



CALABASH ELKS officials pictured at the group's sixth anniversary celebration, are (rear from left) Frank McKee, Joe Mondichak, Exalted Ruler Darius Lewellyn, Special Deputy W. Ernest Bell, State President Bob Russell, Allen Storm, Jim Goldsberry, Leon Noorigian; and (front) John Andrews, Ray Nordbruch, Dick McLean and Aram Noorigian.

Elks Mark Sixth Anniversary

Calabash Elks Lodge No. 2679 celebrated six years of fraternal fellowship and community service with a Feb. 10 anniversary dinner dance.

The program included an 11 p.m. memorial toast to deceased members.

Special guests included W. Ernest Bell, special deputy to the grand exalted ruler, and his wife, Hilda; Robert Russell, state president, and his wife, Marge; and Tom Lamont, district deputy, and his wife, Ruth.

The lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Association conducted the program under the leadership of Dick McLean, Leon Noorigian, Lee Carlson, Jim Goldsberry and Exalted Ruler Darius Lewellyn.

The lodge organized Feb. 12, 1984, at North Myrtle Beach, S.C., with 500 in attendance for initiation

of the 165 charter members from the Brunswick County, Little River and North Myrtle Beach, S.C., areas. The club was sponsored by the Wilmington Elks Lodge.

Since that time, the lodge and its ladies' auxiliary have supported various worthwhile causes, including the local volunteer rescue and fire units, veteran care, drug awareness bumper stickers, boys' camp and hunger relief, with Tuesday night bingo games a major source of revenue.

The lodge has met in various quarters since its inception, a small facility at Trader's Village, a restaurant it bought and later sold, the meeting room at Sea Trail Golf Links, and now its 368 Elks and 90-plus auxiliaries hold events at the new lodge near Trader's Village.

Chili-Makers To Compete, Raise Funds For Festival

A chili cook-off to be held Easter weekend in Southport's Franklin Square Park will benefit the Robert Ruark Foundation and could win the area's best chili-maker as much as \$600 in cash prizes.

The chili contest is open to individuals, businesses, restaurants and non-profit organizations, said Bette Leggett of Southport, event chairman.

Cook-off hours are 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 14, with judging by "people's choice." Festival-goers will sample the various chilis and vote for their favorite.

Cash prizes totaling \$1,000 and trophies will be awarded for first, second, third and fourth places, with a \$100 prize for the best decorated booth. First place in the cook-off is worth \$500.

Along with plenty of chili prepared on- or off-site by rival cooking teams, the cook-off will offer

continuous live family entertainment.

A nonprofit organization, the foundation was recently formed to honor the famous writer-journalist who wrote about Southport and his father. Cook-off proceeds will be used to help finance the foundation's first Robert Ruark Arts Festival, to be held Nov. 2-4 in Southport.

Ruark, who was born in Wilmington, is known for his book, *The Old Man and the Boy*, which recalls his early experiences in Southport with his crusty, yet philosophical grandfather, a Cape Fear River pilot.

When Ruark died at age 49 in 1965, he was one of the most prolific and best-known writers in the country.

Interested chili cook-off contestants may contact Mrs. Leggett at P.O. Box 10279, Southport, NC 28461, or (919) 457-5494.



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Celebrates Contributions

Jazz vocalist Nnenna Freelon, visiting artist at Brunswick Community College, will be among the featured performers at the Fourth Annual Black Arts Festival at 7 p.m. Friday at the BCC Student Center. Billed as a celebration of Afro-American contributions to American culture, the show will also feature storytelling and drama; gospel, blues and classical music; dance; and spring women's fashions by Vicky Burch of Atlanta, Ga. The festival will honor its originator, former visiting artist Pamela Reid. Admission is free.

Mayor Proclaims Girl Scout Week

Mayor Jerry Jones of Shallotte recently declared March 11-17 Girl Scout week in Shallotte in recognition of the movement's contribution to improving the quality of life in the community.

Girl Scout troops in Brunswick County reach more than 250 girls from the ages of 5 to 18 and have 105 adult volunteers, according to Mrs. Whitney Z. Walkers, service unit director.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. observed their 80th anniversary March 18. The Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina, with which local troops are affiliated, is observing its 35th anniversary.

The Girl Scout movement is committed to working for global understanding, world friendship among all people and betterment of the environment, and developing future leaders.

Births Bellamy

D.F. and Bulah Bellamy of Thomasboro have announced the birth of a daughter, Jancee Nicole Bellamy, at 7:05 a.m. March 15 at home.

Jancee Nicole weighed eight pounds, one-half ounce, and was 21 inches in length. She joins three sisters, Darlene, Crystal and Syawanda, and a brother, Monty.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Bellamy Sr. of Grissetown and Levy Hill Sr. of Thomasboro.

Butler

Tom and Beverly Butler of Shallotte have announced the birth of their second child, Blythe Nicole Butler, Feb. 28 at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

Born at 9:05 a.m., the girl weighed seven pounds, four ounces, and was 19 inches long. She has an older brother, Nicholas Butler.

Grandparents are Billy and Betty Cheers of Shallotte, and Gerald and Theresa Butler of Bonifay, Fla.

Memorials Planted

Approximately 30 to 35 persons attended a memorial tree-planting service held March 15 by Sunset Sands Garden Club in observance of National Arbor Day.

Ruth Asmussen said members planted three crape myrtles near the boat ramp at Sea Trail in memory of the late Francis Orava, Mack White and Anne Masline. Masline had been a member of the club at the time of her death.

Among those attending the observance was Sunset Beach Mayor Mason Barber.

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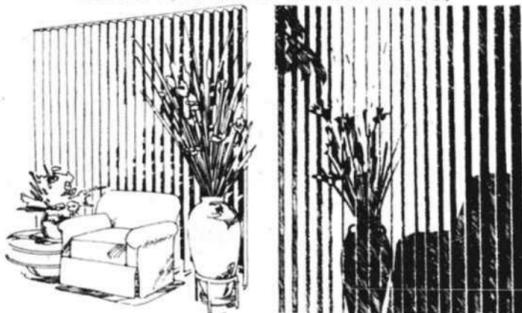


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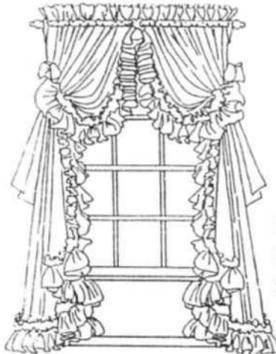
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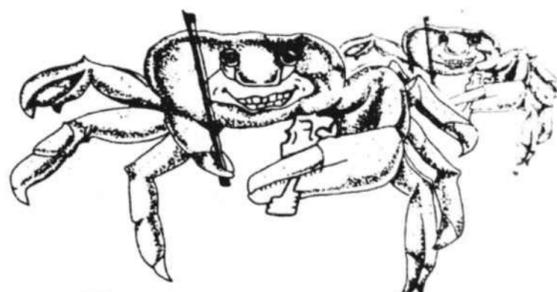
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