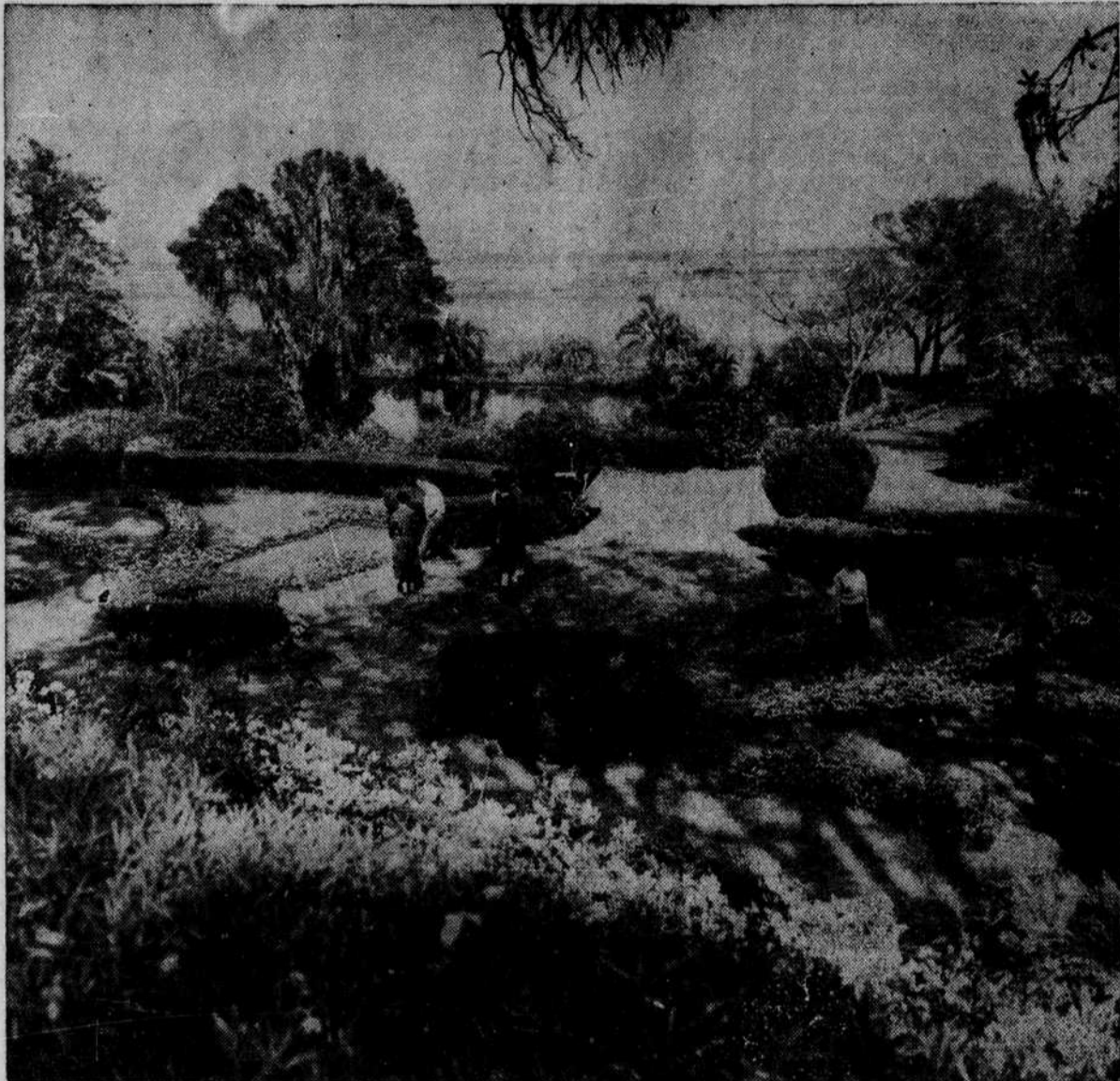


Beautiful Gardens



ORTON—This is one of the most beautiful scenes at Orton Gardens, where thousands of visitors are expected this week-end as part of the Azalea Festival. The timing for this year's event is perfect for, barring unexpected damage from cold during the next three days, the gardens should be at their peak beauty by this coming week-end.

Installation Of New Officers Is Held On Friday

Mrs. Elsie Jenkins Becomes Worthy Matron And Worth B. Ward Worthy Patron Of Live Oak Chapter

MRS. LIVINGSTON
INSTALLING OFFICER

Interesting Program Is Presented Following Installation, Honoring New Slate Of Officers

Officers for the year 1957-58 were installed in open rites on Friday evening by Live Oak Chapter No. 179, Order of the Eastern Star, Southport.

Mrs. Faye Potter, Worthy Matron, and Roy Swain, Worthy Patron, presided during the informal opening, welcomed members and guests and introduced the installing officer, Mrs. Marjorie Livingston, District Deputy Grand Matron. Assisting in the installation were Mrs. Olive Stanaland, marshal; Mrs. Sallie Holden, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Bussells, organist.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Elsie Jenkins, Worthy Matron; Worth B. Ward, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Elizabeth Harrelson, Associate Matron; Hubert Livingston, Associate Patron; Mrs. Olive Stanaland, Secretary; Miss Lottie Mae Newton, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Dilaver, Conductress; Mrs. Dorothy Nichols, Associate-Conductress; Mrs. Margaret Hood, chaplain; Mrs. Faye Potter, marshal; Mrs. Amaretta Prevatte, organist; Mrs. Delight Vereen, Adah; Mrs. Mildred Baker, Ruth; Mrs. Julia Sanders, Esther; Mrs. Geneva Smith, Martha; Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)

Pre-measurement In Big Demand

There is a strong demand for pre-measurement of tobacco acreage through the Brunswick ASC office, as revealed by figures released last week.

A total of 673 farms have requested pre-measurement, and to date this has been carried out on 142 farms. A total of 42 farms have been spot-checked and reporters have visited 5 farms. On one farm the work was found to be unacceptable.

Man Arrested For Shooting Johnnie Varnum

Sheriff Elbert H. Gray And Deputy Henry Pike Leave To Bring Herbert R. Fulford Back To Face Charges

Herbert R. Fulford, Brunswick county native who is now engaged in shrimping in Florida, has been arrested in Key West and will be returned to North Carolina to face the charge that on the night of February 13 he shot Johnnie Varnum.

The latter was struck in the face by a rifle bullet as he sat in the front room of his home near Holden Beach, sketching plans for a boat that he plans to build. The missile struck him on the cheek, traveled through his mouth, down his neck and into his shoulder. The victim lost a lot of blood, but doctors later were successful in removing the bullet and he staged a rapid recovery. He has been back at work for several days.

Sheriff Elbert H. Gray, who left this morning with Deputy Henry Pike to bring the accused man back to North Carolina, said yesterday that he has evidence that Fulford was in Brunswick county on the night that Varnum was shot. He declined to give the nature of his supporting evidence.

It is assumed that Fulford will be given a preliminary hearing, and that his case will come up for trial at the May term.

Festival Queen



ROYALTY—This is Kathryn Grayson, Winston-Salem girl who has become one of Hollywood's most beautiful and talented stars. She returns to her native North Carolina this week-end to reign over the Tenth Annual Azalea Festival as its queen.

Legislation On Local Level Is Before Assembly

Brunswick County Representative Reports That Big Bulk Of Work Now Taking This Turn In Raleigh

BRUNSWICK HAS
SOME LOCAL BILLS

Latest Is Measure Authorizing Use Of Delinquent Tax Collections For General Fund Purposes

By JAMES C. BOWMAN

During the past week, introduction of new bills continued to increase the work load of the General Assembly. Altogether 157 new bills were introduced in both houses of which more than half were public bills.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

The bill to authorize the Board of County Commissioners to place the proceeds of collection of delinquent taxes for the year 1955 and prior years in the county general fund has now passed both the House and Senate, and should be ratified by both houses during the first part of the coming week. This will also authorize the board to construct new county office buildings and additions to existing office buildings, and to pay for the cost of the proposed property revaluation in the county from delinquent tax collections in the general fund.

The bill to authorize the board to revalue and equalize property values in the county for ad valorem tax purposes has been ratified by both houses and is now law.

Another bill which prohibits the commercial practice of fortune telling, palmistry, phrenology, and clairvoyance in the county passed the House and is now before the Senate.

NEW LEGISLATION

On Tuesday, March 19, your representative introduced two bills amending the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The first of these bills amends the present definition of occupational diseases so as to include, in addition to the presently enumerated and covered diseases, "any other disease arising out of and contracted in the course of the employment". The other bill amends the section relating to facial and bodily disfigurement as a result of an industrial accident to increase the maximum compensation award from the present amount of \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00. The bill would further make clear that bodily disfigurement includes loss of, or permanent injury to, both internal and external organs and parts of the body. These bills would expand coverage under the Act which has been considerably restricted by a very narrow definition of the word "disfigurement" as pronounced by the State Supreme Court.

SCHOOLS

Two bills were introduced during the week which would place our schools on a 12 months basis. The first would permit, not require, county or city Boards of Education, with the approval of the local tax levying authority, to operate schools on a quarterly basis. It authorizes such boards to equalize the number of pupils attending school in each quarter so as to utilize school buildings and facilities to a maximum extent and to contract with principals, teachers, and other school personnel for 12 months at the same monthly rate of (Continued on Page 4)

Night Hunting Dear Business For Four Boys

Three Young White Men Learn That Wildlife Refuge Is No Place For Deer Hunting

Three Brunswick county white men found out Monday that these "Posted" signs erected along the right-of-way of the Sunny Point by-pass road mean just what they say. They were found guilty of shooting deer at night on a game preserve and were fined \$250 and costs. The defendants were W. Z. Vereen, Kenneth Ray Huffham and Mercer Johnson.

Testimony in the case shows that the men were riding slowly along the road at night, apparently trying to spot some deer feeding on the fresh green grass along the right of way. Four game protectors were stationed in the woods nearby, and testified that the men fired with a shotgun at the deer. Apparently they failed to kill one, but they had walked into a trap being tended by the game wardens and were arrested.

In addition to their penalties, their shotgun was confiscated.

A variety of other cases were disposed of here in the weekly session of Brunswick county Re-

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

RESTAURANT REOPENS

Quack's Sea Shack will reopen for business this week end after being closed for several weeks while repairs and redecorations were in progress.

RESIGNS POSITION

Ralph Phelps, Jr., who was elected at the last general election as constable for Smithville township, has resigned from this position.

REVIVAL MEETING

A revival will be in progress at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church from April 1 through April 7, with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Scott Turner, pastor of the Rockfish Baptist Church at Raeford, will bring the messages.

BENEFIT DINNER

The Long Beach Unit of Civil Defense sponsored a take-out turkey dinner Friday, March 22, at the Bigford Cottage, Long Beach, and report it to have been a real success. This Friday, March 29, they will have a baked ham dinner for the same purpose from 6 to 8 p. m. at the same place.

Good Progress On Telephones

Modern Communication Facilities Will Be Available In Many Sections Of Brunswick Upon Completion

CO-OPERATION IS
KEY TO SUCCESS

Present Plans Call For Construction Of 235 Miles Serving 729 Members Of Co-op

Almost a \$400,000 automatic dial telephone system now under construction will soon melt away the miles of isolation between rural homes of Brunswick county, says Harry L. Mintz, Jr. and Fred Brown, president and manager of the REA financed telephone membership corporation, which they expect to put into operation within the next few months.

T. L. Dysard and Son, contractors of Statesville, have been busy during the past few weeks setting poles, stringing wire and cable for the system which will when completed be designed to bring the most modern telephone service for the first time to many of the rural areas of Brunswick county.

Leaders of the communities of Shallotte, Freeland, Supply, Bolivia, Longwood, Ash, Grissetown, and others have been seeking telephone service for many years.

Having failed through every other channel to secure widespread telephone service in the rural areas of Brunswick the people on March 7, 1955 decided to establish a telephone membership corporation. Harry L. Mintz, Jr., former member of the North Carolina General Assembly, was elected president of the corporation, organized as, the Atlantic Telephone Membership corporation. L. E. Wooten & Co., engineers of Raleigh, was employed and an REA loan with which to provide modern telephone service was applied for. A loan to the telephone corporation of \$381,000 was approved by the REA on December 30, 1955.

The REA loan provides for establishment of two telephone exchanges one at Bolivia and the other at Shallotte.

The engineering design calls for the members of the two exchanges to be able to dial back and forth among themselves without a long distance charge. For operator office assistance and long distance service the telephone corporation is connected to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company at Wilmington. Mintz states that the Corporation's loan calls for the construction (Continued on Page Four)

Condition Of Keziah Critical

W. B. Keziah continues in a critical condition at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, where he has been a patient since he suffered a heart attack two weeks ago today.

Following several days when it appeared that he was improving, he sustained a setback yesterday that places him on the danger list. He is unable to have visitors.

Baptist Union Meets Saturday

Boones Neck Baptist Church Will Be Host To March Meeting Of This Church Organization

The Brunswick Baptist Union will meet at Boones Neck Baptist Church Saturday morning beginning at 10 o'clock. The theme will be "Walking With God".

At 10 o'clock the Union will be called to order by the moderator, Edwin Clemmons. The hymn, "O Happy Day" will follow. The devotional will be led by Mrs. Lillie Hewett. Next will come the roll call of churches and reading of the minutes of last session. (Continued On Page Two)

Testing Soil Is Recommended

County Agent A. S. Knowles Reports That Fast Service Still Possible On Soil Samples Sent To Raleigh

County Farm Agent A. S. Knowles reports that farmers having their soil tested this year are getting soil test results back quickly, even though this is the "rush" season for the state soil testing laboratory.

The soil laboratory, he says, reports that it has thus far been able to analyze the soils as soon as they are received, and prompt service could be given on about a third more samples than are being received at present.

Knowles thinks that Brunswick county farmers are missing a real opportunity to "stretch" the (Continued On Page Two)

Red Cross Ready For Fund Drive

A. E. Huntley, Fund Drive Chairman, Announces Additions To County Organization

A. E. Huntley, Fund Chairman for the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced yesterday that the organization for the fund drive is complete in almost every section.

Here in Southport Mrs. James C. Bowman will serve as chairman. At Sunny Point, Col. Wm. F. Murphy will be in charge. Mrs. Joe Ramsour will have charge of the River Road area beyond Sunny Point. Mrs. Willard Simmons will be in charge of solicitations around the Mill Creek-Funston area.

Mrs. Nelson Bennett is the chairman at Waccamaw, and says that her help will come from the following community chairmen: Mrs. H. D. Tysinger at Freeland; Mrs. Lloyd Duncan at Myrtle Head; Miss Bobby Vereen at Exum; Mrs. Mary Long at Soldier Bay; Mrs. Maggie Mathews at Ash; Mrs. Eula Bennett at Longwood; and Mrs. Elsie Dodson and Miss Ruth Galloway at Waccamaw school. (Continued On Page Four)

Jury List For Superior Court

One-Week Term Of Court For Trial Of Civil Cases Will Convene On Monday, April 19

On Monday, April 29, a one-week term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil cases will convene here, with Judge George Fountain of Tarboro presiding.

At the last meeting of the board of county commissioners the following jury list was drawn for this term:

James F. Little, Nelson Bennett, R. B. Coleman, James B. Purvis, Ernest Milligan, B. E. White, Ash; Homer Holden, Lott Lewis, L. J. McKeithan, A. R. Clemmons, A. L. Boyd, J. D. Hewett, David W. Flowers, D. S. Gore, Longwood; R. E. Ward, William E. Wessell, W. E. Benton. (Continued On Page Four)

Southport Lady Receives Honor

Mrs. C. Ed Taylor of Southport was one of fourteen nominees for North Carolina's Mother of the Year Award who were honored Monday night in Raleigh in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The winner was Mrs. William Jones Gordon of Spray, but each of the other finalists was invited to the State Capitol, where their round of entertainment included a visit to the State Art Museum and a dinner given in their honor at the Sir Walter Hotel.

Mrs. Taylor, who is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earl Brown, in Auburn, Alabama, was unable to attend, and her Certificate of Merit was received for her by Representative James C. Bowman.

County Officials Attend Meeting

Brunswick ASC Leaders Attended State Conference Last Week In Asheville

The ASC Conference in Asheville last week drew a record attendance of around 700 people.

Those attending from Brunswick county were as follows: Lonnie Evans, Chairman, Brunswick ASC Committee; Ada L. Varnum, county office manager; Elois S. Gore, administrative clerk; Earlene Inman, marketing quota clerk; Doris A. Rabon, chief clerk.

Highlight of the first day was the Address by Governor Luther H. Hodges. He spoke on the 1957 tobacco situation and stated that "we must have both Agricultural and industry working together if North Carolina is to move ahead in this competitive world."

Marvin L. McLain, Assistant Secretary, U. S. Department of Agriculture, spoke on general problems facing farmers and associated workers.

Joseph R. Williams, Director Tobacco Division CSS, spoke on flue-cured and burley tobacco in North Carolina. Fred Ditchie, Assistant Administrator, U. S. ACP Service, Washington, made the concluding address of the first day. He stated that N. C. has made great progress in the field of conservation but still has a long way to go. Teamwork he said will be the major factor in meeting the tremendous problems of providing for future population growth.

The second day of the conference was broken into separate sessions for ACP and soil bank, acreage allotments, marketing quotas & performance, price supports and administration. The conference closed at noon (Continued On Page Two)

Wilmington Will Be Center Of Interest For North Carolinians This Week- end As 10th Annual Azalea Festival Unfolds

KATHRYN GRAYSON
FESTIVAL QUEEN

She Heads Imposing List Of Outstanding Entertainers And Artists Scheduled To Appear

A 4-day extravaganza of entertainment and celebrities opens tomorrow (Thursday) in Wilmington as the 10th Annual Azalea Festival gets underway.

The program includes everything from championship golf to horse racing; and the list of famous people ranges all the way from cowboy singing stars to one of the most famous performers who ever sang at the Metropolitan.

The floral beauty of the region will share the spotlight with Miss Kathryn Grayson, a native Tar Heel, who has made a name for herself on stage, screen and television. Also on the beauty list will be Candy Jones Conover, one of the all-time famous cover girls, and Diane Jergens, Hollywood teenage actress.

Heading the list of male celebrities will be Lauritz Melchior, a man who made a successful transition from opera to movies, and back again. It will also include George Jessel, veteran showman, and handsome Dale Robertson, he of movie fame.

North Carolina's governor will be there, and so will more than fifty marching bands, military units and other colorful additions (Continued On Page Four)

Winnabow Man Dies Tuesday

John L. Henry Died In Doshier Memorial Hospital Following Heart Attack; Funeral Services Thursday

John L. Henry died Tuesday morning at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport as a result of a heart attack suffered Thursday at his home in Winnabow. He was 77 years of age.

The deceased was a retired merchant. For many years he operated a general store in his community, and the post office was located in the same building, with his wife serving as post master. Mr. Johnnie and Miss Janie became two of Brunswick county's best-known and most highly respected citizens.

Mr. Henry was a native of this county, having been born in 1880. He was the son of the late John S. and Elizabeth Skipper Henry. In addition to his wife, Mr. Janie Jones Henry, he is survived by two brothers, A. P. Henry, Sr., of Winnabow and D. O. L. Henry (Continued On Page Four)

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 28,	
6:01 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:16 P. M.	12:08 P. M.
Friday, March 29,	
6:41 A. M.	12:29 A. M.
6:56 P. M.	12:48 P. M.
Saturday, March 30,	
7:20 A. M.	1:11 A. M.
7:32 P. M.	1:26 P. M.
Sunday, March 31,	
7:56 A. M.	1:51 A. M.
8:09 P. M.	2:04 P. M.
Monday, April 1,	
8:30 A. M.	2:30 A. M.
8:44 P. M.	2:40 P. M.
Tuesday, April 2,	
9:05 A. M.	3:08 A. M.
9:20 P. M.	3:17 P. M.
Wednesday, April 3,	
9:40 A. M.	3:48 A. M.
10:01 P. M.	3:55 P. M.