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BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL is the only way to describe the flood of dogwood blossoms that have covered almost every corner of the Southport area this spring. Beautiful in their own right, the white and pink blossoms have combined with azaleas, camellias and other flowers to give (up until the past couple of days) a rich appearance of spring. But, this year, as in the past, appearance of dogwood blossoms has signalled "dogwood winter." According to tradition, it is the last real cold

spell of the season. The dogwood season is also the signal for the Easter season, and it bears with it an old tradition dating back to the Crucifixion. The legend says the dogwood was once a tall, straight tree, but was cursed with its slight, crooked trunk of today because it was used as the wood for the cross. The brown marked petals are supposed to symbolize the blood of Christ.

Celebration Of May Day Slated For Shallotte

Varied Program Will Begin At 8:30 O'Clock Next Wednesday Morning And Last Through Coronation Ball

ATHLETIC EVENTS FIRST ON PROGRAM

May Queen And Court Will Feature Program During Afternoon And Throughout The Evening

May Day will be observed at Shallotte high school next Wednesday with a gala program sponsored by the student council. Sylvia Lewis is chairman.

Following is a schedule of activities: 8:30 to 10:30, track and field meet with a committee comprised of Coach P. K. Weatherly, Mrs. Chick Taylor, Coach Frye and David Carmichael in charge; 10:45 to 12:15—lunch; 12:15 to 2 o'clock—May Queen Court and May Day Dance, Mrs. A. G. Greene, chairman of the committee in charge; 8 to 11 o'clock—May Day ball, committee in charge, Mrs. Faye Bellamy, Mrs. L. Soles, Mrs. Katie McKeithan and Bobby Sellers.

Following is a list of track and field events for boys: 50 yard dash—4th, 5th and 6th grades; 75 yard dash, 7th and 8th grades; 100 yard dash, high school; softball throw for distance, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and high school; standing broad jump, all grades; running high jump, all grades; shuttle relay, all grades; sack race, 7th, 8th and high school; wheelbarrow race, 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

Girls events will include: 50 yard dash, 4th, 5th and 6th grades; 75 yard dash, 7th, 8th and 9th grades; softball throw for distance, all grades; three-legged race, all grades.

Three places will be scored: first place, 5 points; second place, 3 points; third place, 1 point. Individual ribbons will be presented to the winners of the events: First place, blue ribbon; (Continued On Page Five)

Forest Tree Thinning



Shown in the photograph above is District Extension Forester, R. S. Douglass, showing Thomas Young, center, and Gene Kye, right, the proper trees to thin from a young stand of loblolly pine. Thomas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kye. Thomas and Gene are of the Winnabow section of Brunswick County and both are carrying on thinning projects.

Five Man Board Commissioners Idea Is Dropped

Representative James C. Bowman Says That Sentiment Appears To Favor Some Form Of County Manager Instead

LEAVING DETAILS TO COMMISSIONERS

Brunswick County Representative Expresses Belief That Legislature May Adjourn By May 31

By JAMES C. BOWMAN

One of the most dangerous things a legislator can do is to predict the date, even approximate, on which a session of the General Assembly will adjourn. Because there is some interest as to the probable date of adjournment, my prediction is that the General Assembly will adjourn on or about May 31.

This prediction is based upon the fact that the appropriations bill has been assigned to a subcommittee of the whole Appropriations Committee for study and report and that the Revenue bill has been assigned to a subcommittee of the whole Finance Committee for study and report. Work is progressing on these bills in the subcommittees and it is anticipated that the subcommittee reports will be presented on or about May 15 to the whole committees.

It is further contemplated that very shortly, the House will designate a cut-off date after which no further local bills may be introduced.

To date, 1,152 public and private bills have been introduced and 395 of these bills have been ratified. Members of the Senate have introduced 180 public bills and 155 local bills or a total of 335 bills. Members of the House have introduced by your representative have passed both the House and the Senate, and are now law with the exception. (Continued On Page Five)

More Candidates For City Offices

Red Cross Funds Now Coming In

Activities came this week from Mrs. C. C. Carr at Long Beach. With only 10 permanent families in her area, she reported collections totaling over \$90, and they came from more than 40 individuals. More than a dozen North Carolina towns were represented.

Fund Chairman A. E. Huntley said last night the other scattered returns are coming in, and some of them are not so encouraging. He hopes to be able to make a full report next week, but adds that there still is time to make a contribution.

Announce Rules Of Flower Show

Mrs. R. A. Jones, General Chairman of the annual Flower Show which is to be held on May 9, has announced the rules which will govern entries and judging. The show is to be held at the Community Building on the garrison and will be open to anyone who has flowers to display.

Sponsoring clubs are the Live Oak Garden Club, the Southport Garden Club and the Southport Womens Club. Rules are as follows:

Entries will be received from 8:30 a. m. until 12:00 noon Thursday, May 9, 1957. All classes are open to anyone except Classes 68 and 69 which are by invitation. An exhibitor will be limited to one entry in each class except "unlisted." The Classification Committee has the right to inform the exhibitor that an exhibit does not conform to the schedule and will be disqualified unless it is made to meet requirements. The Committee will take precautions for the safety of the property of exhibitors but will not be responsible for loss or damage. No entries may be removed before 8:00 p. m. The showrooms will be open in the morning on May 10th for the removal of entries. Only judges and clerks will be permitted in the showrooms while judging is in progress. Other officials will be on call. The Standard System of Judging will be used: 90-100 Blue Ribbon; 85-89 Red Ribbon; 80-84 Yellow Ribbon; 75-79 White Ribbon (Honorable Mention). One blue, one red, one yellow ribbon will be given in each class, if merited. As many Honorable Mentions. (Continued On Page Four)

Fire Fighters Receive Help

Sunny Point Fire Department Lends Hand In Extinguishing Woods Fire Near Southport Monday

Sunny Point Army Terminal, in coordination with state, county and city officials, turned out with personnel and equipment to help extinguish a blaze west of the County Home near Highway 87 Monday. Gene Tomlinson, Plant Engineer and Sunny Point Fire Marshall, responded with Fire Chief Grant and the SPAT brush truck and pumping unit.

In the process of fighting the fire, Mr. Tomlinson again demonstrated Col. Frank T. Edson's desire to employ equipment and technically trained personnel from the terminal whenever the need exists. The terminal command is anxious to be called upon to render this assistance as early as possible in an effort to prevent brush fires from getting anywhere near the highly dangerous terminal area.

Tomlinson stated that this was the fourth occasion that they had had in recent months to place these mutual fire fighting agreement pacts into actual operation.

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, April 25,	
4:29 A. M.	10:43 A. M.
4:54 P. M.	11:11 P. M.
Friday, April 26,	
5:16 A. M.	11:28 A. M.
5:39 P. M.	11:58 P. M.
Saturday, April 27,	
6:02 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:21 P. M.	12:11 P. M.
Sunday, April 28,	
6:44 A. M.	0:43 A. M.
7:02 P. M.	12:51 P. M.
Monday, April 29,	
7:24 A. M.	1:26 A. M.
7:42 P. M.	1:32 P. M.
Tuesday, April 30,	
8:03 A. M.	2:07 A. M.
8:21 P. M.	2:11 P. M.
Wednesday, May 1	
8:43 A. M.	2:50 A. M.
9:03 P. M.	2:52 P. M.

Achievement Of HD Clubs Cited By Home Agent

Annual Observance Of Home Demonstration Club Week Slated To Be Held From April 28-May 4

This week Home Demonstration Club Women in Brunswick county join with Home Demonstration women all over the country in observance of the 12th annual National Home Demonstration Week.

During the past year club work in Brunswick has undergone much reorganization and change. There are at present 7 active clubs located in the Bolivia, Exum, Mill Creek, Southport, Supply, Town Creek and Winnabow communities.

These clubs are conducted for the purpose of training women for leadership in the community as well as for improving home-making practices and making family life more enjoyable.

In addition to regular club officers there are club project leaders for work in Foods and Nutrition, Home Gardens, Home Poultry, Home Dairy, Food Conservation, Housing and House Furnishing, Home Management, Family Life, Home Beautification, Clothing, and Arts and Crafts. There (Continued On Page Five)

Fishermen Enjoy Great Week-End

Southport Charter Boatmen Carried Numerous Parties And Some Outstanding Catches Were Reported

GOOD BLUEFISH CATCHES ARE MADE

Reports From Pier Operators Also Indicate Good Luck For Fishermen Using These Facilities

Sports fishing got off to a fine start here during the holiday week-end, with outstanding catches being reported by the Watts boats, the Idle-On II, III and IV, the Davis Bros. V and the John-Ellen.

To top it off, fishermen using the Yaupon Beach pier and the pier at Long Beach also had good luck, as did several who were casting from the beach at Lockwood's Folly Inlet.

On Saturday Capt. Walter Lewis had C. B. Lewis and party of Kannapolis out aboard the John-Ellen and brought in 206 bluefish, 12 bonito, 140 lbs. king mackerel and 400-lbs. of blackfish. The next day he had N. R. Hardy and party of Durham, and they had 202 bluefish, 10 bonito and 2 amberjack. Monday saw Archie Dobson and party of Mt. Airy on the trip, which resulted in 86 bluefish, 5 dolphin, 2 king mackerel, 1 grouper and 350-lbs. of blackfish.

On Sunday Capt. Basil Watts had Willis Woodard and party of Kannapolis out aboard the Idle-On II and caught 43 bluefish, 10 (Continued On Page Four)

Shallotte Man District Post

Dr. M. H. Rourk Receives Unanimous Endorsement Of Home Club For Post Of District Governor For 31-H

Members of the Shallotte Lions Club have unanimously endorsed Dr. M. Henderson Rourk Deputy District Governor of Region 1, District 31-H, for the position of District Governor. This election will be held at the State Convention in Asheville June 9-11.

The following list of qualifications are set forth in a folder that recently has been prepared for the purpose of informing members of other clubs in the district of his record:

"Dr. Rourk is a native of Brunswick County and is married. He is the father of two children, a boy and a girl, now in college. He holds degrees from the University of North Carolina, the University of Minnesota and Harvard University. He has practiced his profession of medicine for the past twenty five years and is a member of the New Hanover County and North Carolina State Medical Societies and is a fellow of the American Medical Association.

"He has served his community in many capacities over the years. He is a loyal supporter of (Continued On Page Five)

Recorder Holds Brief Session

Weekly Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Adjourns Before Noon Monday

A half-day session of Recorder's court was held here Monday, with the following judgements being handed down by Judge Earl Bellamy:

U. G. Williamson was found guilty on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon. In each he was given 60 days on the roads, judgement being suspended upon payment of costs and upon condition that the defendant remain of good behavior for 2 years.

Bobby Faulk was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was given 60 days on the roads, judgement being suspended upon payment of costs, the defendant to remain of good behavior for 2 years.

Curtis Williamson was found not guilty of assault with deadly weapon.

Lester Benton pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and was given 30 days, judgement being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs, the defendant to remain of good behavior for 2 years.

Horace K. Lawson pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was fined \$25 and costs. Robert J. Holleman pleaded guilty to speeding and was fined \$10 and costs. Elton Clemmons pleaded guilty to possession of non-tax-paid (Continued On Page Six)

Keziah Memorial Fund

There is a growing sentiment that some permanent memorial should be erected in Southport to honor the memory of W. B. Keziah, and this week contributions have come from three different persons who expressed a desire to start the project.

The first contributor was Joseph J. Cox of High Point, who came by The Pilot office Saturday with a donation of \$5. Letters came from G. Butler Thompson and General James Glore, each of which is being printed. G. V. Barbee is one of the first to suggest that a movement of this kind should be undertaken; and the letter from Bill Sharpe falls into that category. On Monday we received a long distance telephone call from Thomas D. Singletary, Philadelphia automobile dealer, saying that he would like to participate in such a movement.

So there you have it. There appears to be a strong senti-

ment in favor of commemorating the name of the man who did so much for so long with so little to advertise the natural advantages of Southport and Brunswick county.

This week a committee will be formed to consider the type of project that will be most appropriate, and to discuss plans for carrying it out.

The following letter was received from Bill Sharpe, editor of The State Magazine: "Not knowing anyone else down there to write to about Bill Keziah, I'm writing you. I hated to see Bill disappear from my life. He was truly my friend, and his characteristics and eccentricities gave a zing to my associations in that territory. "I'm wondering if there isn't some memorial fund or something coming up, and if so, let me know. Sallie and I would like to participate." (Continued On Page Five)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

SISTER DIES
H. G. Ratcliffe was called to Gibsonsville Sunday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. B. B. Greerson.

TONSILAR OPERATION
E. J. Freyatte entered James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Thursday for a tonsillar operation. He is now convalescing at his home here.

PLAN OBSERVANCE
SPAT announces that preliminary plans are being made for the observance of Armed Forces Day on May 18. Early indications are that in all probability this will be an open house affair. More detailed plans are to be announced later.

SHIP FORECAST
Reports from Sunny Point indicate that for the remainder of the month of April and all during the month of May activities at SPAT will be on an accelerated level. Ships arrival dates indicate that loading activities will be continued on a full time basis throughout the month of May, with an estimate of vessels being on berth that entire period.