

Obituaries

Rites held for Ernest Eugene Chastain

Ernest Eugene Chastain of Southport died Thursday, June 11, 1992, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Rome, Ga., on May 8, 1933, the son of the late Ernest Garland and Nellie Drennon Chastain, and was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Donnie Marie Chastain, in 1991.

Chastain was retired from the U. S. Army after 21 years of service with the 503rd and 504th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, and had received commendations from the Korean Conflict and the Dominican Republic Conflict.

Surviving are his daughters, Sharon Pitts and husband David of Castle Hayne; Cynthia McLean and husband David of the home; and Pamela Murray and husband Kenneth of Wilmington; five grandchildren; and a brother, Edward Garland Chastain, of Rome, Ga.

Memorial services were conducted Monday in Wilmington National Cemetery by the Rev. Douglas Huff. Full military honors were accorded by an honor guard from Fort Bragg.

Southport resident Mrs. Alice Arrington

Mrs. Alice Cranmer Arrington, 88, of Southport died Sunday, June 14, 1992, at her residence.

Memorial services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church, where she was a member, with the Rev. P. D. Midgett officiating. Interment will be at a later date in Northwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Arrington was born April 1, 1904, in Southport, a daughter of the late E. H. and Mary Elizabeth Pearce Cranmer. She was a graduate of the Friends School in Baltimore, Md., and Women's College, now UNC-Greensboro. She was a retired social worker from Guilford County Department of Social Services in High Point.

Mrs. Arrington and her husband, the late Eldridge H. Arrington, lived in Panama and Cuba prior to her return to Southport in 1946. She was former owner/operator of Arrington's Clothing Store and Blanna's Dress Shop in Southport and with her husband had owned Watson's Pharmacy.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Pat) Pittenger and Mrs. B. J. (Stuart) Callari, both of Southport; a sister, Mary Cranmer Mintz of Berne Village; a brother, Pearce Cranmer of New York City; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Southport Rescue Squad.

A Peacock-Newnam service.

William Paul Middleton of Long Beach

William Paul (Bud) Middleton, 68, of Long Beach died Tuesday, June 9, 1992, at his residence following a lengthy illness.

Memorial services were conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Oak Island Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Richard DePriter officiating.

Middleton was born December 16, 1923, in Greensboro, son of the late Paul Dewey and Janie Angel Middleton, and had lived here for six years. He was a veteran of World War II and was retired from Guilford Mills in Greensboro. He was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and Masonic Lodge #76, both in Greensboro.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Margaret Welker Middleton of the home; two sons, William Paul (Mike) Middleton, Jr., of Clinton, S. C., and Mark Stuart Middleton of Fayetteville; a daughter, Margaret Lynn Middleton of Fayetteville; a sister, Mrs. Marion Johnson of Raleigh; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Long Beach Rescue Squad.

A Peacock-Newnam service.

Marie Kortmann Brandes of Southport

Mrs. Marie Kortmann Brandes, 93, of Southport died Tuesday, June 16, 1992, at Ocean Trail Convalescent Center.

Memorial Mass will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father John Carcich officiating.

Mrs. Brandes was born January 19, 1899, in Bremen, Germany, daughter of the late Herman and Anna Kortmann, and moved here from Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1988. She was the widow of Fred Brandes.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Caroline B. Awecky of Boiling Spring Lakes; three grandchildren, Peter, Paul and Elizabeth Awecky, all of New York City; and two great-grandchildren.



A cast-netter hunting bait shrimp in Davis Canal at Long Beach is carefully watched by an American egret. Live shrimp are a prime attraction for speckled trout, and specks have been in abundance around Oak Island piers lately.

Appearance group is critical of state welcome center funds

Keep North Carolina Clean & Beautiful, Inc. (KNCCB) released a statement this week publicly opposing the diversion of state funds raised through the sale of personalized license plates to staff local private welcome centers, such as Brunswick County's welcome center located on Highway 17 in Shalotte.

KNCCB president Bob Stebbins said the danger in diverting these funds to local private interests is that eventually the entire fund could be depleted and the roadside beautification and wildflower programs would be destroyed.

However, Dean Walters, president of the Brunswick County welcome center board of directors, said the center averages about 500 visitors per day, and that it is greatly enhancing the county's tourism industry -- the number-one industry in Brunswick County, he said.

"It's a very attractive center, and a positive thing on the highway," said Walters. "The total value of it will be what it's going to return for Brunswick County and North Carolina."

But, Stebbins indicated in a

prepared statement that the diversion of state funds to the welcome centers would reduce the roadside beautification effort by 25 percent.

"This action would be devastating to the roadside beautification and wildflower programs that have meant so much to the tourism and economic development of North Carolina," Stebbins said. "It epitomizes pork barrel legislation whereby powerful legislators turn

their backs on programs vital to the state as a whole to serve their own special interests."

Walters said the welcome center will receive \$50,000 in state funds for the next fiscal year, but he could not say how much of that amount was generated by the sale of personalized license plates. There is currently no money coming in to the county for wildflower programs, he said.

Pets of the week...

Two blond and three black Labrador puppies are now available for adoption at the Brunswick County Animal Control Center. They are said to be very lovable and would make good pets. The adoption fee is \$5 per puppy and the fee for a rabies vaccination is \$7.

A female calico, domestic short-hair cat is also up for adoption. She is said to be very friendly and lovable. The adoption fee is \$10 and the fee for a rabies vaccination is \$7.

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