" and bluntly warned the government that it was in error.

Such bitter actions resulted in three years in prison for Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski several years ago. Meanwhile the Polish Government charges that the church in Poland is not serving Poland but the Vatican, and terms the Vatican hostile to the Polish Government.

Deep Gap Post Exceeds Goal

Deep Gap Post 352 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership Incentive Goal for 1961 according to information received here from State Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh.

James C. Watson, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing congratulations and thanks to the membership chairman, all Post Officers, and membership workers for their efforts.

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our incentive goal," Post Commander Watson said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post and we invite them all to become members."

Blue Mold Is Expected

Tar Heel tobacco growers can expect blue mold again this year, as sure as the south wind blows.

Already, this dread tobacco disease has shown up in Georgia. "If tobacco growers don't treat their plant beds as soon as possible, blue mold may build up to epidemic proportions overnight," warns Furney Todd, Extension plant pathologist at N. C. State College.

The reason this fungus-caused disease can spread like wild-fire is that spores or seed of the fungus are carried in the wind for many miles, says Todd. "It will be back in North Carolina—for the 30th straight year," he predicts.

Many growers feel they can hold off on treatment until blue mold hits North Carolina. "This is pure gambling," warns Todd. "You can't tell when or where it's going to hit, and by the time you know it may be too late."

The answer is to treat the plant beds. Todd recommends: Apply one of the fungicides containing ferbam, zineb or maneb when the plants are about dime-size. Put on one treatment for the first week or two. Then go to two treatments a week. Continue until transplanting is complete.

Todd also says that tobacco growers can expect two other diseases that attack plants in the beds. They, too, can be controlled by fungicide treatment.

"Anthracnose can cause stunting of plants and a delay in trans-

Boone PTA Likes Panel Discussion

The Boone Parent Teachers Association meeting Monday evening at the Appalachian High School was enlightening and interesting for the parents and teachers who attended.

A panel was made up of four National Honor Society students, three members of the school administrative staff, and Robert Snead, biology teacher, who served as moderator.

The administrative staff were Dr. Roy R. Blanton, principal, L. M. Venable, assistant principal, and

planting," he says. "And last year losses were high from damping off."

As for blue mold, the plant beds should be treated with fungicides containing zineb, ferbam or maneb. Maneb should only be used as a dust.

Todd warns against using organic forms of nitrogen as top dressings on the plant beds—such things as dried blood, feather meal, cottonseed meal, tankage, sludge.

"Several trade name products containing either streptomycin sulfate or nitrate are on the market," he points out. "These antibiotics will control blue mold; but generally they're more expensive than the fungicides, and they don't control anthracnose or damping off."

Mrs. Margaret E. Gragg, director of guidance. The students were seniors Barbara Matheson, Mary Jane Shelton, Sue Green, and Tommy Inman.

The students asked questions of the administrative staff, but Mr. Snead invited questions and comments from the audience at any time during the discussion. These became so animated that the allotted time elapsed before all the prepared questions had been covered.

Questions and discussions covered athletics, homework, vocational guidance, college entrance examinations, and the accelerated program used in the school.

Eric DeGroot, president of the PTA, said such a program might be of interest again, and that a similar program might be well-received by parents of elementary school students also.

As in other PTA programs this year, a great deal of work, planning, and advanced preparation had gone into Monday night's program.

PEACE CORPS NO JOY RIDE

The head of the Peace Corps said that any prospective member who expected a "joy ride" ought to get off the train right now.

R. Sargent Shriver, the corps' head, said that applicants must accept "very difficult, very hard, very real work."

Mr. Shriver said that 4,500 letters had arrived at his office the day after Mr. Kennedy announced he was creating a pilot Peace Corps. He said that application forms would be ready soon.

Protestants praise Kennedy's school stand.

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