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Flower Show Is Attraction Of Great Interest

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JUDGES PRAISE THIS YEAR'S SHOW

Rehder Declares Flower Show Is Credit Not Only To Southport But Entire Area

The flower show is a credit not only to Southport, but to this entire local area," declared Henry Rehder, Wilmington florist and one of the judges for this annual event sponsored by members of the Southport Woman's Club presented at the Community Center Friday.

Other out-of-town judges were Mrs. Rinaldo B. Page and Mrs. Williams, who also were present in their praise. They particularly praised the exhibit which was particularly outstanding. There was also special praise for the entire class of miniature arrangements.

Winner of the sweepstakes was Mrs. Robert K. Godfrey with Mrs. C. G. Ruark in second place.

At 4 o'clock the annual Women's Club tea was held, and more than two hundred visitors came to see the show and to enjoy the hospitality of the ladies of this organization. Earlier the school children had been invited to visit the exhibit with their teachers, and refreshments were served at that time.

Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw, chairman of the show, was assisted by the following: Mrs. M. M. Hood, chairman of the house committee; Mrs. C. Daniel, chairman of the arrangements; Mrs. H. T. George, chairman of the tea; Mrs. Pearce Cranmer, chairman of the refreshments; Mrs. Margaret Smith, chairman of silver offerings; Mrs. Lewis J. Hardee, chairman of shadow boxes; and Mrs. Dallas Pigott, chairman of children's arrangements.

Winners of the first, second, and third prizes in the various classes included the following: Class I, perfection of bloom, Mrs. H. T. St. George; Mrs. Thomas St. George; Mrs. and Mrs. Richmond Fullbright.

Class 2, artistic arrangement of large living room: Mrs. Robert Godfrey, first; Mrs. Thomas St. George, second; Mrs. David Herring, third.

Class 3, small living room: Mrs. J. Carr, first; Mrs. C. G. Ruark, second; and Mrs. Dallas Pigott, third.

Class 4, dining room table, formal: Mrs. H. T. St. George, first; Mrs. Robert Thompson, second; Mrs. C. G. Ruark, third.

Class 5, dining table, informal: Mrs. C. G. Ruark, first; Mrs. Robert Godfrey, second; Mrs. Herring, third.

Class 6, mantel: Mrs. H. T. St. George, first; Mrs. J. E. Carr, second; and Mrs. Annie Gertrude Herring, third.

Class 7, bed tray: Mrs. Robert Godfrey, first; Mrs. F. M. Herring, second.

Class 8, seasonal: Mrs. Fred L. Herring, first; Mrs. C. G. Ruark, second; and Mrs. J. E. Carr, third.

Class 9, wildflower arrangement: Mrs. C. G. Ruark, first; Mrs. Dallas Pigott, second; and Mrs. J. E. Carr, third.

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Whiteville Produce Mart Will Open Next Thursday

Farmers Of This County Will Be Able To Profit By Facilities Offered For First Time

Whiteville's new produce auction market, located on West Commerce street, will open officially Thursday, May 29, at 9:30 a. m., according to J. H. Parker, manager.

The first purchase was made Monday when Mr. Parker bought 36 hampers of beans from J. P. Stanley of Loris, R. 2, at a private sale. The sale was followed with a statement by Mr. Stanley that he would be back next week with more produce for sale.

The market is being sponsored by the Whiteville Merchants association and its facilities are being offered as an encouragement for increased truck crop production in the entire area served by Whiteville. Adequate shed space and loading and unloading platforms have been constructed for the convenience of farmers who bring their produce here. On the opening day of official sales, buyers from leading Eastern produce companies will be on hand to offer farmers the highest prices for their produce.

In order to keep buyers supplied with the truck produce needed daily, it is necessary that growers bring their produce to the market between 9:30 a. m. and 6 p. m. daily.

Visits among the growers indicate a very good crop, if weather conditions improve.

Indications Are That State Will Take Caswell

Director Of Department Of Conservation And Development Here Thursday For Purpose Of Making Inspection

It now appears definite that the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development will leave Fort Caswell from the Navy and make it a part of the Mountain Seashore park system. Here last Thursday, Director R. Bruce Etheridge stated that the only trouble about things is that the Navy is not willing to lease for a period of longer than five years.

This five-year lease proposition has no special significance. When the government desires to lease a building for some government agency they usually ask for a four or five year lease. Likewise when it has a building or something that it wishes to lease to private or public interests the usual procedure is to lease for no longer than five years, the same as they want to do with Caswell. However they seldom fail to give a new lease at the expiration of the time.

According to Mr. Etheridge, the objections from the state to a five year lease is based on the fact that it will be difficult to get much of an appropriation from the General Assembly for permanent improvements if the Department of Conservation and Development is unable to show a long-time lease.

Since the legislature is not now in session it will be necessary to wait two years until it meets again before the property can be utilized to its full value. However, should the lease be signed in the near future it is thought that the State can take over immediately and open the buildings for summer and winter visitors. A trailer park can also be put in operation, along with some amusements, without waiting for legislative action.

Mr. Etheridge was accompanied on his trip here by K. Clyde Council, of Whiteville, and five other members of the Board of Conservation and Development. It is understood that they came as a committee to look over the property and decide what action should be taken. They were accompanied over to the Forts and assisted in making an inspection of a considerable number of the buildings and facilities by Attorney Davis Herring of Southport. When the buildings were reconditioned in 1941 and 1942 Mr. Herring was there working in the office of the contractors.

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No Break Yet In Murder Case

There has been no break in the Devoll murder case and Sheriff's officers say that there will be none until the South Carolina end of the investigations are completed.

David J. Devoll, young army sergeant attached to the Myrtle Beach Air Base, was found in his car shot to death on the morning of May 9. The car was parked on the shoulders of Route 17, a mile and a half east of the South Carolina line and in Brunswick county.

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Local Authorities Still Awaiting Announcement From U. S. Army Authorities Or South Carolina Officers

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Wildlife Club To Hold Meeting

E. J. Prevatte, president of the Brunswick County Wildlife Club, says that as soon as Governor R. Gregg Cherry announces the names of the commissioners under the new game and fish set-up the Wild Life Club members in Brunswick county, and all who care to join, will hold a meeting, perfect the organization and push the membership. It is possible that directors may be appointed from each township.

At last week's meeting in addition to Mr. Prevatte being elected president Dillon L. Ganey was named vice-president and W. B. Keziah was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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The commencement exercises were spread over two days. Monday was graduation night, with the invocation by Rev. Richard Braunstein; the Salutation by Margaret Phelps and a program which included the presentation of the Hamilton Mintz Memorial Cup, the Dr. W. R. Goley Plaque, the valedictory by Allene Hewett and the presentation of diplomas by Principle Henry C. Stone. Marshalls for the occasion were Dixie Hewett, Darius Stalaland. (Continued on Page 4)

Big Graduating Class Finishes At Shallotte

Forty-Two Brunswick County Boys And Girls Receive Diplomas At Exercises Monday Night

HONOR AWARDS ARE ANNOUNCED

Baccalaureate Sermon Was Delivered Sunday Morning By Rev. Richard Braunstein

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Crop Situation Is Discouraging

Cold Spells Coupled With Unusually Dry Weather Is Retarding Development Of Farm Crops

A review of the Brunswick crop situation this week reveals a rather discouraging outlook as regards the general condition. Dry weather in connection with recent cold spells has prevented much growth, except in the case of corn.

The corn crop, little effected by dry weather in its early stages, is doing well and some fine fields are to be seen throughout the county. Small grain, just ready to head out when the dry weather became pronounced, has been considerably injured, but the young lespedeza in most of the fields is understood to be alright. With a good stand of this plant there should be a good hay crop in the making after the grain is combined.

Tobacco, according to a number of growers who have been interviewed this week, is rather spotted, with small plants in many fields and some fairly well developed ones in others. In still other fields there is a mixture of both large and small plants. The crop appears to be in far from a normal condition for this season of the year.

Everything else, in addition to corn, tobacco and small grain, is presenting a rather backward appearance. Another week or two with good weather should bring about a marked change for the better.

Commencement In Progress Here

Graduation Exercises For Southport High School Will Be Held This Evening

Commencement exercises for the Southport high school seniors are now in progress, with the graduation address to be delivered tonight at 8 o'clock by Solicitor Clifton Moore.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour by Dr. J. M. Waggett, pastor of Southport Presbyterian church. Dr. Waggett brought a message of inspiration and interest to members of the senior class and to the large congregation which had come to hear him. Special music made this part of the commencement (Continued on Page 2)

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Urges Support Of Organization To Aid Growers

Tobacco Associates Is Non-Profit Organization Whose Purpose Is To Help Develop New Weed Markets

MUST GET SUPPORT FROM CONTRIBUTIONS

Provision Has Been Made For Election On July 12 To Decide Whether Assessment May Be Charged

T. T. Ward, president of the Brunswick Farm Bureau, wishes to urge all tobacco growers of this county to send in \$1.00 to J. J. Hawes, secretary of the Farm Bureau, at Supply, to help build a fund with which to help finance the program of Tobacco Associates.

Tobacco Associates is a non-profit, non-stock organization which has been formed by tobacco farmers and others interested in the tobacco industry with the chief aim of promoting world wide markets for the crop produced in the United States.

John B. Hutson has been named president of the agency. Mr. Hutson is former president of the Commodity Credit Corporation, Under Secretary of Agriculture and director of personnel of United Nations. He was very active in the tobacco program during the thirties, at the time when quotas were being established.

Brunswick county was asked to raise \$401.00 as her part in underwriting the first few months of the new organization. Mr. Ward says that all except \$140.00 has been raised, and that the full amount will be realized if each man who produces tobacco, or for whom tobacco is produced on his farm, will send in \$1.00.

On July 12 tobacco farmers will be given an opportunity to vote on this program, and to make an expression by ballot as to whether they wish to have a 10-cents per acre assessment made to cover expenses of this program for the coming year.

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Young Robbers Under Arrest

Brunswick County Officers Capture Trio Of Maryland Youths As Result Of Suspicious Actions

Finding three youthful looking fellows in a 1937 Plymouth with a Maryland tag on the highway in Waccamaw township last Wednesday, Chief of Police J. H. Coleman of Shallotte, who is also a deputy sheriff, started to investigate the car.

When he opened the door two of the boys got out and ran. A short search of the machine revealed a large number of pennies, nickles, dimes, cigarets, beer and a bottle or two of wine. The papers to the car were missing or with one of the boys who had taken French leave.

Calling in Deputy Sheriff Horace Long, of Columbus county, who was passing, and also sending to Shallotte for Sheriff John White and other deputies, Chief Coleman rounded up the two boys who had run. They were found hiding in the woods.

State Highway Patrolman C. J. Ferguson, who also went to join in the search, questioned the boys and learned that they had stolen the Plymouth in Baltimore. (Continued on page 2)

Baptists Plan Study Course

Annual Study Course For Baptist Training Union Begins On May 26 At Local Church

The Training Union of the Southport Baptist church will hold its annual study course from May 26 through May 30. The schedule to be followed each evening during the week is as follows: 6 o'clock to 6:45 o'clock, classwork; 6:45 o'clock to 7:15 o'clock, supper on the grounds and an assembly program; 7:15 o'clock to 8 o'clock, classwork.

Teachers for the week are: Miss Annie May Woodside teaching "The Junior Training Union Manual;" Mrs. H. M. Baker teaching "The Intermediate Training Union Manual" and Mrs. M. T. McRackan teaching "Young People Union Administration." Upon completion of the study and written examination appropriate awards will be made.

All members of the Baptist church of nine years or over are urged to attend these study groups.

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Dynamiting Case Scheduled To Be Tried This Week

Case In Which There Is Much Public Interest Had Not Been Called For Trial At Early Hour Today

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE

Judge R. Hunt Parker Presiding Over One Week Mixed Term Which Convened Here Monday

The case in which Bert Jacobs, Brunswick county white man, is charged with placing dynamite beneath the hood of an automobile belonging to Mr. Piggott in an alleged attempt to bring about his death had not been called for trial here early this morning.

The May term of Brunswick county Superior court is in session, with Judge R. Hunt Parker presiding.

During yesterday's session Will Mathews pleaded guilty to charges of assault. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and \$5.00 on the doctor bill of the prosecuting witness. The defendant was required to post appearance bond in the amount of \$50.00.

The court found upon the presentation of evidence that George O. Lewis has not violated the terms of a previously imposed suspended sentence.

Howard N. Gray was given from 2 to 3 years for store breaking, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

William Walls and James Gibson were tried for breaking and entering and for larceny. Both defendants received sentences of from 2 to 3 years on each of the two counts, execution of the second sentence to begin with the ending of the first.

George R. Johnson and Luther Pudin were sentenced to serve from 10 to 15 years for highway robbery, and Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett was directed by the court to make restitution to persons who were victims of this pair in a stick-up at a Brunswick county roadhouse one night last week.

The case charging Tobias Simmons with trespass was not pressed at the request of R. I. Phelps.

The case against Ronie Varnum for non-support was not pressed at the request of Mrs. Retha Varnum.

Capias was issued and the case against James McDaniel continued. He is charged with murder.

Alias capias was issued and the case charging William Shubert with abandonment and non-support was continued.

Instant capias was issued in New Hanover and Pender counties for James Smith and the case charging him with false pretense was continued.

The following cases were nolle prossed with leave: Alton Leonard, crime against nature; Lundy Monroe, drunk driving; Lucian Moore, abandonment and non-support.

Divorce decrees were granted in the following actions: Edna E. Gore vs. William E. Gore; Annie Evans Williams vs. David Jesse Williams; Myrtle S. Horne vs. Cecil L. Horne.

Musical Concert Friday Evening

Southport Woman's Club Is Sponsoring This Program At Trinity Methodist Church; Public Is Invited

The public is invited to attend the Southport Woman's Club concert which is to be presented by a group of local musicians Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Trinity Methodist church.

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JUDGE PARKER

Local Electrical Cooperative Officials Attend Meeting

E. D. Bishop, Superintendent Of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation And Director Of Mintz Attend

FULL REPORT MADE ON MEET

Picture Showing Full Scope Of Growth Of REA Service Given For Benefit Of Those Attending Meeting

Over 2,000 farmers, small-town business and professional men, and their friends made a pilgrimage to Spokane, Washington, last month to reaffirm their determination that rural America shall have lights.

From this area, the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Shallotte, was represented at the Spokane convention by E. D. Bishop, manager, and W. A. Mintz, director.

The event was the fifth annual convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, an independent "trade organization" formed in 1942 by REA-financed rural electric systems.

Meetings in the Pacific Northwest where many of the greatest hydro-electric developments in the world are constructed, the farmers and system managers were speaking for 1,200,000 rural families receiving electricity from systems which are members of the Association at the convention which was held April 22-25.

Seven hundred cooperatives, public power districts and public utility districts in 42 states are members of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. All of them are owned by the consumers they serve, and all are required to repay loans borrowed from the Rural Electrification Administration with interest.

A resolution passed by the N. R. E. C. A. convention asked that Congress increase funds earmarked for rural electrification loans.

Mary E. Purvis Is Dead At Ash

Funeral Services Conducted At Home Thursday Morning At 10 O'clock

Mrs. Mary E. Purvis, a resident of Ash, died Tuesday afternoon after a brief illness. A native of Columbus county, she was the widow of W. J. Purvis.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday morning at the home at 10 o'clock by Rev. Woodrow Robbins. Interment will follow in the Cox cemetery near Guideway. She was a member of Old Dock Methodist church.

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Stormy Session Here Thursday

Citizens Of Shallotte Township Came Before Board Of Equalization And Refused To Register Protest

The county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review, had a stormy session Thursday when a number of Shallotte township tax payers appeared before them to protest the valuation set on their property by the reviewing board in their township. A settlement of the Shallotte township matter (Continued on Page Four)

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W. B. KEZIAH

We were hanging around at Shallotte one day last week when State Highway Patrolman C. J. Ferguson and Chief of Police J. H. Coleman came along with three men they had arrested for auto theft. They were bringing them to Southport to jail. We had not done anything those fellows knew about, but they stopped and brought us in, too.

The freshwater fish are making good a prediction that appeared in this column over a year ago and has probably been mentioned several times since. That prediction was that the freshwater fishing for the next few years would be the best that most of the folks hereabouts had ever known. Now, from down on the Waccamaw River to up on Town Creek and from half a hundred small lakes and streams in Brunswick county, are coming reports of fishermen getting their full day's limit in a very brief time. Some of the older residents, like T. M. Hickman's Cross Roads, say they have never known fishing like the fresh waters afford this year.

Some sources in Wilmington have been asking why there are so few game fish in the sea this year. The answer is that there are just as many fish in the sea this year as there ever were. With continuous floods last spring, summer and fall the self-respecting saltwater fish went to sea where they would not be disturbed by mud and slime. Save for exceptional days there has been very little in this year's weather to encourage them to come right inshore. According to Captain H. T. Watts, whose boat were the first to invade the Gulf Stream in (Continued From Page Six)

Brief News Flashes

ON VISIT
David Watson, principal of Southport high school until March this year, is spending a few days here in order to attend the graduation exercises. He holds a position with the Department of Education.

EXAMINATION
Sheriff John G. White went to Wilmington Monday for the purpose of having an X-ray examination made of his lungs and chest. He is not ill but Dr. W. B. Keziah of Shallotte recently advised that he slow up and take things easy.

PREACH HERE
Dr. John C. Glenn, district superintendent, will be in Southport Sunday morning to hold conference and will leave at the 11 o'clock hour at the Methodist church. Dr. Glenn is a former pastor of Eden-Eden Methodist church in Ra-

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