

## Plans Shaping Up For Potato Festival In E. City May 29-31

### Beauty Queens From Albemarle Counties Will Compete

Plans are rapidly shaping up for the annual Albemarle Potato Festival to be staged in Elizabeth City Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 29, 30, 31 and indications are that the event will be the biggest and most colorful yet staged.

W. P. McDowell, Jr., chairman, has announced that more celebrities than ever before already had accepted invitations to attend the annual classic honoring the Albemarle Irish potato, a very important cash crop for farmers of Northeastern North Carolina which will be coming into its own about the time the program is being staged.

Another highlight of the three-day event will be the annual spring powerboat regatta which will be staged under the direction of the Pasquotank Yacht Club and which will be run on the beautiful Pasquotank River.

Beauty queens representing every county of the Albemarle section will compete for the right to be crowned Miss Potato Festival and a parade featuring a score or more high school bands from North Carolina and Virginia, along with scores of floats and marching units, will highlight the event. A pageant, dealing with the history of the potato as it affects The Albemarle, also will be featured, along with a state-wide baton twirling contest for high school band majorettes.

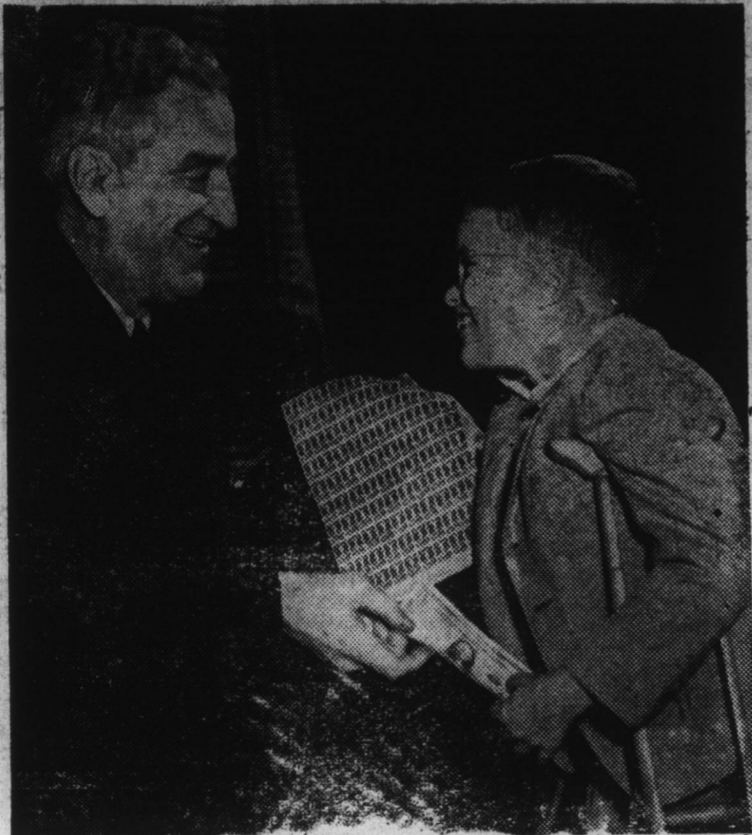
### Defense Bonds Sales Gain During February

North Carolina sales of all series of U. S. Defense Bonds in February of this year totaled \$4,973,983.50 compared to \$3,416,149.50 in the month of February 1952, for a gain of 44 per cent, W. H. Neal, State Chairman of the U. S. Defense Bonds Advisory Committee, announced. He also announced that national sales figures of all series for February were \$414 million which is 22 per cent above sales for February 1952.

Sales of Series E and H bonds in North Carolina during February 1953 were \$3,804,365.50 compared with series E sales of \$2,788,784.50 in February 1952. Since the series H bond, which was first offered for sale on June 1, 1952, is a current income companion of the series E bond, current sales of the two series were reported together.

Education is the cheap defense of nations. —Burke.

### Easter Seal Boy Opens Campaign



State Treasurer Brandon P. Hodges receives the first sheet of Easter Seals from six-year-old Roy Edward Piner, Jr., of Wilmington, thus officially opening the 1953 Easter Seal campaign in North Carolina of which Hodges is State Chairman. Edward is official ambassador of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and Adults which is sponsoring the 20th annual drive to raise funds for crippled children and adults in North Carolina. The appeal is being conducted on a statewide basis and continues for one month, ending Easter Sunday, April 5.



For most trees and shrubs the best time to apply fertilizer is at the time the buds begin to swell or when spring is just around the corner. At this time the plants are beginning active root growth and leaf development and are able to make use of the soluble salts in the fertilizers. An exception to this rule would be azaleas which should be fertilized as soon as they are through blooming.

Although there is some variation in the requirements of different shrubs it is usually safe to apply three to four pounds of a 6-8-6 or 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space or from one-fourth pound to one pound around each shrub where planted separately according to the size of the shrub. A 6-8-6 fertilizer means that it contains 6 per cent available nitrogen, 8 per cent available phosphoric acid and 6 per cent available potash. The fertilizer should be thoroughly raked into the soil under the shrubs and watered in if the soil is dry. For azaleas, camellias and other acid-loving plants there are special acid-reacting fertilizers, or a mixture containing one-third sulphate of ammonia and two-thirds cottonseed meal may be used. (Shade trees and fruit trees require a

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little different treatment than shrubs. The feed roots of trees are not close to the trunk but extend out to a zone under and just beyond the tips of the branches. Therefore the fertilizer should be applied in this zone and not near the trunk. Apply one to two pounds of a 6-8-6 mixture the first year and about four pounds per inch of diameter of the trunk of the tree each year thereafter. If the land is cultivated the fertilizer may be cultivated in, otherwise it should be applied in holes made with a crowbar or soil auger.

For grapevines, apply one-half pound of a 6-8-6 mixture the first year, one pound each the second and third year and two to three pounds per vine per year thereafter.

Stable manure is an excellent fertilizer for trees, shrubs and vines and should be used if available.

### Work Injuries Increase In N. C. During 1952

Official records of the North Carolina Industrial Commission show that industrial injuries in the state increased in 1952 over 1951. The report shows that for 1952 there was a total of 96,275 injuries reported com-

pared with 94,765 for the same period in 1951. This is an increase of 1.6 per cent. The month of September led all other months with a total of 9,523 injuries reported.

Deaths due to industrial accidents showed a remarkable decrease for the same period. In 1952, there was a total of 131 deaths compared with 163 in 1951. The month of July led with a total of 18 fatalities reported.

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