

### Azaleas In Bloom



**BEAUTY**—Visitors to the Annual Azalea Festival in Wilmington this week-end may expect to see the flowers at the peak of their beauty. The above scene is of Greenfield Park, but hundreds of festival guests are expected to visit Orton Plantation in Brunswick, which is now approaching the height of its beauty.

### Ports Authority Calling Special Meet In Raleigh

Members of State Group Will Confer In Raleigh This Week With Senator And Representative From Brunswick

Director George W. Gillette of the State Ports Authority calling a meeting of all members of the authority to be held in Raleigh this week to confer with Senator S. Bunn Frink and Representative Harry L. Mintz, Jr. According to the Consolidated Statutes, 143-147 the following is the purpose of the SPA: "A to develop and improve the harbors or seaports at Wilmington, Morehead City and Southport, North Carolina, and such other places as they may deem feasible for the more expeditious and efficient handling of waterborne commerce from and to any part of the State of North Carolina and other states and foreign countries."

When the SPA was first organized its letterhead bore the names of Wilmington, Morehead City and Southport. Subsequently the name of Southport was dropped from the letterhead and all activities centered around Wilmington and Morehead City.

When interests at Southport wrote Colonel Gillette, asking where Southport would come in the official wrote back that the Southport folks would come in for overall benefits.

With the State Port Authority law annulling the Southport Port Authority; Senator Frink and Representative Mintz have introduced a bill creating a new Port Authority for Brunswick county, independent of the SPA. They are preparing to push the bill through this week. The SPA is said to be fighting this bill.

The meeting this week, it is said, will result in either the SPA doing for Southport what the authority provides for, or it will leave Frink and Mintz continuing their efforts for a Port Authority for Southport and Brunswick county. As things are now it seems that the SPA has control over the navigable waters of Brunswick.

### Brief News Flashes

**SERVICE HOUR**  
The hour for the evening service at Southport Presbyterian church will be at 8 o'clock beginning this Sunday evening, according to the pastor, Dr. J. M. Waggett.

**WITH MILITARY POLICE**  
Completing his processing at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, Louis K. Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newton, of Southport, has been assigned to the 522 Military Police Company at Camp Pickett, Virginia.

**HOME DESTROYED**  
The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Creech on the old River Road near Southport was completely destroyed by fire about 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. Nothing was saved from the blazing structure, which apparently caught from a kerosene-burning refrigerator.

### Brunswick Looks To Festival Event

Wilmington Becomes Amusement Capital For North Carolina This Week With Gala Round Of Entertainment

**PARADE SATURDAY BIG ATTRACTION**  
Festival Ball And Annual Azalea Open Golf Tournament Expected To Attract Thousands To This Area

"Right on the nose!" Those are the words Wilmington's professional and lay gardeners and botanists are using to forecast the anticipated peak of the azalea blooming season in relation to the dates of the annual Azalea Festival, March 29 - April 1.

City Manager J. R. Benson said the profusion of azaleas in Greenfield Park is moving toward its annual beauty crest. The colorful dwarf varieties are coming into bloom and the larger types are expected to blossom the middle of this week. The dogwood and wisteria will also be out by the time of the Festival, he added.

The City Parks and Recreation department recently completed planting 5,000 azaleas to enhance the floral beauty along the shores of Greenfield Lake.

Orton plantation's azaleas suffered no damage from the cold winter, Kenneth Sprunt, manager, reports. This year's showing of azaleas should be the best ever presented, he added. The spectacular multi-colored dwarf varieties are now offering a flood of color and the larger Indicas will follow for a maximum effect of beauty the last week-end in March.

At Airlee estate, the Wilmington area's third large azalea garden, W. C. Taylor, superintendent, reported a good bloom of the Fortinia variety and some of the Japanese type. If weather continues favorable, he added, the Indicas will round out Airlee's beauty during the period of the Festival.

### Fisherman Are Ready To Start

Menhaden Interests Are Waiting The First Signs Of Fish To Get Started With Operations

Where they are not usually ready to start operations until May local menhaden producing interests are now already scouting around for fish. Planes have been out looking for the product this past week and the information is that the boats will go as soon as anything shows up. Carteret county fishing interests are sending their boats southward to Florida this week. Some of these boats are stopping at Southport to recruit or take on full crews. It is an annual custom for boats in the more eastern part of the state and also for those on the Chesapeake Bay to

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### Health Officer Speaker Before Southport Club

HEALTH OFFICER Dr. Floyd Johnson Makes Report Of Findings In Mass Survey Conducted In Brunswick County Last Year

**TELLS OF ACTIVE CASES TREATED**  
Health Official Expresses Appreciation For Assistance Given Program By Southport Club And Other Organizations

Dr. Floyd Johnson, health officer for Brunswick county, made public for the first time on Wednesday afternoon at a meeting of the Southport Woman's Club the final statistics on the Mass X-Ray survey which took place in August of last year.

The meeting was in the home of Mrs. Joel Moore. Emphasizing the fact that the figures could not be revealed until follow-up pictures of suspects could be made, Dr. Johnson gave the following report.

A total of 6,379 persons were X-rayed during the 10 days that the mobile units were in the county. Of these, 280 were asked to return for larger X-ray. Of these suspects 14 persons were found to have active tuberculosis. Three of these are in early stages of the disease, six have progressed beyond this point and two were diagnosed as being in the advanced stages.

Only one of these cases has been admitted to the state Sanatorium at McCain, but the others are being cared for in homes where complete isolation can be secured.

An additional result of the survey was that around 60 persons were found to have condition other than tuberculosis which need attention. These results were turned over to their physicians to supplement their findings.

Dr. Johnson commended the club for its active participation in the survey along with the other clubs in the county which made the survey possible. He also expressed appreciation for the fine cooperation which was demonstrated by the electric companies and by the county agent.

At the conclusion of the talk the members were served punch and assorted sandwiches and cakes with Easter decorations by the following hostesses, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. R. C. Daniels, Mrs. A. D. Ruark and Mrs. A. L. Lewis.

### Brunswick Man Gets UN Post

Col. Ivan L. Bennett Is United Nations Command Chaplain In Korea

A Brunswick county man, Col. Ivan L. Bennett, is now serving as United Nations Command Chaplain in Korea. In addition to this post Colonel Bennett is also Far East Command Chaplain for the Army. During the first two or three years of occupation of Japan and during the war with the country, he was Chief of Chaplains for General Douglas MacArthur. (Continued on page four)



It usually falls to our lot to make the weekly trips to Shalotte, getting news, subscriptions and advertising. About the matter of news, we would like to say that we always try to use whatever we get and we are glad to get it. We wish the readers of the paper at Shalotte and elsewhere would pass out more in the way of newspaper whenever they see us. Having it written out is alright but is not absolutely necessary. A word or two about anything really interesting will lead to our getting all of the details that may make interesting reading for some one or other. Among the readers of this paper are a whole lot of boys away in service. They look for some little item or story about their community every week. If you see us tell us of the things that will be interesting to them. If you do not see us write out the details and mail it along.

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### Preacher



**THE REV. GORDON WEEKLY**, pastor of Masonboro Baptist church, who is preaching each evening this week at Southport Baptist church as a part of the Simultaneous Revival of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Red Cross Doing Much Work With County Problems

Chairman Gives Picture Of Scope Of Services Being Rendered And A Summary Of Needs For Funds

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross, and also director for the current drive for funds, points out this week some of the services being rendered by the organization in Brunswick county and tells of the needs for money with which to continue to operate at top efficiency.

In Brunswick county as of last July, there was less than \$200 in the treasury when the work of rehabilitation and reorganization of the Red Cross Chapter was undertaken. In that time most of this local money has been spent for telegrams, travel expense in making investigations of cases and in organization work, getting the Chapter back as a going concern. The estimates for work in the county was placed by the Area Representatives as six hundred to nine hundred dollars, this was later scaled down to an exact figure of \$650. A like amount is asked for national needs.

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### Enjoy Visit To Oaks Plantation

Seniors At Southport High School And Group From New Hanover Have Field Trip Through Courtesy Of Owner

Through the courtesy of Hargrove Bellamy, owner of Pleasant Oaks Plantation, and Joe Ramsauer, manager of the plantation, a group of New Hanover and Brunswick school boys had a delightful outing last Thursday. Meeting at the plantation early in the morning, the boys had some instruction in wildlife, fish and game, under several game protectors and Wildlife Commission. (Continued on page 2)

### Our Roving Reporter

Looking over old issues of the paper recently, it struck us that the most consistent advertiser we have had in a good many years is the King Electric Sales Company of Shalotte. If they have missed an issue since they started in business it was not their fault. About the same thing can be said of Mintz and Company at Supply, the Shalotte Trading Company and a few others. Now getting the idea that regular advertising pays and is just about as good business as hiring a clerk to help, is the Shalotte Hardware Company, J. E. Henson and Son, D. C. Andrew and others at Shalotte and J. M. Parker and Sons at Supply. We feel a sort of brotherly interest in these and other stores who advertise. In addition to advertising their own business they are advertising their community.

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### Goes From (Wet) Rags To Riches

Driver Of Entry In Wednesday's Outboard Motorboat Marathon Rescued By Millionaire Tom Yawkey

Elmore Covil of Wilmington, piloting one of George Canady's outfits in the 7 1/2 hp class, may not have traveled the fastest but he went the furthest in the outboard marathon race from Southport to Socastee last Wednesday.

Traveling first in his class he is reported to have had a bit of trouble down towards his destination and two other boats in his class passed him before he could get going again. Through some error the checked finish flag was not given him at Socastee, the end of the 60 mile race.

Not getting the finish flag Covil thought that the crowd at Socastee was just another one of the big gatherings all along the route. He gunned his motor right on and never stopped until he ran out of gas twelve miles below Georgetown, S. C., and 107 miles from the starting point at Southport.

He established a record of a kind by going 107 miles on sev-

en and a half gallons of gas. It is said that after passing Socastee Covil missed the cheering crowds he had found during the earlier stage of his travel, but he thought himself so far ahead of other boats the crowd had not had time to gather. Tom Yawkey, owner of the Boston Red Sox, was cruising on his yacht near the South Island Plantation below Georgetown, where Covil ran out of gas. Yawkey spotted the luckless Covil, picked him up and took him to the home of the plantation manager where he was given a bath, some dry clothes, fed and entertained royally.

It was rather far into the night before George Canady of the Sports Center in Wilmington was advised by the South Carolina State Highway Patrol that his man and boat were safe on the plantation.

Mr. Canady has sent out a general alarm, fearing an accident, for the missing Covil.

### Outboard Races Successful Event

Restaurant Has Unusual Name

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Sanders have purchased the Hill Seafood place on the yacht basin and have opened "Quack's Sea Shack". There's a story behind that name.

When the Southport school principal was a little boy he acquired the nickname "Quack". Seems that in some kid game the embryo poets began to rhyme Sanders with the word ganders, and in their childhood confusion decided that it was geese and not ducks who say "quack, quack" and proceeded to shorten the Sanders-ganders combination to just one "quack". It stuck, and up around Kanapolis it followed him through a distinguished high school and college athletic career.

And if all of this still is a little obscure, just remember that "Quack's Sea Shack" isn't as wacky as the name implies.

### Training School For Recreation

Extension Service Sending Specialist To Brunswick To Instruct Leaders In Art Of Directing Programs

There will be a recreation training school or workshop for leaders, both men and women, at the Bolivia high school gymnasium on April 9, 10, and 11. The school will start each night at 7:30 o'clock reports Miss Corinne Greene, Home Demonstration Agent, and A. S. Knowles, County Agent. Mr. Powell of the State Recreation Commission in Raleigh will be present to teach the recreation.

Similar recreation schools are being held in several other counties throughout the state, but Brunswick county is the only one in the Southeastern part to have this opportunity. The extension agents point out that more good recreation is needed in every community of the county. During this school period they would like to have from 60 to 80 men and women and older boys and girls present each night. They further stated that they would like those attending to go each night in order to get best results.

The county and home agents have from time to time held recreation sessions for the 4-H club members and they are aware that more of it is needed in every community. Those invited to attend the three nights are adults and older youth that would be willing to help teach recreation to others in their community. "Good, wholesome, recreation can improve any community," says County Agent Knowles. "It can provide better friendship and fellowship among farm families. It will provide supervised entertainment and recreation for young people and younger boys and girls."

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Large Field Of Entries Braved Unfavorable Weather To Participate In Second Annual Racing Event

FORTY-THREE BOATS COMPLETED COURSE

Plans Already Being Discussed For Staging The Race Again Next Year With Change Made In Day And Time

Rain all morning last Wednesday delayed the scheduled starting time from 10 a. m. to 12:20 p. m. for the Annual Outboard Motorboat Marathon from Southport to Myrtle Beach, but failed to dampen either spectator interest or the enthusiasm operators of the speedy little craft.

Fifty-three entered and 43 of them went to finish the 60 miles course down the waterway to Socastee, near Myrtle Beach. The average time was two hours and 30 minutes. Jim Payne of Columbia, S. C., using a 25 h. p. Mercury, made it under 2 hours to win in the 33 h. p. class.

Proceeding the start, spectators who braved the rain in cars or any sort of sheltered vantage point were treated to a water show never before seen here, lasting for about an hour and a half. As fast as the boats could be unloaded from trailers they took off for impromptu races and gyrations about the harbor. Seen prior to the start President Stanley Edgeworth of the Myrtle Beach Outboard Club which sponsors the event, was highly pleased. He pointed out that more than half the boats (Continued on page 2)

### R. Will Davis Passes Monday

Respected Citizen Of Community Had Led Active Life; Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday Afternoon

Following several years of failing health, Robert Wilson Davis, better known as "Uncle Will", died at his home here Monday morning. Mr. Davis was 89 years of age and had led a very happy life for 63 years before the first death occurred in their family. A son Clifford Davis, died a year ago, the first break in the family link during that time.

During his many years it was a proud boast of Mr. Davis that he never missed a county, state or national election and that he had never voted anything but the Democratic ticket. Surviving him is his widow, Mrs. Carolina Davis; two daughters, Mrs. Edna Bell and Mrs. J. E. Carr of Southport; two sons, Will Sellers Davis of Southport and Junius W. Davis of Edenton. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Trinity Methodist church with Rev. Norwood Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Northwood cemetery. Pallbearers were John B. Ward, W. P. Jorgensen, S. T. Bennett, Edwin Leonard, John Caison, Edward Redwine, Davis Herring, E. J. Prevatte and Rudolph Mintz.

### Oyster Interests Asked To Attend Meet In County

Representative Harry Mintz, Jr., Has Arranged For A Commercial Fisheries Committee To Meet At Shalotte Friday Night, April 6

NAME MEMBERS OF EDUCATION BOARD

Brunswick Representative Also Keenly Interested In Securing County-Wide Library Service Soon

Representative Harry L. Mintz, Jr., has arranged for the Commercial Fisheries Division of the Department of Conservation and Development to meet with Brunswick county citizens who are interested in the oyster industry on Friday night, April 6, at 7:30 o'clock at Shalotte high school.

"I certainly hope that the people who are interested in our oyster situation will respond, because we are fortunate to have the committee meet with us," says Representative Mintz.

Representative Mintz has named five members of the board of education in the omnibus bill, and in doing so followed the preferential vote of the people in the primary election last year. The appointees are:

H. M. Long, Leland, G. K. Lewis, Bolivia; Thomas St. George, Southport; Dr. M. H. Rourke, Shalotte; A. B. Williams, Waccamaw, Lewis, St. George and Rourke are named for 4-year terms, Long and Williams for a period of 2-years.

Last week Representative Mintz introduced a bill authorizing the board of county commissioners to levy a tax of 2-cents on the hundred for a veteran service officer and 4-cents on the hundred for the forest protection program. This is not for the purpose of increasing the present tax rate, (Continued on page four)

### Beach Visitors Spend Week-End

Many Up - State Visitors Spent Part Of Holiday Week-End At One Of Brunswick County Beaches

Caswell Beach, Holden Beach and Long Beach all drew fine crowds over the week-end. In addition to the Easter Sunday visitors, scores of families who own homes moved in for two or three days. They came both to spend the week-end at the beach, look after their property and to make arrangements for permanently opening up a little later in the season.

Fine, clear but chilly weather greeted week-end vacationists. Most looked on the weather as being more invigorating than chilly. Despite the rather sharp wind, it certainly was not cold enough to be disagreeable.

It is expected from the number of inquiries received that most of the homes will begin to fill up early in May and that the beaches will all be going full blast by the first of June. The post office at Long Beach is due to open June 1st.

### 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, March 29	
0:30 A. M.	6:53 A. M.
12:49 P. M.	6:58 P. M.
Friday, March 30	
1:38 A. M.	8:01 A. M.
2:00 P. M.	8:11 P. M.
Saturday, March 31	
2:47 A. M.	9:08 A. M.
3:10 P. M.	9:23 P. M.
Sunday, April 1	
3:52 A. M.	10:10 A. M.
4:16 P. M.	10:28 P. M.
Monday, April 2	
4:52 A. M.	11:05 A. M.
5:13 P. M.	11:26 P. M.
Tuesday, April 3	
5:45 A. M.	11:53 A. M.
6:05 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Wednesday, April 4	
6:33 A. M.	0:17 A. M.
6:52 P. M.	12:37 P. M.