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Warm January Brings Flower Folks To Orton

Orton Nursery Enjoying Its Best Season With Sale Of Camellias Exceeding All Previous Records

MANY VISITORS ENJOY GARDENS

Unusually Warm Weather Has Resulted In Many Varieties Of Camellias Bursting Into Bloom

June weather coming in January has brought out a surprising early rush of visitors to Orton. The big nursery grounds have never before had a January sale of plants approaching that of the past month, according to Kenneth Sprunt when he was interviewed this week during a few moments he could snatch from waiting on visitors.

Most of the visitors have been coming to buy both azalea and camellia plants. Many also come to buy camellia blossoms, for weddings, receptions and what not. The camellias at Orton, through their more than 350 varieties, are adapted to bloom from September through March.

Due to the mild weather, hundreds of the bushes that were not due to bloom until the middle of February are now gorgeous with flowers. The azaleas thus far are holding aloof from the unseasonable weather. Their blooming time is in March an dearly April and very few of them will jump the gun, unless the weather continues warm for the balance of the winter and spring.

When a newsman dropped around at the nursery one day this week Columbia, S. C., people were just loading up their care with some 40 two-year old camellia bushes. Norfolk, Va., people had just left with a like load and the occupants of three or four other cars were waiting to be served. This visit was during the midweek, at a time when visitors are not usually very numerous. Nevertheless, the gardens also had their fair share of visitors viewing the beautiful camellias.

Bill Hyatt, who resides in Southport and is the horticulturist in charge of plant production, says that Sunday brought out a great many visitors. If the mild weather continues over the coming week-end record February crowds will probably visit the gardens next Sunday.

Brief News Flashes

DANCE SATURDAY

Southport Lions Club is sponsoring a dance Saturday night at the Community Building.

CONDITION IMPROVES

J. N. Coburn, executive vice-president of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., who has been gravely ill for the past 10 days, is reported improved at Duke Hospital, where he is a patient.

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Sunday night the Southport Presbyterian church elected several additional officers to its board of deacons. These new officers are Thomas St. George, Harold Aldridge, Tommie Garner, C. N. Sanders and R. M. Robinson. New elders elected at the same time were W. C. Webb, James Wolfe and O. D. Hyatt.

HORTICULTURIST HERE

Prof. John V. Watkins, head of the department of ornamental horticulture at the University of Florida, spent the first of the week here as a consultant to the Orton Garden beautification plans. While here for this work Prof. Watkins was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hyatt. Mr. Hyatt graduated in horticulture under Prof. Watkins a few years ago.

REGULAR MEETINGS

The Brunswick County PMA Committee has established the first Monday of each month at 9 a. m. as a regular committee meeting date. Heretofore all such meetings have been called. J. J. Hawes, secretary, says that in addition to the regular meeting each month the committee will meet at any time when it is necessary to call them together.

AT MT. PISGAH

There will be an all day meeting at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church on Sunday, February 12, beginning at 10 o'clock. A visiting quartet from Robeson County will feature the musical program, but other musical organizations are invited to come and participate in the program. Everyone is invited to come and bring a basket lunch for the dinner which will be served in the grove at noon.

Officers Reelected

B. & L.—Dr. R. C. Daniel, left, and J. E. Carr, right, were re-elected president and Secretary-Treasurer respectively of the Southport Building and Loan Association at the annual stockholders meeting Friday night.

Building & Loan In Stockholders Meeting

Report Of President R. C. Daniel Indicates Progress In Several Departments During Past Year Of Operation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Significant Increase Noted In Number Of Loans Being Handled For Property Owners In The County

The stockholders of the Southport Building & Loan Association held its 36th annual meeting Friday night.

A board of nine directors was elected to serve for this year, these being: Dr. R. D. Daniel, Price Furpless, H. T. St. George, Capt. J. B. Church, William Jorgensen, Joel L. Moore, S. B. Frink, D. C. Herring, J. E. Carr.

At a meeting held immediately after the stockholders meting, the directors elected Dr. R. C. Daniel, president, Price Furpless, vice president, J. E. Carr, secretary-treasurer, Frink & Herring, attorneys.

President R. C. Daniel reported that a gain in assets was accomplished over the previous year and that the association has adopted the direct reduction type of loan for its patrons. This type of loan is much simpler than the old share account sinking fund loan, in addition to advantages to the borrower.

President Daniel also reported a large increase in the number of applicants for loans during the past year. Twenty-two loans were made for the construction of new homes, and 14 for purchase of homes all ready built, demonstrating the popularity over the county of the association's type of loan.

The association is a member of the U. S. Savings & Loan League, the North Carolina Savings & Loan League, and the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

Same Officers Of Farm Bureau

T. T. Ward Elected President Of The Brunswick County Farm Bureau For Another Year; Same Vice-President And Secretary

The annual meeting of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau was held at the Shallotte school Friday evening with a large representation of the membership present.

David Kelly, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, was present and made and inspiring address. He urged the Brunswick county farmers to rally to their Farm Bureau. His address was greeted with much applause.

The main purpose of the meeting was the election or reelection of officers for the Brunswick Farm Bureau. T. T. Ward, who has been president since 1946, was reelected; W. E. Stanaland was elected vice-president and J. J. Hawes was reelected secretary-treasurer.

Five of the old board of directors were reelected, these were, Elroy King of Waccamaw township; J. B. Potter, Town Creek; C. S. Ward, Smithville; G. Earl Thompson, Lockwoods Folly; Hubert Russ was elected a new director for Shallotte township.

Representatives for the various farm commodities, elected or re-

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Trees Refuse To Wait For Spring

Spring does not officially begin until March 20, more than six weeks from now but there are some things going on in Brunswick that are not official.

It was noticed Monday that eight pear trees in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sessoms of Supply were in full bloom. For that matter peach and plum trees in bloom have been noted at several places.

Flowers and shrubbery of all sorts that do not begin blooming until spring are now well budded and in some cases in full bloom. Tobacco plants are up and growing. At their present rate of development some of the tobacco growers will have a crop of tobacco in their plant beds before they are ready to set out in the open fields.

Buy Fertilizer Now Says Agent

Shortage Of Potash May Create Serious Situation Later Says County Agent A. S. Knowles

Farmers are urged to get their supply of fertilizer on hand as soon as possible says County Agent A. S. Knowles. "The potash situation is becoming serious as strikes have tied up mining operations for several weeks. If this situation is not corrected soon, farmers will not get the potash their crops need."

While booking fertilizer, it is important to book the right kind. "Buy the kind that is best suited to the particular crop," says the county agent. For corn, cotton and general crops use 6-8-6, 7-7-7, or 6-6-12 at the rate of 400 to 600 pounds per acre. Do not use a 410-6, as the nitrogen costs more than that in the others mentioned.

"For tobacco use 1000 to 1200 pounds per acre of 3-9-6 for average conditions. On heavy soils

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Commissioners In Special Session

County Board Meets Here Monday For Inspection Of Jail And Discussion Of Methods To Correct Defects

In a special meeting here Monday the board of county commissioners visited and inspected the jail building for the purpose of deciding on a method of cleaning, repairing and painting the jail building. This work is to be done in accordance with the recommendations of the grand jury at last week's term of Superior court. It is understood that the commissioners did not decide on any course of action with regard to the building, but that it will be put in shape before the grand jury again convenes in May.

Tax problems between the City of Sounthport and the county were also discussed at this meeting.

The board recommended that a section of the old Fayetteville Road in Northwest township be graded and paved by the State Highway Commission.

January Term Of Court Ends Here Thursday

Docket Cleared Of Many Minor Criminal Cases And A Few Civil Actions Heard Before Judge Frizzelle

NO INDICTMENT IN MURDER CASE

Prayer For Judgment Continued In Bland Case; Continue Incest Case Until May Term

The January term of Brunswick county Superior court came to a close Thursday afternoon after numerous criminal cases had been cleared from the docket and Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, who presided, had heard several civil matters.

In the case of Deputy Sheriff Gus Bland who was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon the defendant was taxed with costs and prayer for judgment was continued.

The case charging Victor Stanly with incest was continued until the May term of court.

Louis and Bernice Johnson, facing a murder charge, failed to be indicted when the grand jury returned a verdict of not a true bill. Similar action resulted in the case of Henry Earl Cox, facing possible charges of manslaughter.

H. A. Enlow was given 12 months on the roads on a worthless check charge, sentence being suspended upon condition that the defendant make restitution to the prosecuting witness.

T. H. Sellers was freed of charges of refusing to deliver title to an automobile.

Capias issued for M. L. Bellamy and A. L. Workman who face charges of kidnapping. Bond for

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French Exhibit Here Next Week

"Thank You" Exhibit Will Be Shown At Each Of Consolidated Schools Of Brunswick Next Week; Public Invited

J. T. Denning, superintendent of schools for Brunswick county, has arranged for the French "Thank You" exhibit to come to Brunswick county for the week of February 6-10.

The showing, sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Archieves and History, will be primarily for school children but interested adults also will be welcome. Arrangements have been made for the exhibit to be on display at each of the five consolidated schools of the county and at five of the colored schools of the county.

Following is the itenerary of the exhibit: Monday, 8:30 to 11 Leland high school; 1 to 3 o'clock, Phoenix school serving Navassa and Northwest colored schools.

Tuesday, 8:30 to 11, Bolivia high school; 1 to 3 o'clock, Chapel Road.

Wednesday, 8:30 to 2 o'clock, Shallotte high school; 2 to 3

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Purchases Part Of Cochran Property

Newton W. Bowden of Pulaski, Tenn., has purchased about two acres of land from Joe Cochran near the forks of the Wilmington and Supply roads. The purchase includes the store building that Mr. Cochran has been operating for several years.

Mr. Bowden indicated that he did not plan to operate the store, but it is understood that he will develop the property in some way. It is understood he will be back here to make Southport his home before the end of this week.

Burning Permit Law Effective After Feb. 1st

County Forest Warden D. L. Mercer Calls Attention To Necessity Of Securing Permit To Burn Off Property

County Warden D. L. Mercer states that as of February 1st and until June 1st, inclusive, it will be necessary for all people burning any bursh to first obain from him or a duly authorized agent a burning permit to start or cause to be started any fire in Brunswick county.

The law reads as rolows: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected areas between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, or between the first day of October and the thirtieth day of November, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

"This section shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house.

"Any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not

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Rappleyea Here For Home Visit

Latest Exploits Have Taken Him To Cuba For Work On Sugar Plantation, Adding Another Interesting Chapter To His Life

Few Southport people have ever had the varied experience of George W. Rapplyea, now at his home here with Mrs. Rapplyea, but with the possibility of both being gone again in a couple of months or so. Some time they will come back to stay.

Mr. Rapplyea, a civil engineer and a good one, came to Southport more than 30 years ago. He built, owned and operated the power plant, later acquired and now owned by the city.

We have not asked him about

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Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

A native and resident of Brunswick until he got married and temporarily deserted to Columbus about 15 years ago, George B. Ward, Sr., attended court here one day last week. He will be 88 years old on the 5th of March, he says. Mr. Ward is the father of Luther Ward, John B. Ward and George B. Ward, Jr., of Waccamaw township.

In our fan mail for the week came a very interesting letter from Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle, from which we take liberty of quoting the opening paragraph, in which he said: "I enjoyed reading 'Our Rovin' Reporter' in the 18 January issue of The State Port Pilot. Your articles are always very interesting." The Congressman, who owns a home at Long Beach, wishes he could be among Brunswick folks more than present circumstances permit.

And while quoting from such interesting letters as that from Congressman Carlyle, we are reminded that Attorney G. Butler Thompson wrote us this week: "Dear Bill: I did not receive my paper last week and have not received a notice of expiration or a bill of any kind. I would just as soon miss a good fishing trip when the fish are biting or a good all day bird hunt as to miss the 'Rovin' Reporter' in particuilar and The State Port Pilot in general. It is bad enough to stay away from Southport, and just plain hell not to know what is going on there."

Phil Wright, state news editor of the Wilmington News, writes us they are getting out a big business and industrial review edition. He wants us to write him a full page on the possibilities, potentalities, actualities, supposition, veedee, whedee, howde and so forth on dear old Brunswick.

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett has often heard us say that anybody who has good sense can learn to spell on his fingers in

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Purvis Ready To Drop Title After One Week

Leland Man Who Took Measure Of R. D. White In Checker Match Admits Adversary Under Considerable Handicap

According to all information available last week Jesse Purvis of Leland dethroned R. D. White of Shallotte as the checker champion of Brunswick county on Sunday, January 22. There has been no comment from Mr. White regarding the matter.

But this week Mr. Purvis, who is a splendid sportsman wrote W. B. Keziah and asserted that he unintentionally had the advantage of Mr. White. It still appears to this paper that Mr. Purvis won, but he is to be very much commended for his honest and courteous attitude. In his letter he said:

"Dear Mr. Keziah: I have lived one week of bliss wearing the crown as checker champion of Brunswick county. I have been challenged by many other players, but I gave the excuse that I was too busy to play.

"I would like to confess that I unintentionally had the advantage of Mr. White. We started the games in the Coast Road Service Station with about the usual number of spectators present. Mr. White won the first two games, then his son, who was tending the service station, was called away.

"While he was gone the customers began honking their horns for gas. As you know, Mr. White is very courteous. He left the games to serve the customers. This left me plenty of time to study all of the angles to our positions on the checker board. The results were that I won the next five games.

"This left our standing 5 to 2 in my favor. Mr. White's son returned while we were playing the 8th game, which resulted in a draw. Then Mr. White won the 9th game this leaving the score 3 for Mr. White 5 for me and one draw.

"At this stage of things I just had to leave. My wife was waiting for me in the car and I felt that I should not keep her waiting longer.

"I am enclosing check for $1.50 for a 1-year subscription to The State Port Pilot. This subscription is to be awarded to anyone who outplays Mr. White at one sitting, Mr. White being the one who says it is time to go home. J. A. Purvis."

Hospital Receives Letter Of Thanks

Children Of Elderly Couple Hospitalized At Dosher Memorial Hospital Following Wreck Express Gratitude

ENCLOSE CHECK TO HELP OTHERS

Brooklyn People Praise Care And Attention Given Parents As Patients At Local Hospital

An elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gible of Brooklyn, N. Y., were injured in an automobile accident on U. S. No. 1 two weeks ago and were brought to Dosher Memorial Hospital for hospitalization. A few days later several members of their family came down to see their parents, and when they returned home they sent the following expression of gratitude to the management.

"You may recall that we visited your hospital a few days ago to see our parents.

"Words cannot express our appreciation to you for the wonderful way in which you have taken care of our parents who were injured in an automobile accident while passing through your community.

"The kindness, the consideration and the medical care they received at the hands of the doctors, nurses and many neighbors, has left an impression on us that we will never forget.

"As a small token of thanks to you all, we are enclosing a check for $100.00 to be used by the hospital in any way you see fit, perhaps to aid some other poor unfortunate human being, injured, frightened, bleeding, who may some day be brought to you for help. Money alone cannot express our thanks, we shall forever remember you for your kindness.

"May God bless you all so that you may be able to continue to help others for many, many years to come.

"Thank you;

Sincerely yours,
"Harry Gibel, M.D.
"Charles Gibel, D.D.S.
"Abraham Gibel, D.D."

Catches Fish Too At A Time

Mrs. John W. Garner of the Anchor Hotel at Shallotte Point topped all fish catches last Friday by catching two fish on the same hook. They were of different species and neither one was a baby in size.

Mrs. Garner was trolling from a boat in Lockwoods Folly Inlet. She was after gray trout and was getting them. Getting a strike from a one-and-one-half pounder, she was reeling it in for dear life as womenfolks usually do when they get onto a niee fish.

When the trout was still several yards from the boat and coming in on the surface there was a sudden and mountainous upheaval of the water. A 21-pound rockfish had risen and taken the trout. Unfortunately for the plans of the big fish, it also took the hook.

Mrs. Garner found a sudden need of redoubling her efforts. But at the end of 20 minutes the gray trout and the 21-pound rock were both safely in the boat.

Recorder Has Busy Session

Monday's Session Was Filled With Accumulation Of Two Weeks Cases Covering Variety Of Offenses

An accumulation of two weeks cases due to the fact that there was no session of Recorder's Court last week kept Judge W. J. McLamb and other court officials busy Monday. Following are the results:

Kellos Thomas, speeding, fined $10.00 and costs.

Mitchell Miller, no operators license, prayer for judgment continued.

Pat Murphey Jordan, break jail and escape, 60 days in jail, suspended on good behavior for two years and the payment of costs.

Woodard Smith, public drunkness, capias.

Thomas McDonald and Ben Davis, larceny, prayer for judgment continued until February 13.

T. L. Robinson, larceny, not guilty.

Charlie Hill, tresspass, continued.

Robert Lee Parker, reckless operation, fined $25.00 and costs.

Harris Earl Rogers, speeding, capias.

John B. Carter, speeding, fined $5.00 and costs.

Stephens F. McCounck, speeding, capias.

Daley Atkins, reckless operation, fined $25.00 and costs.

Robert Tharp, public drunkness, remanded for J. P. for trial.

Robert J. Tate, reckless operation, fined $25.00 and costs.

Willie Albert Johnson, drunk driving, continued.

Leo Cox, public drunkness, possession, 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of a fine of

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Visiting Boats Solicit Crews

Southport Fishermen Seem Loath To Leave, Prefering To Work Near Home

Morehead City and Beaufort menhaden fishing boats have been heading southwards for a few weeks of fishing in Florida before going on to the gulf states for spring and summer fishing. Most of these boats have been stopping here to load up with groceries and also to enlist crew members when possible.

A year or two ago some of these boats came down and enlisted practically their entire crews here. That plan does not seem to work now. Practically all of the Southport fishermen seem well employed and little interested in signing up with boats from other areas.

Jury Recommends Drastic Change In County Jail

Body Condemns Present Structure For Further Use Until Extensive Repairs Have Been Made Or It Has Been Replaced

MAKES REPORT ON ALL OFFICES

Jury Gives Approval To Operation Of County Offices But Recommends Protecting Records

The Brunswick county Grand Jury submitted a report to Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Thursday which calls for immediate and drastic action with regard to the condition of the Brunswick county jail.

This body followed through with a comprehensive report on other offices, and made recommendations which they promise to check at the May term. Following is the text of the report:

"We, the Grand Jury, have visited and thoroughly examined the County Jail, County Home, and offices of the county in the Courthouse as well as the Tax Collectors office. We have reports of the following and find that the Justices of the Peace and Mayors have turned in to the school fund the amount set opposite their names since last term of Superior Court.

"Fines and forfeitures turned in to the Board of Education:

J. C. Tucker,	188.95;
E. F. Gore,	60.00;
J. H. Canady,	10.00;
Elliott Tripp,	75.00;
Coy Duval,	45.00;
R. W. Cheers,	49.00;
J. W. Stanley,	25.00;
Total,	452.95.

The following have made no report: G. F. Ganey, Earl Long, A. W. Smith and H. Livingston.

County Jail

"We find conditions at the county jail such that we recommend the building cease to be used as a jail until it is completely renovated. Walls, Toilet facilities, beds, etc. are unfit for human use. We recommend that arrangements be made with some adjoining county for care of prisoners until the jail is properly reconditioned. We also recommend that after the jail is pro-

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Aged Resident Death Victim

Mrs. Emma M. Stanley Dies At Dosher Memorial Hospital Following Extended Illness

Mrs. Emma M. Stanley of Supply died here in the Dosher Memorial Hospital Sunday morning. She was 69 years old and had been in ill health for a long time.

Services were held at the graveside in the Stanley cemetery near Supply, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Phelps officiated, assisted by Rev. B. H. Price.

Active pallbearers were Kin McGee, Ernest McGee, Dwight King, F. A. Coleman, Jr., Herman Long and Edwin Clemmons.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Landis Brown, Dr. F. M. Burdette, William King, F. A. Long, J. J. Laughlin, Dr. Wingate Swain, Homer Holden, L. M. Clemmons and Alton Bennett.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, February 2,	
7:29 A. M.	1:13 A. M.
7:48 P. M.	1:53 P. M.
Friday, February 3,	
8:13 A. M.	1:58 A. M.
8:33 P. M.	2:34 P. M.
Saturday, February 4	
8:57 A. M.	2:44 A. M.
9:18 P. M.	3:16 P. M.
Sunday, February 5,	
9:41 A. M.	3:31 A. M.
10:06 P. M.	3:58 P. M.
Monday, February 6,	
10:28 A. M.	4:20 A. M.
10:58 P. M.	4:42 P. M.
Tuesday, February 7,	
11:18 A. M.	5:12 A. M.
11:53 P. M.	5:29 P. M.
Wednesday, February 8,	
0:00 A. M.	6:08 A. M.
12:10 P. M.	6:23 P. M.