

Thalians Celebrate 200th Year

1988 is a landmark year for the Thalian Association, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary as Wilmington's community theater group.

Wilmington native and ABC news commentator David Brinkley is serving as honorary chairman of the Thalian 200 celebration, a year-long birthday party which will feature events to raise community awareness of the theater and its importance to the overall community. During the coming year during various art forms involved in the creation of theater will be highlighted through museum displays, art exhibits, special performances and a commemorative poster by photographer Jerry Blow. The association is also mounting a fund-raising campaign that will, among other goals, insure continuance of the Thalian children's theater program and to begin an outreach program aimed at teenagers.

A May 27 dinner-dance at the Wilmington Hilton kicks off the celebration, featuring entertainment by Gloria Crist and dancing to the music of Spectrum. Cost is \$50 per person.

Other upcoming events include the Thalian Association's annual meeting and awards night on Friday, June 10; a party on June 11 for all those involved in the association's work this year being billed as "the world's largest cast party" and a June 18 moonlight cruise aboard the paddlewheeler Henrietta II. The cruise will feature entertainment by 4-U. Cost is \$30 per person.

On July 16, a 200th Anniversary Auction and Show will be held at Poplar Grove Plantation north of Wilmington, featuring entertaining and a picnic lunch. Winners of three trips offered in conjunction with a fundraising project will also be announced. The three grand prizes are trips to Paris, London and New York for two. More information on the fundraising project, the 200th Anniversary and support of the Association is available by calling the Thalian Anniversary Office, 251-1788.



Yard Reflects Hard Work

Two years of hard work transformed the Sunset Sands Garden Club's May Yard of the Month into lush greenery brightened with seasonal flowers. Above are shown home owners Catherine and Donald Ferrington of 302 Azalea Circle, formerly of Clifton Park, N.Y., and Yard of the Month committeewomen Jett Helms and Ann Masline (center).

Staff photo by Susan Usher

Artists To Make Prints From Winning Work Of Art

It was such a success last year, they're doing it again. The Associated Artists of Southport are holding their second contest-exhibit for an original work of art to be made into a print.

Subject matter for entries will be limited to maritime and coastal

scenes or theme. The works will be shown July 4 through 30 at Franklin Square Gallery in Southport.

The winning artist will receive \$1,000 cash and the first 10 prints.

Ellen Jones, exhibit chairman, said the Associated Artists have also

received guarantees from friends and supporters for purchase of paintings.

More information and an entry form are available from Ms. Jones, by writing Exhibit Chairman, Associated Artists of Southport, P.O. Box 10035, Southport, NC 28461, or calling 457-5450.

Service Will Honor Jenrette

The family, children and grandchildren of Henry M. Jenrette are honoring him with a retirement service on Saturday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m. at his church, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist, on U.S. 17 in Thomasboro.



Jenrette

Jenrette was employed with the Brunswick County Sanitation Department for 15 years, three months, having retired on Dec. 31, 1987. When he began work on Oct. 1, 1972, as a dump truck driver, there were only two other employees, Foster Frink and Lay Long. The department has since grown to include many more employees and better equipment. At his retirement, Jenrette was supervisor of 15 employees.

"They were like one big family," said spokesman Arvela Marlow. "We would to encourage all of his staff to come to the service." Everyone is welcome, she added.

Seminar To Help Researchers Trace Their Family History

Interested in climbing your family tree?

Help for experienced and novice researcher alike is available at a family history seminar sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The seminar will be held Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church's Stake Center, College Road, Wilmington, across from UNC-Wilmington. It is free of charge and open to the public.

Trained geneologists will teach workshops on three topics: migration patterns into North Carolina, little-known research areas and family history.

The Stake Center also houses a genealogical library, the Family History Center. Staffed by volunteers, it contains microfiche

and microfilm readers. While some film is on hand, the center is a branch of the Family History Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, the largest genealogy library in the world. For a fee of \$2.50, specific films may be ordered from Salt Lake City and kept for a renewable three-week period. The center and its services are available to members and non-members of the church.

According to Betty White, specialist at the Wilmington Stake Family History Center, patron usage is up considerably, from 43 in April 1987 to 163 in April 1988. The church plans to double the size of the center within the next few months.

Auxiliary Slates Yard, Bake Sale

The Calabash VFW Post 7288 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a yard and bake sale Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Spokesman Mary Benes said the sale would be held at the corner of Clariday Woods and N.C. 179, across from the NAPA auto supply store.

Proceeds will go to the VFW building fund.

Those with items to contribute to the sale are asked to contact Florence Cook, 579-3803, Mitzi Bernatsky or Mary Benes.

The auxiliary's next meeting is Monday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Ella's Restaurant in Calabash. Cathy Guidry, director of Home Harbor Home, will be the guest speaker.

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Sudan Shriners To Hold Spring Ceremonial In Wilmington Area

Nobles representing the more than 11,000 members of Sudan Temple in Eastern North Carolina will gather in Wilmington today (Thursday) through Saturday for their annual spring ceremonial.

They will be honoring Albert H. Parker of Supply, the Temple's first leader or "potentate" from Brunswick County, and his wife, Kathleen. Parker was inducted in January to a one-year term.



Parker

Sponsored by Brunswick and New Hanover Shriners, the ceremonial features business, social and recreational activities.

Unique to the ceremony is a diversity of entertainment to suit the interests and needs of the members and their wives. These include, for the first time, three smaller theme dances rather than one large dance. One will offer big band music, another country music, and a third, beach music. "Something for everyone," said Parker.

According to Bill Breeding of Shallotte, Temple public relations assistant, the popular Shriners'

Parade will be held Saturday, starting at noon. But this year's parade will not follow a typical route through downtown. Instead, it will begin on Kerr Avenue, turn onto North Market Street and proceed to New Center Drive, where it will disband. A variety of specialty units will be featured, including the Sudan Thunderbolts minicars from Brunswick County.

John Kopp of Bolivia is president of the Brunswick County Shrine Club. Another local shriner, Paul Daniels of Southport, is Parker's chief aide this year.

Calabash VRS Sets Meeting

Calabash Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold its annual corporation meeting Tuesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the squad building on N.C. 179.

The meeting is open to all residents of the area served by the squad.

According to Kathy Morfit, this is an important meeting. Those interested in learning more about the squad or who would like to help it any way are asked to attend.

Happy 76th Birthday Dad!
Love,
Terri & Melissa

Happy Birthday Buddy Evans
May 23
To the almost perfect boss!
Terri & Melissa

BRIDAL BOUQUETS



By **Dee Milliken**
Photographer

Where To Wed

In today's mobile society, many young people are no longer living at home by the time they get married. Where to hold the wedding becomes a question. Consider these situations:

Neither man nor woman lives in their home towns any more. Most of their friends live near them. Yet, it's appropriate and traditional to go home for the wedding. They could choose either home town depending on which would be more convenient for the majority of the wedding guests. Even if they will be paying for the wedding themselves, it's not considered polite to make one's family travel so that their friends won't have to.

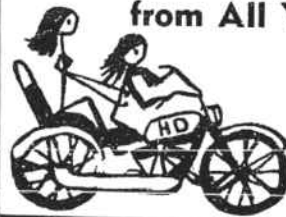
If a bride has always dreamed of being married in her home town church or synagogue, it's appropriate to be married there even if the family has also moved away. Remember, however, that it can be difficult planning a wedding long-distance. A local bridal consultant could coordinate the event under such circumstances.

Whatever wedding style you have in mind, when it comes to photography, make your first stop at **The Brunswick Studio of Photography**. Hwy. 17 • Brunswick Square Village Shallotte, NC 754-8022

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