



ARMY PROMOTION—Col. Thomas J. Bemby, son of Mrs. Nellie F. Bemby, 229 West Gale Street, Edenton, is promoted to that rank in a ceremony at the U. S. Continental Army Command (CONARC) headquarters, Fort Monroe, Va. Pinned on the insignia are Mrs. Bemby and Maj. Gen. E. J. Gibson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, CONARC. Observing the occasion are the Bemby children, Thomas, 16, and Marsha, 20.

Thomas Bemby Promoted To Col.

FORT MONROE, Va.—Col. Thomas J. Bemby, 229 West Gale Street, Edenton, N. C., was promoted to that rank in ceremonies at the U. S. Continental Army Command (CONARC) headquarters, Fort Monroe, Va. The silver eagle insignia of Col. Bemby's new rank were pinned on by his wife, Minnie, and by his supervisor, Maj. Gen. E. J. Gibson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, CONARC. Also attending the ceremony were the Bemby children, Thomas, 16, and Marsha, 20.

Col. Bemby is a 1937 graduate of Edenton High School and a 1941 graduate of St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C. He entered the Army in April, 1942, and received his commission through the Officer Candidate School program.

He and his family now live at 301 Jerome Circle, Hampton, Va. They formerly resided at 733 First Avenue, New Bern, N. C.

Time To File S. S. Earnings

Social security beneficiaries are reminded that it's report time again. This is the annual report of earnings that beneficiaries must file after the end of 1968 if they earned more than \$1,680. For most people this report is due by April 15, 1969.

Early this year annual report cards and return envelopes will be mailed to beneficiaries. If a card is not received or is lost, you can secure one from any social security office.

The people in the social security office will be glad to help fill out the forms. The beneficiary should bring his 1968 W-2 form if he worked for wages, or a copy of his 1968 federal income tax return if he was self-employed.

The report should not be filed by a beneficiary who earned less than \$1,680 in 1968.

For more information or assistance, contact your social security office at 401 South Dyer Street, Elizabeth City, N. C. Phone number is 338-3931.

Magnolias And The South Go Together

Magnolias and the South go together like bacon and eggs, grits and red gravy, or possum and sweet potatoes. This beautiful plant specimen may be found in song and story, exemplifying some of the finer traditions of the Southland.

Many a Southern Belle has yielded to the proposals of her Galahad in the shade of a magnolia tree.

The magnolia was named for Pierre Magnol, who was director of the Botanic Gardens of Montpellier, France, 1638-1715. The plant gained early fame through Magnol's extensive use of it in his gardens.

The genus contains about 70 species widely scattered throughout the temperate regions of the world. They may be either trees or large shrubs, deciduous or evergreen, with attractive foliage and handsome flowers.

There are nine species native to the Eastern United States, eight species in Mexico and Central America, nine species in Northern South America and the West Indies and 44

species native to Southeastern Asia. There are many hybrids, mostly of Asiatic origin.

Of the nine species native to the Southeastern United States, six are deciduous, one has persistent

leaves and two are evergreen.

Of the species adapted to our southern garden, the Bull Bay (*M. grandiflora*) is probably the most widely planted of all the magnolias. Native to the

Southern United States and the state flower of both Mississippi and Louisiana, it can be planted as far north as New York. The seven-to-nine inch flowers appear in late May.

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