#### Two More Teams Enter Adult Bee

Two more teams have entered the Brunswick County Literacy Council's adult spelling bee scheduled today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the student center at Brunswick Community College in Supply.

West Brunswick High School and Comprehensive Home Health Care will compete against at least 15 others teams in the two-person bee.

Judges for the contest are the Rev. Thurman Everett of Helping Hands; Marie Harrison, chairman of the Brunswick County Public Library Board; and Kelly Holden, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, said spokesperson Gladys Wagenseil.

Proceeds from the bee will benefit the literacy council's adult tutoring program. Admission for spectators is free.

Brunswick County Commissioners have declared Sept. 8-14 as "Celebrate Literacy Week" to honor adults for whom the achievement of literacy has become a primary goal.

#### **Coastal Program** To Air Tuesday

The Beaches Are Moving, a North Carolina Public Television production that focuses on coastal management issues, airs Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 10 p.m.

The program can be seen locally on UNJ-TV, Chapel 39, in Wilmington, Channel 12 on Atlantic Telephone Co. Cable and Channel 13 on Vision Cable of N.C.

Originally broadcast last fall, the program features a one-hour documentary followed by an hour-long panel discussion.

Hosted by Orrin Pilkey, a professor of geology at Duke University and an authority on beach phenomena, the program's documentary portion examines the natural movement of the coast and how man-made structures obstruct the free flow of sand. Location shots from the North Carolina and New Jersey shores and computer graphics are used to illustrate what Pilkey describes as the irreversible destruction humans can impose upon the beach.

Afterwards, a panel discussion features marine authorities and residents debate the role of coastal management in "the intensifying conflict between man and nature".

#### Museum Closes Till '92

The Cape Fear Museum, formerly called the New Hanover County Museum, is closed to the public and will remain closed until January while it is expanded and renovated.

Installation of a 6,000-square foot exhibit called "Waves and Currents:



CAROL DANFORD (left), Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. board president, present a check on behalf of of the cooperative for \$500 to Jean Marshall, executive director of Brunswick Adult Day Care Center Inc., which plans a Sept. 15 open house at its new site in Shallotte.

## Adult Center Sets Open House

Brunswick Adult Day Care Center will hold an open house for the public Sunday, Sept. 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the center, which is located at 106 Al Street, Shallotte.

Executive Director Jean Marshall said the open house will give the public a chance to see the center and learn about the respice care program it will provide for mobile seniors age 60 and older.

Volunteers will be conducting

#### 'Steel Magnolias' Auditions Slated

The Brunswick Little Theater will hold auditions for its fall production, Robert Harling's Steel Magnolias, Sept. 15 and 16 at Centennial Center, Lord Street, Southport,

Six strong female leads are available in the show, which will be presented Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 7-8, said spokesman Lori Bates of Long Beach. Sunday audition hours are 4 p.m.

to 6 p.m.; Monday hours are 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Anyone auditioning for the play

tours and answering questions and refreshments will be provided. The event coincides with National Adult Day Care Week, Sept. 15-21, said Ms. Marshall.

More information about the notfor-profit center and directions to the site are available from Joe Carter, board chairman, 842-6067, or Ms. Marshall, 754-2463. The center's mailing address is P.O. Box 2901, Shallotte, N.C. 28459.

# Along with regular season pro-

gramming that includes a concert by jazz trumpetcer Al Hirt and his band, Wilmington's Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Inc., will offer an entire weekend of entertainment, Red, Hot and Blues Weekend as part of the first Southern Lights Festival.

Slated Feb. 23-March 8, the festival was created by the Cape Fear Convention and Visitors Bureau to attract Canadian visitors to New Hanover County.

The Thalian weekend line-up will include traditional New Orleans jazz by Preservation Hall Jazz Band, March 5; a blues concert by Saffire, March 6; and folk and bluegrass music by the Red Clay Ramblers, March 7.

Other items on the season calendar include the Scottish folk band Tannahill Weavers, Sept. 26; Praise House, a dance/theater work by the Urban Bush Women based on the life of the late primitive visionary artist Minnie Evans of Wilmington, Oct. 17; Song & Dance, a touring company production of the musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Nov. 13; jazz trumpeteer Al Hirt and his band, Nov. 14: a "preview" of the North Carolina Jazz Festival, Jan. 30; an appearance by "The Amazing abouts-are asked to contact Sheila Kreskin," a mentalist, March 13; a Formyduval Gerald, P.O. Box 2682, national touring company produc-Shallotte, N.C. 28459. Sept. 20 is tion of the musical Ain't Mis-

## Check Before Bringing Plants South

Dear Plant Doctor: On a recent trip to New Jersey 1 was given a sapling lilac about two feet tall. Just a regular, no trouble, lilac. I planted it last spring and have tried to give it some T.L.C. (tender loving care) but apparently it needs something a bit more nourishing.

The plant has grown only an inch but has more leaves than when it was planted. What must I do to develop a healthy bush in southeastern North Carolina?

Any help would be appreciated. Answer: Common lilac (Svringa vulgaris) does best in cooler northern climates (like New Jersey). Southern North Carolina is marginal for healthy lilac growth. Quite often, gardeners show me a fine specimen plant but the problem is these plants almost never have a flower display worth seeing (or smelling) due to our mild winters and hot summers.

Before you bring any more plants down from New Jersey, get yourself a USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map, Publications 1475, Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, 20402-9325; include a check D.C. for \$6.50 for the map, postage and handling. This beautiful 48-inch map clearly delineates the various



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plant hardiness zones county by county for the entire United States. I purchased a map several months ago and I refer to it routinely. Before you purchase a plant be sure the plant will adapt to our environ-

ment. Dear Plant Doctor: I have no idea what the problem is with your sample. Many diseases can be quickly identified by visual inspection but not this time. I find it difficult to keep up with all the "new" diseases that are evident in technical journals.

Fortunately 1 have access to the North Carolina Plant Disease and Insect Clinic, where I can send plant samples for disease diagnosis. This service is available to all North Carolina extension agents. A team of plant pathologists, en-

tomologists and physiologists at the N.C. State University held Coopcrative Extension agents with difficult to identify disease problems. In many cases, the disease pathogen must be cultured out on special nutrient media before positive identification can be made.

I will contact you as soon as the disease pathogen is identified.

Dear Plant Doctor: You are always writing all those good things about bermuda gtass. I do not like bermuda grass. It gets in my flower beds and around my shrubbery and looks terrible. What can I do to get rid of this weed?

Answer: Poast is a herbicide manufactured by BASF that does an excellent job in killing bermudagrass, crabgrass and many other noxious grassy weeds. When used properly, this herbicide is not toxic to many ornamental plants and shrubs. From my observation, Poast generally takes 10 to 18 days to kill bermudagrass. Crabgrass is killed somewhat quicker. Poast will not kill any broadleaf weeds. Follow all label instructions and precautions. Good luck with ridding your yard of the devilgrass!

Send your gardening questions to The Plant Doctor, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

# Hirt, Blues Weekend On Thalian Card

behavin', based on the music of Fats Waller, April 2; and classic rock and roll by The Coasters. known for the songs Charlie Brown and Yakety Yak.

All performances are at 8 p.m. The center also offers a series of performances for children and their families, "ArtVentures. This year's program includes Dinosaurs, a "fun and fact-filled" tour of prehistoric times with giant puppets, Oct. 19: The Snow Queen, a musical based on the Hans Christian Anderson tale, Dec. 21; and The Little Prince,

a musical based on the story by Antoine de Saint Exupery, Jan. 25. Shows are at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Information and tickets are available from the Center Box Office at Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, (919) 343-3664, or toll-free in North Carolina, 1-800-523-2820. The box office is open Monday through Saturday, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m.

The non-profit Center operates and manages historic Thalian Hall in downtown Wilmington.





to help with any aspect of the production is asked to call Bob Hrdlicka, (919) 278-4212. Volunteers will be needed to help with sets, props, costumes, lighting, ticket sales, publicity and concessions.

The production will be partially funded by a Grass Roots grant through the Brunswick Arts Council.

supplies, soft drinks and condiments

Cost for the day is S15 per per-

son, which covers the facilities, en-

tertainment, hors d'oeuvres and a

cash bar. Party beverages and bar-

or friends who know their where-

the deadline to register and to pay.

Classmates-or family members

tender tip are not included.

will be provided.

### West Brunswick Class Of 1981 Seeking Members For Reunion

The West Brunswick High their own foods for grilling. Other School Class of 1981 is still trying to contact some class members about the upcoming 10th year reunion Saturday, Oct. 12.

Plans include a family picnic lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a semi-formal dance and cocktail party from 8 p.m. to midnight, both at the Maples Court Activities Center at Sea Trail Plantation.

At the picnic, tennis, shuffleboard and swimming will be available available and families will bring

The Lower Cape Fear Story" is the last phase of a \$4.2 million expansion approved by New Hanover County voters in 1987.

the facility to be tripled in size and for its programs to be expanded, according to a news release.

18, it will be the largest, best-equipped and most contemporary museum between Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S.C.

changed to the Cape Fear Museum to reflect the expansion of the museum into a regional facility. It serves all or parts of eight counties which comprise the Lower Cape Fear region.

