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Mrs. St George Is Sweepstakes Winner In Show

The Annual Woman's Club Flower Show Held Friday Afternoon In Recreation Room Of Trinity Methodist Church

LIST OF WINNERS ANNOUNCED BELOW

Tea Served During Afternoon Attended By Large Number Of Visitors; Mrs. Harrelson Is Chairman

Mrs. Thomas St. George and Mrs. C. G. Ruark were winners of the first and second sweepstakes at the annual flower show sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club on Friday in the recreation building of Trinity Methodist Church. Their first, second and third places added up to the most points received by individuals in the successful show which was directed this year by Mrs. A. D. Harrelson.

Other first, second and third place winners are as follows:

Large Living Room Arrangement—Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. Davis Herring and Mrs. Thomas St. George.

Small living room arrangement—Mrs. J. E. Dodson, Mrs. Dan Harrelson and Mrs. Thomas St. George.

Dining room arrangement without dishes—Mrs. Ed Harrelson, Mrs. Bessie Cullis and Mrs. Thos. St. George.

Dining room arrangement with dishes—Mrs. J. E. McKeithan, Mrs. Harry Wells and Mrs. Norwood Jones.

Mantel arrangement—Mrs. L. T. Garner, Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr., and Mrs. E. C. Blake.

Coffee table arrangement—Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. Thomas St. George and Mrs. J. E. Dodson.

Porch arrangements—Mrs. Joe Sam Loughlin, Mrs. A. D. Harrelson and Mrs. Davis Herring.

Arrangements in silver—Mrs. Thomas St. George, Mrs. H. B. Smith and Mrs. C. Ed Taylor.

Arrangements in copper or brass—Mrs. L. T. Garner, Mrs. Ed. Harrelson and Mrs. L. T. Garner.

Miniatures—Mrs. C. G. Ruark, Mrs. Thomas St. George, Mrs. Joe Sam Loughlin.

Seashore arrangements—Mrs. Thomas St. George, Mrs. Phillip King and Mrs. Blanche Weeks.

Fruit and vegetable arrangements—Mrs. J. E. Dodson, Mrs. Davis Herring and Mrs. Thomas St. George.

Wild flower arrangements—Mrs. Joe Sam Loughlin, Mrs. Thomas St. George and Mrs. Clifton Arnold.

Potted plants, blooming—Mrs. May Lupton, Mrs. Joe Cochran and Mrs. James Wolfe.

Potted plants, non-blooming—Mrs. Richard St. George, Mrs. Joe Sam Loughlin.

Perfection of bloom, large flower—Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr., and (Continued on page five)

Brunswick County Champions



PIRATES—This is the Shallotte high school baseball squad which won the Brunswick county championship this year. As representatives in the Class A State Championship race they lost two games last week to Bayboro and were eliminated. Nevertheless, they ended the season with a respectable won-lost record. The players on the back row are, left to right, Singletary, Duval, Arnold, McKeithan, D. Simmons, Varnum; front row, Parker, F. Simmons, Kendall Hardee, Kenwood Hardee, Milliken and Bennett.—(Art Newton Photo.)

Resignation Of Hood Accepted Thursday Night

Mayor Resigns Upon Advice Of Doctor After Filling One Year Of Term To Which He Was Elected

H. W. Hood resigned as mayor of Southport at the meeting of the board of aldermen Thursday night. In recognition of the circumstances, the resignation was accepted with regret and Thomas E. Carr, a member of the board of aldermen, was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

No successor has as yet been named to fill the vacancy on the Board of Aldermen created by the resignation of Mr. Carr when he became mayor. It is understood that a member will be appointed at the next meeting of the officials.

The resignation of Mayor Hood was due to his health. He has been suffering from a cardiac condition for several years. Recently he has been warned by the doctors that he must give up activities of all sorts, including responsibilities and worries. With his health making it imperative that he slow down he did not choose to let his condition make him a drag on the administration of city affairs.

For several years the former mayor served as inspector for the North Carolina Bureau of Weights and Measures. He was forced to relinquish these duties several years ago because of his health. Prior to that he had served for several terms as member of the board of aldermen, and as a member of the Brunswick County Board of Education.

Assembly Gets Ready For Work

Buildings At Baptist Assembly Are Being Placed In Readiness For Opening Of Summer Session; Big Crowds Expected

When the Caswell Baptist Assembly opens in June, it will present a surprisingly different appearance from that which has been found here during the past two assembly years. There has been a general overhauling of the buildings and some few have been torn down as no longer fitting into the picture.

Nearly all of the structures are painted white, and all are in first class shape. In addition to the painting of the buildings, the fronts of most of the nine old batteries have also undergone a complete transformation, through the use of white paint.

About all of the work of getting the place in readiness for the summer season is said to be scheduled to be completed this week. After that there will still remain a stupendous task of preparing to handle weekly crowds, some of them composed of as many as 12 hundred people.

The Caswell mail box at Southport is filling up more and more with each mail, the writers asking information and many already making reservations. The present outlook is for around two thousand more people to be there this summer than were there last summer.

Democrats To Meet Saturday In Bolivia

Newly Elected Chairman Of Precincts Will Gather At Bolivia To Elect Chairman Of Executive Committee

CANDIDATES WILL ATTEND MEETING

Delegates To State Convention Will Be Named And Other Matters Disposed Of At Meeting

The biennial meeting of the Democratic County Convention will be held Saturday p. m. at 3 o'clock in Bolivia high school auditorium according to announcement of Chairman Henry Hickman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Although there are several important matters of business to come before the convention, chief interest is expected to center in the election of a chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Key to the outcome of this contest is the membership of the county executive committee which includes the chairmen of the various precinct committees. These groups were organized Saturday and ranged in interest from a problem in the matter of having a quorum present for a meeting to a mass turn-out of more than 100 in at least two precincts.

The following were named to represent their respective precincts on the county executive committee: Hoods Creek, Red Medlin; Leland, D. L. Ganey; Town Creek, Roy Sellers; Bolivia, Lester Edwards; Southport No. 1, W. S. Wells; Southport No. 2, W. S. Davis; Mosquito, Carl Ward; Supply, Morton Parker; Seacession, Earl Bellamy; Shallotte, H. J. Henson; Frying Pan, Henry Williams; Grissetown, Rufus Sommersett; Shingletree, Lewis Benton; Longwood, M. C. Gore; Ash, Marshall Long; Waccamaw, Wrent Mintz; Exum, Homer Russ.

In addition to the fireworks expected to be provided by the naming of a chairman, it is customary for the candidates for the various offices to attend this convention and to make a speech in behalf of their candidacy. The matter of appointment of delegates to the State Convention, and other routine business will be taken care of at this meeting.

Waccamaw High To Open Finals

Music Recital To Be Given Wednesday Night And Graduating Exercises Will Be Held Next Monday

ASH, May 12. — Waccamaw High School of Ash will begin commencement week by giving a music recital on Wednesday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock.

Class night exercises will be held Friday evening, starting at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. Robert C. Foster, pastor, will officiate at the exercises.

With their crops needing attention as Mayor of Southport.

Politics Cause Change In PMA

Major changes have taken place in the make-up of the Brunswick County PMA committee as a result of the present political campaign, for two of the men who were elected last fall have resigned to seek public office.

One is Leo Medlin, who served as chairman of the PMA committee. The other is Otto P. Bellamy. Both are seeking the Democratic nomination for member of the board of county commissioners.

M. Gordon Mooney has been elevated to the chairmanship of the county committee, and S. L. Purvis, first alternate, has become an active member. Rutherford Holden, who was elected second alternate last fall, is now the third member of the PMA group.

Elect Officers For Next Year

New Officers For Southport Parent-Teachers Association Installed At Last Meeting

New officers were elected last Thursday night at the Southport Parent-Teacher Association in the last meeting of the year. Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., was reelected president and Mrs. E. H. Arrington was elected vice president, succeeding Mrs. Davis Herring.

Secretary for the coming year will be Mrs. Jack Hughes, succeeded by Mrs. J. E. Dodson.



Serving only a year of his two year term the resignation of Mayor H. W. Hood last week was a source of regret to the public and Mr. Hood. His leaving the office was in accordance with the orders of the doctors. He could have remained, but only as a figurehead, taking no active part in anything. This, he thought, would not have been for the best interest of the town. No longer able to be active, he stepped out to permit someone else to step in and carry on. As mayor he tried to do his best for the town. When he could no longer serve by reason of his health he stepped out. Knowing Mr. Hood for a quarter of a century, we have not always agreed with him but we are frank enough to admit that we believe he tried to do his best.

Our ROVING Reporter

Joe Julian, one of the Greensboro men who bought land here some time ago for a housing project, is not idling his time while waiting for the timber to be cut and the property laid off for building lots. Mr. Julian is an experienced cabinet maker. He has moved his family here to stay and to occupy his time when regular construction work cannot be carried on he has built a small cabinet shop across the road from the old baseball park. He plans to work there during all spare time. Mr. Julian will also begin immediate construction of a nice home for his family.

With their crops needing attention as Mayor of Southport.

Rape Defendant Gets Long Term In Court Here

Judge Chester Morris Gives White Man From 8 To 10 Years For The Attempted Rape Of Young Leland Girl

DIVORCES AND OTHER MATTERS TAKE TIME

Several Other Cases Of Importance Slated To Come Before Judge Morris Before Adjournment

Divorce cases, motions and minor matters of various sorts have consumed the time during the first two days session of Brunswick county Superior Court here this week. Judge Chester Morris is presiding and the prosecution is being looked after by Solicitor Clifton Moore. Court is scheduled to adjourn Thursday afternoon. The following matters were disposed of Monday and Tuesday:

In a rape case originating in the Leland community, Richard Owens was found guilty of attempt to commit rape. He was sentenced to serve not less than eight years nor more than 10 years in State prison at hard labor.

On an appeal from the Recorder Court where he was fined, Elder Bright Hewett was given six months on the roads on a drunken driving charge.

A directed verdict of not guilty was found in the case of Goley Caison, who was charged with larceny. The same orders were issued in respect to Murdock Caison.

Blueberry Farm Develops Nicely

Prospects Good For Bumper Crop Of Fruit As More Acreage Comes Into Production This Season

T. P. Key, Sr., of Mooresville, N. J., is spending a few days here looking after his blueberry farm near Southport on the Supply road. Mr. Key said last night that the prospects were for last year's big crop of berries to be greatly exceeded this year. He will have about 20 acres producing this year and 36 acres next year.

The Graham and Key farm, owned by his son and B. M. Graham of Decora, Iowa, will also have 20 or more acres in production this year with a like acreage increase for next year. The bushes on both farms are heavily loaded with small berries and picking will start early in June.

The owners of both farms are greatly pleased with their efforts to grow berries near Southport. They believe they have hit on an ideal area for the purpose. With the location near the coast the dry spell that prevailed just at the start of the present blooming season did not effect the crop. Damp nights did about as much good as rain would have done at the critical blooming stage.

Asked regarding the percentage of loss of bushes since the original planting compared with losses elsewhere, Mr. Key stated that the loss here was much smaller than that of other blueberry areas. He has been growing blueberries all of his life and is now satisfied that he has hit on an area with ideal soil and climate.



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Banker Throws Money To Winds

On his way home from the Bankers Convention Sunday, Prince O'Brien of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company stopped at Andy's Esso Station at Leland, and as he was leaving the proprietor, Andy Penberton, handed him four \$10 bills and two \$5 bills to deposit for him.

"I held the money in my hand most of the way home," said the banker, "afraid I'd lose it; but when I got almost here I laid it in the seat beside me. I stopped at the postoffice in all that wind and rain Sunday afternoon, and when I got out I must have scraped the money out with me. I haven't seen it since.

"I think I'll offer a reward of \$49 for its return," he said.

Fishermen Begin To Resume Work

First Break Noticed In Strike Which Held Menhaden Operations To Minimum Here Last Week

The 1952 menhaden fishing season started off auspiciously last week, so far as the presence of fish was concerned. They were said to be as numerous as in the banner year of 1949. The only fly in the ointment was the absence of crews for the boats, the regular crews having refused to work.

A pickup crew carried on with one boat, bringing in a series of catches that proved the possibilities. Despite the success, three factories were notified early Monday morning that the men were not returning to work.

The boat with the pickup crew started out again Monday, but high running seas after the week-end of stormy weather turned it back at the bar. Tuesday she set out again with the Big Chief and Morehead joining in the operations. Seas were still rough and the fish were scattered around in small schools. It is said a good catch was made. Two of the boats may have gone to Beaufort to unload as it is said they did not return here last night.

Early this morning a fourth boat, the Brunswick, got out. She is said to have a crew composed of men who quit the union. The Brunswick may also unload at Beaufort.

A factory official stated last night that all of the local boats may be working within another week. They are waiting for the men to return to their jobs if they want to return. It is thought that it will be possible to replace all who do not wish to return.

Local Funds Transferred From Hospital Auxiliary Into Special Account And Bonded Treasurer Required

BONEY WILL SERVE AS THE ARCHITECT

Money From Medical Care Commission And From Duke Endowment Will Swell Total To \$110,000 For Project

The treasurer of Doshier Memorial Hospital Auxiliary this week transferred the sum of \$13,840 from the treasury of that organization into a special fund to which soon will be added checks from Duke Endowment and the Medical Care Commission to create an account totaling \$110,000 for renovation and additions to the Doshier Memorial Hospital.

The \$13,840 represents several months of hard work on the part of Hospital Auxiliary members and other organizations which helped to raise this local fund with which to match these other grants and other gifts. Although most of the money was raised in Brunswick county, substantial help in this connection came from friends in Wilmington and other places.

Chairman Prince O'Brien this week received a letter from the Medical Care Commission advising that funds totaling \$88,660 will be transmitted from that agency to the treasurer of this special hospital building fund. The gift from Duke Endowment for this purpose is \$7,500.

Officials of the Medical Care Commission stipulated that this money must be set up on a separate fund and that a bonded treasurer must be designated to disburse the money. It also provided that an architect be nominated by the board of trustees, subject to approval by the Medical Care Commission. The firm of Leslie N. Boney of Wilmington was nominated, and approval has been received from Raleigh.

Chairman O'Brien has called a special meeting of the board of trustees for Thursday afternoon at which time the architect will be present and some of the preliminary details can be worked out.

Tomato Plants Moving North

Production At Sheppard Farm On River Road Smaller This Year But Plants Are Hardy Stock

This year's yield of tomato plants at the Sheppard and Cochran plant farm has been good, in spite of the fact that the acreage was considerably reduced. More than two-thirds of the crop has already been pulled and trucked to New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sheppard stated Monday that he was pleased with the production and prices. He is also pleased at the prospects of production from the 20 or more acres on which they are growing bell peppers on the farm. The indications are for a good crop.

This will be the last year in which the land owned by Mr. Sheppard can be used for tomato production.

Oyster Planting Work Completed In This County

Rehabilitation Program For Shellfish Industry Gets Good Start With 8,000 Bushels Planted In Brunswick Waters

LOCAL LABOR DID MOST OF WORK

Beds Planted In Lockwoods Folly And Shallotte River Under Supervision Of State Specialists

The Division of Commercial Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Development has announced the completion of two projects in Brunswick County during which a total of 8,000 bushels of oysters were planted at the mouth of Lockwoods Folly and at the mouth of Shallotte river.

This work followed a study of conditions by Dr. A. F. Chestnut of the Fisheries Institute at Morehead City. He was enthusiastic about his findings and declared that conditions are ideal for the unlimited development of the shellfish industry along the coast of Brunswick County.

The planting was done under the direction of Captain Tom Galoway at Lockwoods Folly and Captain Bob Leonard at Shallotte river. Oysters for this purpose were purchased at the rate of 33 cents per bushel, and the funds spent for this work were expended on a local level.

During the last session of the North Carolina General Assembly a fund of \$18,000 was appropriated for the rehabilitation of oyster beds to be spent in all the North Carolina counties bordering the coastal waters. Of this amount a total of \$3,000 was spent in the two Brunswick county projects.

Legislation which made possible this work also provides for the protection of these oyster beds for a period of three years while the planted oysters are maturing. The beds are clearly marked so that there will be no confusion about fishermen working in restricted areas.

Rev. H. F. Baker Talks To Seniors

Former Pastor Of Southport Baptist Church Delivers Forceful Message Before Large Congregation Here Sunday Morning

The Rev. H. M. Baker returned to Southport Sunday to deliver a forceful message to members of the high school senior class and a large congregation of their friends gathered for the baccalaureate sermon.

The Rev. Mr. Baker referred to this life as "the proving ground for eternity" and urged the young members of the graduating class to live as Paul did so that they might be able to say with him that they have so lived as not to be a disappointment to the Heavenly Being.

The speaker analyzed the personalities of the graduates by saying that they hold in their hands not much, but that by the power of God, and by working with Him, there is no end to their possibilities. "Don't disappoint God," he begged.

Class night exercises will be held on Thursday night, and on (Continued on Page Five)

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, May 15	
0:10 a. m.	6:32 a. m.
12:37 p. m.	6:42 p. m.
Friday, May 16	
1:11 a. m.	7:32 a. m.
1:42 p. m.	7:51 p. m.
Saturday, May 17	
2:13 a. m.	8:31 a. m.
2:46 p. m.	8:59 p. m.
Sunday, May 18	
3:13 a. m.	9:28 a. m.
3:46 p. m.	10:03 p. m.
Monday, May 19	
4:11 a. m.	10:21 a. m.
4:43 p. m.	11:01 p. m.
Tuesday, May 20	
5:05 a. m.	11:11 a. m.
5:35 p. m.	11:54 p. m.
Wednesday, May 21	
5:55 a. m.	11:58 a. m.
6:24 p. m.	0:00 p. m.