

Committees For Flower Show Are Named By Leader

Tentative Date For Annual Event Sponsored By Southport Woman's Club Has Been Set For Thursday, May 13

LAST YEAR WAS FIRST ONE MISSED

Arrangements Are Being Made To Have This Year's Show As Successful As Possible Considering The War

Tentative date for the annual flower show is May 13, and if flowers are not in bloom by then the show will be postponed, announced Mrs. James M. Harper, general chairman, today. All committee chairmen are requested to meet with the general chairman at her home tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Following is a list of committees, with details of their duties:

House committee — Mrs. Frank Niernsee, chairman. Duties of this committee will be to prepare the place where the show is to be held. The members of the placement committee will cooperate with the house committee as they are needed. Other members are: Mrs. George Y. Watson, Mrs. R. S. Harrison, Mrs. J. I. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Butler, and Mrs. H. H. Thomas.

Placement committee — Mrs. H. W. Hood, chairman. The duties of this committee will be to arrange in a suitable manner for display the entries as they are brought by the public. They will also assist the house committee as they are needed. Other members are: Mrs. Prince O'Brien, Mrs. S. B. Frink, Mrs. R. L. Thompson, Mrs. Blanche Weeks and Mrs. A. L. Lewis.

Registration committee — Mrs. Harold St. George, chairman. This committee will register each entry in the proper class as it is brought in. The chairman will act as secretary of the show and will accompany the judges to record their decisions. Other members are: Miss Genevieve Eakes, Mrs. James Pevatte, Mrs. James Carr, Mrs. A. K. Vitou, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. Robert Thompson and Mrs. J. E. Cox.

Tea committee — Mrs. R. C. Danel, chairman. This committee will plan and prepare for the tea. It will be the duty of this committee to consult with the house committee so that a suitable place in the building may be reserved for the tea. Other members are: Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, Mrs. D. E. Arthur, Mrs. I. B. Bussells, Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Mrs. R. C. St. George, Mrs. L. C. Fergus, Mrs. H. H. Thomas and Mrs. Joel Moore.

Still life boxes — Mrs. J. Elwood Cox and Mrs. Robert Thompson.

Advertising — Mrs. James Carr and Mrs. Pierce Cranmer.

Hostesses — Mrs. J. W. Ruark, Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Mrs. C. M. Crapon, Miss Susie Newton, Miss Margaret Parkhill, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Miss Mary Weeks, Mrs. Arthur Weeks, Mrs. J. G. Christian, Mrs. J. I. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Butler, Mrs. George Y. Watson, Mrs. Frank Niernsee, and Mrs. S. B. Frink. Mrs. Frink will act as chairman of hostesses and will see that there are four hostesses on duty at all times the show is open. It will be the duty of this committee to be in charge of the silver offering.

Special Exhibits — Miss Genevieve Eakes.

Had Fine Season Despite Conditions

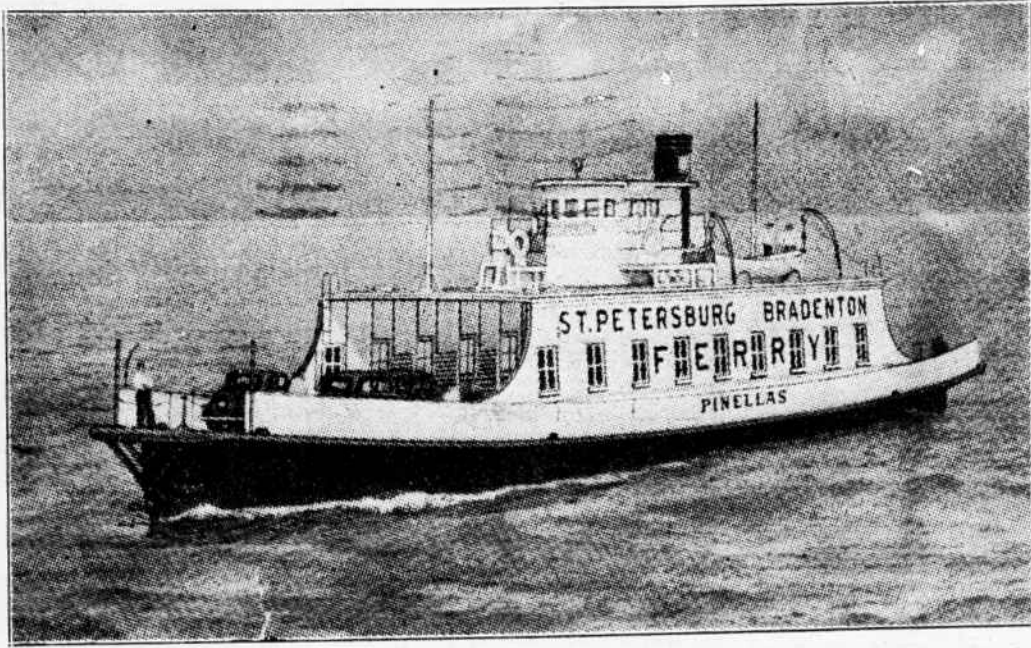
Orton Plantation usually begins a new year with the passing of the peak of the azalea blooming season, which is now just over. A report received yesterday from Manager Jim Ferger is to the effect that the plantation and nursery has had a good year, despite labor, transportation and travel difficulties.

The sale of azaleas, camelias and other flowering plants has been heavy throughout North and South Carolina, with many going by express and otherwise to distant states. The number of visitors has run far beyond expectations. Around half of these visitors have been service men and their families, stationed in nearby areas.

IN HOSPITAL

R. L. Thompson, of Southport, is a patient at James Walker Hospital, Wilmington.

AN EARLY MAIL BOAT



NEW SERVICE.—Above is shown the old steamer Wilmington, which formerly made daily trips between Southport and Wilmington on the Cape Fear River. One of the duties of this vessel was delivery of mail at Southport. When the Wilmington was last seen she had been converted into a ferryboat and was operating in Florida waters.

Mail Service For This City Has Seen Changes

Twice Daily Deliveries Now In Vogue Is Thing Of More Or Less Recent Development For Southport

FIRST DELIVERIES WERE BY ROWBOAT

Many Citizens Remember Days When Deliveries Were All Made By Steamer From Wilmington

(By HARRY HAYDEN In Wilmington Post)

Now that airplanes are carrying the mails with greater speed than the speediest winds, Captain Jesse Price, retired mariner residing at Harbor Island, this week contrasted this speedy mode of delivery with the small like speed of the row boat that once transported the mails between Wilmington and Southport, a distance of approximately 30 miles.

Captain Price said the first row boat carrying the mail between these points was the May Shepherd, which was scheduled to deliver the mail at Southport every Tuesday and Saturday, according to the tide; and this boat was superceded by the sailboat Parrish Frink, whose schedule was controlled completely by the winds.

The first steamboat to carry the mail between Wilmington and Southport was "The Bee," a boat built by Captain Walter Taft, who also constructed her engine; and this craft made deliveries every other day at Wilmington and Southport. Captain W. E. Mayo, a former saw filer and mechanic for Kidder's Lumber company, was the master of "The Bee."

"The Dixie," with Captain Tom Jacobs as master, was the next mail boat, said Captain Price, who reported that Captain Jacobs once rescued him after he had fallen overboard in attempting to get aboard. This craft also had accommodations for 10 or 15 passengers, and it was owned by O. G. Parsley, who was also the owner of the next mail boat, "The Underhill." (Captain Price said Mr. Parsley was a member of Parsley & Wiggins Lumber company, and the father of Aubrey, William and Walter Parsley.)

Captain Charlie Gillican, who was the father of Walter, Effie and Elsie Gillican Captain Price, was the pilot of "The Underhill," a side-wheeler passenger and freight boat.

"The Passport" was the next mailboat, Captain Price reported, saying that this passenger craft was originally owned by the Chesborough Manufacturing company (the present sponsors of Dr. Christian's radio program), and it was formerly used as a private yacht. (George Meyers, who was local agent for the Chesborough company, put "The Passport" on (Continued on page 4)

Former Teacher Will Change Jobs

Miss Miriam Bullard, of Chadbourn, teacher of the 7th grade in the local high school this past session, and who resigned at the completion of the term, will leave tomorrow for Boston for six weeks of training as a Claim Adjuster for the Liberty Mutual Life Insurance company. After completing the prescribed course of training she will probably be located somewhere in the south.

Hospital Day To Be Observed

Next Wednesday, May 12, is Hospital Day, and members of the Doshier Memorial Hospital Auxiliary are urging all persons interested in the welfare of the institution here to make contributions of worthwhile presents on that day.

The usual gifts will be highly acceptable. These include wash cloths, pillow cases, towels, sheets, dresser sets, etc. They may be left at the State Port Pilot office, or may be delivered at the hospital.

The regular monthly meeting of the auxiliary will be held on that day.

Aviation Cadet Board Coming

Henry Stone Is County Chairman Of Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Committee; Opportunity Coming

Henry C. Stone, chairman of the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection committee for Brunswick county, has been advised that on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11, a traveling board from the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board in Atlanta will be at the Navy recruiting station in Wilmington for the purpose of interviewing applicants for flight training.

The eligibility is that the applicant must be 17 years of age, a high school senior and in the upper scholastic half of his class. This also included those seventeen-year olds who have graduated in the upper half of their class.

The only paper required for this preliminary examination is a certificate from his high school principal that the applicant is now, or has graduated, in the upper half of the senior class.

Revised OPA Poultry Prices

District OPA Man Here Yesterday Announced Latest Prices Affecting Sale Of Poultry

Following is the revised poultry regulation effective April 26, 1943: Maximum price for farmers producers in Brunswick county for live poultry, if sold at the farm— broilers, fryers, Roosters 29c lb.; if sold at the farm — hens all weights 25½c lb.; if sold at the farm — roosters all weights 21½c lb.

If sold to retail stores — maximum price for live broilers, fryers, roosters 30½c lb.; hens all weights, 27c lb.; roosters all weights, 23c lb., (plus ¾c lb if delivered over 30 miles and less than 50 miles).

If sold direct to consumer — broilers, fryers, roosters — (delivered less than 30 miles) 37c lb.; broilers, fryers, roosters, (delivered over 30 miles less than 50 miles) 38c lb.; hens all weights (delivered less than 30 miles) (Continued on Page Four)

Conviction Made For Sunday Sale

First Violation For State Law Prohibiting Sunday Sale Of Beer Tried Before Judge Ward Monday

As proof positive that Brunswick county officials intend to enforce the ban on Sunday sale of beer, Judge John B. Ward dealt sternly with the first defendant brought into his court for this violation Monday.

The offender was Lucille Myers, colored, who was given 14 months on the county farm, her sentence being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs of the case.

J. C. Carroll, white, was convicted of drunk driving and was given 3 months. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.00. The driving license of the defendant was revoked for 12 months.

Charles C. Odell, white, was convicted of drunk driving and was given 4 months. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.00, the defendant's license being revoked for one year.

Kendall Davis, colored, was found not guilty of non-support.

Tom King, white, was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. Sentence of 4 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Walter Fowler, colored, was convicted of driving with improper license and was given 30 days. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

The same defendant was convicted of possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor. His sentence of 4 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Rose Godfrey, colored, was convicted of possession of intoxicating liquor and was given 30 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Ruther Fisher, colored, was convicted of possession of intoxicating liquor and of driving without operator's license. Judgment was four months on the county (Continued on page 4)

Sherrill Renews Offer Of Island For Recreation

In another letter received this week from Frank O. Sherrill, owner of the S. & W. chain cafeterias and also owner of Bald Head Island at Southport, he repeated his offer of the island to the armed forces for the duration of the war as a rest and recreation center. In his letter, which was to W. B. Keziah, Mr. Sherrill said, in part: "Nothing would suit me better, or give me greater pleasure, than to have the armed forces use Bald Head Island and its natural recreation facilities for the duration."

Mr. Sherrill had previously written Keziah, telling him that if he had any idea that the famous island could be put to good use by the Army and Navy recreational forces as a rest camp, he, Keziah, could make the offer of it for free use. Thus far no direct and official approach has been made to either the Army or Navy. This will be done this week. It is believed that a plan for using the island may be worked out.

With its immense area, shade, quietness and freedom from intrusion, the island would be admirable for giving sick or tired men a few days of rest. In addition, if some facilities were provided, it would be an admirable place to care for wounded, convalescent sailors, and perhaps soldiers, while the war lasts.

None of Mr. Sherrill's communications to Keziah has borne indications that there were strings of any sort tied to his offer. He simply offered the island for the duration, free of charge. From Keziah the offer will be passed on to the Army and Navy recreational officers in the same form in which it was received.

Brunswick Goes Over Her Quota In Bond Sales

Incomplete Report Indicates That County Over-Subscribed Its Second War Loan By Eighty Percent

SALES TOTALED ABOUT \$80,000

Only Trouble With Drive Was That Too Much Of The Burden Fell On The Shoulders Of Big Business

Although a final complete tabulation of bonds sold during the Second War Loan Drive in this county is not yet available, on the basis of incomplete returns it appears that Brunswick county was over her quota of \$44,200.00 by about 80-percent.

Round figures for sales through the efforts of the Brunswick County War Finance Committee are \$80,000.00, although it is possible that the final total may go slightly higher.

In discussing the results of the campaign this week the county chairman of the War Finance Committee expressed his deep appreciation to individuals and firms who made this splendid showing possible. "Our volume came through the large purchases of some of our bigger business interests of the county," he said. "It strikes me that the smaller purchasers might have undertaken a larger share of the load, and I sincerely hope that they will not come to expect their larger neighbors to carry the load of war finance. This war affects every one of us," he continued, "and every man, woman and child in our county should buy a share in victory at every opportunity."

Manley Benton Died Saturday

Funeral Services For Brunswick Resident Are Held On Sunday Afternoon At Old Shallotte Cemetery

Manley N. Benton, 70, of Ash, died at his home Saturday afternoon about 2 p. m. of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Della Wilson, three sons and two daughters: Jolly and Clyde Benton, of Ash, and James Preston Benton, of the U. S. Navy, Charleston, S. C.; Mrs. Daisy Nelson and Mrs. Agnes Nelson, both of Ash; and one sister: Mrs. Lucy Benton Hewett, of Shallotte.

Funeral services were conducted at the Old Shallotte cemetery Sunday afternoon at 5 p. m. with Rev. J. Robert Carter, of Conway, S. C. in charge, and burial followed in the family plot.

OVERSEAS

Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw has been notified by the War Department that her son, Lieut. Henry Churchill Bragaw, has arrived safely at his overseas destination. Lieutenent Bragaw, who was manuevered at Orton prior to entering the service, is in the infantry division of the army.

REPAIRS COMPLETED

Repairs to the Sunday school rooms at Trinity Methodist church, which recently was damaged by fire, have been completed.

It Takes Five Trees To Equip And Send A Man To War

Citizens Are Becoming More And More Impressed With Necessity Of Protecting Forests From Fire

Outdoor men and sportsmen have long realized the destructiveness of forest fires to game and fish. Comparatively few such people or the public know their great importance in carrying on the war.

The Sportsmen's Service Bureau of New York has written W. B. Keziah at Southport advising him that extensive research has developed the fact that five mature trees are needed to equip every man in our armed service. To quote further:

One tree is needed for his living quarters, mess hall, chapel, and recreational facilities. Another provides the wooden crates necessary in shipping him food, clothing, tanks, guns and ammunition. Wood from the three remaining trees is used for making necessary equipment used in waging modern warfare; wood cellulose in high explosives, wood in training planes, wood in gun stocks, shipyards, factories and many other essential items."

It is said that by the end of last year over twenty million

trees had been used in the war effort, backing up our fighting forces. It is further said that if these trees were standing ten abreast and ten feet apart they would reach from New York to San Francisco.

Taking everything into consideration, the woodlands constitute the greatest crop that can be grown in the south. All out efforts to win the war must include protection of essential woodlands from forest fires. It is necessary for continuous vigilance in the effort to prevent forest fires from getting started, and all out combative measures against them once they do break out.

Recent widespread publicity of forest fire prevention efforts in Brunswick and Columbus counties, with special reference to the Rigel Paper Corporation, its extensive planting of trees and the protection given these trees along with native stock, and cooperation with neighboring landowners, has resulted in bringing out some interesting information relative to trees and the war effort.

Municipal Election Goes Off Without A Hitch

Not Exactly News Makes Big News

This paper runs a column captioned, "Not Exactly News." Recently it contained a little sixteen word item about the birth of a 118-pound calf to a cow belonging to Major D. R. Johnson, of Winnabow.

Perhaps that calf was not strictly news. The fact remains that W. B. Keziah spotted the item, made some inquiries, did some elaboration and blossomed out this week with a column story that earned a seven-column streamer heading on page two of the big predated issue of The Washington Times-Herald.

From a 16-word item in this paper to a column story with a seven column head in national circulation is quite a long step. It appears that things that are 'not exactly news' can sometimes be made into pretty big news.

Shoppers Have Point Advantage

Decrease In Point Value Of Certain Commodities Make Ration Books Go Farther Than Ever

Housewives of Brunswick county shopping this week under revised point values for both processed foods and meats and fats will find that careful planning will enable them to buy more than ever before with their stamps in War Ration Book Two, Mrs. Grace D. Jones, clerk of the War Price and Rationing Board at Southport, said today.

New point values for both blue and red stamp rationing program were effective Sunday, May 2.

The meats and fats program showed 25 reductions and 16 advances — all of one point — while the processed foods values in a number of cases were reduced as much as one half, while advances, in general were one or two points.

Advances under the red stamp program are confined largely to prime cuts — steaks and roasts — of beef, veal and pork. Reductions, for the most part, are noted in variety meats, canned fish and other special products already having a relatively low point value.

In processed foods, one-half reductions in the point value of fruit and vegetable juices and in some fruits were made. Advances were made in canned or bottled pineapple — the most point-expensive item on this list — and on apricots and mixed fruits; on green peas, asparagus, corn, mixed vegetables and tomato paste, while reduction came in the most popular of all canned foods, tomatoes, and in green beans and leafy greens (with the exception of spinach).

Lower point values established during the April rationing period for quick frozen fruits and vegetables are maintained, as is the (Continued On Page Four)

Tax Matters Are Brought Before Board Monday

Most Of Monday Meeting Was Devoted To Hearing Matters Growing Out Of Delinquent Tax Collections

JORGENSEN WILL COLLECT PRE-PAYMENT

Authority Given By Commissioners With Rate Remaining Same As Current, Subject To Revision

Members of the board of county commissioners spent most of the day Monday handling routine tax matters that had been brought before them.

Upon motion of O. P. Bellamy, seconded by A. P. Russ, W. F. Jorgensen was named to collect prepayments on the 1943 tax levy, with the rate being tentatively set at \$1.60. This is the same as the current rate, and is subject to revision.

Other tax matters were handled in the following manner. Edson Moore was allowed to pay \$20.00 on taxes due for the Laura Gause estate, with the understanding that he pay \$20.00 per month; John Peyton was permitted to pay \$20.00 on his taxes, with \$15.00 to be paid every 3 months; Martha Bryant was required to pay \$20.00 on the Edward Bryant estate and \$5.00 per month until paid; foreclosure proceedings were ordered in the Katherine Hobbs estate matter; M. L. Hewett was relieved of \$60.00 valuation for the 1942 and 1943 levy; J. D. Hollis was given until June 1 to arrange for payment of delinquent taxes; the Peoples United Bank was given permission to pay taxes due on the Julia Wilson estate upon \$600.00 valuation; J. F. Milbourn was granted permission of paying his 1932 and prior years' taxes on the basis of 1933 valuation.

Upon motion of Bellamy, seconded by Russ, the former appointment of W. M. Stanaland as a member of the Welfare Board was ratified.

Control Center Changes Made

Mrs. E. J. Pevatte Calls Upon Patriotism Of Women Of Southport To Carry On Their Work

"The control center is in the down grade again," said Mrs. E. J. Pevatte, Tuesday. Why? The answer is simple—the proper cooperation is not being given by some of the people. A few people cannot do this work, it takes the help of every available citizen. This center only has to be run by the citizens of Southport a few hours each night, while in other places they have to be run by civilians twenty four hours each day, so if each person will give their fullest support we can do this work with the greatest of ease. I am asking for volunteers to help carry on this work, so please call me at my home and let me know what you can do. The name of each person who volunteers will be published in this paper next week.

"There are a few changes being made in the block chairmen who have not been able to look after their blocks. Each person will be notified as to her duties. After next week not only will the names of each person who stays to stay or get some one to stay. Things happen sometime to prevent us from doing the things we (Continued on page 4)

May 29th Will Be Poppy Day

Mrs. S. B. Frink Has Been Named To Serve As "Poppy Day" Chairman For Brunswick County

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be worn in Southport on Saturday, May 29th, Mrs. John Eriksen, President of Southport Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

The poppies this year will honor the men who have given their lives in the present conflict, as well as those who fell among the poppies of France and Belgium twenty-five years ago, she said. The money contributed for the flowers will be used for the welfare of victims of both wars and their families.

The Southport Unit of the Auxiliary is making extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here, under the leadership of Mrs. Eriksen, President, and Mrs. S. B. Frink, Unit Poppy Chairman. The little red flowers of remembrance will be available to everyone in the city, offered by volunteer workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets throughout the day.

The flowers, made of crepe paper in replica of the wild Flanders poppy, have been ordered from Oteen Hospital where dis- (Continued On Page Four)

"Victory" Pig Has Three Ears

A brood sow belonging to John W. Sellers, of Supply, has shown by her effort that she is all sold on this "V For Victory" effort.

Last week she labored and brought forth a litter of nine little pieces of potential pork. One of these little squealers had two ears to hear through and three to look at. On the right side of its head two ears are growing where only one should be.

In town this week, Mr. Sellers deposed and swore that the two ears on the right side of the pig's head formed a better "V For Victory" than the man made when he invented the alphabet.