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Did A Good Job

When members of the crew of Oak Island Coast Guard Station brought in that run-away barrage balloon a couple of weeks ago they not only afforded one of the most spectacular waterfront scenes ever enacted at Southport, but they completed a difficult and daring recovery of valuable government property.

We had an opportunity last week to talk to an army officer who is in position to know what he is talking about, and he said that this rescue should reflect much favorable credit to the local coast guard station and its personnel. He pointed out that not only was it unusual that the coast guardsmen were able to locate the stray bag 12 miles off-shore, but they were successful in an extremely hazardous task when the still-inflated bag was towed here without being damaged and without capsizing the rescue boat.

We hope that this remarkable recovery will be called to the attention of the proper authorities in order that the men of Oak Island may receive the official recognition which they deserve.

Signal Honor

1st Lt. R. I. Mintz has been appointed Judge Advocate of Camp Davis, a post of high honor which reposes the greatest possible trust in his integrity and implies the high regard his superior officers have for his legal ability.

Lt. Mintz was called from his law practice at Southport to active duty in the army. This development means that he will have an opportunity to gain invaluable training in his profession while rendering a patriotic service to his country.

Not Hereditary

Dr. Kendall Emerson has written a very informative article on the causes of tuberculosis, in a late issue of Life and Health magazine. He endeavors to answer some of the leading questions which often remain a mystery to the average person.

"No matter how poor, run down, malnourished, overworked, or badly housed you may be, you will not have tuberculosis unless the germ gains entrance to your body," he says. "It is the tubercle bacillus alone that causes tuberculosis, and the only way to prevent the disease from developing is to eradicate these germs from the world."

"Tuberculosis is eminently a family disease. Obviously the reason for this is that tuberculosis, being an infectious disease, is most likely to pass from one member of the family to others with whom he is in intimate contact."

"The old belief that tuberculosis 'runs in families' and is hereditary has long since been exploded. If we look on the germ of tuberculosis as the seed and the human lungs as the soil, we may say that the soil varies in its fertility for the growth of the germ from person to person. Thus there may be some family lack of ability to inhibit this growth or to kill off even a small number of invaders. The lesson from this is that those in whose families tuberculosis has been prevalent for some generations are under special obligation to watch their health and to avoid contact with known cases of the disease."

Dr. Emerson points out that keeping physically fit is important in combating tuberculosis, and that being run down opens channels for the entrance of disease, precisely as the holes in worn-out shoes allow moisture to enter.

"If you suffer from 'that tired feeling' have other symptoms indicating a physical maladjustment, see your doctor at once. It is to the credit of the medical profession that it is as much interested in preventing disease, as it is in effecting cures when disease has been contracted."

"Oil Shortage" Backfires

The so-called "oil shortage" scare on

the Eastern seaboard, promoted for reasons hard to understand, has vanished like a morning mist. According to a congressional committee investigation, there is no serious shortage in the foreseeable future.

The productive capacity of the American oil industry is more than adequate to meet today's enormous military demand, as well as the normal civilian demand. A transportation problem was created by the transfer of tankers to Great Britain. That problem is now being met by moving oil by rail, even though the cost to the industry is higher; by the construction of additional pipelines, and, in many cases, by using coal instead of oil in industrial operations.

This country produces more than 60 per cent of all the oil in the world. It produces oils of a quality unequalled elsewhere. Friendly cooperation with industry as dislocation problems arise, due to defense needs, will do more to solve them than autocratic, punitive action.

Shears And Paste

WHY PRICES HAVE ADVANCED

(New York Times)

There has been no lack of urgent warnings from Administration spokesmen of the imminent dangers of inflation. But in nearly all these warnings inflation has been treated as though it were some natural calamity like a hurricane. The Administration wants the power to nail down certain sections of the price structure, but it resolutely ignores the primary causes of the storm and its own responsibility for them. This weakness of the Government's position is clearly brought out in the study of prices just published by the Brookings Institution.

The Institution makes these points: 1. The rise of more than 20 per cent in wholesale prices in the past two years has been chiefly due to higher agricultural prices and higher hourly wage rates. 2. The rise of agricultural prices has been chiefly due to Government policies and not to conditions of supply and demand. 3. The effect of these policies is cumulative, leading to higher living costs which result in wage increases, which, in turn, affect all costs. The real income of the farmers, the Brookings Institution calculates, has increased about 30 per cent, while real wages in manufacturing are up about 23 per cent. These are the primary factors in the price advances, yet the official price-control bill is not focused on these factors. It is focused on control of subsequent stages in the price movement after these basic influences have already forced costs upward. As a consequence, the Institution concludes, the bill as it stands can have only a limited effect.

In this judgment Marriner S. Eccles, head of the Federal Reserve System, apparently concurs. He told the House Banking Committee yesterday that the United States could escape runaway inflation without heavier taxes and some form of control over wages and farm prices. With that advice virtually all independent experts will agree. If the Administration persists in ignoring the two prime causes of recent price rises—higher wages and higher farm prices—it will stand accused of lacking either the desire or the political courage really to control inflation.

BRITISH POLICY UNDER FIRE

(Charlotte Observer.)

It is clear that Prime Minister Churchill is being placed in a rather delicate defensive position by the rising clamor in his country in behalf of a more aggressive offensive against Germany.

The press is vigorous in its demands that while the Nazis have called practically all of their military forces into the drive against Russia, in order to conquer that country before winter, England should strike with all of its might against the weakened western areas.

That, of course, quite obviously would be the strategy for Churchill and his military advisers to follow. If there were any assurance that such an expedition would meet with measurable military successes.

On the other hand, the perils in the path of such tactics are not imaginary. They are dreadfully real and grim.

England remembers with agonizing heartaches the disaster at Dunkirk and to attempt to land an invading force in the German-occupied coasts of the Channel is fraught with grave possibilities of setbacks of similar catastrophic dimensions.

Churchill is no defender of the sit-still policy. He is virile, militant and resolute and one may feel sure that he would be decidedly of a mind to make the gamble if his military advisers gave him any encouragement.

He does find himself, nevertheless, in a position that may become more and more precarious.

Just Among The FISHERMEN BY BILL KEZIAN

Our good friend, Col. T. A. Dodge, of Jersey City, N. J., is a very democratic sort of person. He got acquainted with Southport and Bald Head Island a few years ago and since then it has been a sacred ritual that he should come here each fall for several days of mingling with fisherfolk and friends. He was here last week and we were so much on the go that we missed seeing him during his few days stay, something we regret. A consistent reader of this Just Among The Fishermen stuff, Colonel Dodge sends us a clipping of one of Edgar A. Guest's poems, which we are appending below.

RETURN FROM FISHING By Edgar A. Guest "Ah, said the Bishop, "Though Friday's tomorrow, We won't have to beg Or to steal or to borrow. We've bass to the top Of our largest pails. We've fish for the table. The Lord never fails!"

"Oh," said the General, "As glum as an owl, 'Tis I will be eating The fruit of the fowl. 'Tis eggs I'll be taking For dinner at night. I fished until sundown With never a bite."

"Ah," said the Bishop, "My hospital priest Caught seven or eight beauties For Friday night's feast. The newspaper fellow Took nine from the bay. And all save yourself Think we had a good day."

"So grumble you not That your fortune was ill. We came home with a lot Every skillet to fill; We'd enough for the meal When a fast time prevails. Which is proof, if you've faith, That the Lord never fails!"

The whole year has been producing changes and oddities in fishing. Many fish that had never been here before were here; one or two other kinds that had been numerous are practically non-existent for the first time. A current oddity is that the spots that are being taken by commercial fishermen weigh two, and sometime three times what such fish have weighed in years past. They are about as big as shad.

Along with other workers, who have benefitted by the National Defense work, the shrimp fishermen have been doing pretty well this fall. The prospects are that they will do even better before the winter is over. For this it is a little hard to know just whom to thank. The National defense activity probably is responsible for the high prices, at the same time some one should give credit to the good Lord for sending the shrimp back.

We forgot on the different times when they told us how many they caught. Besides, as we did not have time to check up on what they claimed, we are not sure it would have mattered so much. All we know is that we have a feeling of pretty good assurance that Postmaster Wilbur Doshier has ended his annual two weeks of fishing at Southport, and that it was a pretty good two weeks. Postmaster J. T. Yaskell and George Wortham were the constant fishing companions of the Wilmington postmaster.

High Pointers here a day or two ago did fairly well, at least they were pleased. They got six barracuda, 3 dolphin and a lot of blues and blackfish. These last were taken during a short time of bottom fishing on the banks. Those in the party were John R. Peacock, A. H. Holton, Geo. T. and Carl S. Wood and John E. Spencer.

Tommie Willis and other youngsters who hang out around the pilot dock have become quite proficient in catching sharks this summer and fall. Almost any day when they think some visitors may be around to see and admire their catch they capture and tie some good sized shark to a piling.

Local fishermen who have been missing the traditional run of mullets are having no harder luck than other such fishermen all

SOUTHPORT SCHOOL NEWS

HALLOWEEN PARTY The home economics department is planning a Halloween carnival for the purpose of raising funds to redecorate their department. The main event is to be a series of stunts which will be given in the school auditorium. Each grade will be asked to present a stunt. The Carnival will again be held in the gymnasium. The crowning of the King and Queen of popularity will climax the evening. There will be a fish pond, hot dog stand, chamber of horrors, bingo, and many other attractions. The admission charges and date will be announced later.

BASKETBALL Basketball in Brunswick county this year will really be basketball. With every team in the county fighting for top honors in the tournament to be held in the Waccamaw gymnasium, one should really see some action. There will be medals for the free throw champion; the best player; best athlete; and one for sportsmanship. Last year very nice medals were given to deserving contestants.

School spirit and competitive spirit in Brunswick county were one hundred percent better last year than ever before. There are hopes that they will be even better this year.

CHAPEL PROGRAM Students of the 4th grade will present the following chapel program on Wednesday, October 23: Song, "Under the Red White and Blue"; class reading, "I Love America"; Linder Hickman; scripture, Psalm 121, Rebecca McRacken; prayer, "Peace"; Catherine McRacken; "A Patriotic Creed"; Frank Plaxco; song, "Our Flag"; class play, "Toni and the

along the coast. We have seen no reports of these fish showing up anywhere above us. This seems to be one of the first years on record when there has been practically none of these fish.

--- NOT EXACTLY NEWS ---

We had a nice letter last week from S. V. Russ, Southport boy now sailing on an Atlantic Refining Co. tanker, telling us how much he enjoys seeing The Pilot every week. Thanks, S. V., and good luck... Charlie McKeithan, who operates a retail fish market on the Church dock, has a homemade scaling contraption that he ought to have patented. It's nothing more than three beer bottle caps tacked on a paddle, rough side out, and they really make the scales fly.

Looks like overconfidence is the only thing that can possibly stop Duke this season. When they defeated Colgate 27-14 Saturday they whipped a good football team, as tough as any remaining on her schedule... Carolina took a trouncing from Tulane, 52-6, for about the worst beating in modern times for a Tar Heel team... State College played a fine defensive game against a strong Wake Forest eleven Saturday night and held the Deacons to 7-0... Davidson, with several leading members of her small squad out with injuries, lost to V. P. I.

Kay Kyser talked over the loud speaker for a few minutes during the half at the State-Wake

Forest game Saturday night before Col. Harrison of State, President Kitchen, of Wake Forest and other notables took over. "Here, here," said "I don't know what I'm doing. With so many honest-to-goodness professors standing around the best thing for a phony professor to do is get out of the air."... Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour are together again in "The Boat on Zanzibar," comedy attraction Friday and Saturday at the Amuzu. Harry Aldridge and his wrestling followers ought to get a special shout out of this show, because there's a talk-out of the gentle art of grunt and groan that is a scream.

Mrs. Helen Bragaw has a fox terrier dog that was the only pup born in her litter, she named "Solo." Time marched on for about a year and "Solo" became a mother—of one pup, and they named this one "Encore"... And speaking of dogs, Bill Stryon's big pointer, Patsy, has a couple of pups that really ought to have the size if they survive the trials of puppyhood. Patsy is their pop, and Patsy is bigger than he is.

Star Spangled Banner", characters: Toni, Billie Barber; his mother, Aletta Glover; Francis Scott Key, John Newton. Song, the Star Spangled Banner", school.

MAKING CIRCUS We, the Special Primary Folk, are enjoying making a little circus in our room. Our sand table contains a little tent, ticket office, etc. We are making our animals such as elephants, monkeys and others from clay. These animals will have cages. We will have a parade when complete. We have learned much about circus life and different animals. We are going to stage a circus for our chapel program.

PLAN PLAY The play "Professor How, Could You!" has been chosen by the athletic association as their play of the season. It will be given un-

der the direction of Miss Butler. This play is a farce in three acts including a cast of five boys and five girls. It promises to provide an evening of keen enjoyment.

SECOND GRADE The children of the Second Grade are doing very interesting work. In this class room they especially studied Health and Music. They are making attractive health and music booklets. Several songs have been composed. The favorite is called "Good Morning". Here are the words: "Good Morning, Good Morning. It is a bright sunny day, Good morning, Good Morning. How do you do to-day?"

ORGANIZE CLUBS The high school students met on Monday morning at activity period for the purpose of organizing the various clubs for this

year. A girl's physical education club will be under the direction of Miss Bolton, the coach for the girls. The glee club will be organized by Miss Butler, Mrs. Lupton will have charge of the dramatic group. A new club is being organized this year under the direction of the Pen and Ink Club. Miss Stephenson will be the sponsor for this club.

These clubs will meet each week during activity period thus giving the students a bit of the extra-curricular activities which they seem most interested in.

MOTHER ILL IN TAMPA E. F. Middleton, president of the Carolina Lands, Inc., and active figure in aiding to bring about the development of Brunswick county, was called to Tampa, Fla., this week by the illness of his mother.



One of the swellest things about America is the fact that any kid with a little money in his jeans can go out and buy a second-hand press and a bucket of discarded type and start a real, honest-to-goodness newspaper in his own basement! Further, he can say what he thinks. Lam-poon a senator? Boost his own candidate? Sure, why not? He can disagree with anything or anybody, and actually publish his opinions. You can say a lot of important things about Freedom of Speech, Freedom of the Press, and make them sound mighty fancy, but—when you get right down to the nub of it—this is a perfect example of what Freedom of the Press really means. So, when you read about the fact that this is National Newspaper Week, remember that it isn't just one newspaper itself that's important—it's the whole idea of newspapers and the part they play in the American way of life that's really important—and the plainest, simplest example you could possibly find, to show how far-reaching Freedom of the Press actually is, would be the all-important truth that, in the good old U.S.A., your boy—any boy—can publish a newspaper, and say what he thinks.

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